

Do e-recycling early

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Residents are urged to go early, as the event ends once trucks are full. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. Items accepted include PCs, 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, cellphones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The collection events occur the second Saturday of each month. For more information, visit www.houston-solid-waste.org or call 311.

Movie in the Park planned

Clear Brook City MUD and Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office will host Movie in the Park Friday, Nov. 11, at Clear Brook City Park, 11911 Blackhawk at Scarsdale. Screening for "Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation" will begin at approximately sunset. Free popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy will be available while supplies last. For more information, call 713-274-2222.

Thompson honors veterans

The South Belt community is invited to attend a Veterans Day breakfast at Thompson Intermediate, located at 11309 Sagedowne, beginning at 8:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the campus's outside gym. A light breakfast will be served. RSVP is required. For information or to RSVP, call 713-740-0510 or email gston@pasadenaisd.org.

Legion Post 490 raises funds

American Legion Post 490 will host a fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 12, at Playground Sports Bar, 9130 Old Galveston Road. The event will honor the 246th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps. All funds raised will go toward rebuilding the Legion's building that was destroyed by fire in September 2021.

St. Frances holds fall festival

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook, will host a fall festival Sunday, Nov. 13. The event will feature food, drinks, games, music and family fun. For more information, call 713-946-5768.

Community garage sale set

The Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek subdivision will host a community garage sale Saturday, Nov. 12. For additional information, email rapackic@gmail.com.

H-E-B honors veterans

H-E-B, 9828 Blackhawk at Beltway 8, will host a Veterans Day luncheon Friday, Nov. 11, from noon to 2 p.m. All veterans are invited.

Kirkmont III, IV to meet

Kirkmont III and IV will hold their annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. All homeowners/residents of these sections are urged to attend. The annual maintenance fees and deed restrictions will be discussed, and board members elected. Homeowners attending the meeting may be eligible for a discount on their 2023 maintenance fees. For information, call Alfredo Huerta at 832-283-4895.

Knights collect blood

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road, on Sunday, Nov. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This collection drive is in memory of John Urdiales. Residents can still donate blood if they received the COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. To schedule an appointment, visit www.commitforlife.org. For more information, call Val Co-mieux at 713-582-5358.

Local COVID cases decrease

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community is slightly down from the previous week, according to Harris County Health officials.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 9, there were 80 active cases in 77089, down 16 from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 54 active cases, down one from the previous week. To date, there have been 82 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 50 active cases, down 17 from the previous week. To date, 90 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

This marked the first week in several months that no new deaths were reported in the immediate South Belt area.

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.

Nov. 8 general election results tabulated

Hidalgo keeps county judge seat; Garcia stays as commissioner

The Nov. 8 general election results have been tallied, with few surprises at the local level.

In the hotly contested race for Harris County judge, Democratic incumbent Lina Hidalgo will maintain her position, narrowly edging out Republican challenger Alexandra del Moral Mealer.

At press time, Hidalgo had received 51 percent of the vote to Mealer's 49 percent. (A final count will not be available until all votes are canvassed.)

A first-time political candidate, Mealer attracted much publicity after receiving endorsements from several high-profile Houstonians, including Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale.

Following in that trend, Democratic Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia will also maintain his seat at Harris County Commissioners Court, winning over Republican challenger Jack Morman, receiving 53 percent of the vote.

2 killings in 2 days near Edgebrook

A pair of murders took place in just two days in the area surrounding Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway this past week.

The first incident occurred about 1:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at an apartment complex in the 9800 block of Hollock Street.

According to Houston Police Department officials, officers were dispatched to a shooting call at the courtyard at an apartment complex the above address and found the victim with multiple gunshot wounds.

Several bullet casings were located in the parking lot of the complex, police said.

Witnesses heard gunshots and observed a possible suspect vehicle, a white sedan, just prior to the shooting.

The second killing took place around 4:50 a.m. the following day on Monday, Oct. 31, at a convenience store in the 9900 block of Bessemer Street.

According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a shooting at the above address and found the victim lying unresponsive in front of the store. He had been shot multiple times.

Houston Fire Department paramedics arrived and pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

According to witnesses, the suspect is described only as a black male with a light complexion, 35 to 40 years of age, about 6 feet tall and with a slender build.

Anyone with information in either of these cases is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously with Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Morman had previously held the seat prior to Garcia's first term.

In the state House District 129 race, Republican incumbent Dennis Paul easily defeated Democratic challenger Kat Marvel, receiving 61 percent of the vote.

In the race for U.S. House District 22, Republican incumbent Rep. Troy Nehls easily defeated Democratic challenger Jamie Kaye Jordan and Libertarian candidate Joseph LeBlanc. Nehls received 62 of the vote, while Jordan received 36 percent and LeBlanc received 2 percent.

In the U.S. House District 29 contest, Democratic incumbent Sylvia Garcia handily defeated Republican challenger Robert Schafrank, receiving 71 percent of the vote.

In the race for U.S. House District 36, Republican incumbent Brian Babin will maintain his position, winning over Democratic challenger Jon Haire. Babin received 62 percent of the vote to Haire's 38 percent.

In the highly publicized race for governor, in-

cumbent Greg Abbott easily defeated Democrat Beto O'Rourke, receiving 55 percent of the vote to his competitor's 44 percent. The remaining 1 percent of the vote was split between Libertarian candidate Mark Tippetts and Green candidate Dellilah Barrios.

In the competition for lieutenant governor, Republican incumbent Dan Patrick was victorious over Democratic challenger Mike Collier, receiving 54 percent of the overall vote.

Despite a seven-year-old securities fraud indictment, Attorney General Ken Paxton will hold his seat, easily defeating Democrat Rochelle Mercedes Garza and Libertarian candidate Mark Ash, taking home 54 percent of the vote.

Voters also approved all city and county bond referendums.

Broken down into seven separate propositions, the \$478 million City of Houston measure will provide \$227 million for public safety; \$50 million for parks; \$47 million for animal care; \$33 million for public health; \$29 million for general improve-

ments; \$26 million for libraries; and \$6 million for the city's solid waste department.

Divided into three proposals, the \$1.2 billion Harris County measure will provide \$900 million for transportation and drainage projects; \$200 million for parks; and \$100 million for public safety.

Clear Creek ISD students arrested

Two Clear Creek ISD students were arrested on felony charges after making separate threats against the school district for not canceling class for the Astros parade Monday.

One Clear Lake Intermediate student and one Seabrook Intermediate student were detained after allegedly making the threats on social media.

The arrests were made following a joint investigation between CCISD school liaison officers and the Department of Public Safety.

St. Luke's Catholic Church honors veterans



In honor of Veterans Day, St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church recently paid homage to all its parishioners who have served in the U.S. military. Knights of Columbus Council 9201 served lunch following the annual event. Shown above at the ceremony are, left to right, (first row, kneeling) Emilio Delos Santos, John Tornabene, Paul Tran, John Gomez, (second row) Joe Fernandez, Paul Manriquez, Ponce Deleon, Roy Chapa, Joe Rodriguez, Fran Sharpless, Arthur Mendoza, (kneeling) Victor Castaneda, Gilbert

Aguilar, Jimmy Delo Santos, (third row) Nate Corona, Elias Gomez, the Rev. Doug Guthrie, Johnny Camarillo, Doug Orell, Larrol Burleigh, Joe Tristan, Larry Cossey, Ruben Herrera, (fourth row) Tom McGuire (bag-piper), Matias Gonzalez, Paul Perez, Andres Ortiz, Jim Muecke, Noe Mata, Joe Dominguez, Jesse Longoria, Paul Foreman, Rigoberto Fernandez, Baron Bunch, (fifth row) Jim Sharpless and Gil Hernandez. See related photo on Page 2. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Taylor retires from Legislature after nearly 20 years

Several local community leaders and elected officials gathered Wednesday, Nov. 2, as the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership honored

state Sen. Larry Taylor, who is retiring from the Legislature after serving nearly two decades.

"Sen. Taylor has been very good to BAHEP

since Day 1," said BAHEP President Bob Mitchell, noting that the senator was instrumental in the creation of the Gulf Coast Protection District. "We wouldn't be where we are today without Larry."

Taylor was praised by many of his colleagues at the event.

"I think of Sen. Taylor as more of a mentor and a friend than a senator," said state Rep. Greg Bonnen. "I learned so much just by watching how he conducted his business."

A similar sentiment was shared by state Rep. Dennis Paul.

"I always knew I had a friend on that side I

could work with," said Paul. "Thank you for your leadership."

Several speakers addressed Taylor's focus on education.

"He was always focused on what was right for those students. What he's done for education is very powerful," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "Thank you for always listening and asking the right questions."

Taylor was also recognized by his childhood friend Kenny Koncaba, CEO Texan Bank, who also hosted the event.

"I've known Larry a long time, and what you

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BAHEP honors Taylor



The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership recently hosted a retirement party for state Sen. Larry Taylor (second from right), who is stepping down from his House District 11 seat at the end of this term after serving nearly two decades in the Legislature. Shown above with the senator are, left to right, Texan Bank CEO Kenny Koncaba, BAHEP chairman; BAHEP President Bob Mitchell; and BAHEP President-elect Brian Freedman. Photo by Marie Flickinger

City of Houston begins amnesty program

Program applies to eligible municipal offenses

The City of Houston Municipal Courts Department recently announced the start of its fall amnesty program. For the next three weeks, all delinquent cases will be discounted to help citizens save money while resolving outstanding cases.

"As we continue to return to a new normal in what we hope is the ending of the COVID pandemic and tough economic times, we encourage you to take care of your old court cases, if you have delinquent case(s) with the City of Houston, you are urged to come forward and take advantage of these discounted rates," said Judge J. Elaine Marshall, director and presiding judge of

the Municipal Courts Department. "We are here to assist you with amnesty-eligible cases that were delinquent on or before Oct. 1, 2022. We urge you to move forward and put the past behind you by taking care of your delinquent cases. If you have questions, please call us - we are here to help."

The amnesty program began, Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at 8 a.m. and ends Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Any defendant who voluntarily appears at any Municipal Court location during the amnesty period will be permitted to resolve all of their delinquent cases, including

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CCISD seeks input for new calendar

The Clear Creek Independent School District is seeking public input from the community and its staff members regarding the proposed academic calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

During the budget development process, it was determined to shift the calendar forward a week to reduce expenditures for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

A decision about the transition day for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, sixth- and ninth-grade students and early-release days may be added after the calendar is approved.

Clear Creek ISD's District Educational Improvement Committee, with assistance from its calendar subcommittee, has developed three

calendar options for the public is to vote on.

Community members wanting to select their favorite of the three calendar options may visit www.ccisd.net/calendar.

Staff members wishing to voice their cast their vote on which calendar best suits them may visit www.ccisd.net/calendar/staffvote.

The deadline for public input is Wednesday, Nov. 30.

The Clear Creek ISD board of trustees has final authority regarding adoption of the school calendar.

The final version of the school calendar may also be subject to change as a result of mandates by the Texas Legislature or inclement weather.

Elected officials share their words by Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin

As the Chairman of the City of Houston's Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee, transparency and accessibility to the City's budget and finances are extremely important. Two years ago, I worked with Mayor Sylvester Turner, I am happy to announce the City of Houston is enhancing the use of technology to engage citizens and increase financial transparency.

In April 2021, the City of Houston created the Open Finance Initiative to provide greater transparency into the City's

finances. Mayor Turner announced the City is launching an open finance initiative to allow Houstonians to track how public funds are being utilized.

This includes publishing relevant, accessible datasets about the City's budget, checkbook, and payroll. It also provides

simple data visualizations to help the public explore the City's financial activities.

In July, the City of Houston initiated phase one of the Open Finance Initiatives with the publishing of the City's Open Budget which allows residents to review revenue and expenditures in addition to budgeted amounts and actual amounts in real-time. Recently, Mayor Sylvester Turner announced the second phase go-live of the Open Finance Initiative, which is Open Payroll. Open Payroll publishes City of Houston Payroll information to allow Houstonians to see how city employees are being compensated.

The goal of making this information accessible to the public is to help measure policy efforts, increase government operation and process efficiency, provide deeper analytical insights, and promote citizen participation. Open data initiatives increase transparency, enhancing the collaboration between residents and their elected leaders. These efforts empower residents to get involved and understand the City's financial activities.

I could not be more

Billie Marie Cates



Billie Marie Cates (nee Billie Marie Smith) died Oct. 27, 2022 peacefully at home at the age of 91.

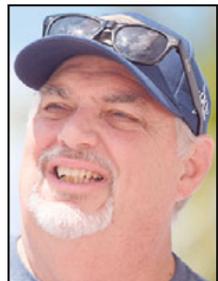
Billie was born in Goodlett, Texas on July 9, 1931. She was one of five children born to William Wesley Smith and Bertha Mae Johnston Smith. She graduated from Quanah High School in Quanah, Texas and graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene in 1951. In college, Billie met Donald Horace Sosebee.

By the age of 19, she had graduated college, married Don Sosebee and begun her teaching career in Baton Rouge, where they lived for several years before returning to Texas for the remainder of her life.

Billie and Don had two children and divorced in

Deaths

David 'Craig' Shannon



1969. She married Willis Marlowe Cates, and they enjoyed 14 years of marriage before his death in 1983. Billie married Donald Wayne Johnston in 1999, and they had nearly 10 happy years together before his death in 2010. Billie and Wayne were married at Sagemont Church. Although she chose not to change her name legally to Johnston, she was also known by many in the church community as "Billie Johnston."

Billie taught second grade at Franklin Elementary in the Houston Independent School District for most of her career, as well as first grade and Special Education. She returned to school and earned her master's degree in education from the University of Houston in 1979, and she continued working for HISD, as an educational diagnostician, for the remainder of her career, which totaled 56 years.

Billie touched many lives with her passion for helping others and her warm, loving, generous nature. She was known by many as their "other mother," their "other grandmother," their favorite teacher and, their very dear friend.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents; three of her siblings; her husbands; her son, Donald Horace Sosebee, Jr.; and her grandson, Michael Logan Sosebee. Survivors are her sister, Lorado Gibson; daughter, Sharon Sosebee; granddaughter, Chandler Marie Sosebee, whom Billie helped raise; granddaughter, Joy Dubose-Simonton (Robert); grandson, Austin Sosebee (Amber); great-grandson, Christian Simonton (Jessica); great-granddaughter, Adley Simonton; great-grandson, Riggs Michael Sosebee and great-great-granddaughter, Sage Marie Simonton.

Also included are many loving step-children, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren, along with many devoted nieces, nephews and friends she considered family.

A memorial service and celebration of Billie's life will be held at Sagemont Church, in the Beltway Chapel, on Monday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m.

David 'Craig' Shannon passed away peacefully in his sleep at age 64 on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022. Craig was born on Jan. 23, 1958 to David and Carolyn Shannon in Houston.

Craig graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 1976 and loved being a member of the Dobie Marching Band playing the trombone. He also went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in computer science at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

He began work in 1977 at Houston Lighting & Power which later became CenterPoint Energy. Craig worked there for 45 years and recently began planning for retirement. He loved his job and enjoyed his co-workers.

He is preceded in death by his father, David Shannon; and his sister, Erin White and her husband Robert White.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 44 years, Susan Elizabeth Shannon; son Christopher David Shannon; son Stephen Louis Shannon, his wife Cynthia and daughter Jozie; mother Carolyn Shannon; father-in-law Louis Novy and mother-in-law Barbara Novy; brother-in-law Greg Novy; brother-in-law Jeff Novy and his wife Lisa Novy; niece Angela Taylor, her husband Todd Taylor, and their children Ryan and Maci; nephew Andrew White; and a host of other family and dear friends.

Craig enjoyed participating in barbecue cook-offs and traveling the world on cruises. He spent his children's youth involved in every aspect of their lives from Boy Scouts to Little League and as a Dobie band parent. He was an avid volunteer for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo for nearly 20 years and had just received the Life Time Committee Member status.

Craig loved his family and spent time with them every chance he got. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

His Celebration of Life will be held at Peevey Funeral Home, Monday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m.

St. Luke's thanks veteran groups



At the Veterans Day celebration at St. Luke's Church Sunday, Nov. 5, representatives from three local groups were presented plaques for their help with the annual event. Event organizer Joe Tristan (second from right) is shown above presenting plaques to recipients, left to right, Ponce Deleon, American Legion Post 472, for color guard; Arthur Valdez, Knights of Columbus Council 9201, for lunch; and retired 1st Sgt. Jimmy Delos Santos, Marine Semper Fi #3, for 13-fold flag detail. See related photo on Page 1.
Photo by Marie Flickinger

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library
Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. 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. Closed Sundays.

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Outdoors storytime for all ages. Plan to enjoy a good story at Bracewell in the fresh outdoors, weather permitting.

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

Parker Williams Library
Parker Williams Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> or call 832-927-7870.

The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

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- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
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- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

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

Veterans and mental health

Veterans Day, Nov. 11, is an important day for every American and is intended to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love for their country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

This day of remembrance celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. As the event is celebrated, all should recognize these brave men and women and consider the struggles that they go through with mental illness.

Suicide is a national problem and a major concern for active-duty members and military veterans. Members may experience a variety of difficult and traumatic events including combat, natural disasters and physical assault.

According to the 2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, there were 6,146 veteran suicide deaths in 2020. That is 31.7 deaths per 100,000. During that year, suicide was the second leading cause of death among veterans under age 45. The suicide rate for veterans was 57.3 percent greater than for non-veteran U.S. adults.

Veterans can come home from service carrying a weight with which they did not enlist. Without the right help, that can seem like too much, leading some to consider, or carry out, suicide.

Some of the warning signs they exhibit include feelings of hopelessness, agitation struggling with anxiety, insomnia, outburst of anger, an increase in substance abuse, and isolating themselves from the people close to them.

Other factors related to the higher risk of suicide among veterans are related to undiagnosed or untreated conditions, such as PTSD or mood disorders, which can increase a person's overall risk of suicide.

The VA offers a wide range of treatment programs for veterans and their families. Also, "Vets for Warriors" is a peer support network with veterans

answering the phone for those in need. The number is 1-855-838-8255. Veterans may also use the Veterans Crisis Line number where there is 24/7 crisis support. Dial 988, then press 1.

The Jason Foundation is another valuable resource for those struggling with suicidal ideation.

Many times, a veteran will exhibit clear warning signs prior to an attempt. By knowing the warning signs, and knowing how to help, one could save a life. Visit the Jason Foundation's website to learn more about suicide, the warning signs, and how to help make a difference. at www.jasonfoundation.com.

Sen. Taylor retires from Legislature

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see is what you get," said Koncaba. "He's done everything he can for the betterment of our citizens. I'm honored and privileged to have watched him grow.

The senator affirmed Koncaba's remark, saying he gains the most satisfaction when helping others.

"You'll never be happier than you're serving other people," Taylor said. "We can't all be city council members or state reps, but we can all serve other people.

Taylor also confirmed earlier speakers' comments about him always bringing a positive attitude to work.

"It's OK to have fun while getting stuff done," Taylor said.

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Houston Fire Department crew visits Meador Elementary, educates students



Shown at left are, left to right, (front row) pre-K students Javier Majano; Elias Lagos; Arleen Garcia; Isabella Arevalo; (back row) Jennifer Chavez (principal), Robert Bennett (firefighter), Robert Ramirez (captain), David Rocha (firefighter), Tara Merida (counselor), and Donald Walker (engine operator). Houston Fire Department personnel visited Meador Elementary during Fire Prevention Week. The students were excited to get up close to the fire truck and learn about fire safety. Photographed at right is firefighter David Rocha, displaying his PPE to students.



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City of Houston begins amnesty for some eligible municipal offenses

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Failure to Appear cases, and will not be subject to arrest. Cases eligible for amnesty include cases that were delinquent on or before Oct. 1, 2022. Only the defendant named in the citation, or their attorney can participate in the amnesty program. Bonding companies, friends, relatives, and spouses cannot make an amnesty request on behalf of someone else.

The amnesty program does not apply to a defendant that is in custody, parking citations, administrative violations, bond forfeitures or civil cases. Individuals may call the Houston Helpline by dialing 311 or 713-837-0311 for questions about whether their specific case(s) is amnesty eligible. Defendants may take advantage of the amnesty program by phone or in person at any Municipal

Court location. For additional information about Municipal Courts or court cases, visit www.houstontx.gov/courts or call the Houston Helpline at 311 or 713-837-0311, if outside of Houston.

Amnesty program FAQs
Why is one doing this?
 To resolve cases for which all other means of resolution have been unsuccessful and to assist the citizens of Houston with any lingering outstanding Municipal Court issues.

When does amnesty begin?
 The amnesty program began Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at 8 a.m. and ends Saturday, November 19, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.

What kinds of cases are eligible for amnesty rates?
 All delinquent traffic and nontraffic citations that were

delinquent on or before Oct. 1, 2022, will be eligible for amnesty discounts. Parking citations and administrative violations are not eligible for amnesty. Citizens may call 311 to find out if they have eligible amnesty cases.

What does one do if one has a delinquent parking citation?

Parking citations are not eligible for amnesty. For additional information or assistance regarding paying a parking citation, dial 311 or 713-837-0311.

How can one find out if one has warrants?

Dial Houston's Helpline at 311, visit the website at www.houstontx.gov/courts or come in person to any City of Houston Municipal Court location.

What are my options if one finds out that they have warrants?

One may pay the fines at the applicable amnesty rates if the case qualifies. One may also be able to post a bond and have case(s) reset for a new court date. One always has the option to seek legal advice from an attorney or come to any City of Houston Municipal Court location to speak with a judge.

If one goes to court to pay, will they be arrested?

No. The City of Houston Municipal Courts will not arrest individuals who visit our courthouse to inquire about their delinquent cases. Everyone is encouraged to come in voluntarily to resolve their cases.

If one wants to pay for delinquent cases/warrants, what are the payment options?

Payment options are as follows: Phone (311 or 713-837-0311) or in-person at any

City of Houston Municipal Court location.

What forms of payment are accepted?

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After payment, how long will it take for one's driving record through DPS to clear?

The City of Houston Municipal Courts Department will forward the information to DPS upon payment of your case(s). Allow five to seven business days for a driving record to clear through DPS.

Leader requests assistance

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

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

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South Belt Elementary celebrates Good Choices Week



Pictured above with their college shirts to show they want to make good choices, left to right, are (front row) Miguel Medrano, Caleb Gonzalez, Bernardo Aldape,

(back row) Belinda Franklin, Monserrat Gongora, Emma Canales, Evalinh Moore, Miranda Alvarez, Melanie Arreola and Danica Mendoza.



Instead of Red Ribbon Week, South Belt Elementary celebrated Good Choices Week, to encourage making good choices. Shown above young super heroes are, left to right, (front row) CJ Herrera, Zainiel Erguiza, Karson Sherman, Felix Medrano, Toby Mitchell, Ryan Musawi, Jaylen Romero, Ace Granados, Kai Perkins, (back row) Elliceana Mireles, Maya Villeareal, Ashlynn Segovia, Aliyah Gonzales, Madisen Baskin, Evelyn Saldana and Suzy Gardiner.



Shown above are, left to right, (front row) CJ Davis, Vincent Nguyen, Jaxon Aljets, Jorge Sanchez, (middle row) Dominic Mendoza, Jose Tenorio, Robin Castillo, Theodore Franklin, (back row) Adiana Alvarez, Chelsea Huynh, Madeline Herrera, Alessandra Gutierrez, Sophia Franklin, Emma Hernandez and Madison Monford are showing pride for their favorite sport teams.

San Jac College to host Senior Wellness Expo

Area seniors will have the opportunity to receive free health screenings and vaccines at the 2022 Senior Wellness Expo hosted by San Jacinto College on Friday, Nov. 11. This wellness event – hosted from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – will have a special twist in

that it will also honor area veterans for Veterans Day. “The Senior Wellness Expo is an annual event hosted by the CPD (Continuing & Professional Development) Community Engagement Department featuring community service providers dis-

tributing information regarding information regarding community health and wellness resources designed for senior citizens,” said Dr. Janice Sullivan, dean of community engagement – CPD. “We will have fun fitness demonstrations, informative speakers regarding topics im-

portant to senior citizens, free health screenings and vaccines.” San Jac is hosting this wellness expo in partnership with area partners, which will hold individual screenings, vaccines, or demonstrations. Partners include: Hegwood Law Group, MAB Insurance Agency, Humana MarketPoint, Molina Healthcare, Morada Deer Park, PAM Rehab, HEB, New Orleans Seafood Kitchen Deer Park, ABC Dental, Houston Methodist, BakerRipley, Houston Hospice, Oak Street Health, United Way, Harris County Precinct 2, Walgreens, DeBakey Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Texas Chiropractic College, EXP Realty, Legacy Community Health, Kelsey Siebold Pointer Study, Community Health Network, Harris County Tax Office and more.

Residents age 55 and older are invited to participate in this free event that will also feature giveaways and food. San Jacinto police will be on hand to assist with any parking congestion issues, and the event is wheelchair- and walker-accessible. “Seniors should attend the wellness expo because this is a unique opportunity to learn about resources and activities that can ensure happy, healthy living for the rest of their lives,” said Sullivan. “It also provides a safe environment for networking and strengthening their social network. Research has proven that socializing during the senior years assists in increase longevity and life fulfillment. The wellness expo is going to be a fun event with long-term benefits.”

At the event, veterans will be honored with a Wall of Honor, which will feature pictures of veterans and note cards for participants to write a brief message. Veterans will be gifted Americana themed, framed artwork and a flag pin. The Beta Academy, a Houston charter school, led by Darla Miller, will perform a few anthems for the veterans. The Dobie High School Air Force ROTC, led by retired SMSgt. Everett B. Valdez, TXANG, will be presenting the colors during the opening ceremony.

Featured speakers will discuss such important topics as:

- The importance of having an estate plan (Adam Hundley, Hegwood Law Group).
- Additional benefits and resources available to veterans through medicare advantage plans in conjunction with VA benefits (Miko Brunet, MAB Insurance).
- Home safety and downsizing (Sandi Matson, EXP Realty).

Four buses have been reserved to transport senior citizens to and from the event. Buses will be departing from the following local community centers:

- East Harris County Community Center – Pasadena.
- Bay Area Community Center – Bay Area/Clear Lake.
- Felix L. Baldree Community Center – Cloverleaf.
- J.D. Walker Community Center – Baytown.

To reserve one's event ticket and/or save one's place on a bus, email community.engagement@sjcd.edu or call 281-478-3672, opt. 1. Mark calendar now and plan to join fellow veterans and residents at this free senior wellness expo on Friday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Spring registration will open at SJC Jan. 17

The spring 2023 semester begins Jan. 17 at San Jacinto College. “We look forward to welcoming new and returning students this spring,” said Jose Dejesus Gil, dean of enrollment services at San Jacinto College.

Student services are available to all students in-person and online for those who wish to connect to an expert to discuss services such as tutoring and advising, admissions, career services, dual credit, financial aid, testing, veterans services and more.

Registration for the spring semester is open, and students can register for a class up until the first class meeting.

The payment deadline is Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Students must pay for their spring classes or set up an installment payment plan by this date in order to not be dropped from enrolled classes.

The 2023 spring term also marks the beginning of 60 certificate and associate degree programs that can be completed 100 percent online.

Registration for the spring semester is open, and students can register for a class up until the first class meeting.

These programs range from business and education, to health sciences, public safety, and construction management, and many in between.

Students who wish to set up a payment plan can do so by visiting the San Jacinto College website or logging into SOS and completing the steps in the Student Account Suite.



Remember When

45 years ago (1977)
A two-alarm fire at the Sabo townhouses destroyed two units and severely damaged a third.

Residents of the subdivisions of Green Tee, Sageglen and Sagebend had the chance to vote themselves a part of the San Jacinto District. This meant that residents could attend San Jacinto at an in-district rate of \$4 per semester hour instead of an out-of-district rate of \$9.

40 years ago (1982)
Plans for the proposed \$72.5 million Memorial Hospital scheduled to open on 90 acres on Beamer were revealed by Steve Sanders, vice-president of Memorial's southeast unit.

35 years ago (1987)
The Clear Creek ISD board of trustees accepted the resignation of Superintendent John Ward, 50, who resigned due to cancer.

30 years ago (1992)
The board of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League was searching for financial records after the league's president moved from the area.

28 years ago (1994)
The Dobie Longhorns won the 23-5A football championship by defeating South Houston 38-0.

23 years ago (1999)
South Belt resident Jerry Patterson unseated longtime state Sen. Chet Brooks for the Texas Senate District 11. Patterson

received 49.3 percent of the votes to Brooks' 46.3 percent.

The Pasadena Independent School District board announced that the district's one-time \$30 million contingency fund was down to \$441,000. Blamed for the decrease in the fund was loss of state funding, a sluggish economy and a lawsuit settlement.

20 years ago (2002)
The board of trustees of the Pasadena Independent School District approved the purchase of a Pasadena shopping center located at Pasadena Boulevard and Beltway 8 for a net cost of \$3.5 million.

15 years ago (2007)
The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District filed a lawsuit against three corporations in connection with the collapse of the concrete easements that covered the detention pond in the Meadows of Clear Creek subdivision. Named in the negligence and breach of contract suit were Lindsey Construction, the company contracted to build the pond; Van De Wiele Engineering, the company that designed the pond; and Paradigm Consultants, the company responsible for geotechnical engineering at the site.

10 years ago (2012)
A house on Sageview near Hughes Road was severely damaged late Saturday, Nov. 10, when its garage caught fire. According to Houston Fire Department Station No. 70 Chief Glennis Tyler, the blaze erupted around midnight. Three engines and two ladder trucks, from stations 70, 93

5 years ago (2017)
Local voters approved all available measures on the Nov. 7 ballot, including two propositions from the Pasadena Independent School District, five propositions from the City of Houston and seven propositions from the State of Texas.

1 year ago (2021)
San Jacinto College was named one of 150 candidates for the prestigious \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. Awarded every two years, the prize is the nation's signature recognition for America's community colleges.

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Over The Back Fence by Natalie

DICK CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!
Special birthday wishes are in order for longtime South Belt resident and local business owner **Dick Orth** who celebrates a birthday Friday, Nov. 11, from family, friends and staff of the *South Belt Leader*.
SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 10 through Nov. 16.
Atkinson Elementary
Sing a chorus of a birthday song to **Debra Lambert** Nov. 11. Remember to wish **Amber Newman** a happy birthday Nov. 15.
Genoa Elementary
Join in the birthday celebration Nov. 11

for **Deborah Miller**.
Meador Elementary
The day for a celebration for **Ruth Osuna** is Nov. 17.
Kayne Schafroth enjoys a birthday Nov. 10. Nov. 16 is the day for a cake for **Cassie Padgett**.
Roberts Middle School
Madalyn Weaver-Holland enjoys a birthday Nov. 10. The day for a party for **Laura Hill** is Nov. 12.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
Sing a happy birthday song to **Janet Hatch** Nov. 11. Send a nice birthday greeting Nov. 16 to **Danielle Pitre**.
FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, Nov. 10: **Kevin Aguilar** and **John Gentry**; Saturday, Nov. 12: **Mark DeVries, Janie Clark** and **Robin Zacks Grosso**; Sunday, Nov. 13: **Jane Tillery, Vicki Brinkley, Chris Herpin** and **Edgar Whorton**; Monday, Nov. 14: **Gene Sockwell, Justin Sims, Kat Kiel, Valerie McCoy** and **Tracey Harnamji**; Tuesday, Nov. 15: **Larry Soto** and **Silvia Serna**; Wednesday, Nov. 16: **Stephanie Hallmark** and **Bobby Taylor**.
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and 52, responded to the incident. Firefighters were able to contain the most extensive damage to the home's garage. Tyler said, however, the interior of the house was also damaged by smoke. No injuries were reported, as the home's occupants were able to exit the residence safely. Tyler said the fire appeared to be accidental.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie boys at Silsbee
Nov. 12, 2:30 p.m.

Dobie boys host Cy-Ridge
Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Brook boys at La Porte
Nov. 11, 7 p.m.

Brook boys at Cy-Falls
Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Nov. 10-12: Dobie girls at Baytown Tip-Off Classic; Clear Brook girls at Clear Creek ISD Peggy Whitley Invitational

Brook girls host Cy-Woods
Nov. 10, 11 a.m.

Brook girls host Willis
Nov. 10, 5 p.m.

Whitley Championship
Nov. 12, noon
Butler Field House

Whitley hoops classic features state's elite

Defending champion Atascocita and championship game finalist Seven Lakes have returned, and three other state-ranked squads join the talent-rich varsity girls' basketball field as Clear Creek ISD hosts the 2022 Peggy Whitley Classic Nov. 10-12 at Clear Brook and each of the district's four other high schools.

Clear Brook, which finished third in the 2021 event, will host Cy-Woods and Willis in pool play games Nov. 10, with trophy round games shifting to Clear Creek High School Nov. 11-12.

The star-studded 24-team field includes state

ranked Pearland, Shadow Creek, Seven Lakes and Clear Brook, which is led by Class of 2025 standouts Rezia Castillo and Chardel Terrell.

Pearland, which played in the Region III title game a season ago, features senior and University of North Carolina commit Rylee Grays.

The remaining 16 teams include Bridgeland, Clear Falls, Clear Lake, Clear Springs, Cy-Fair, Dawson, Deer Park, Dulles, Fort Bend Bush, Galveston Ball, Heights, Hightower, Humble, Magnolia West, North Shore and Ridge Point.

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Boys' basketball season tips off Nov. 12

The 2022-2023 boys' basketball season tips off in mere days, with the Clear Brook Wolverines to get things going Nov. 11 at Texas City, while the Dobie Longhorns will travel to Silsbee Nov. 12 to take on the state-ranked Tigers.

And both programs are anticipating the Nov. 17-19 arrival of the McDonald's Texas Invitational, the state's largest three-day tournament featuring many regional and state title hopefuls.

Dobie boys eye run
Pushing the envelope

much farther following a 22-win regular season and an undefeated District 22-6A championship run is a tall task, but that's exactly what the Dobie basketball program has in mind as the 2022-2023 campaign dawns.

Head coach Franklin Paul has welcomed back eight players from last year's 22-9 group, and he believes there's more in the tank when it comes to expectations this time around.

"I'm very excited about the make up of the roster," Paul said. "We went into the offseason thinking we'd be pretty much guard-oriented, but some guys have grown since that time and we have skill across the roster from a position standpoint.

Jaden Shanklin is one of three senior returnees along with Camren Fowler and Jeremiah Jackson. The junior returnees include Kyler Thomas, Dylan Jackson, Malachi Hobbs, Waymond Hayes and Julio Cisneros.

"We were undefeated at the TABC event in the



Junior Dylan Jackson (1) is one of eight returnees to the court as the Dobie varsity boys' basketball team looks to build upon a 22-win season and successfully defend its District 22-6A crown.



Ja'michael Young (11) saw considerable action a season ago with the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team and returns for 2022-2023 as a veteran presence on the Wolverines' revamped roster.

Photos by Donna Alsdorf

Longhorns to take on North Shore in Div. I action

Facing state power North Shore for a ninth time since 2011 in the bidistrict playoffs, the Dobie varsity football team will look to extend its 2022 season by taking down the Mustangs Nov. 10.

Dobie, which will have enjoyed a 13-day break in between games, grabbed

the Division I second seed by taking down Memorial in the regular season.

North Shore, the District 21-6A champion and Division I top seed in the league, will host the Longhorns Thursday, Nov. 10, at Galena Park ISD Stadium. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

The Longhorns, who were 4-6 overall, finished

the District 22-6A season at 3-3 to grab a fifth consecutive playoff berth.

North Shore rolled through the District 21-6A ranks unbeaten but has been far from dominant in doing so. While, Dobie has struggled this season overall with the 4-6 mark, the Longhorns will be looking to pull an upset over the Mustangs.

Dobie has not won a 6A playoff game while facing North Shore eight previous times and Atascocita another, but the Long-

6A Div. I Bidistrict Football
Dobie at North Shore
Nov. 10, 7 p.m.
GPISD Stadium

Wolverines wrap up 2022 season by facing Dickinson

At right, Clear Brook junior quarterback Jesse Shelton (left) and running back Jaylon Richardson execute a run-pass option play late in the action against Clear Springs. The Wolverines then closed out their regular season with a 45-7 loss to Dickinson Nov. 3 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster. With the loss, the Wolverines ended the 2022 regular season at 1-9. Also in final-week action, Clear Springs won the 24-6A championship following a 47-9 win over Clear Creek, and Brazoswood secured the Division II second seed after beating Clear Lake Nov. 3 by a 52-24 count. Falls hosts Dawson, while Dickinson is at Pearland and Clear Springs hosts Alief Taylor. Brazoswood will play at Shadow Creek.



Photo by Madison Taylor Duke

24-6A Playoff Seeds

Div. I No. 1
Clear Springs

Div. I No. 2
Dickinson

Div. II No. 1
Clear Falls

Div. II No. 2
Brazoswood

Marcus Gaitan eighth Pioneer cross-country competes at state meet

The Lutheran South Academy cross-country program concluded the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state championship meet series Oct. 31 in Waco.

At the conclusion of the day, the LSA boys were 11th overall in the 5A team standings, while the Pioneer girls' team was 16th.

Junior Marcus Gaitan starred for the LSA boys as his time of 17 minutes, 1.90 seconds was eighth-best statewide. Gaitan's brother, Matthew, clocked in at 18:21.30 for 35th place overall.

The Gaitans will return in 2023 to lead the Pioneers in 2023, and they will be joined by current junior Tristan Haver, who produced a time of 18:51.70 for 56th place at state.

With a time of 20:41.60, senior Nathan Mendoza wrapped up his cross-country career at LSA as he was 104th in the 5A ranks, and junior Gabriel Salazar placed 108th with a clocking of 20:49.40.

Senior Lucas Wells ran his final LSA cross-country race in a time of 21:20.70 for 122nd place, and junior Nathan Robert placed 123rd with his time of 21:21.30.

The LSA girls were 16th at state and used the TAPPS championships as a team building experience. All seven runners will return for at least two seasons.

Five freshmen covered the Pioneers' official scoring, with Lanie Ward 74th at 15:04.20 over the two-mile course and Jemma Rieker 81st with her clocking of 15:22.00.

At 15:29.20, Elisabeth Hergenrader placed 86th, and Madeleine Richards' time of 15:58.60 placed her 98th.

Becca Byrom's time of 16:05.80 for 103rd place rounded out the Pioneers' scoring, and sophomores Sophie DeOre (17:27.70 for 126th) and Madison Van Wie (17:28.30 for 127th) also competed at the state finale.

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LSA volleyball reaches state semis

At right, sophomore Kirra Musgrove earned her 1,000th career assist and counting as the Lutheran South Academy varsity volleyball team rallied past St. Joseph's in five sets to reach the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 5A state final four. LSA's 8-25, 25-22, 11-25, 25-20, 15-8 win Nov. 5 sets up a battle between District 5 foes in the state semifinals Nov. 8 in Waco as LSA, 30-9 overall and 12-2 in District 5, takes on unbeaten District 5 champion Fort Bend Christian. Musgrove has been dominant this season with more than 400 assists and more than 450 kills, and freshman Aniston Collins has more than 500 assists. Makynna Robbins, Kenna Sambrano and Remy Keller have reached 200 kills for the season, and libero Taylor Crain has more than 500 digs.



South Belt football predictions

	John Bechtle	Emory Gadd	Troy Leland	Stephen Sutton	Debbie Vaughn
Dobie at North Shore	North Shore	Dobie	North Shore	Dobie	North Shore
South Houston at Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek
C.E. King at Channelview	Channelview	CEK	CEK	CEK	CEK
Texas City at Lake Creek	Lake Creek	Lake Creek	Lake Creek	Lake Creek	Lake Creek
Atascocita at Deer Park	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Brazoswood at Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Alief Taylor at Clear Springs	Springs	Taylor	Springs	Springs	Springs
Dickinson at Pearland	Dickinson	Pearland	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Magnolia West at Galveston Ball	West	Ball	West	Ball	Ball
Dawson at Clear Falls	Dawson	Falls	Dawson	Falls	Falls
Last Week's Results	9-1	9-1	9-1	8-2	9-1
Season record	71-39	78-32	87-23	75-25	91-19

PISD Boys' Basketball

Wednesday, Nov. 30
 Beverly Hills at Jackson, 4:30/6 p.m.
 Park View at Thompson, 4:30/6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7
 Thompson at San Jacinto, 4:30/6 p.m.
 S. Houston at Beverly Hills, 4:30/6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14
 Beverly Hills at Bondy, 4:30/6 p.m.
 Miller at Thompson, 4:30/6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 4
 Beverly Hills vs. Thompson, 4:30/6 p.m.
 at Dobie High School main campus

Wednesday, Jan. 11
 Beverly Hills at Miller, 4:30/6 p.m.
 Southmore at Thompson, 4:30/6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 18
 San Jacinto at Beverly Hills, 4:30/6 p.m.
 Thompson at Bondy, 4:30/6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 23
 Southmore at Beverly Hills, 4:30/6 p.m.
 S. Houston at Thompson, 4:30/6 p.m.
 B games start at 4:30 p.m./A at 6 p.m.

Jan. 25-26 – PISD 7B tourn. at Southmore
 Jan. 25-26 – PISD 8B tourn. at Miller
 Jan. 30-31 – PISD 7B tourn. at Bondy
 Jan. 30-31 – PISD 8B tourn. at San Jacinto

PISD Girls' Basketball

Wednesday, Nov. 30
 Jackson at Beverly Hills, 4:30/6 p.m.
 Thompson at Park View, 4:30/6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7
 San Jacinto at Thompson, 4:30/6 p.m.
 Beverly Hills at S. Houston, 4:30/6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14
 Bondy at Beverly Hills, 4:30/6 p.m.
 Thompson at Miller, 4:30/6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 4
 Beverly Hills vs. Thompson, 4:30/6 p.m.
 at Dobie High School main campus

Wednesday, Jan. 11
 Miller at Beverly Hills, 4:30/6 p.m.
 Thompson at Southmore, 4:30/6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 18
 Beverly Hills at San Jacinto, 4:30/6 p.m.
 Bondy at Thompson, 4:30/6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 23
 Beverly Hills at Southmore, 4:30/6 p.m.
 Thompson at S. Houston, 4:30/6 p.m.
 B games start at 4:30 p.m./A at 6 p.m.

Jan. 25-26 – PISD 7B tourn. at Southmore
 Jan. 25-26 – PISD 8B tourn. at Miller
 Jan. 30-31 – PISD 7B tourn. at Bondy
 Jan. 30-31 – PISD 8B tourn. at San Jacinto

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Thursday, Nov. 17, Pool Play Schedule & Locations

Locations	At Phillips	At Pas. Memorial	At Dobie H.S.	So. Houston H.S.	At Rayburn H.S.	Friday, Nov. 18
Dobie H.S.	9 a.m. B- Dickinson vs. Tompkins	9 a.m. B- Memorial vs. Terry	9 a.m. B- Dobie vs. Bridgeland	9 a.m. B- So. Houston vs. Brazoswood	9 a.m. B- Rayburn vs. Grand Oaks	10:30 a.m. games Cibolo Steele vs. Cy-Fair at Dobie
10220 Blackhawk	10:30 a.m. B- G.C. Memorial vs. Atascocita	10:30 a.m. B- Cy-Fair vs. Midway	10:30 a.m. B- Conroe vs. Lake Creek	10:30 a.m. B- Pearland vs. Barbers Hill	10:30 a.m. B- F.B. Elkins vs. Cy-Creek	Barbers Hill vs. Hou. Memorial at South Houston
Bev. Hills Int.	Noon G- Memorial vs. Pasadena	Noon G- Alvin vs. Friendswood	Noon G- Dobie vs. Barbers Hill	Noon G- So. Houston vs. Vet. Mem.	Noon G- Rayburn vs. Klein Oak	Noon games Seven Lakes vs. Dawson at Memorial
11111 Beamer	1:30 p.m. B- Dickinson vs. Nimitz	1:30 p.m. B- New Caney vs. Memorial	1:30 p.m. B- North Crowley vs. Dobie	1:30 p.m. B- F.B. Austin vs. So. Houston	1:30 p.m. B- Angleton vs. Rayburn	S.A. Johnson vs. Pearland at DP Auxiliary
So. Houston H.S.	3 p.m. B- Hebron vs. Atascocita	3 p.m. B- Summer Creek vs. Cy-Ridge	3 p.m. G- Pearland vs. Cy-Fair	3 p.m. B- SA Brennan vs. Barbers Hill	3 p.m. B- S.A. Clark vs. F.B. Elkins	1:30 p.m. games Lake Ridge vs. Cy-Creek at Phillips
3820 S. Shaver	4:30 p.m. G- Dawson vs. Cedar Park	4:30 p.m. G- Vet. Memorial vs. Memorial	4:30 p.m. G- Seven Lakes vs. Hardin Jeff.	4:30 p.m. G- Friendswood vs. So. Houston	4:30 p.m. G- Westside vs. Rayburn	Judson vs. Dobie at Dobie
Pas. Mem. H.S.	6 p.m. B- Nimitz vs. Tompkins	6 p.m. B- Terry vs. New Caney	6 p.m. G- Hou. Memorial vs. Dobie	6 p.m. B- Brazoswood vs. F.B. Austin	6 p.m. B- Bridgeland vs. North Crowley	Clear Springs vs. Pas. Memorial at Memorial
4410 Crenshaw	7:30 p.m. B- Hebron vs. G.C. Memorial	7:30 p.m. B- Midway vs. Summer Creek	7:30 p.m. B- Conroe vs. Bay. Sterling	7:30 p.m. B- Pearland vs. SA Brennan	7:30 p.m. B- Cy-Creek vs. S.A. Clark	Alvin vs. So. Houston at So. Houston
Rayburn H.S.	9 a.m. B- Pasadena vs. Katy Taylor	9 a.m. B- Deer Park vs. Crosby	9 a.m. B- Dulles vs. Tomball	9 a.m. G- Pearland vs. Cibolo Steele	9 a.m. G- Cy-Fair vs. S.A. Johnson	Crosby vs. vs. Rayburn at Rayburn
2121 Cherrybrook	10:30 a.m. B- Cy-Fair vs. Dawson	10:30 a.m. B- Hightower vs. Manvel	10:30 a.m. B- Fulshear vs. George Ranch	10:30 a.m. G- Cedar Park vs. Seven Lakes	10:30 a.m. G- Dawson vs. Hardin Jeff.	Vet. Mem. vs. vs. Pasadena at Pasadena
DP Watkins & DP Auxiliary	Noon G- Judson vs. S.B. Memorial	Noon G- Deer Park vs. Hastings	Noon G- Angleton vs. Galena Park	Noon G- Vet. Mem. vs. Clear Springs	Noon G- Crosby vs. Westside	Galena Park vs. vs. Deer Park at Watkins
710 W. San Augustine	1:30 p.m. B- Klein Oak vs. Pasadena	1:30 p.m. B- La Porte vs. Deer Park	1:30 p.m. B- Lake Ridge vs. Summer Creek	1:30 p.m. G- Cy-Creek vs. North Crowley	1:30 p.m. B- Tomball vs. JJ Pearce	Angleton vs. Hastings at Auxiliary
Dobie 9	3 p.m. B- Dawson vs. Richardson	3 p.m. B- Hightower vs. Allen	3 p.m. B- Cibolo Steele vs. S.A. Johnson	3 p.m. G- Lake Creek vs. Bay. Sterling	3 p.m. B- Fulshear vs. Clear Brook	Westside vs. Klein Oak at Dobie9
10811 Monroe	4:30 p.m. G- Clear Springs vs. Pasadena	4:30 p.m. G- Deer Park vs. Angleton	4:30 p.m. G- Galena Park vs. Hastings	4:30 p.m. G- C.C. Mem. vs. Alvin	4:30 p.m. G- Klein Oak vs. Crosby	Vet. Mem. vs. Friendswood at Beverly Hills
Phillips F.H.	6 p.m. B- Judson vs. Barbers Hill	6 p.m. B- Crosby vs. La Porte	6 p.m. B- Dulles vs. JJ Pearce	6 p.m. B- Angleton vs. Grand Oaks	6 p.m. B - Katy Taylor vs. Klein Oak	3 p.m. games Cedar Park vs. Hardin Jeff. at Rayburn
2906 Dabney	7:30 p.m. B- Cy-Fair vs. Richardson	7:30 p.m. B- Manvel vs. Allen	7:30 p.m. B- Clear Brook vs. George Ranch	7:30 p.m. G- North Crowley vs. Lake Ridge	7:30 p.m. G- Cy-Creek vs. Summer Creek	Summer Creek vs. Crowley at DP Watkins
Pasadena H.S.						
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Thursdays at either at either 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce online calendar or call 281-485-3634.
9:30 a.m. **NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org.
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for appointment.
11:30 a.m. **ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - Meetings are held at Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Rd, Pearland, TX 77584, Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20 cash or check). Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300 for details.
6:30 p.m. **Pearland Area Republican's Club** - meets at 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For details, email pearlandarearepublicanclub@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PARCTX.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway, 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** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
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/.
1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
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** - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, 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 for details.
8 p.m. **AA** - See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14
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.
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** - Meets in person. Visit the website or call Fatimar Jones, club president, at 281-467-1880 for information.
7 p.m. **AA** - St. Luke's 12 Step Recovery open meeting in the 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)** - meets at 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
2 p.m. **The National Active and Retired Federal Employees** - NARFE Chapter 941 meets at El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461 or EFL Center at 281-464-9708.
7 p.m. **Houston Skyscraper Shadows Civic Club** - meets at 7900 Fuqua (inside Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church). Contact Cathy@houston skyscrapershadows.org or call 713-332-6294 for details.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA. See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
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 Call Marilyn at 281-444-6744 for details.
10 a.m. **The Community Club** - Meets at Pappa Yolks Grill, 5824 Spencer Highway. For details, email Jmproy@yahoo.com.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance** - See Monday's notice.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **AA** - See Friday's notice.

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The Sagemont Cowboys' sophomore team will take on the Hitchcock Red Raiders in the Bay Area Football League's Super Bowl 46 Nov. 20 at Rice Stadium. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. The Red Raiders are 12-0 heading into the championship game, while the Cowboys are 11-1 following playoff wins over Pasadena and the Pearland Patriots. Members of the Cowboys' team are, left to right, (front row) Kevin Richardson, Devin Hernandez, Gilberto Herrera, Brantley Hebert,

Jesten Fernandez, Victor Hernandez III, Marshon Martin, Eli Banda, (middle row) Ayce Landry, Brandon Ware, Matthew Pantoja, Adrian Sanders, Troy Montes, Leevan Lewis, Kason Dilliard, Kameron Mitchell, Kamron Parker, Rafael Curbelo, (back row) coaches Tony Montes, Rafael Curbelo and Kelvin Nichols, Patrick Woody, coach Jesse Fernandez, Delano Oliver Cooper, coach Tyson Dilliard, Brent Armstead and coach Madison Ford.

Boys' basketball season nears opening night

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Clear Brook and Pasadena. North Crowley is No. 20 in the preseason TABC 6A state rankings.

"I tell our guys that they will either get exposure or get exposed depending on the results," Paul said. "I believe in playing a tough schedule every year, and we have a tough one this year for sure."

Brook boys expect plenty
The Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball program has averaged 25 wins per season over the previous three, and head coach Nathan Janak says expectations remain high for 2022-2023 even as the roster has seen a large turnover.

The Wolverines open the season Nov. 11 at Texas City and then play at Cy-Falls Nov. 15 before joining the Division II stable of programs for the McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 17-19.

Whereas Janak's 2021-2022 team reached the Division I gold bracket championship game, this group may need time to build up some momentum. Still, Janak expects the wins to again pile up.

"The kids have been working hard this fall," said Janak. "They are taking pride in playing the game the right way. No new era here."

"It's Clear Brook basketball, and we have always had high expectations. Our players and staff take pride in working relentlessly to meet and exceed those expectations."

As for the 48-team McDonald's Texas Invitational, the Wolverines take on Fulshear Nov. 17 at Beverly Hills Intermediate in a

3 p.m. tipoff and will then go against George Ranch at Deer Park's Auxiliary campus at 7:30 p.m.

Trophy bracket play then comes Nov. 18-19.

"The Texas Invitational is an early measuring

stick," Janak said. "You get to see what your team is made of right off the bat. There are always great teams and players in the Texas Invitational and going up against those teams allows you to iden-

tify your team's strengths and weaknesses early on.

"I'm looking forward to this season. I love this team because we have great guys who work their tails off and are extremely coachable."



Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball head coach Nathan Janak (left) accepted the Division I gold bracket runner-up trophy from Pasadena ISD Superintendent DeeAnn Powell a season ago at the McDonald's Texas Invitational and will now lead his Wolverines into play in the boys' Division II field beginning Nov. 17.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

TASCO stops Dobie; volleyball season done

At right, Dobie volleyball standout Alexa Gonzalez (11) sets a ball earlier this season in a match at Phillips Field House. Despite Gonzalez's play, Atascocita defeated Dobie in four sets (25-16, 24-26, 25-20, 25-18) Oct. 31 to advance in the playoffs. Dobie ended its season at 21-19 overall, which included an 8-4 mark in District 22-6A play that earned the locals a third-place finish. Elsewhere in the 22-6A ranks, second-place Pasadena Memorial was eliminated by Kingwood in four sets in the same bidistrict playoff round, and fourth-place Pasadena was swept by District 21-6A champion Summer Creek. Deer Park, the District 22-6A champion, beat Humble in the bidistrict playoff round and then fell in five tough sets to Dawson in the area round. Gonzalez, a junior, led Dobie with 435 kills and more than 500 assists.

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McDonald's hoops brings loaded field

The McDonald's Texas Invitational Division I boys' gold bracket champion Richardson returns and will face Dawson and Cy-Fair in pool play games Nov. 17 at Pasadena High School.

Cedar Park, which first won the Division I girls' gold bracket crown at the

McDonald's event and proceeded to win the Class 5A state championship, is also back.

From a state-ranking outlook, Allen and Dickinson are two boys' teams with high hopes in the boys' bracket along with Elkins, and Summer Creek a girls' contender.

Whitley girls' hoops delivers top teams

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Of local note, Deer Park is led by head coach Warren Brooks, who guided Clear Brook to 31 wins and an area round playoff berth a season ago.

Dawson's head coach is Sharee Shepherd Griffin,

who was part of a Region III championship squad at Dobie in 2004-2005.

The 2022 Peggy Whitley Classic championship game is Nov. 12 at Clear Creek High School's Virginia Butler Field House. Tipoff is at noon.

CB girls top Sharks; Terrell nets 24 points

Chardel Terrell dominated with 24 points as she led Clear Brook to a 58-52 win over Shadow Creek in a battle of state-ranked varsity girls' basketball programs to open the 2022-2023 regular season Nov. 5 at Wheeler Field House.

Kamryn McLaurin and Rezia Castillo added 12 points each as the Wol-

verines, ranked 24th in the Class 6A Texas Association of Basketball Coaches preseason state rankings, slipped past the Sharks.

The Clear Brook varsity girls, owners of 31 overall wins and the undefeated champion of District 24-6A a season ago, took on state-ranked Houston Memorial Nov. 8 after press time.

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