

### Leader requests assistance

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

Precinct 2 deputies are aware of the situation and have intervened in one instance. A white box truck has subsequently been spotted taking large amounts of the papers. Anyone who witnesses such bulk removal of the newspapers from local machines is urged to not make contact with the individual(s) but rather contact the *Leader* office at 281-481-5656. If possible, witnesses are urged to get vehicle make/model and license plate number.

### COVID cases decline

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community is down for the first time in approximately a month, with decreases being reported in all three local ZIP codes.

As of Tuesday, Aug. 16, there had been 13,987 confirmed cases in 77089. Of those, 473 remain active, down 16 from the previous week. To date, 132 from the ZIP code have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 134 deaths the previous week.)

In ZIP code 77075, there had been 10,808 confirmed cases. Of those, 338 remain active, down 19 from the previous week. To date, there have been 81 deaths in the ZIP code, up two from the previous week.

In 77034 (total population: 40,532), there had been 9,505 confirmed cases. Of those, 316 remained active, down 23 from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up one from the previous week.

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

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data.

### Sagemeadow holds meeting

The Sagemeadow HOA will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. All Sagemeadow residents are encouraged to attend. Meetings typically take place the third Thursday of the month. For additional information, email info@sagemeadow.org or text/voice message 832-377-0847.

### Church seeks bus drivers

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

### Gulf Freeway closures set

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

At least one southbound main lane and frontage road lane and at least one northbound main lane and frontage road lane will be closed on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Dec. 31.

Both the northbound entrance and southbound entrance ramps from FM 518 in League City will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the entrance ramps from SH 96. The northbound exit ramp to FM 517 in Dickinson will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the northbound exit ramp to Holland/Hughes.

### German Society meets Aug. 18

The Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter will meet Thursday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m., at the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. For additional information, email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com.

### Beltway closures planned

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

Two inside Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Conklin daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 19.

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

### Kirkwood to hold meeting

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

## County moves forward with \$1.2B bond proposal

### Measure would appear on upcoming November 2022 ballot

By James Bolen

Harris County officials are moving forward with a plan to include a \$1.2 billion bond referendum on the November ballot.

The measure passed Commissioners Court Tuesday, Aug. 2, in an expected 3-2 vote in the Democrats' favor. County Judge Lina Hidalgo cast the tie-breaking vote, in what has become somewhat of a tradition on the court.

The proposal will likely be divided into three separate bond votes, representing the following components:

- \$900 million for transportation and drainage projects.
- \$200 million for parks.

- \$100 million for public safety.

According to Hidalgo, the bond proposal would do the following things, if passed:

- Build or repair roughly 300 miles of county roads.
- Create or improve close to 80 parks.
- Make safety improvements on more than 20 miles of high-injury intersections.
- Reduce flooding potential for about 13,000 residents through drainage improvements.

The bond would cost the owner of a \$300,000 home approximately \$32 per year, according to Office of Management and Budget Director Daniel Ramos.

County officials, noted, however, that Com-

missioners Court could continue to lower taxes in the future, despite the addition of the new bond.

"Commissioners Court can pass this bond initiative and still continue to cut tax rates for the foreseeable future," said County Administrator David Berry. "If there is any added cost to a particular household, it will be because their appraisal went up."

The two Republicans on Commissioners Court who opposed the measure - Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey and Precinct 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle - said there isn't enough time before the upcoming election to properly address a measure so massive in scale.

"I think a bond issue in November of 2022 makes some sense," said Ramsey. "It gives us time to communicate with the constituents. It gives the constituents time to communicate with us. But I will not be supporting one in 2022 because we are not ready - in my opinion - to take that to the voters."

Berry noted, however, that voter turnout would be significantly higher if the vote were held this year due to the midterm elections. He predicted that voter turnout would be three times higher in November 2022 than November 2023, based on historical data.

A second concern for Republican commis-

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## Local students return to class



Pasadena ISD students and staff returned to school Tuesday, Aug. 16. (Incoming freshmen began the previous day on Monday, Aug. 15.) Shown above dressed for the occasion is Atkinson Elementary student Leilah Cisneros of Amber Newman's third-grade class. School safety is a top priority at Pasadena ISD this year. A bond proposal passed this past May included funding for improved video surveillance equipment, parking lot lighting upgrades, and enhanced intrusion alarm systems. Additionally, Pasadena ISD will post two police officers at every high school, including Dobie. See related story on this page. See related photo on Page 2.

## Local districts focus on school safety

In the wake of the Uvalde, Santa Fe and other school shootings, Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD have each stepped up its security in an effort to better protect students and staff.

"Our number one priority at Pasadena ISD is the safety and security of our students, staff and community," a message on the Pasadena ISD website states. "While our district has always

been committed to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for our students, we continuously review our current safety practices and evolve to ensure that we are constantly doing our very best to keep students safe."

Pasadena ISD officials said the school district will have two police officers at every high school

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## Man killed in fatal Monroe car crash

A man was killed in a car crash early Tuesday, Aug. 9, in the 11100 block of Monroe near Beltway 8.

The identity of the male victim, 56, was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the victim was traveling north at the above

address in a black Nissan Maxima around 6:40 a.m. when his vehicle was struck by a white Ford Explorer whose driver failed to yield the right of way leaving a stop sign.

The impact caused the Nissan to hit a tree and gas station support poles.

Paramedics transported the victim to HCA

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## Swimming pools to close for season

While the heat index may suggest otherwise, summer is coming to an end, and several local swimming pools are closing for the season.

All area pools are now closed on weekdays. The Ashley Pointe and Highland Meadow pools will close after Labor Day. Ashley Pointe's holiday pool hours are from noon to 8 p.m., while Highland Meadow's hours are from 3 to 8 p.m.

The Clear Brook Meadows and Riverstone Ranch pools will remain open two weekends past Labor Day, closing Sunday, Sept. 18. Pool hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Sageglen pool will remain open weekends through the month of September, closing for the season Sunday, Sept. 25. Pool hours are from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

## Local officials seek federal monkeypox assistance

### City halts vaccination efforts; county continues prioritized dosing

In a recent joint letter, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner requested additional monkeypox vaccine doses from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We are eager and ready to vaccinate at-risk pop-

ulations before the virus spreads exponentially, rather than wait for exponential growth and then catch up like other jurisdictions have had to do," said Hidalgo. "We have an opportunity to truly mitigate this virus, but the only way for us to seize this opportunity is

through more vaccines."

At the present time, Harris County Public Health has a limited quantity of monkeypox vaccines available to those who meet a very specific criteria.

"We recognize the limited quantity of vaccines means there is not enough for everyone who may be at risk," said Hidalgo. "That is the reality of jurisdictions around the nation. We are working to get these vaccines into arms as fairly and efficiently as possible, while recognizing that, given the limited quantities, there is no perfect solution. That is why I am endeavoring to receive more vaccines from our federal partners."

Hidalgo said her aim is for the vaccine process to be transparent. "My guiding light continues to be to always err on the side of transparency," said Hidalgo. "Currently, we have the opportunity to chart a different path with monkeypox if we vaccinate those at risk, but I need to be clear with the community that, while vaccines exist and we have some of them, we

simply do not have enough vaccines to do that. I am committed to ensuring we use each dose we receive and, beyond that, to fighting for additional resources from the community."

For additional information on the county's monkeypox virus response, visit ReadyHarris.org.

Appointments for monkeypox vaccination through the Houston Health Department are temporarily on pause due to the limited supply.

The department will announce the availability of additional vaccination appointments after it receives additional doses of the JYNNEOS monkeypox vaccine.

At press time, Houston had 58 confirmed cases. Monkeypox vaccine has not been widely available nationwide. However, widespread vaccination is not recommended at this time.

The department on Friday received a shipment of 5,024 doses of the JYNNEOS monkey-

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## County offers Novavax COVID vaccine

Harris County Public Health is pleased to announce that there is a new option for people to get their COVID-19 vaccine.

On July 13, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized the Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine for emergency use. Following approvals of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Texas Department of State Health Services, HCPH is offering the COVIDNovavax vaccine to residents. Novavax is a two-dose primary series for individuals 18 years of age and older given three weeks apart.

Novavax uses a different technique than other COVID-19 vaccines such as those from Pfizer and Moderna. Instead of using mRNA, which pro-

vides the instructions for your body to create the COVID-19 spike protein that in turn induces your body's immune response, Novavax's vaccine injects the small protein itself, that your body detects and that triggers your body's immune response. The Novavax vaccine is based on a well-established method of vaccine development that has been used for years for other vaccines such as the human-papillomavirus, Hepatitis B, flu and Shingles vaccines.

Approved COVID-19 vaccines in the United States include the following:

- Pfizer-BioNTech (mRNA vaccine).
- Moderna (mRNA vaccine).

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## Shirtless man goes on crime spree

A scantily clothed man accused of breaking into a residence and then also of stealing a vehicle from a nearby business managed to elude police for several hours the night of Saturday, Aug. 5, in the Scarsdale area, despite a manhunt involving multiple departments.

According to Precinct 2 officials, the first incident took place around 7:30 p.m. on Waxwood Drive near Scarsdale and Sageglen, where a barefoot man wearing only shorts was captured on surveillance footage breaking into an area home.

The suspect was believed to be deaf and/or intoxicated, investigators said.

While canvassing the area searching for the man, Precinct 2 deputies spotted someone matching the suspect's description in the 12300 block of Scarsdale near Sageglen and attempted

to make contact, but the individual fled on foot.

A K9 unit from the Houston Police Department was called for assistance and combed throughout the area searching for the shirtless suspect. The search was called off after approximately two hours.

On Tuesday, Aug. 9, Precinct 2 deputies were following up on a report from Saturday night about the theft of a Ford Econoline van from the Vela Tire Shop in the 12300 block of Scarsdale - right where the suspect had been spotted. Surveillance footage confirmed the same suspect was involved in both crimes.

The vehicle theft happened around 10 p.m., just after the manhunt was called off.

Anyone with any information about these cases is urged to contact the Harris County Precinct 2 constable's office at 713-477-2766.

## Pct. 2 deputies seize 134 pounds of meth

Deputies with Harris County precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit recently took part in a large drug bust that netted more than 134 pounds of methamphetamine.

The case began along the Gulf Freeway and took investigators to North Houston, where the recent raid took place. A joint operation with the Texas City Police Department, the Precinct 2 Special Operations Unit was assisted by multiple other law enforcement agencies, including federal authorities.

In addition to the methamphetamine, deputies recovered a little under 3 pounds of marijuana, one semiautomatic shotgun and three handguns.

Two suspects were arrested and charged with two counts of felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, as well as one count of unlawful carrying of a weapon. The identities of the two suspects are not being released due to this being an ongoing investigation. Precinct 2 officials said they are hopeful more arrests will be made soon.

## TCRWC hosts Middleton



On Aug. 9, the Tri County Republican Women's Club hosted a school supply drive and luncheon featuring state Rep. Mayes Middleton (center), who is also a candidate for the state Senate District 11 seat being vacated by Sen. Larry Taylor. Shown above with the representative at the event are, left to right, Gaylyn DeVine, Rachel Redus, Denise Burleigh, Ann Strouhal, Liz Brannan and Lisa Rasco.

# Dobie's 2022-2023 administrative staff announced



Dobie High School officials recently announced their administration staff for the upcoming school year. Shown above are, left to right (front row), Ryan Peal, dean of Early College High School; Toni Noise, assistant principal; Jorly Thomas, principal; George Cervantes, Dobie9 principal; Neal Brownlee, Dobie9 assistant principal; Louis Cannon, assistant

principal; (back row) Clinton Hopper, assistant principal; Kristen Alexander, Dobie9 assistant principal; Adriana Robinson, Dobie9 assistant principal; Samantha Poullard, assistant principal; Dr. Lauren Calderaro, assistant principal; Marcia Griffin, assistant principal; Leslie Constant, assistant principal; and Carey Sink, assistant principal.

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

Thursday, Aug. 18, 4 - 5 p.m. Family Storytime. Join for a socially distanced, indoor storytime featuring books and activities for everyone in the family. Encourage family's love of reading through this cross generational literacy experience. Registration is required for the event.

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. CMH's The Basics Houston Fun\*Shops. Fun\*Shops are for families and caregivers with children 0 - 3 years old.

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 4 - 5 p.m. Kids craft. Class for kids ages 5-10.

Wednesday, Aug. 24, 6 - 7:30 p.m. English class - health and medicine - living English lessons. Registration is required for this event.

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

### Book drop

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

### Additional resources

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

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

### Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is open. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>.

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

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

Thursday, Aug. 18, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Toddler Time. This program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds. All children and families are welcome to join.

Friday, Aug. 19, 1 - 3 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Saturday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Virtual citizenship workshop. Join BPSOS Houston for a free virtual citizenship workshop every month. All workshops will take place online via Zoom. BPSOS will provide assistance on citizenship and immigration, and can help you find out if you qualify for a fee waiver for your citizenship interview. To register for a workshop, text your name to 281-826-9870.

Monday, Aug. 22, 5 - 7 p.m. Building Job Search Skills with Workforce Solutions. Registration required for entire series. Each week will cover a different topic related to finding jobs, getting ready for interviews, and networking, among other topics.

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 10 - 11:15 a.m. Story Time. Families with preschool age kids are welcome to join for stories and rhymes.

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

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
  - Have a library card number and PIN handy.
  - A pickup time and instructions will be given.
  - Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
  - Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
- Hours are: Monday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

### Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
  - Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).
  - Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
  - Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.
  - Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
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## Sports

### medicine staff ready at Dobie as year opens

The athletic trainers at Dobie High School provide health care that includes preventing, recognizing, assessing, managing, treating, disposing of, and re-conditioning athletic injuries. Shown at right are, left to right, Emma Johnson MAT, ATC, LAT (assistant athletic trainer- Dobie Main), Jesse Lopez LAT (head athletic trainer) and Lori Mahan MS, ATC, LAT (assistant athletic trainer -Dobie9).

Photo submitted



# Death

## Elda Garza Gomez

A resident of the South Belt area for 46 years, Elda Garza Gomez passed away Aug. 11, 2022.

She is preceded in death by her parents Leopoldo and Celia Garza; brothers Servando (Buck), Polo, Juan and Rene; and sister Gloria.

Elda is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Leopoldo; son Rene Alfredo (Linda); daughters Ruby (Patricia Perez) and Raquel

(Joe Venusto); grandchildren Amanda (Brenda Liguez), Noah and Joshua Gomez, and great-grandchildren Juliet and Logan Liguez.

Elda grew up in Hebronville until she moved to Houston in 1968 where she and Leopoldo started their family legacy. Elda enjoyed her life as a homemaker and was well known for her delicious cooking, and she loved having people around to feed. She also enjoyed spending time in the casinos and watching Dallas Cowboys football.

The viewing will be at

Pevey Funeral Home, from 11 a.m. till noon with a service at St. Lukes Catholic Church Friday Aug. 19 at 1 p.m.



## PISD Ed. Foundation celebrates

Pasadena ISD celebrated National Nonprofit Day, Aug. 17, to raise awareness about the generous contributions of the district's Education Foundation.

The Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) made up of community members, administrators, staff and alumni who lend their time and talents to support students and teachers through fundraising efforts and volunteer work.

Over the years, the Foun-

ation has awarded more than \$3 million to Pasadena ISD educators and students in the form of mini-grants and scholarships, respectively; in addition to donating hundreds of thousands to meet the needs of the district as a whole.

To learn more about the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation or to exercise one's passion and purpose and pay it forward, visit the Foundation website at <https://www.pasadenaisd.org/>.

Through overwhelming community support, the Foundation's annual signature events, such as the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball and golf tournaments, Athletics Hall of Fame, Shining Stars along with proceeds gathered through Cornerstone Club and more, the organization continuously gives back to students and staff.

## Pasadena ISD returns to class



South Belt students returned to class Tuesday, Aug. 16. Pasadena ISD administrators are pictured above welcoming Atkinson Elementary students on their first day of class. Shown above at the area campus are Pasadena ISD Associate Superintendent Alyta Harrell (left) and Atkinson Principal Chris Bui. See related photo on Page 1.

## Introductory Judaism class open

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's Rabbi Stuart Federow is conducting a class that introduces participants to Judaism and gives an opportunity to ask questions regarding Judaism or the Jewish community. The class examines Judaism's beliefs regarding sin, sacrifice, atonement, heaven/

hell/the afterlife, devil/Satan, Monotheism, the messiah and other topics. It goes through a vocabulary of Jewish life, Holidays and holy days, life cycle events and Judaism's view of the controversial issues of the day. The class is mandatory for anyone looking to convert to Judaism but

is open to those who are not.

This class meets Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom and on Zoom. Located at 16020, El Camino Real is a Conservative synagogue. For info and Zoom link, visit synagogue at [AdultEd@ShaarHaShalom.org](mailto:AdultEd@ShaarHaShalom.org).

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## Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of People of Sagemont 2 Facebook page posted they had tools stolen from their garage Tuesday, Aug. 9 on Sagemont Lane.

The member states the only items taken were a yellow DeWalt bag and a ratchet set.

A member from the Neighbor's app posted a video of a man that is seen getting into the member's vehicle Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 11 a.m. near Sabo Road and Kingspoint Road.

The member states that the man went to their door to see who was home and then went into member's vehicle. Other members also stated that they have seen the man around the neighborhood asking for money.

Another member of the same app posted a video of an individual who was caught on surveillance checking for unlocked doors on vehicles. There were other members that commented and stated three individuals walking in the area.

The incident took place Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 1:30 a.m. near Blackhawk and Alameda - Genoa Road.

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All are welcome to come to worship and serve the Lord in a spirit of love, sharing, and hope.

## Israeli folk dancing offered

Israeli folk dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Due to the schedule of the Jewish High Holy Days this year, the schedule for these couple of months has some sessions skipped.

September dates are Sept. 12 and 19 (no sessions

on 5 and 26). October dates are again only two - Oct. 24 and 31 (no sessions on 3, 10 and 17).

Cost is \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for non-members.

Newcomers are welcome to join the group.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

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## De Leons celebrate 50th anniversary

Gilbert and Yolanda De Leon recently celebrated their 50th anniversary this month. They celebrated with a family trip to Tamarindo, Costa Rica where they had a special ceremony to renew their vows. Their daughter Sandra De Leon; son Gil (Chelly) De

Leon and grandchildren Bella, Sofia and Gilby De Leon; son James (Katie) De Leon and grandchildren Josephine and Kolin De Leon joined them in their celebration. When they returned, their marriage was blessed at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church by the Rev.

Douglas Guthrie. Family members unable to attend the celebration in Costa Rica were son Tim (Jennifer) De Leon; grandson Josh

De Leon; granddaughters Lola Galindo, Micayla (Dylan) Buchheit; and great-grandson Thomas Oliver Buchheit.



## Sgt. Gardner recognized for heroic action

Sgt. David Gardner was recently awarded for his swift thinking and actions regarding an incident at San Jac's south campus, receiving a commendation and Life Saving Award at the board of trustees' meeting on Aug. 8. Shown with him are Vice Chancellor for Finance Teri Zamora and Chief of Police Sabrina Naulings.

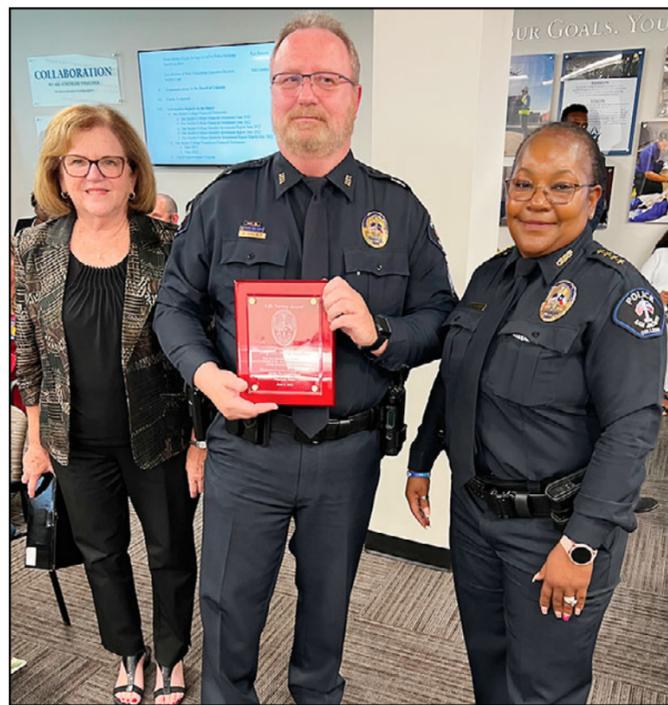
On June 1, 2022, at approximately 8:51 a.m., officers responded to a call for service of a "suspicious person" on the south campus. It was believed that the subject had come from the hospital located next to the campus. Officers advised that the individual appeared to not be of sound mind. Hearing this radio traffic, Gardner headed toward the location to assist.

Shortly afterward, officers advised that the subject

had circled away from campus but was now back on campus and had managed to climb up the water tower located on the south campus in parking lot #15. Hearing this information upon arrival, Gardner proceeded to the area of the water tower and engaged the person.

The individual advised Gardner that he wanted to speak with the FBI. Gardner then used his cellphone and contacted SJC PD Dispatch to communicate as if they were the FBI.

As the individual proceeded down the ladder to gain possession of the cellphone, Gardner was able to take hold of the subject and bring him safely to the ground. Houston Fire Department arrived on location and successfully transported the gentleman to Ben Taub Hospital for professional assistance.



Sgt. David Gardner (center) receives his Life Saving Award at the San Jac board of trustees' meeting on Aug. 8. Shown with him are Teri Zamora, vice chancellor of finance (left) and Sabrina Naulings, chief of police.

## Food drive supports community

"There is no finer investment for any community than putting milk into babies" - Sir Winston Churchill.

Making sure that babies, children and adults have enough to eat is always most important - and even more so now, when food prices have soared this year. That's why Congregation Shaar Hashalom has been continuously supporting the Clear Lake Baptist Church Food Drive.

It is called a "Food Drive," and indeed helping hunger is the main purpose.

However, this food drive includes wider support: as each family vehicle drives through, a medical person is available to consult for health needs.

As the cars drive through and the food is loaded into them, spiritual support is offered, and special treats for

kids are available. All come with welcome smiles.

And that's not all. Through the generosity of both members and anonymous donors, CSH Food Drive which is organized by Risa Stein, also provides cash donations every month. Cash donations for the month of July amounted to \$1,200.

The food and cash donations went to the Clear Lake Food Pantry which is operated by CLBC.

These monetary donations support the other needs of the community served by the church, such as the soup kitchen they conduct and homeless shelters.

CSH sends a thank you to

all donors. Special kudos go to all the regular givers as well as to Ashly and Tristan Medina, Heather McKnight, Wendy Kane, Shirley Safer and Nancy and Roger Wiess, who have not missed any of the food drive drop-offs.

Clear Lake Food Pantry is a not-for-profit faith-based organization, operated by the Clear Lake Baptist Church on El Dorado and Space Center Boulevard.

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For more information, contact the Synagogue at socialaction@shaarhashalom.org.

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## AARP meeting set for Sept. 8

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 welcomes anyone to join at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook. Meetings are held in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway.

Everyone is invited to come to the meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10:00. Each month entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors is presented at the meetings.

The program for Thursday, Sept. 8 will feature an expert panel discussing tax, legal and investment strategies in retirement. The panelists will include:

- Rob Challenger, Tremont Street Financial Group.
- Shannon Simms, CPA Ham Langston & Brezina.
- Kim Hegwood, Hegwood Law Group.

The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. after the chapter business meeting. The social after the program will be Bingo hosted by Kim Hegwood Law Group.

AARP Chapter 199 also organizes day trips for the AARP Chapter 199 members by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next bus trip will be on Tuesday, Oct. 18 to Navasota and Anderson

for Homes of the Alamo Defenders Tour. One may register and pay for this trip at the regular AARP Chapter 199 meeting on Sept. 8. Bring correct change or a check made out to AARP Chapter 199. If anyone is interested in joining AARP Chapter 199, annual dues are \$8.00 per year per person. However, membership of a national AARP and a current national membership card is required to join any local chapter. AARP chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For more information, contact Lynne Justis at 832-212-5417 or aarpchapter199@yahoo.com.

## CSH continuing "cookies for cops"

In another community outreach, Corporation for Supportive Housing continues to express support and gratitude for the local police departments' work. CSH's "Cookies for Cops" project sends baking goods to three law enforcement agencies: Precinct 8 in Clear Lake, Precinct 8 in Pasadena, and HPD across Clear Lake HS and UHCL. This project is a "thank you" to all the officers who have always been looking out for the community.

The officers from Precinct 8 who covered security for CSH garage sale during

the last two Sundays in July, already asked when the next "cookies" visit will be - so CSH is gearing up for it. A special thanks to CSH's new ladies, Wanda Anderson and Cynthia Doniger who added to the baking of the regular bakers Nancy Weiss, Kari Sokolow and others for their baking expertise.

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## County Mental Health Jail Diversion Program honored

A statewide group is commending a program, under the leadership of District Attorney Kim Ogg, for its "outstanding" results in keeping the community safer by helping mentally ill people instead of locking them up.

The Harris County Mental Health Jail Diversion Program has been so successful at efficiently using tax dollars and improving people's lives that the Texas Association of Counties is honoring the effort with its 2022 County Best Practices Award.

In addition to the award, the association is calling on other counties to replicate

the innovation in their communities. Established in 2018, the program diverts mentally ill individuals suspected of low-level, nonviolent offenses to the Judge Ed Emmett Mental Health Diversion Center. Rather than being booked into the county jail and facing criminal charges for "nuisance" offenses such as trespassing, they are evaluated and receive "wraparound" services to address multiple needs stemming from mental illness.

"This award is proof that we are able to balance reform and public safety," Ogg said. "It also has the benefit of being the right thing to do, and it saves taxpayers millions of dollars."

For every \$1 spent on diversion, Harris County saves \$5.54 on criminal justice costs, a recent study determined.

As of May, when the program was nominated for the award, more than 5,200 diversions had been counted, helping to ease jail crowding. That total recently surpassed 6,000.

In addition to the District Attorney's Office, stakeholders in the program include the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Houston Police Department, Harris County Judge's Office, Commissioners Court and Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Mental Health Standing Committee.

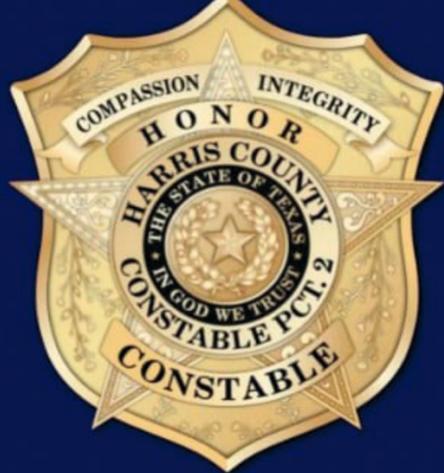
"The program gets to the root of what is causing criminal behavior with a holistic approach to keep individuals out of the criminal justice system, not just today but forever. It also allows law enforcement to prioritize more serious, violent crime," Ogg said.

The Texas Association of Counties' County Best Practices Awards Program recognizes the efforts of county leaders in creating new, efficient and effective solutions to challenges facing local government.

These solutions include innovative programs, increased delivery of services and superior achievements in all areas of county operations.

Examples include financial and general management, public safety and corrections, health and human services, technology, community improvements and other county-related responsibilities.

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# “Counterparts” exhibit debuts at UHCL gallery



Shown above is Paula Gron, alongside her three-dimensional flora-and fauna-inspired artwork.

Paula and Jack Gron, both lifelong artists who happen to be married to each other, work in completely different media. Paula's art reflects her need to have “busy, busy hands,” using sewn, quilted and assembled textile techniques that are inspired by nature and color. Jack's work is in metal and wood and is an expression of the full range of his emotions.

Together, they have chosen about 40 pieces and combined them for an exhibition titled “Counterparts,” to open on Sept. 6 at University of Houston-Clear Lake's Art Gallery, located in the Bayou Building. “We are counterparts. We are part of the same machine,” said Paula. “We complement each other, but our work is not similar. I draw my inspiration from the outside world; from nature and life forms. Jack draws his inspiration from within, so he's expressing himself emotionally in his sculptures.”

Paula, a former commercial graphic artist, said she has always loved crocheting, weaving and sewing, and her work often depicts seeds released from pods. “I am trying to raise awareness about vanishing flora and fauna in the world,” she said. “I've learned from local botanists, the Millennium Seed Bank in Sussex, England and use the IUCN RedList of endangered plants.”

Jack, a retired art professor, said he'd been creating art as well as teaching college students his entire career. “I taught metals —welding, forging, bronze, aluminum, stainless steel,” he said. “My work has taken me all over the world, but when the pandemic hit, I was cloistered in my studio with no place to go. I decided to use up the materials I had in my studio and work intuitively. I let the work dictate to me how it should be.”

He decided to reincorporate wood into his work, combining it with metals. “I find that interesting; the surfaces, textures and reflections,” he said. “I al-

ways work with what the piece is telling me. It changes as the work evolves. I allow for spontaneity to occur in the work, so if I see something happening that I didn't account for in the sketch, I allow for that.”

He said that the highlight of his works in the exhibition was a piece called “Bridges,” a combination of stainless steel, aluminum and wood. “It's very striking and everything else is built around it,” he said. “I've done several pieces called ‘Bridges’ in my career. It's about connecting one thing to another, or going from one place to another via this structure.”

Paula said that of all the pieces in her part of the exhibition, she hoped people would note the herbarium data sheet triptych. “Scientists very carefully tape gathered, dried plants with seeds in bags onto archival paper along with the data about where that plant was found, including its dimensions and its vulnerability,” she said. “My artistic interpretation is that I wanted to duplicate that on canvas, make the floral part 3D and add a quilting element to it.”

“Counterparts” is Jack's first exhibition to feature hard-wood to add contrast of surface, texture and color. Paula said her work is primarily a commentary on worldwide human and industrial impacts that affect the extinction rates of plant life.

Commenting on what they hope viewers will take away from this exhibition, Jack says he hopes the “versatility of our work and our expression,” is manifest through various materials and processes, as well as appreciate how their work is very different, but complements each other. Paula adds she hopes to bring further awareness to endangered plant life, as her work interprets what she sees.

The exhibition will run through Oct. 21. For more information, visit [www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery/](http://www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery/).

# South Belt school districts focus on student safety

## Students urged to “see something, say something”

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campus, including Dobie. Some campuses, including Dobie and Dobie9, may require clear or mesh backpacks for safety purposes. Discretion is up to the school principal.

A bond proposal passed this last May included funding for improved video surveillance equipment, parking lot lighting upgrades and enhanced intrusion alarm systems.

Pasadena ISD's school safety plan includes the following components:

- **Pasadena ISD Police Department:** The Pasadena ISD Police Department is partnering with local law enforcement agencies to increase its police presence throughout the school district.

- **A.L.I.C.E. drills (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate):** A.L.I.C.E. is the leading training solution that increases an organization's and individual's odds of survival during a violent intruder event.

- **Emergency response drills:** Campuses utilize a set of Standard Response Protocols to routinely conduct drills addressing events such as severe weather, medical emergencies, fire evacuations, hazardous materials release, suspicious persons and an active shooter situation.

- **Anonymous Alerts:** The Anonymous Alerts app encourages students, parents, staff and community members to be proactive about school safety by reporting suspicious activity, bullying or any issues

- **Upgraded cyber security for students and staff.**

- **Upgraded main entrance security.**

- **Classroom doors remain locked throughout instructional time.**

- **Campus and district behavioral threat assessment teams.**

- **Metal detector screening:** Pasadena ISD implemented random metal detector screenings for secondary campuses to prevent and deter students from bringing weapons to a school.

- **Emergency alert notifications:** Emergency alert notifications allow staff members to immediately notify campus, district and police of potential threats or emergency situations through the app.

- **Safe School Ambassador Program:** The Safe School Ambassador Program is an evidence-based program that harnesses the power of students to prevent and stop bullying and mistreatment.

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## Man killed in crash

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Houston Healthcare Clear Lake, where he was later pronounced dead.

The 19-year-old male driver

of the Ford was not injured. He was questioned and released pending further investigation.

At press time, no charges had been filed in the case.

## City ends vaccinations

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pox vaccine. It retained 3,516 doses and provided 1,508 doses to Harris County Public Health.

Groups prioritized by the department for monkeypox vaccination include the following:

- People confirmed to have had high- or intermediate-risk contact with someone with monkeypox, as defined by CDC.

- People who attended an event or venue where there was a high risk of exposure to someone with confirmed monkeypox virus through skin-to-skin or sexual contact. The department works with event or venue organizers to identify people who may have been present and at risk of exposure while at the venue.

- Other groups receiving vaccination priority include the following people:

- Those diagnosed with gonorrhea or early syphilis within the past three months.

- Those on HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

- Those who attended or worked at a commercial sex venue or other venues where they had anonymous sex or sex with multiple partners (e.g., saunas, bathhouses, sex clubs, sex parties) within the past 21 days.

The threat of monkeypox to Houston's general population remains low. Monkeypox is rare and doesn't spread easily between people without close, personal, skin-to-skin contact.

Symptoms include a rash or sores that can look like pimples or blisters, fever, headache, weakness, chills and swollen lymph nodes.

Monkeypox can spread from person to person through prolonged face-to-face contact, intimate contact and or close contact with the infectious rash, scabs or body fluids. Contact with items such as clothing or linens that previously touched the rash or body fluids is another way monkeypox spreads.

The illness usually lasts two to four weeks. It can spread from the time symptoms start until the rash fully heals and a fresh layer of skin has formed.

People who suspect that they have monkeypox symptoms such as new unexplained rash or sores need to contact their doctor to set up a screening appointment.

For more information about monkeypox, prevention tips and resources, visit [houstonhealth.org](http://houstonhealth.org) or call the department's call center at 832-393-4220.

## Deputies make large drug seizure



Deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit recently took part in an operation that yielded a large amount of methamphetamine. Deputies seized more than 134 pounds of the product, as well as 3 pounds of marijuana and multiple firearms. Precinct 2 was assisted by numerous other law enforcement agencies, including federal authorities.

# Remember When

**45 years ago (1977)**  
A fire burned Otis and Dora Reed's home to the ground. No one was home at the time of the fire because the two were out of town on a business trip and their children were staying with friends.

A Scarsdale Police vehicle was impounded by the Houston Police Department after it was involved in a hit-and-run accident. The vehicle was traveling on the Gulf Freeway with its lights flashing when the accident occurred.

**40 years ago (1982)**  
Trustees of the Pasadena school district approved keeping the same tax rate as the year before while adopting a \$78.4 million budget, up 15 percent over the previous year's budget.

Dam Phong Nguyen, 48, publisher of a Vietnamese-language newspaper out of his home, was shot to death in his garage.

Throughout PISD, first-day enrollment was up 228 students over the previous year; however, enrollment in the nine South Belt schools was down.

**35 years ago (1987)**  
The state commissioner of education ruled that the Green Tee subdivision could deannex itself from the Clear Creek district.

Joe Grizzaffi spotted either a crocodile or an alligator by the Sagemont Presbyterian Church.

The trial for 16-year-old Lamont Roberts, accused of murder in connection with the death of his father, began in the 313th Civil Court.

**30 years ago (1992)**  
Bianca Bradford was crowned Miss Black Teen Houston at the official Miss Black Houston/Miss Black Teen Houston Pageant. She was awarded a prize package of more than \$5,000 including a \$1,000 educational scholarship, fur jacket, stereo, watch and luggage.

The dream season of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League 12 year-old all-stars came to an end when they lost to Louisiana 8-1 in the final of the Southern Regionals.

They were the first SBH team to advance to the finals of the regional tournament.

**25 years ago (1997)**  
Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi honored Jan Walker as its Woman of the Year.

A 14-year-old male was found guilty of a first-degree felony sexual assault against a 6-year-old boy.

Dobie junior Felicia Virgadamo and Clear Brook student Robbie Olson helped a Houston golf team win the junior national championship at the U.S. Inner City Games.

**20 years ago (2002)**  
South Belt parents complained to CCISD in an effort to alleviate the problem of children being on unair-conditioned buses for long periods of time. Superintendent Dr. John Wilson and Associate Superintendent of Support Services George Wilson decided to switch

an air-conditioned bus on a 75-minute route to a 90-minute route. This was the longest route of three in the South Belt area.

Nabisco hosted a benefit for 8-year-old Austyn Miller, who was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.

**15 years ago (2007)**  
City officials dismissed the tickets that were wrongly issued over the July 4th holidays. Those who had their tickets dismissed were notified by mail.

A presentation titled Parking Street Smarts was delivered at the Sagemont Civic Club meeting by the City of Houston parking management division. The meeting was part of a city-wide initiative to inform residents about parking legalities.

State Rep. Robert Talton filed the necessary paperwork to run for the 22nd

Congressional District seat held by Nick Lampson. South Belt resident and member of the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees, Fred Roberts, said he intended to run for Talton's position.

The J. Frank Dobie High School wind ensemble received an invitation to perform at the National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis. The festival was one of the premier educational events for America's high school concert bands and percussion ensembles.

**10 years ago (2012)**  
South Belt Girls Softball Association President Ruben Garcia was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award from TSS Photography for his dedication to youth sports in the South Belt community. Garcia was selected from 789 submissions statewide.

More than 200 elected officials, community members, and former and current San Jacinto College employees joined Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer and members of the Harris County Historical Commission to unveil an official Texas Historical Marker in honor of the college's 50th anniversary, on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

**5 years ago (2017)**  
The pharmacy of the H-E-B located in the 9800 block of Blackhawk at Beltway 8 was robbed at gunpoint early Wednesday, Aug. 2. According to the Houston Police Department, two male suspects broke the front glass doors to gain entry to the store around 2:35 a.m. When store stockers confronted the men, one of the suspects said he had a gun and motioned to his waistband. The armed suspect then held the employees at bay, while the sec-

ond suspect broke into the pharmacy with a crowbar. The suspects fled the scene with a large amount of stolen drugs. No immediate arrests were made.

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees unanimously approved an item calling for a 13-cent tax-ratification election, to be held Tuesday, Nov. 7. PISD had not raised taxes in over a decade and maintained one of the lowest tax rates in the region, district officials said. At the time of the announcement, the average taxable value of a home in Pasadena ISD was approximately \$130,000, and the impact would be an increase of \$9.30 per month, or more specifically, \$0.33 per day. Homeowners over the age of 65 or disabled individuals would not be affected.

**1 year ago (2021)**  
Two additional juveniles

were arrested in connection to the July 17 murder of Elsa Mikeska, 62, that took place in the 10500 block of Fuqua near Beamer. A 16-year-old believed to be the gunman was arrested in early July on charges of capital murder.

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**MARY ELLEN ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY**  
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Mary Ellen Morgan** Aug. 23 from her husband **Larry**, son **Tommy**, daughter **Elizabeth Echols**, son-in-law **Tim Echols**, grandson **Justin Echols** and the *Leader* staff.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 18 through Aug. 24.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting to **Adrienne Wilkins** Aug. 19.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Send a happy birthday greeting to **Melisa Evans** Aug. 18. Share a slice of birthday cake with **Romona Dawson** Aug. 22.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Enjoying a birthday Aug. 22 is **Elena Pantoja**. Send a happy birthday greeting Aug. 23 to **Steven Sawyer**.

**Meador Elementary**  
Celebrating a birthday Aug. 21 is **Judith Kelly**. Remember to wish **Heather Morales** a happy birthday Aug. 22. Break out the balloons and party favors Aug. 24 for **Kim**

**Cowan.**  
**Moore Elementary**  
Send a happy birthday greeting Aug. 18 to **Roxanne Carbajal**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Celebrating a special birthday Aug. 20 is **Tracy Duron**. Send a greeting to **Lauren Palos** for an Aug. 22 birthday. Having a memorable birthday celebration Aug. 23 is **Cristina Rodriguez**.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Sing a chorus of a birthday song Aug. 18 to **Valerie Espinosa**. Celebrating a birthday Aug. 22 is **Maria Diaz**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Send a birthday greeting Aug. 23 to **Ellen Murphy**.

**Dobie High**  
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Aug. 19 are sent to **Lorena Benavides Sanchez**. **Cindy Mutz** marks a birthday Aug. 21.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The *Leader* sends birthday wishes to friends. For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, email [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com) with “OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays” in the subject line by

Friday noon for the next week's publication. Thursday, Aug. 18: **Marty Gomez**, **Cathy Shipley**, **Shametta Benson**, **Corina Lopez**, **Jo Anne Muse**, **Vita Bernal**, **Annette Barrientos** and **Chris Cook**; Friday, Aug. 19: **Robert Mireles**, **Nathan Nguyen**, **Pamela Walters**, **Jody Urschel-Oun**, **Shandy Lecourias**, **Pamela McDonald** and **Derrick Pyper**; Saturday, Aug. 20: **Rachel McClure**, **Claire Speck**, **Raymond Jackson** and **Todd Nathans**; Sunday, Aug. 21: **John Linares**, **Kip Ledgerwood**, **Gabrielle Loya**, **Brandi Washer** and **Leticia Gonzalez**; Monday, Aug. 22: **Pat Gonzales**, **Monica Castro**, **Kassi Richardson**, **Herman Garcia**, **Chrystal Sulak**, **Janie Chapaand Bill Edwards**; Tuesday, Aug. 23: **Viv Castillo**, **Mary Miller**, **Jim Kunkel**, **Shelly Rivera**, **Mary Wesfahl** and **Patti Parker**; and Wednesday, Aug. 24: **Mike Justice**, **Sammie Mejia**, **Yessica Musquiz**, **Alyssa Keller** and **Amber Burda**.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Dobie volleyball to Dickinson; locals finding success early on

Dobie headed into the Dickinson ISD Invitational Aug. 18-20 looking to build some early-season momentum.

Despite a bit of a surprising straight set loss (25-12, 25-22, 25-16) to Baytown Sterling Aug. 9, the Lady Longhorns bounced back Aug. 12 with a sweep of Goose Creek Memorial, cruising 25-20, 25-15, 25-14 for their first win of 2022.

Dobie then hosted Crosby Aug. 16 after press time at Phillips Field House.

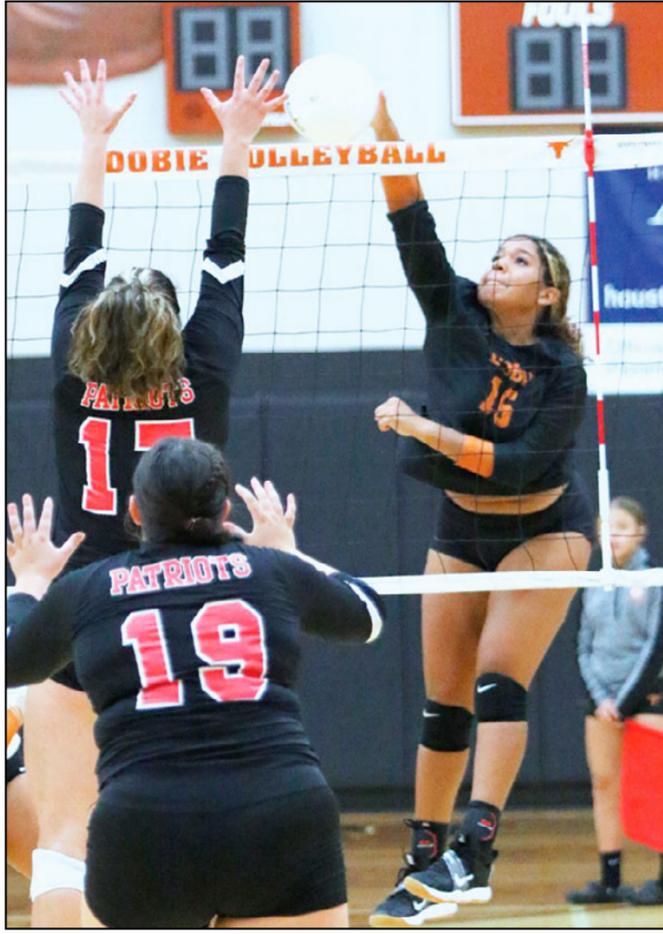
Alexa Gonzalez, one of the Longhorns' three returning first team All-District performers, got off to a sizzling all-around start with 25 assists, 20 digs and 18 kills, all team highs, over the first six sets of the season.

Varsity newcomer Naima LeBlanc added 12 kills to go with eight from

Ariana Garza, and Haley DeHoyos had a team-high five total blocks. Junior Aly Frias contributed 18 digs and eight assists, and Bella Perez had 13 digs.

In between taking part in the Dickinson ISD event Aug. 18 and Aug. 20, Dobie will travel to Fort Bend Marshall Aug. 19 and will host Spring Aug. 23.

Through the first week, Dobie appears ready to gain momentum.



Varsity newcomer Naima LeBlanc (16) got off to a strong start for Dobie, registering 12 kills over the first six sets of the season. She will aim to continue the momentum as the Longhorns play at the Dickinson ISD Invitational Aug. 18 and Aug. 20.

Photos by Donna Alsdorf

## Despite up-and-down start, Dobie netters see high notes

As expected, the fall team tennis season will be a work in progress for the Dobie varsity program, which is off to a 1-5 start following a very busy first week of play.

The Dobie lineup, undergoing a remake this season after heavy graduation losses the previous two years, earned a 16-3 win over the Dickinson Gators Aug. 8 but otherwise saw the going tough in five other losses.

Admittedly, the Longhorns went against some of the region's elite programs, including Friendswood, Dawson, Clear Creek and Katy. The locals also lost a 14-5 decision to neighboring Clear Brook. Despite the final tallies, Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. saw progress.

"Our schedule is always tough, and that's how I believe you improve as a group is to go against the better programs. So far, we have had some opportunities in some matches to win some key points, some key games. We haven't been able to win as many of those as we would like, so we have to keep working."

While there are seven doubles matches that preceded 12 singles matches,

the Longhorns under Moreno's tutelage have always placed a heavy emphasis on winning a high percentage of doubles matches. This season, obviously, is no different.

In the win over Dickinson, the Longhorns led 6-1 after the doubles portion of play and were able to cruise to the easy team win. In the five losses, not as much success was seen.

When things align properly, the Dobie squad would like to have Ashley Huynh and Hailey Maldonado at No. 1 doubles on

the girls' side, with Tiffany Tran and Natalie Vo at No. 2 and Leena Pham and Kayla Tran at No. 3.

Moreno envisions Nestor Garza as the boys' half of the mixed doubles, with either Leslie Figueroa or Amalia Reyes as the girls' player.

As for the boys' doubles, there's William Ho and Ryan Le at No. 1, Dominic Ortiz and Tang Tran at No. 2 and Nolan Flores teaming with Diego Tran at the No. 3 spot.

For the most part, these

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## Brook VB wins two at Turner, top field helps serve up season

Clear Brook will keep its busy opening stretch of action with an appearance at the Aug. 18 and Aug. 20 Dickinson ISD Invitational following a weekend of steady play at the John Turner Invitational.

With 10 returnees rostered for this season, the Wolverines believe they can climb back toward a postseason berth after winning just four times in league play over the previous two seasons.

The Wolverines lost in four sets to TAPPS power St. Agnes on opening night Aug. 9 but played well at the prestigious

John Turner Classic event Aug. 11-13.

During pool play the first day, Clear Brook lost 25-19, 25-14 to Ful-shear and 25-13, 25-18 to Friendswood but then won 25-21, 25-23 against Kingwood Park.

The following day, Clear Brook beat Nederland 25-22, 25-22 but then fell 25-18, 25-16 to Sherer Clemens.

On the final day of the event during bracket play, the Wolverines fell 25-16, 25-12 to Episcopal and then lost to New Braunfels 25-19, 25-22.

The Turner Classic is

annually one of the most talent-rich events in the state.

As for the biggest tournament honors, Cornerstone Christian outlasted The Woodlands 22-25, 25-22, 25-21 to win the platinum division.

In the gold bracket, Clear Springs set the tone early for a run at the District 24-6A crown, winning the Turner title with a 22-25, 25-23, 25-17 win over San Antonio Harlan.

As for the silver bracket, it was San Antonio Reagan over Brazoswood, and McKinney bested St. John's for bronze.

## Dobie's new era under Stafford starts against Clear Springs

Months in the making, Demond Stafford is set to make his head coaching debut at Dobie High School as the Longhorns' football program travels to Clear Springs Aug. 18 to face the Chargers.

A week later, Stafford will run the Dobie sideline as the Longhorns kick off the 2022 regular season Friday, Aug. 26 against the Clear Brook Wolverines at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.

players and how things are taking shape entering 2022.

New regime at Dobie aside, the Longhorns are working on a run of four consecutive playoff berths and have every intention of making it five come November.

The process all begins now. In going against Clear Springs in the lone scrimmage for both programs, Dobie will face a varsity squad under head

coach Anthony Renfro that expects to challenge for the District 24-6A crown. Running back Xia'Shaun Edwards is coming off a 1,500-yard season in 2021, and the Chargers have made a string of playoff runs themselves.

In turn, Dobie went 8-3 overall in 2021 and fell to North Shore in the bidistrict playoff round before watching 38 seniors off the playoff roster graduate last June.

Remaining are roughly 19 playoffs from that post-season roster. Fans tend to focus on the quarterback

position. Dobie must replace a three-year starter, but the offensive front will also welcome four new starters. Go-to running back work is available, and there is more.

Defensively, the secondary has been reloaded, and there are plenty of opportunities elsewhere. The word "rebuild" may not fit, but the Longhorns are close at the varsity level.

At quarterback, Stafford said, "Right now, we are looking at a platoon system." Up front, starters are penciled in along with varsity returnee Evan Jordan, and the opportunity is there for guys to emerge. Ditto for the defensive secondary, and the staff is excited to see what Nigel Hill can bring in a full season.

Noted as Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine's preseason Defensive Player of the Year in 2021 out of District 22-6A, Hill was limited to four games as a junior due to injury but has since made the recruiting rounds and is eyeing a big year.

"From a personal standpoint, it'll be an honor to go out and lead this tremendous football program into the future," Stafford said.

"Having been an assistant here prior, it's coming full circle for me. I'm proud to be in this position, and I know we are all excited to be getting started."

Only so much can be gleaned from scrimmages. They do serve as a dress rehearsal heading into the regular season but otherwise can be rather vanilla.

"Obviously, No. 1 is emerging from the scrimmage healthy, but also we want to see guys take advantage of opportunities and to present some competition in-house."

"Overall, we are young, and while we want to win every night we go

out there, we realize the nondistrict portion of the schedule will likely be a good proving ground for some kids.

"The focus is to be ready for that district opener (Sept. 22 against Deer Park at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena), so we will look for improvement each week as we head to-

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At left, Dobie linebacker Nigel Hill will look to make a big splash this season after playing very well as a junior before being injured after four games. Switching to jersey No. 1 for his senior campaign, Hill aims to display the skills that made him a previous preseason defensive player of the year candidate.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

## Horns to get started Thursday, Aug. 18 Dobie at Clear Springs

FR: 4:30 p.m.; JV: 5:30 p.m.; VAR: 7 p.m.

Just the 11th head coach of the Dobie football program in its 52-year history, Stafford was an assistant for a couple of seasons with the Longhorns in the 2000s and most recently enjoyed a successful three-year run as Sam Rayburn's head coach.

On board at Dobie since March, Stafford first watched his troops operate through spring practices and then summer 7-on-7 play, but now it gets real.

As excited as Stafford is to begin his on-field tenure with the Longhorns, the focus will be on the

coach Anthony Renfro that expects to challenge for the District 24-6A crown. Running back Xia'Shaun Edwards is coming off a 1,500-yard season in 2021, and the Chargers have made a string of playoff runs themselves.

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## Brook boys open at Lake

At right, the Clear Brook varsity boys' cross-country program started the 2022 season strong at the Clear Lake High School pairs event Aug. 12, with juniors, left to right, Ruben Herrera, Eden Diaz, Joseph Trevino and Tristan Ecord, running well. Diaz ran the first 3k behind teammate Trevino as the duo was second overall to Clear Lake. Herrera and Ecord also collaborated as the Wolverines got off to a steady start. Clear Brook missed reaching regionals as a team by one spot in 2021 and are looking to take that next step this season.



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## Padua picks Waldorf University baseball



Christian Padua, a Dobie High School Class of 2022 graduate and varsity baseball player, has announced that he will continue his education and playing career at Waldorf University, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics program in Forest City, Iowa. A right-handed pitcher, Padua earned honorable mention All-District accolades following the 2022 season as he helped the Longhorns reach the bidistrict playoffs. The Waldorf Warriors were 15-27 last season.

## Dobie girls start cross-country season at Clear Lake



The Dobie girls' cross-country squad got off to a successful start at the Clear Lake High School pairs competition Aug. 12 as sophomore Lauren Garza and Valerie Salazar teamed for sixth place overall. Members of the team include, left to right, Garza, senior Ashlee Garcia, junior Kyla Lobo, senior Isela Munoz, senior Ashley Dunn and Salazar, a junior. Garcia is also an all-district performer for the Dobie varsity volleyball program, and Dunn is a goalie with the Longhorns' varsity soccer program.

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### Dobie tennis 16, Dickinson 3

#### Boys' doubles

- 1) William Ho/Ryan Le (D) def. Zak Dobrenyski/Landon Mashburn, 8-1.
- 2) Dominic Ortiz/Thang Tran (D) def. Lucas Bragg/Tristan Mitchell, 8-2.
- 3) Diego Flores/Nolan Tran (D) def. Fisher Palmer/Liam Span, 8-4.

#### Girls' doubles

- 1) Ashley Huynh/Hailey Maldonado (D) def. Aliyah Cooper/Elena Palmer, 8-3.
- 2) Elysa Atkinson/Jadean Hall (Dickinson) def. Leslie Figueroa/Natalie Vo, 8-4.
- 3) Janice Padilla/Abigail Panza (D) def. Cory Tran/Rose Truong, 9-8 (7-5).

#### Mixed doubles

- 1) Amalia Reyes/Nestor Garza (D) def. Sophia Standridge/Todd Atkinson, 8-3.

#### Boys' singles

- 1) William Ho (D) def. Lucas Bragg, 6-1, 3-6, 10-4.
- 2) Dominic Ortiz (D) def. Tristan Mitchell, 6-0, 6-1.
- 3) Thang Tran (D) def. Zak Dobrenyski, 6-0, 6-1.
- 4) Ryan Le (D) def. Landon Mashburn, 6-2, 6-4.
- 5) Nolan Tran (D) def. Fisher Palmer, 6-0, 6-1.
- 6) Diego Flores (D) def. Liam Span, 6-1, 6-3.

#### Girls' singles

- 1) Hailey Maldonado (D) def. Elysa Atkinson, 6-3, 7-5.
- 2) Aliyah Cooper (Dickinson) def. Ashley Huynh, 6-4, 6-2.
- 3) Leslie Figueroa (D) def. Cory Tran, 7-6 (11-9), 6-2.
- 4) Natalie Vo (D) def. Jadean Hall, 6-2, 6-2.
- 5) Elena Palmer (Dickinson) def. Amalia Reyes, 8-6.
- 6) Abigail Panza (D) def. Rose Truong, 6-0, 7-5.

Note: Dobie earned its first victory of the 2022 team tennis season over the Gators, winning six of the seven doubles matches to spur the win.

### Clear Brook 11, Dobie tennis 1

#### Boys' doubles

- 1) Ryan Dang/Josh Guillory (CB) def. William Ho/Ryan Le, 8-6.
- 2) Yusuf Islam/Andrew Tran (CB) def. Dominic Ortiz/Thang Tran, 9-8.
- 3) Diego Flores/Nolan Tran (D) def. Brayden Campos-Eschete, 8-4.

#### Girls' doubles

- 1) Catherine Nguyen/Rebecca Ruiz (CB) def. Ashley Huynh/Hailey Maldonado, 8-1.
- 2) Mackenzie Griffin/Gabriela Ruiz (CB) def. Leena Pham/Natalie Vo, 8-5.
- 3) Narissa Chan/Reagan Dang (CB) def. Leslie Figueroa/Kayla Tran, 8-3.

#### Mixed doubles

- 1) Amberlyn Carter/Ahed Abukmail (CB) def. Janice Padilla/Nestor Garza, 8-1.

#### Boys' singles

- 1) Ahed Abukmail (CB) def. William Ho, 8-1.
- 2) Dominic Ortiz (D) vs. Ryan Dang (CB), did not finish.
- 3) Thang Tran (D) vs. Josh Guillory (CB), did not finish.
- 4) Ryan Le (D) vs. Yusuf Islam (CB), did not finish.
- 5) Nolan Tran (D) vs. Andrew Tran (CB), did not finish.
- 6) Diego Flores (D) vs. Fadhil Mohammed (CB), did not finish.

#### Girls' singles

- 1) Karina Candappa (CB) def. Ashley Huynh, 8-1.
- 2) Amberlyn Carter (CB) def. Hailey Maldonado, 8-3.
- 3) Rebecca Ruiz (CB) def. Leslie Figueroa, 8-3.
- 4) Gabriela Ruiz (CB) def. Leena Pham, 8-4.
- 5) Natalie Vo (D) vs. Narissa Chan (CB), did not finish.
- 6) Kayla Tran (D) vs. Reagan Dang (CB), did not finish.

Note: Clear Brook opened its season at 2-0 including its win over Dobie.

## Dobie varsity team tennis unit continues busy opening month

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same core players will make up the singles roster as things progress. In some cases, players are competing in larger roles than ever before at the varsity level, while others are playing at the varsity level entirely. It will take match experience for some of the players to get accustomed to varsity team tennis, which is the focus of why the schedule is as busy as

it is. Against Dickinson, Dobie got boys' singles victories from Ortiz at No. 2, Thang Tran at No. 3, Le at No. 4, Nolan Tran at No. 5 and No. 6 player Flores.  
On the girls' side of things, victories over Dickinson came from Maldonado in the top spot, No. 3 player Figueroa, Vo at No. 4 and No. 6 player Abigail Panza.

hard and have the right attitude, but it's a challenge to get wins at this level," Moreno said.  
"The focus will always be on the district matches. For now, we have to find some consistency in the doubles and get as many wins as we can on that side of things. We need to solidify some things on the girls' side and allow those pairs to play more matches together."

## Longhorn football to scrimmage Clear Springs Chargers Aug. 18

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ward the opener. Again, we want to get wins every time out, but I also think it will take a little bit for some guys to emerge. With the returnees, you have a general expectation of what you can expect. And in some cases, we are asking the returning guys to play larger roles. We

know things will come together as things progress. How quickly that happens could determine a lot of things as far as wins and losses."  
Dobie's opening-week opponent, Clear Brook, is in a similar scenario. First-year head coach Patrick Sanders only came on board this summer. The Wolverines, like Dobie, will go with a first-year quarterback and must find additional help at some of

the skill positions.  
"You prepare kids to be as successful as possible and let them go out and play," Stafford said.  
"The players are ready to get out there and test their skills against a different colored jersey. A lot of them, and the coaches as well, have waited for this time to come.  
"Our expectations are high. We just have to go out there and execute to the best of our abilities."

## Clear Brook, Dobie volleyball headed to Dickinson Invitational Aug. 18

Dobie vs. La Porte, noon  
Dobie vs. Second Baptist, 2 p.m.  
Dobie vs. Shadow Creek, 4 p.m.

Brook vs. Hightower, noon  
Brook vs. PN-Groves, 2 p.m.  
Brook vs. Needville, 4 p.m.



The Longhorns' Ariana Garza (8), a first team all-22-6A choice as a sophomore in 2021, opened her junior season with eight kills over two matches as part of a solid all-around effort as Dobie had a win and a loss. The locals are now headed to the Dickinson Invitational.



Alexa Gonzalez (11) had a terrific start to her junior season. The 2021 All-District first-team performer had team highs of 25 assists, 20 digs and 18 kills as Dobie split matches against Baytown Sterling (loss) and Goose Creek Memorial (win).

### Dobie Longhorns

#### 2022 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	Clear Brook	7 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Grand Oaks	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Hou. Lamar	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	*Deer Park	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	*at Pasadena	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	*Memorial	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	*at Channelview	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	*Sam Rayburn	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	*at S. Houston	7 p.m.

\* - District 22-6A games

### Clear Brook Wolverines

#### 2022 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	at Dobie	7 p.m.
Sept. 2	Baytown Lee	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Pas. Memorial	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Deer Park	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	*Clear Falls	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	*at Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	*at Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	*Dickinson	7 p.m.

\* - District 24-6A games

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## CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18**  
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.  
6 p.m. **Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter** - Meets at Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 19**  
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.  
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200.  
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
8 p.m. **AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**  
7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom**

- See Friday's notice.  
11 a.m. **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 knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**  
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. Call 281-479-7285.  
2 p.m. **Grief Support Group** - Meets Sunday at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787.  
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.  
8 p.m. **AA** - Meeting. See Friday's notice.  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 22**  
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
1:30 - 3 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Volunteers Jerry and Edith Sanford teach lessons Mondays with a different dance rhythm each month. Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.  
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 with the exception of the second and fourth Mondays (in person) at https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com. Visit the website or call 281-467-1880.  
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensi-**

**bly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg, room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.  
7 p.m. **AA** - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery in the Education Bldg. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479.  
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23**  
77 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. **American Begonia Society** - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, at Helen Hall Library, 300 W. Walker in League City. No meetings during holiday weeks. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.  
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24**  
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573, is open. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate Wednesday sessions for casual ballroom dancing (not dance lessons). Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.  
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. **AA** - Meeting. See Friday's Notice.

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## Bay Area Football League Week 1 Results

	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.	PWs
<b>Cowboys</b>	20	42	33	0	35
<b>Wildcats</b>	0	0	6	34	6
<b>Dolphins</b>	13	--	--	0	20
<b>Eagles</b>	12	--	--	26	30

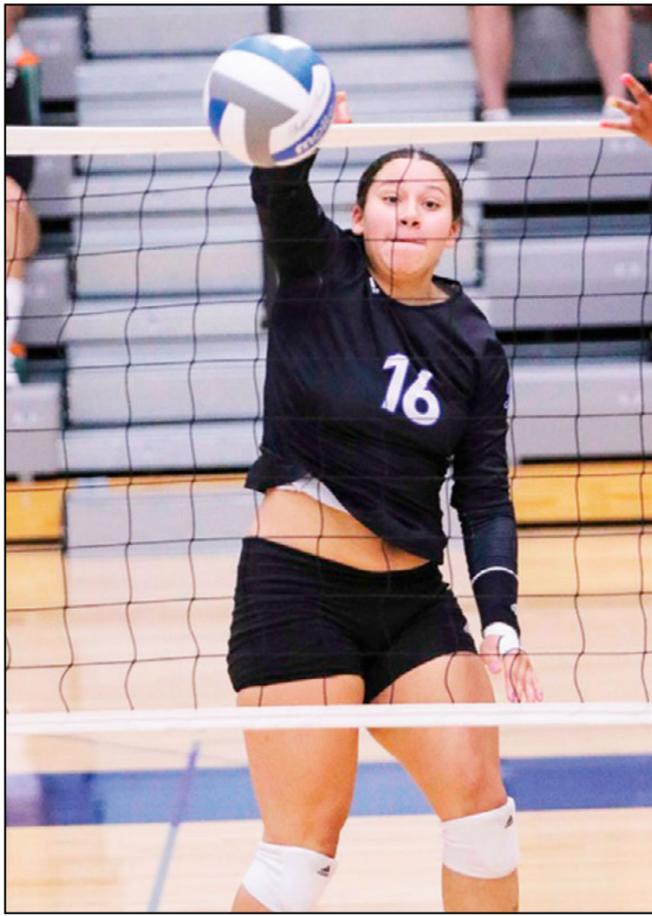
### Week 2 Games – Saturday, Aug. 20

Cowboys host Angleton Wildcats, El Franco Lee Park  
Dolphins host Alvin Raiders, Blackhawk Park

### Thomas, Dobie graduate, ready to go at McCook

At right, Victoria Thomas, a Class of 2021 Dobie High School graduate, has returned for her sophomore season with the McCook Community College volleyball program as the Indians prepare for the 2022-2023 season. A three-year varsity performer at Dobie with nearly 500 career kills, Thomas headed for McCook, NE to join the Indians and had 192 kills and 201 digs while playing in 34 matches as a collegiate freshman. The Indians compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association as part of Region IX. Academically, Thomas, a psychology major, was selected to the dean's list at McCook in the 2021-2022 spring semester. McCook, 20-18 overall a season ago, will open the regular season later this month with a two-day tournament at McCook Community College.

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## South Belt sports news, notes

### Southbelt Little League fall ball sign-up

The Southbelt Little League is registering now through Aug. 26 for its fall baseball league. Players ages 3 to 16 will be eligible to compete in the league, with a 10-game schedule planned. The registration fee is \$125 per player, and there is a \$50 raffle fundraiser fee. Practices will begin the week of Aug. 29, and games start thereafter Sept. 12. The season will then run through Oct. 28 at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park. To register, visit the Southbelt Little League Facebook page.

### Dobie graduate Campa is ready to run

A redshirt season behind him, Dobie Class of 2021 graduate Alberto Campa is aiming for big things entering his freshman season with the Colorado School of Mines cross-country program in Golden, Colo. The CSM program will open the 2022 season Sept. 17 at the MSC Roadrunner Invitational in Denver as the collegiate men cover an 8K course.

### Gray preparing at Mississippi College



Cameron Gray, a Class of 2022 Dobie High School graduate and three-year starter at quarterback for the Longhorns, has been getting his reps in as a first-year player at Mississippi College, where the Choctaws, 4-6 in 2021, are preparing for their Sept. 3 opener at Albany State. A member of the Gulf South Conference, Mississippi College is an NCAA Division II program based in Clinton, Miss.

## Sports Calendar

### TENNIS

**Thursday, Aug. 18**

Dobie varsity hosts George Ranch, 2 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 19**

Dobie varsity at Pearland, 3 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 20**

Dobie varsity at Shadow Creek, 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 23**

Dobie varsity boys host Strake Jesuit, 3 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

**Thursday, Aug. 18**

Dobie varsity at Dickinson Invit., TBA  
Brook varsity at Dickinson Invit., TBA

**Friday, Aug. 19**

Dobie varsity at Fort Bend Marshall, 6:30 p.m.  
Dobie JV at Fort Bend Marshall, 5:30 p.m.  
Dobie freshman A at F.B. Marshall, 4:30 p.m.  
Brook varsity at Friendswood, 6:30 p.m.  
Brook JV at Friendswood, 5:30 p.m.  
Brook freshman A at Friendswood, 4:30 p.m.  
Brook freshman B at Clear Lake, 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 20**

Dobie varsity at Dickinson Invit., TBA  
Brook varsity at Dickinson Invit., TBA

**Tuesday, Aug. 23**

Dobie varsity hosts Spring, 6:30 p.m.  
Dobie JV hosts Spring, 5:30 p.m.  
Dobie freshman A hosts Spring, 4:30 p.m.  
Brook varsity hosts Jersey Village, 6:30 p.m.  
Brook JV hosts Jersey Village, 5:30 p.m.  
Brook fresh. A hosts Jersey Village, 4:30 p.m.  
Brook fresh. B hosts Jersey Village, 5:30 p.m.

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