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Little League meetings set

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will hold a pair of meetings to address issues currently at play within the league. (See related story on this page.) A special general meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the El Franco Lee Park baseball fields. A vote will be taken on an updated constitution, as well as a possible name change from Sagemont-Beverly Hills to Southbelt. Only general members from the spring 2021 season are eligible to vote. A copy of the updated constitution will be posted on the league's website so the general membership can review it before the meeting. The league will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the El Franco Lee Park baseball fields. The league will hold its new election at the event. All general members are welcome to attend. The league is also seeking volunteers.

Petition at MUD

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

Dressel donates to victims

Roland Dressel, a businessman who holds local estate sales, told the *Leader* he will offer free furniture (bedroom, living room, kitchen, bookcases, etc.) to residents who lost theirs during Tropical Storm Nicholas. For more information, call Dressel at 409-750-3688.

Sageglen meets Sept. 20

The Sageglen Community Association will hold its next homeowner meeting Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. All Sageglen residents are urged to attend this meeting since guest speaker Chris Archambault - Sageglen's legal counselor and attorney of record will be in attendance to help answer any questions one may have. Refreshments will be served.

K of C hosts blood drive

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive in the Social Hall at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. COVID-19 procedures will be followed. Wear a mask if one hasn't been vaccinated. Appointments preferred; walk-ins assigned next available appointment. To sign up online, visit giveblood.org. For more information, call Val Comeaux at 713-582-5358.

Active COVID cases down

As of Tuesday, Sept. 14, there were 200 reported South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up two from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 7,204 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 625 remain active, up 11 from the previous week. To date, 77 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up one from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 653 of the 5,475 confirmed cases remain active, down 91 from the previous week. A total of 58 from the ZIP code have died (the county reported 59 the previous week).

Of the 5,545 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 623 remain active, up 64 from the previous week. To date, 65 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up three from the previous week (one less than the county initially reported). According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Countywide, there have been 527,150 total confirmed cases. Of those, 468,139 have recovered from the disease, while 53,501 cases remain active, down 3,111 from the previous week. A total of 5,399 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

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

Beltway closures planned

At least one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Kirby to Bellfort daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 17.

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

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COVID cases continue at local school districts

Local school districts continue to report new COVID-19 cases, as the new Delta variant of the disease takes root.

Pasadena ISD

As of Wednesday, Sept. 8, Pasadena ISD was reporting a total of 218 active COVID-19 cases. The school district offered the following breakdown of the cases:

- High schools: 40 active cases.
 - Intermediate schools: 50 active cases.
 - Middle schools: 37 active cases.
 - Elementary schools: 84 active cases.
 - Additional campuses: three active cases.
 - Administration buildings: four active cases.
- Of the district's high schools, Dobie leads the pack, with eight active cases being reported. Dobie9 reported six active cases.

Lewis Career and Technical High School also reported eight active cases; South Houston, Rayburn, Pasadena and Early College High School each reported four active cases; and Memorial reported two active cases.

Of Pasadena ISD's intermediate schools, Bondy had far more active cases reported, with 15 students currently infected.

Locally, Thompson had seven active cases reported, and Beverly Hills had four active cases reported.

Southmore Intermediate reported six active cases; San Jacinto reported five active cases; Miller reported five active cases; Park View reported four active cases; and Jackson reported two cases.

At the middle school level, both Melillo and

Morris reported two cases each locally. Shaw Middle School had the highest number of active cases reported, with eight students currently

infected by the disease. Schneider reported seven active cases; Roberts reported four ac-

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Sparks fly at Little League meeting

A local Little League meeting turned chaotic at El Franco Lee Park Wednesday, Sept. 1, as parents argued with each other, as well as league officials.

The meeting was called for by Texas East District 15 Little League, which oversees seven area leagues, including Southbelt Little League, formerly known as Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League.

District 15 Administrator Manny Carrillo said the district does not normally get involved at the local level unless it is approached by concerned parents, as it was in this case.

Carrillo stressed the name of the local organization remains the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League, as the correct procedures were not followed to rename the group, per the Little League constitution.

Other district concerns included the local league's finances, elections, disciplinary actions and decorum.

At the end of the rowdy evening, which often consisted of audience members shouting over each other, former Southbelt Little League coach

Juan Herrera called for a motion to remove Johnny Ramirez as president of local league; Juan Arredondo as vice president; and Aldo Salazar as treasurer. All three motions failed to pass by an overwhelming majority.

Another motion was then subsequently held to remove Herrera, who on his first day as coach was suspended for the rest of the season for contesting a call, from ever coaching again in the local league. That motion passed along roughly the same party lines, as those in attendance were clearly divided into two camps.

Yvette Oviedo, one of the parents in Herrera's camp, complained that local disciplinary actions for coaches were not standard across the board.

Many other parents had planned to speak but were unable to do so due to time limitations.

District officials stated the Southbelt Little League's last election, held at the end of July, was null and void, as it also wasn't done in accordance with the Little League constitution. (The local league has since scheduled a meeting on Sept. 28 to hold a new election. See related sidebar entry on this page.)

Man gets stabbed near Edgebrook

Houston police are investigating the stabbing of a man that took place around 5:15 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, in the 1400 block of Redford.

The victim, David Diaz, 31, was transported to an area hospital in an unknown condition.

According to police, patrol officers responded to a stabbing at the above address and found Diaz lying in a grassy area across from his apartment. He had suffered multiple stab wounds to his back.

Houston Fire Department paramedics transported Diaz to the hospital.

Witnesses told police Diaz and a male suspect got into an argument which resulted in Diaz being stabbed. The suspect then fled the scene headed north on the Gulf Freeway service road in a white pickup truck.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults and Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Pct. 2 continues large-scale drug busts

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Special Operations Unit continue to work with other local law enforcement agencies to take large amounts of illegal drugs off the streets.

During a recent investigation, deputies located and seized 35 kilos of crystal methamphetamine.

At this time, this investigation is ongoing, so no further details can be provided.

"Constable Garcia sees the constant issues plaguing our area with illegal narcotics," a post on Garcia's Facebook read. "Constable Garcia

wants the citizens to know that he is 100 percent committed to improving your quality of life and will continue to use his Special Operations Unit to take as many narcotics off the streets as possible."

The bust is fresh on the heels of two other Special Operations Unit raids that netted 1,500 pounds of marijuana, 16 kilos of cocaine, 9 kilos of black tar heroin and several guns.

Large amounts of cash have also been seized during the operations, much of it going to Precinct 2's coffers. See related photo on Page 3.

New garbage collection for Pearland

South Belt residents living in Pearland may have a new trash-collection date, as the City of Pearland is transitioning from Waste Management to Frontier Waste Solutions for the city's solid waste provider.

While Frontier's official service dates begin on Friday, Oct. 1, the transition process will begin the month of September.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 6, Frontier Waste Solutions began dropping off both trash and re-

cycling carts. Attached to those carts will be information such as service dates and holiday schedules. Most residents will continue to have the same service dates.

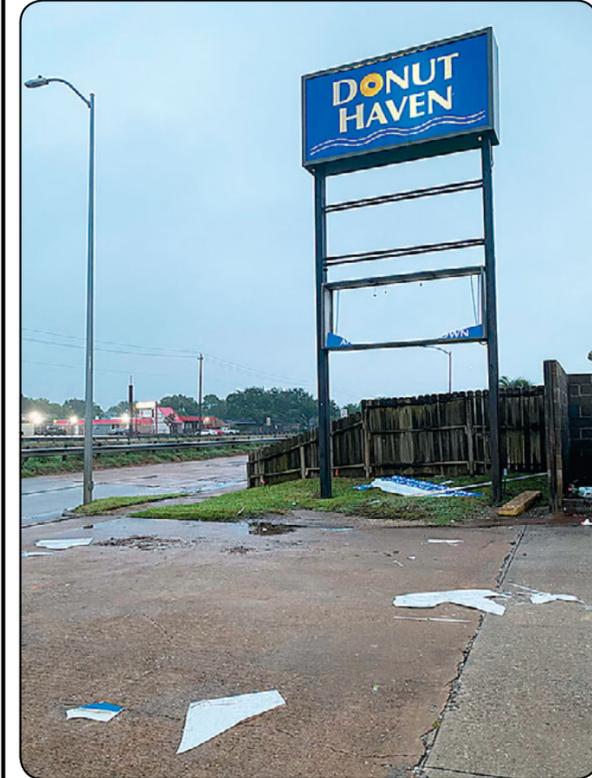
- Monday, Sept. 6: Began Frontier cart drop-offs.

- Monday, Sept. 20: Begins Waste Management recycling cart collections.

- Friday, Oct. 1: First day of service begins for

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Nicholas does little damage locally



The South Belt community was spared the brunt of Hurricane Nicholas, with minimal damage being reported locally. Downed fences and branches accounted for most of the physical damage. The only other problem reported to the office was loss of electricity to approximately 150 Sagemeadow homes. At press time the power was still out. The *Leader* is unaware of any local homes being flooded. Strong winds gusts, sometimes reaching more than 70 mph, took out much of the signage near the strip center at Hughes and Beamer, leaving only Donut Haven intact.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

City to require unvaxxed workers to test

Mayor Sylvester Turner announced Wednesday, Sept. 8, that he signed an executive order requiring City of Houston employees to test for the COVID-19 virus twice monthly unless they have proof of a COVID-19 vaccination.

The announcement follows the recent deaths of two city employees from complications linked to the virus. The requirement becomes effective Oct. 8. Employees must report testing results to the City of Houston Office of Human Resources on the 1st and 15th of each month.

Vaccinated City of Houston employees, or those with medical or religious exceptions and elected or appointed officials of council, boards, and commissions are exempt. The Human Resources department will announce the process for exemptions.

"I cannot stand by and watch employees continue to get sick, and in some cases die, from a

disease that we know how to manage," said Turner. "The virus is having an impact on our workforce and the city's ability to provide services directly to the public. Overall, the city continues to see hundreds of new COVID-19 patients being admitted to the hospitals in the Texas Medical Center each day. While there are breakthrough cases, full vaccination is the best defense against COVID-19 and its variants, like Delta. The vaccine protects our first responders, our emergency care workers and the hospital system as a whole."

On Friday, Sept. 3, the Houston Fire Department announced the death of active member Engineer Operator Tanner G. Reed, 39, who lost his battle with COVID-19 on Sept. 3. Reed is the fourth line-of-duty death due to the disease in the Houston Fire Department. Over the same week-

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HPD responds to 2 Gulf Freeway deaths

Houston police recently responded to two separate criminal deaths on the Gulf Freeway.

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of a woman that took place around 1:50 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, in the 8300 block of the Gulf Freeway.

The suspect, Bernard Cornelious Reed, 27, is charged with murder and tampering with evidence in the 176th State Dis-



Bernard Reed

trict Court. The identity of the female victim, 31, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to police, Reed was with his uncle at a residence at an apartment complex at the above address, and the victim arrived to return the uncle's property. Reed got into an altercation with the victim and he shot her multiple times.

Houston Fire Department paramedics transported the victim to Ben Taub General Hospital, where she was pronounced deceased.

Reed was detained and questioned at the scene. He was subsequently charged for his role

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Increased city water rates take effect

Many South Belt residents will now pay higher water bills after a new City of Houston rate increase went into effect Sept. 1.

Houston City Council passed the measure for city water customers this past July to help improve infrastructure and meet federally required guidelines to address sanitary sewer overflows.

The measure passed 12-4, with both South Belt council members - Republican Dave Martin and Democrat Carolyn Evans-Shabazz - voting in favor of the measure.

The water and wastewater rates will increase every year over the next five years and include the cost of making the first five years of investments agreed upon in the consent decree agree-

ment with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the EPA. Because of the agreement, Houston is required to resolve sanitary sewer overflows and other wastewater violations by paying fines and making improvements to the wastewater system over the next 15 years.

Roughly 60 percent of city customers living in single-family homes could see their bills go up by \$5 or less.

All residents living within the city limits will be affected. Local subdivisions located within the City of Houston include Sagemont, Sagemont Park, Kirkwood, Genoa, Beverly Hills, Rainbow Valley, Eastridge Terrace, Sycamore Valley,

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Firefighters honor Eaves



A funeral was held Thursday, Sept. 9, for fallen firefighter Sam Eaves, who died the previous week from complications associated with COVID-19. A 1979 Dobie graduate, Eaves served as a senior captain with the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. He also served with the Houston Fire Department, retiring in 2017 after nearly 36 years of service. Firefighters from both departments are shown above flanking Eaves' casket. SVFD held a walking procession from The Gardens to Peevey Funeral Home prior to the funeral in Eaves' honor. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Truck gets stuck, blocks traffic



A FedEx truck got stuck trying to exit the Clear Brook City MUD office on Blackhawk near Scarsdale Friday, Sept. 10. The vehicle's long wheelbase prevented it from making the sharp turn necessary to exit the MUD property, leaving it blocking both lanes of southbound traffic on Blackhawk. The incident took place around 3:30 p.m. as Weber Elementary students were being dismissed – a time at which traffic is already congested on the area thoroughfare. Community activist Judy Harrison, who was already visiting the office, and Weber teacher Kara Ornelas directed traffic through the MUD parking lot. It took a large wrecker more than two hours to extricate the vehicle. Precinct 2 Deputy Juan Torres was in charge at the scene.

Photo by Cecelia Ganje

BellaVita Mistletoe Market set for Oct. 2

The annual Mistletoe Market is being held Saturday, Oct. 2, at the BellaVita Clubhouse, 1548 N. Rivera Circle just off Scarsdale. BellaVita's sewing group, Hands of Love Stitchers, is raffling a beautiful quilt made especially for this event. The quilt's design is Ginger Rose and it measures 70x90 inches.

Tickets will be available at the Mistletoe Market prior until the 4 p.m. closing; \$1 for a single ticket, \$5 for six tickets, \$10 for 12 tickets. The lucky winner takes the quilt home. Proceeds from the quilt raffle will be used to support the group's community service projects.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is available by appointment

Contactless curbside services, known as HPL To Go, are available by appointment. For questions, call circulation at 832-393-2222. To use HPL To Go:

1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.

Book drop

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

Additional resources

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

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

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

Parker Williams Library

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

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

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

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
 - Have a library card number and PIN handy.
 - A pickup time and instructions will be given.
 - Upon arriving at the library, follow the instructions given.
 - Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
- Curbside hours are: Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

Online services

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Take a moment to have some fun and interaction with the little one or little ones. Join John Harbaugh and Jason Cruz for a virtual Toddler Time through Microsoft Teams. Parents are encouraged to participate to facilitate interaction. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join virtually. Sign up once with a valid email address online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> to get a weekly invitation.

Saturday 18, 11:30 a.m. Moon Festival Celebration. Take some time to stop by the branch to pick up paper lantern kits for the kids and enjoy some sweet treats (11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.). Family members can also join in for the short video "A Moon Festival Tale." Moon Festival this year will be a light celebration as this will not be an in-person event.

Sunday, Sept. 19, 10:30 a.m. Talk Like A Pirate Day: Pirate News. Join Captain Tanner Adams and 1st Mate John Harbaugh as they give the daily news for pirates! This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time. Join John Harbaugh for a program on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday Sept. 21, noon. Drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1 p.m. Spanish Storytime. Libros en Español con Sr. Jason! Join the storytime in Spanish with Jason Cruz, featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary. A different story will be available the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Wednesday Sept. 22, 3:30 p.m., ages 16 and older. Dungeons & Dragons Online. Join Tanner Adams online. No prior experience is required. Contact tanner.adams@hcpl.net for details.

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Davy & Marie Flickinger, owners

CenterPoint issues electric, natural gas flooding safety tips

CenterPoint Energy continues to monitor Tropical Storm Nicholas, predicted to impact the Greater Houston area over the next few days.

Crews are prepared to respond to electric or natural gas issues that may arise due to potential heavy rain and flooding.

The company also reminds customers of important electric and natural gas safety tips:

Electric

If flooding and water has risen above the electrical outlets in the home, contact a licensed electrician before turning on the main circuit breaker or trying to restore power.

All electrical appliances and electronic equipment that have been submerged in water need to dry thoroughly for at least one week. Then, have them checked by a qualified repair person before turning them on.

Attempting to repair a flood-damaged appliance could result in electrical shock or death.

Attempting to restart it could result in further dam-

age and costly repairs. If the outside unit of an air conditioning system has been under water, mud and water may have accumulated in the controls.

Have the unit checked by a qualified air conditioning technician.

Natural Gas

Do not turn off your natural gas service at the meter; doing so could allow water to enter the natural gas lines.

Be alert for the smell of natural gas. If gas is detected, leave the area immediately and tell others to leave, too.

Do not turn the lights on or off, smoke, strike a match, use a cellphone or operate anything that might cause a spark, including a flashlight or a generator.

Do not attempt to turn natural gas valves on or off. Once safely away from the area, call 888-876-5786, and CenterPoint Energy will send a trained service technician immediately.

If the home was flooded, call a licensed plumber or gas appliance technician to inspect your appliances and

gas piping to make sure they are in good operating condition before calling CenterPoint Energy to reconnect service.

This includes outdoor gas appliances including pool heaters, gas grills and gas lights.

Before conducting debris cleanup or digging on property, or to locate underground natural gas lines and other underground utility lines, call 811 - the nationwide Call Before You Dig number.

Be aware of where the natural gas meter is located. As debris is put out for heavy trash pickup, make sure it is placed away from the meter.

In many areas the meter may be located near the curb.

If debris is near a gas meter, the mechanized equipment used by trash collectors could pull up the meter, damaging it and causing a potentially hazardous situation.

If this happens, leave the area immediately and call CenterPoint Energy at 888-876-5786.

In My Opinion

Jackson writes on \$11 million contract

I want to thank Pct. 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle, Bill King, and Marie Flickinger for bringing this issue (the \$11 million contract as written about in the Sept. 2, 9 Leader issues) to the public attention.

Events like this need to be brought to light and dealt with. The more often and the earlier they are, the easier to rectify.

While most stories have two sides, I believe Bill King does a fine job of supporting his side with clarity and specifics.

Therefore, in my opinion, any rebuttal or other side - if forthcoming - should be of equal quality to carry credibility.

Turnipseed on the constable program

There have been some misconceptions about the duties of the Precinct 2 Constable officers and what exactly their duties consist of.

The Constables are a full service police departments.

Their jurisdiction includes the South

Belt in addition to Jacinto City, South Houston, Galena Park and Pasadena just to name a few.

They have many special divisions including a Homeless Outreach Team plus a task force which combats prostitution, illegal gambling and drug distribution.

They do much more than just serve civil papers, although they do have a division that does just that as it is a part of a Constable's duties.

They have contract deputies that serve three MUD districts, which includes 15 subdivisions in the South Belt.

They recently picked up another contract in the Hobby area.

They have a contract with Galena Park ISD, and have recently received a portion of the Beltway from Precinct 8. If you would like more information, see the Constable's website at <https://hccp2.com>.

If you would like to be in the know of what duties and cases they specifically work in our area, I encourage you to participate in your subdivision's Civic Club or HOA meetings.

Many times deputies from Precinct 2 are there for any questions the residents might have.

Jeff Turnipseed

Elected officials share their words from Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Martin

Dear Residents,

This time last week Hurricane Ida was starting to form in the Gulf of Mexico, right as we were reaching the four-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey.

Our prayers are with our neighbors in Louisiana and Mississippi as they struggle to recover from the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.

The City of Houston is assisting with their relief efforts and if you would like to assist by providing donations or volunteering you can reach out to the National Association of Christian Churches (NACC) Disaster Services by calling (832) 626-7111.

Since Hurricane Harvey, the City of Houston has worked tirelessly to put the City in a better position than we were in, four-years ago. Today, I can say with confidence the City is more resilient and continues to add more projects in District E that will reduce future flood risk.

Over the last four years, the City of Houston has invested approximately \$800 Million in infrastructure repairs and improvements.

42 Capital Improvement Projects completed and an additional nine that are in construction, totaling \$501 Million in total investment in stormwater infrastructure.

124 Local Drainage Projects totaling over \$21 Million, by the end of this

Fiscal Year an additional 40 projects will be completed. These are projects for less than \$3 Million in costs and are usually delivered at a faster pace.

124 SWAT projects have been constructed totaling \$34.7 Million. An additional 18 projects are under construction or in the design phase and are estimated to be completed by the end of this Fiscal Year, bringing the total number of projects to over 142.

Six large-scale TIRZ inter-agency projects have been completed, exceeding \$33 Million, and three more are in construction, adding over \$76 Million in investments for drainage infrastructure.

Ten properties have been acquired for detention at the cost of \$70.5 Million and resulting in 357.6 acres of added detention.

\$120 Million combination funding of Federal and State funds resulted in the dredging of 3 million cubic yards of sand/sediment from the West Fork of the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston.

The City of Houston has also been successful in securing additional project funding to continue to develop projects. To date the City has received funding for:

- \$57 Million indirect allocations for local infrastructure projects from Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation grant funds.
- \$300 Million from

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant funds for regional detention and flood damage reduction projects. (Inwood, Lake Houston Dam, North Canal, TIRZ 17).

\$50 Million in State grant funds for additional dredging of Lake Houston. \$32 Million in State subsidized loans and grants for two flood-damaged reduction projects.

\$23 Million in CD-BG-DR funds for infrastructure planning recovery and resilience projects.

The Recovery Office will present a 4th-anniversary report to City Council in the coming week, which my office will share via social media: including a comprehensive overview of recovery, hazard mitigation, and housing.

I would be remiss if I did not mention my continued advocacy for the Texas Coastal Study which would fortify the Houston Ship Channel and Texas coastline preserving industry as well as residences against the threat of storm surge.

I am committed to continuing the prioritization of drainage, stormwater, and any projects which reduce the risk of flooding through the remainder of my term.

Thank you for your support of my office, and these projects. It is an honor and a privilege to serve the people of District E.

Malcolm Douglas Yandell



Malcolm Douglas Yandell was a fierce person, who "raged against the dying of the light" to the very end. He passed away on Sept. 9, 2021 at the age of 83. Malcolm was born to Susie Bell and James Moody on March 19, 1938 in Allen, Texas.

The youngest of four children, he had a sharp mind and a love for learning. He worked two jobs to pay his way through North Texas State University where he earned his bachelor's degree.

His first job upon graduation was as a science teacher at The Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth, where he was famous for his physics experiments and dynamic demonstrations. He went on to become Dean of Boys and a master Mason. He taught at the Masonic Home for seven years and it was there that he met Sandra, his future wife. While in Fort Worth, Malcolm obtained his master's degree from Texas Wesleyan University.

Deciding that there were better opportunities elsewhere, Malcolm moved the family to the Houston area.

He taught in the Pasadena School District for three years and began a part time real estate career.

He soon quit teaching and became the top-producing realtor of a company with twenty-two offices. In 1975 he and his wife opened their own office, M.D. Yandell Real Estate.

Malcolm was a devoted father and took great pride in his children's accomplishments. An avid coin collector his entire life, Malcolm became a full-time numismatist after retiring from real estate.

He specialized in rare American bank notes.

Malcolm is survived by Sandra Yandell, his former wife of forty-two years, his daughter Laura Yandell, and son, Dr. Mark Yandell and his wife Karen, and three grandchildren, Thomas, Maeva, and Vera Yandell.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Peevey Funeral Home.

Deaths

Jimmy Jack Gibbs



Jimmy Jack Gibbs went home to be with Jesus peacefully Thursday evening Sept. 9, 2021 at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. He was surrounded by his family holding his hands and speaking words of love while his favorite piano hymns played softly, and the sun set beautifully outside his window.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years Gwen Martin Gibbs and their two children: Gary Gibbs, wife Rosemary and grandson son Bryan and Teri Gibbs Farrell, husband John and four grandchildren: Abigail Farrell Atkinson, husband Cooper, Jacob Farrell, Joshua Farrell, Anna Farrell; and one sibling Peggy Bojar, husband Ed. He is reunited with his brother Billy Gibbs.

Serving was a way of life for Jimmy. He was known for his true servant heart, always putting others before himself.

Jimmy was born in Wichita Falls, Sept. 12, 1931 to Aubrey Jack and Maxie Lorene Gibbs.

As a child, Jimmy loved to draw and enjoyed giving his drawings as gifts.

Jimmy graduated from Milby High School in 1949. He joined the Air Force and served 4 years as lieutenant sergeant. While stationed in Germany, he enjoyed touring the Holy Land, traveling to many European countries, cooking, and learning to play piano.

Jimmy married the love of his life Gwen Martin on July 31, 1959. The two were happily married for 62 years. Jimmy lived to care for and serve his wife and family. Jimmy and Gwen were united in all they did.

They were both educators for over 30 years. They loved to do home projects together, visit Gwen's farm home in Woodville, and spoil their grandchildren.

Jimmy received a Bachelor of Science in education from East Texas Baptist College, a Master of Education, a Certificate of Counseling and a Certificate of Administration from University of Houston.

Jimmy taught algebra and geometry before becoming a high school counselor.

He opened J. Frank Dobie High School where he was a counselor and lead counselor for 25 years. During Jimmy's educational career he impacted many students and teachers.

Hanging in the foyer of Beverly Hills Intermediate, Thompson Intermediate, and J. Frank Dobie High School were large oil paintings that Jimmy painted of each of the school's mascots.

After retiring, Jimmy was a devoted grandfather (Pappaw) to his 5 grandchildren. As a grandpa, he served his children and grandchildren visiting often and always supporting their hopes and dreams.

Jimmy hand painted beautiful wall murals on each grandchild's nursery wall. He also crocheted each grandchild a special baby blanket. He enjoyed celebrating birthdays with the grandchildren, always bringing freshly baked brownies to any gathering.

Jimmy, along with his wife Gwen, enjoyed many close friends at Sagemont Church, where he played piano for his Sunday School department for many years.

Jimmy was a jack-of-all trades and master of serving others.

He had a passion for working with his hands and was a great painter and loved to play the piano. He loved building and repairing things at their home.

He was a great cook. Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, cornbread stuffing, Texas trash snack mix, brownies and pecan pie were his specialties and fan favorites. Always using his gifts and abilities to help others, Jimmy's servant heart, love and friendship will be missed by all.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Rd, Houston, TX 77089.

The celebration of Jimmy's life will begin at 11 a.m.

A reception will follow the service at Sagemont Church 11300 S Sam Houston Pkwy E., Houston, TX 77089.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the Leader are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the Leader style.

Bay Area Genealogical meets Sept. 24

Bay Area Genealogical Society will host a meeting online Friday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Diane Richard who will talk about Early Migration In, Across and Out of North Carolina.

Many individuals and families migrated into North Carolina, especially in the colonial and pre-Civil War time period.

Depending on who was immigrating and when, different locales in North Carolina were hot spots for emigrants from abroad either directly or via Virginia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania and beyond.

This migration often did not stop at the state borders. Many families spent a few years, a generation or a few generations in North Carolina, often hopperspotting across the state, east to west, before migrating to adjoining states and beyond.

Go explore these years of migrating North Carolinians — the history of the times and the documentary trail left behind.

This will be an online Webinar, details will be posted on the Bay Area Genealogical Society Website.

Checkout the topics and links to access meetings on BAGS website at www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

For more information either call Kim at 281-992-2636 or email newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org.

Apartment complex catches fire

City of Houston firefighters responded to a fire at an apartment complex around 1:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, in the 10900 block of the Gulf Freeway near Edgewood.

Firefighters arrived on scene within five minutes to find heavy fire and smoke coming from the two-story Del Mar apartments.

They made an offensive attack and completed a primary search.

Crews forced entry into

a few units. All of the residents were safely outside.

The crews extinguished the fire and ensured all hot spots were out.

One firefighter fell through the floor on the second floor and was evaluated on scene.

The American Red Cross was requested for four displaced residents, and the apartment manager was on scene.

The fire caused approximately \$150,000 in dam-

age. Firefighters were able to save around \$450,000 in property.

Firefighters from stations 26, 70, 61, 24 and 52 responded to this incident.

HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin of the fire, which appeared to have started in a previously burned vacant unit.

At press time, the cause of the blaze remained under investigation.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca
According to a member of the ASHLEY POINTE SUBDIVISION Facebook group, his wife used the ATM at the Mobil gas station on Dixie Farm Road which was formerly a Race-Way gas station.

The member wanted to alert other members to check their bank accounts. The member states that his wife's debit card was copied via the ATM and the per-

petrator used Venmo, Cash App and ATM for various transactions.

Due to Nicholas impact to the area there is a high number of lost pets in the community.

If one finds a lost pet it is advised to share pictures or any information on social media to help reunite pets with their owners.

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Laura Bush celebrates a new school year

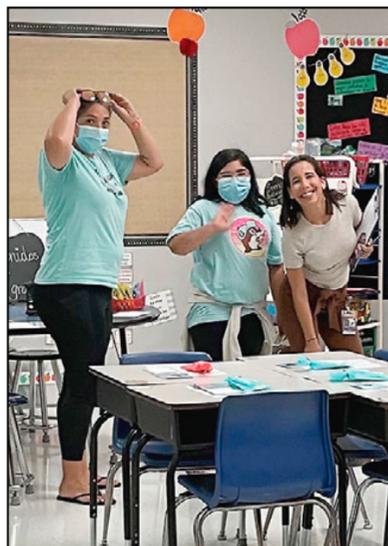
Laura Bush Elementary students and staff welcomed back a new school year. Students were able to meet their teachers alongside their parents. Staff members were excited for a fresh start to an exciting school year with all students returning to campus. The school is grateful to have each student and can't wait for what is in store for the year.



Third-grade teacher Vanessa Gil (right) welcomes Roel Maldonado (center) and his father Roel Maldonado.



Enjoying the classroom library are, left to right, Antonio Escobar, Clarisse Melo, Santiago Garza and Mirla Castellanos.



Above, left to right, are Chelsea Maldonado, Ava Hernandez and Nadja Diaz-Rodriguez.



Katrina Perez (left) welcomes, Ivan Garcia, Irasema Garcia and Jessie Garcia.



Students in Marcela Salinas' class are enjoying their first day back on campus.



At right are students in Cynthia Covarrubia's second grade class meeting each other on the first day.

Golfing tournament set for Judge Risner

This year marks the 35th annual Judge George E. Risner golf tournament that will be held Monday, Oct. 11 at Pasadena Municipal Golf Course, 1000 Duffer Lane. They will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner.

One can register for the tournament online at judgerisner.com. All checks can be made payable to Judge George E. Risner Gold Classic, P.O. Box 6528, Pasadena, TX 77506. Prizes will be awarded at the 19th hole fajita dinner.

Garbage collection

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Frontier.

During the final weeks of September, Waste Management will begin picking up their recycling carts on their regular recycling service day after the carts have been emptied.

After the Waste Management recycle cart is picked up, Waste Management will service the new Frontier recycling carts until Oct. 1.

However, Waste Management will not service Frontier trash carts. As such, residents should continue placing their bagged trash on the curb until Oct. 1.

After Oct. 1, Frontier will begin servicing residents using both the new recycling cart and trash cart. For more information about the transition process, visit pearlandtx.gov/frontier.

Dobie color guards for Aug. 27



Each week, the Dobie color guard team chooses their color guards for the week. Each individual has to show improvement and hard work. For the week of Aug. 27, the two individuals were Addison Idele (left) and McKenzie Smith. The color guard team would like to congratulate them for their achievements.

COVID cases continue at local school districts

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cases; Bailey, Burnett, Frazier, Gardens, Garfield, Jensen, McMasters, Parks and Turner each reported two active cases;

At the elementary level, Meador had the highest number of reported cases, with eight students currently infected by the disease.

Atkinson Elementary reported six active cases; Pearl Hall and Red Bluff each reported five active cases; Jessup, Morales, Pomeroy, Smith, South Houston and South Shaver each reported four active cases; Hancock, Mathys, Moore, and Teague each reported three active

cases; Bailey, Burnett, Frazier, Gardens, Garfield, Jensen, McMasters, Parks and Turner each reported two active cases; and Green Acres, Kruse, Smythe, South Belt, Stuchbery and Williams each reported one active case.

For Pasadena ISD's latest COVID-19 statistics, visit www.pasadenaisd.org/parents_students/covid.

Clear Creek ISD
As of Wednesday, Sept. 8, Clear Creek ISD was reporting 642 active cases and 1,084 active quarantines. Active cases included 572 students and 70 employees.

Active quarantines included 987 students and 97 employees.

Active cases are considered as individuals who have been on a CCISD facility within 48 hours of becoming symptomatic for the virus or within 48 hours of a positive test result.

At the high school level, Clear Falls topped the list with a whopping 62 active cases.

Locally, Clear Brook High School reported 15 active cases. Clear Springs High School reported 35 active cases; Clear Creek High School re-

ported 30 active cases; and Clear Lake High School reported 24 active cases.

At the intermediate school level, Bayside had the most active cases reported, with 42 students currently infected with COVID-19.

Creekside Intermediate had 40 reported cases. Clear Creek Intermediate reported 38 active cases; Seabrook Intermediate reported 33 active cases; League City Intermediate reported 15 active cases; Brookside Intermediate reported 14 active cases; Space Center Intermediate reported eight active cases;

and Clear Lake Intermediate reported five active cases.

At the elementary level, both Landolt and Goforth each reported 26 active cases. Locally, Weber Elementary reported six active cases.

As of Sept. 8, the number of cumulative cases in Clear Creek ISD (since Aug. 1, 2021) was 1,725. The number of cumulative quarantines was 3,147. The school district's attendance percentage was 89.4 percent.

For the latest COVID-19 statistics from Clear Creek ISD, visit www.ccisd.net/covid19/dashboard.

CCISD named among top employers

The Clear Creek Independent School District has earned a top spot once again in Forbes' annual list of America's Best Employers By State, coming in at 13 out of 101 total companies and organizations in Texas.

"The teachers and staff in CCISD are committed to the success and emotional well-being of every student. Our employees understand the impact they have on our community," said Dr. Casey O'Pry, assistant superintendent of human resources. "The district continues to pursue and retain the very best team to serve our more than 40,000 learners."

CCISD, which is within the top 30 largest school districts in Texas, has emerged over the years as a "thought leader" at the forefront of educational accountability. The quality and growth of staff through professional learning is a key pillar of success within this accountability system.

"Effective instruction begins with recruiting, hiring and developing outstanding

team members," said Superintendent Dr. Eric Williams. "This recognition by Forbes is a testament to the culture within our high-performing education system and the work of our 5,300 employ-

ees." Forbes partnered with market research company Statista to compile the third annual list by surveying 80,000 Americans working for businesses with at least 500 employees.

Surveys were conducted on a rolling basis from October 2020 to June 2021 and were anonymous, allowing participants to freely share their opinions.

To learn more about join-

ing the CCISD team visit <https://www.ccisd.net/foiourteam>. See the full list of America's Best Employers By State at <https://www.forbes.com/best-employers-by-state/#63774a1487a6>.

Local deputies assist in raids



Deputies from Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit have teamed up with other local law enforcement agencies in recent weeks to target large-scale narcotics traffickers. During a recent operation, deputies seized 35 kilos of crystal methamphetamine, shown at left.

Increased city water rates take effect

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Scarsdale and King's Place.

Despite residing outside the city limits, residents living in the Sagemeadow MUD and Kirkmont MUD will also see a rate increase, as both utility districts get their water from the city.

According to Kirkmont MUD Manager Linda Arnone, Kirkmont residents will see a monthly increase of \$4.27, including \$2.27 for water and \$2.05 for sewer. The increase will appear on next month's bill.

At this time, there will be no rate increase in Sagemeadow, but homeowners should expect a small hike next year, according to MUD board

member Glenn Williams.

Residents who are serviced by either the Clear Lake City Water Authority or the Clear Brook City MUD will not see a rate increase, as both utility districts entered into contracts with the city that prohibit such a hike.

The Clear Brook City MUD includes the following subdivisions: Amanda Glen, Ashley Pointe, Blackhawk, Clear Brook Landing, Clear Brook Meadows, College Place, Estate of Green Tee, Highland Meadows, Meadows of Clear Creek, Riverstone Ranch, Sageglen, Still Water Cove and Woodmeadow I and II.

New city website

Houston Public Works has launched a website to assist customers and provide more information ahead of the water rate increase.

The Houston Water Rates website, located at www.houstonsecured.org/NewsRates.html, features a tool where customers can calculate how much their utility bill will change with the new rates.

The community can find tips on how to lower their utility bill and resources for those who need assistance paying their water bill. Houston Public Works will continue to share ways to fix leaks and save money on social media @HouPub

licWorks.

Customers with questions

about their utility bills can call 713-371-1400.

San Jac opens new Welcome Center

San Jacinto College marked the grand opening of the new central campus Welcome Center, Wednesday, Aug. 25, with elected officials, community members, faculty and staff. Though the new facility officially began servicing students in 2020, the grand opening event was delayed due to restrictions with COVID-19. The new

43,000-square-foot building is a central hub for student services including educational planning, financial aid, enrollment services, business office, testing, veteran services, career services and orientation and campus tours. See related story in last week's issue for more information on this new building.



Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Dr. Ruede Wheeler, member, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, Chancellor, San Jacinto College; Joanna Zimmerman, associate vice chancellor, student services, San Jacinto College; Sen. Larry Taylor; Van A. Wigginton, provost, San Jacinto College Central Campus; Teri Crawford, vice chancellor, external relations/executive director, San Jacinto College Foundation; (middle row) Alexandra Estrada, office of U.S. Con-

gresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia; Carolina Cano, office of Rep. Mary Ann Perez; Teri Zamora, vice chancellor, fiscal affairs, San Jacinto College; Sandra Ramirez, vice chancellor, human resources/organizational talent, San Jacinto College; (back row) Christine DiCosimo and Dylan Menard, office of U.S. Rep. Briscoe Cain; Rob Stanicic, chief technology innovations, San Jacinto College; and Dean Barnes, San Jacinto College Foundation board of directors.

Dobie color guards for Sept. 3



Each week, the Dobie color guard team chooses their color guards for the week. Each individual has to show improvement and hard work. For the week of Sept. 3, the two individuals were Patience Hayes (left) and Ryleigh Rodriguez. The color guard team would like to congratulate them for their achievements.

City requires unvaxxed to test twice a month

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 end, a Houston Public Works Employee died after being hospitalized for COVID-19.
 As of Sept. 7, a total of 342 City of Houston employees have reported testing positive for the virus. Houston continues to have uncontrolled COVID-19 spread, much like the rest of the county. COVID-19 cases in Houston and Harris County have surged since mid-July, in large part

due to the more contagious Delta variant. Houston's 14-day average positivity rate is now at 19.3 percent.
 On Thursday, Sept. 9, City of Houston employees who are unvaccinated against COVID-19 are encouraged to take advantage of a free vaccination clinic at Houston City Hall. Kroger will partner with the city to offer doses of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines in the City Hall Legacy Room

from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 The City offers free vaccines and testing at several sites across Houston. A full list of vaccination sites can be found at [houstonemergency.org/covid-19-vaccines](https://www.houstonemergency.org/covid-19-vaccines). Testing

site locations can be found at [houstonemergency.org/covid-19-testing](https://www.houstonemergency.org/covid-19-testing).
 Employees who do not comply with the new requirements may face corrective action up to and including termination or indefinite suspension.
 Testing, vaccination and exemption information will remain confidential and kept separate from general personnel files and retained in accordance with the law.

Toastmasters announces meeting schedule
 Weekly Toastmasters meetings for the Young Professional Southeast Toastmasters Club will be held virtually every Monday at 6:30 p.m., with the exception of the second and fourth Mondays of every month, where meetings will be held in person at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For information on accessing the virtual meetings, visit <https://www.youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com/>.

Meador teachers have a dessert day



Meador Elementary's math and reading campus coaches hosted a "Desserts with Daumas & Dehoyos" for teachers to check out instructional materials they can use in their classrooms.



Reading campus coach Derenda Dehoyos (left) and math campus coach Connie Daumas were the event hostesses.



First-grade teachers Genoveva Arrona (left) and Anne Hamilton check out materials for their classroom.

HCSO hosts virtual forum set for Sept. 21

The HCSO would like to invite all to the Sept. 21, Virtual Safety Forum at 6 p.m., that will be introducing the Neighborhood Policing Division to county residents. The forum will be held via Zoom.
 Presentations will include:

- Neighborhood Policing Division Overview, Mission and Purpose by Capt. T. Shelton.
- Neighborhood Contracts Discussion/Updates with contract coordinating sergeants D. Angstadt and W.

- Stensland.
- Boarding Home Enforcement Unit and SB 500 Discussion, Inspection, Permitting, and Enforcement by Sgt. B. Tschudy. A special guest from the office of the Harris County fire marshal will be co-present-

- ing.
- Project Guardian/Project Lifesaver Overview, Mission and Purpose by Deputy A. Schubert.
- Active Bystanderism for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Training Overview, Mission,

- and Purpose by Sgt. J. Gomez.
- Community Problem Oriented Policing (CPOP) Overview and Updates, Mission and Purpose by Sgt. D. Williams.
- Faith in Blue and National Night Out updates by Community Engagement Director J. Fortune.
- Question and answer session.

All are encouraged to attend this safety forum where an overview of the Neighborhood Policing Division will be given.
 One would need to register. To register one can visit <https://bit.ly/3yPuEjV>.
 After registering, one will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
 HCSO looks forward to meeting and speaking with all who attend.
 One can follow HCSO on Nextdoor, Facebook and Twitter @HCSO_NPD.

SoHo construction students cut wood

South Houston High School construction students in the CTE program, learn how to accurately cut wood with a sawing machine. They measure the correct size that is

needed and begin cutting off excess wood. These CTE students are off to a great school year and excited to learn new techniques.



Above is Juan Hernandez cutting the desired measure.



At right, left to right, are Hernandez and Tony Villalpando working together to cut.



Above are Alejandro Reyes, Jose Rodriguez and Jose Aguilar determining the right measurement.



At right is Villalpando using the sawing machine.

SJC announces two new South Campus buildings

Construction on San Jacinto College's new campus facilities is reaching completion. Funded by the colleges 2015 \$450 million bond referendum, additions and renovations to the central, north, south, and Maritime campuses have been in progress since 2019.

The South Campus, the \$27.7 million, 74,000-square-foot Engineering and Technology Center features a MakerSpace with a 3D print shop, a metal shop and a wood shop where students can build their designs. New computer labs with industry-standard soft-

ware serve the academic and technical programs offered in the building. The facility houses the engineering technology, biomedical equipment repair technology, engineering design graphics, electronics and computer information technology programs.

The South Campus Cosmetology Center welcomed students in spring 2021. The \$15.8 million, 39,300-square-foot facility boasts student lounges, a full-service salon, and updated labs and classrooms to enhance workforce training for future cosmetolo-

grades and renovations include also received upgrades for its removing courtyard legacy structures, replacing drinking water pipes, and removing overhead power lines.
 For more information, visit sanjac.edu/bond.

Home Grown Lecture set Sept. 17

Home Grown Lecture Series: Enhancing Your Dishes with Flavored Butters, Shannon Dietz, Texas A&M AgriLife County Extension Agent- Agriculture & Natural Resources is Friday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m.

This is a free virtual lecture and one can register at <https://homegrown2021Q3.eventbrite.com/>.

The South Campus Building S23 is being converted into a new central plant. Other up-

grades and renovations include also received upgrades for its removing courtyard legacy structures, replacing drinking water pipes, and removing overhead power lines.
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JFD 50th reunion Oct. 15, 16

The 50th reunion of the J. Frank Dobie Class of '71 will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Stonehouse Manor Event Venue, 316 W. Nasa Road. 1, from 6 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person, in advance, and \$40 at the door. Dinner will be catered by Escalante's, with desserts and a cash bar. There will be a photographer, DJ and door prizes. An icebreaker is planned for Friday, Oct. 15, at Mom Alone Mexican Grill in Webster, from 6 p.m. to closing. For more information, email one of the following: Debbie Hughes - dhughes533@aol.com; Ron Williams - ronaldwilliams49@yahoo.com; or Brenda Keener - keenersrus@comcast.net.

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Police responds to two deaths

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 in the shooting.

According to police, the victim got into a verbal altercation with a male that led to a physical fight. An unknown female and a second male also assaulted the victim.

The victim collapsed at the scene. The suspects are described only as a one black male, one Hispanic male and one white female.

Police are also investigating man's death that took place about 4 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at a hotel in the 9900 block of the Gulf Freeway near Airport Boulevard.
 The identity of the male victim is pending verification by Harris County.

The victim collapsed at the scene. The suspects are described only as a one black male, one Hispanic male and one white female.
 Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

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Remember When

45 years ago (1976)
 The Harris County Mosquito Control District confirmed mosquitoes carrying the St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) virus were found in the Sagamore and Ellington Air Force Base areas.

25 years ago (1996)
 Former Houston City Councilman Frank Mancuso was released from Memorial Hospital Southeast after undergoing open-heart surgery.

15 years ago (2006)
 Precinct 2 deputy constables made arrests for theft, drugs, a weapon violation and for outstanding warrants. One arrest alone cleared 11 local warrants.

5 years ago (2016)
 Easthaven Church celebrated its 75th anniversary. Begun as a mission of First Baptist Church of South Houston, then-Easthaven Baptist Church had its first gathering on Easter 1941 in the home of Herman Head, who would later also donate

property on Edgebrook to house the new church. Pastors over the years include Fred Sanderlin; R.H. McCroskey; J.P. Graham; W.C. Koonce; Buford E. Cain; Michael Collins; Dr. Bruce Prescott; and current Pastor Kevin J. Rizer.

1 year ago (2020)
 Pasadena ISD was one of only two school districts in the state of Texas to be recognized as a Model Professional Learning Community at Work. Only 24 school districts throughout the country and Canada were selected for this prestigious honor.

3 years ago (2018)
 Frank Braden, former Dobie principal, died Sept. 14 at the age of 86. Braden served as principal of Dobie from 1979 to 1986, at which time he was promoted to the position of Pasadena ISD assistant superintendent. In addition to serving as principal at Dobie, Braden also

served as principal at Thompson Intermediate from 1972 until 1974. Previous to that, Braden served as assistant principal at Beverly Hills Intermediate. Braden graduated with his Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University in 1959 and received his ME from the University of Houston in 1963. In 1959, he began his career in PISD as a teacher and a counselor at San Jacinto Intermediate.

In 1964 he was transferred to Beverly Hills and then served as assistant principal at Pasadena High from 1969 until 1972, when he became Thompson's principal. Braden also served as PISD director of transportation from 1974 until coming to Dobie in 1979. Braden served as Dobie's second principal, replacing Allen Sory, who served as Dobie's first principal.

40 years ago (1981)
 The Pasadena Independent School District made low-fat milk the only choice for students.

30 years ago (1991)
 Construction began for a right turn lane west of Beamer at Scarsdale Boulevard.

20 years ago (2001)
 In approximately 10

hours, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department collected more than \$16,000 which was sent to members of the New York City fire and police departments after the 9/11 attacks.

10 years ago (2011)
 A former Clear Brook High School teacher and Clear Springs High School teacher and volleyball coach was arrested on drug charges during a police raid on his League City home. Timothy Todd Porter, 45, was suspected of selling steroids and cocaine to students and others. His arrest was the result of a

three-month investigation involving Friendswood police and Drug Enforcement Administration agents in Houston and Dallas.

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35 years ago (1986)
 The child of a Wood Meadow resident was exposed to pesticides from diapers purchased from the Walgreens on Scarsdale at Beamer. Walgreens settled for \$3,000 in civil penalties and \$1,000 a day for each day the contaminated diapers remained on the shelf.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Garcia leads JFD; Dobie moves to 3-0 with win over Friendswood

locals win at DP

Back-to-back team wins have the Dobie varsity girls' cross-country team feeling well on schedule as the post-season gets ever closer. Senior Karen Martinez delivered a season-best third place overall finish as she led the Lady Longhorns to the top team spot at the Deer Park Invitational Sept. 10 as part of the 5,000-meter Maroon division.

Martinez clocked in at 21 minutes, 14.00 seconds for that top-three medal, and teammate Isela Munoz, a junior, was seventh with her time of 21:22.00. Senior Izzy Padilla was 10th with her timing of 21:31.67, and sophomore Kyla Lobo was 11th with her time of 21:33.97. At 21:39.49, senior Victoria Ramirez placed

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Dobie at Dickinson Fri., Sept. 17 Sam Vianza Stadium, 7 p.m.

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Break out the measuring stick. It's time to see where the defending District 22-6A champion Dobie varsity football program stands just a week prior to the start of the 2021 league race.

The Longhorns, having rolled out to a 3-0 head-turning start while outscoring opponents 188-6, will now take on fellow 6A Division I power Dickinson in one of the most anticipated nondistrict clashes anywhere across the Region III ranks.

The two teams will meet Sept. 17 at Dickinson ISD's Sam Vianza Stadium, with opening kickoff coming at 7 p.m.

Dobie, winner of 28 of 32 regular season games during head coach Kevin Berneathy's three-plus year stay following a 63-6 road win at Friendswood Sept. 10, has excelled in all three phases of the game to this point.

Dickinson has started just 1-2 after a 28-21 loss Sept. 10 to defending state champion Katy, coupled with a 42-36 loss to 2020 6A Division I regional finalist Ridge Point. The Gators also defeated 5A



Dobie's Elijah Howard (83) heads to the end zone en route to one of his long touchdown receptions during the Longhorns' 63-6 win Sept. 10 at Henry Winston Stadium in Friendswood as the Longhorns improved to 3-0 this season with the easy win. Next up, Dobie will play at Dickinson Sept. 17 as kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Sam Vianza Stadium. Photo by Gloria Wallace

state-ranked Manvel in their season opener.

Suffice to say, merely comparing overall records to this point in deciding the Dobie/Dickinson winner is foolhardy at best. The Gators are talented, and the Longhorns know it.

By the same token, Dickinson head coach John Snelson, having spent years as a Dobie opponent while the head coach at Pasadena Memorial, knows the Longhorns are as talented as they've ever been.

Dobie has won 10 consecutive nondistrict games and 14 overall regular season games entering this one. The pandemic forced the planned 2020 meeting

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Lady Horns sweep Channelview to open 22-6A play

Locals now stand 16-9 overall

At right, Dobie sophomore hitter Ariana Garza (8) led the Lady Longhorns to an easy win over Channelview Sept. 10 in three games as the locals got out of the gate in District 22-6A play with a win over the Falcons. Garza and her teammates combined to win 16 of 25 overall matches heading into play after press time Sept. 14. Dobie was 10-2 a season ago and second on the top spot in the league standings but now has its focus on the top spot with a home match coming Sept. 21 against the Deer.

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Dobie hosts Pasadena Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.
Dobie hosts Deer Park Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m.

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Host dominates LSA cross-country coasts to victories

Lutheran South Academy earned team wins in the varsity girls' and boys' divisions as the Pioneers hosted a series of cross-country races at the school.

Sophomore Matthew Gaitan was second overall in the boys' 5,000-meter event at 17 minutes, 11.74 seconds as the Pioneers posted a low of 43 for the team win.

Bay Area Christian School's Trey Showen, a senior, was the top overall medalist at 17:07.64, with Gaitan next and several of his teammates not far behind.

The Pioneers' Easton Bettcher, a freshman, had a time of 18:45.70 for eighth place overall. Junior Layton Thacker was 10th at 18:56.42, with senior Elijah Ward 12th in a clocking of 19:02.36.

Lucas Wells was the Pioneers' fifth qualifying scorer as he placed 15th in a time of 19:24.27, and Nathan Mendoza was 16th at 19:28.02.

The LSA varsity girls' team was equally as impressive, winning its division with a low of 26 points as sophomore Lydia Ward led the way, fifth overall at the 3,200-meter distance in a time of 13:37.00.

Senior Catherine Hergenrader was eighth at 14:25.69, and sophomore Bianca Barba was 10th at 15:04.05. Mia Vasquez, also a sophomore, was 14th in a time of 15:08.65, with freshman Madison Van Wie 15th in a time of 15:11.41 to round out the Pioneers' scoring.

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JFD subvarsity football gets wins

Dobie's subvarsity football programs delivered a big day of action Sept. 9 against Friendswood, scoring three wins over the Mustangs.

JFD JV Orange 25 Friendswood 15
Dobie's junior varsity Orange squad stayed unbeaten this season at 3-0 heading into a big clash with Dickinson, taking down Friendswood 25-15.

Offensively, Kai Conerly led the Longhorns in rushing and added a touchdown on the ground. John Anthony Amos, Ke'vant Charles and Juan Huerta also scored for the Longhorns.

The Dobie defense played well throughout the game and was able to slow Friendswood's passing game. Nicholas Gonzales and Terrance Thomas made big plays for the Longhorn defense.

The Longhorns' clash with Dickinson is Sept. 16 at Dobie's main campus at 4:30 p.m.

JFD frosh Orange 42 Friendswood 26
Dobie's freshman Orange team posted a big of-

fensive night and caused disruption and turnovers on defense en route to a 42-26 victory over the Mustangs.

Cam Mathews, Kaden Dilliard and Ta'Vareon Jones scored touchdowns, and the Dobie offense got great play from Markel Terry, Matthew Rangel, Bobby Maldonado, Andrew Garcia, Theo Washington and Hunter Stacy.

The Longhorns' big defensive performance was led by Johnny Willis, Jaylon Broussard, Chris Belamy, Tariq Riley, Mike Williams, Adam Perez and Nathan Torres.

JFD frosh White 22 Friendswood 0
The Longhorns' freshman White team had a solid showing on both sides of the football, taking down Friendswood 22-0 to move to 2-1 this season.

Rudy Villanueva and Maurice Bryant were the big names in the scoring column as Villanueva ran three yards for a touchdown and also caught a five-yard scoring pass from Bryant.

Bryant capped the scoring with an 8-yard run, and kicker Andy Silva added a pair of conversion points.

Richard Garcia, Dakari Craig and Abel Gonzalez also starred on offense for the Longhorns in the win.

Dobie's shutout on defense was led by the efforts of Richard Garcia, Te'Boris Henry, Julian Valencia, Nathan Bennett, Adam Aguilar and Joseph Salazar.

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13th, with teammate Ashlee Garcia taking 16th with her time of 22:11.

Freshman Lauren Garza took 19th in her varsity debut in a time of 22:40.20.

The Dobie junior varsity boys were second to Clear Lake in the team standings as Chris Lopez was the winner in a time of 18:37.56.

Anthony Johnson's time of 19:16.09 was fourth, with Carlos Salazar fifth in a time of 19:46.37.

South Belt football predictions

Dobie at Dickinson	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Brook at Fulshear	Fulshear	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Fulshear	Fulshear
Channelview at Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Channelview	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake
Pasadena Memorial at Houston Westbury	Westbury	PMHS	Westbury	PMHS	Westbury
Beaumont West Brook at Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	BWB	BWB
South Houston at Grand Oaks	Grand Oaks	Grand Oaks	Grand Oaks	South Houston	Grand Oaks
Cinco Ranch at Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls
Huntsville at C.E. King	CEK	Huntsville	CEK	Huntsville	CEK
Atascocita at Denton Guyer	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Concordia Lutheran at Lutheran South	LSA	Concordia	LSA	LSA	Concordia
This week's record	7-3	6-4	6-4	8-2	8-2
Season record	22-8	21-9	17-13	23-7	25-5



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Dobie football at 3-0 ahead of Dickinson clash

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touchdowns, including the two to Elijah Howard as the Mustangs had very few answers in the game.

As for Trajan Davis, he has now collected nine touchdowns through the three games.

Now, it's on to Dickinson as the Longhorns will go up against a potential Division I playoff foe.

As well as the Longhorns have played to this point in the season, they have to like their chances against the Gators in one of the top games of the week.



At left, Dobie senior quarterback Cameron Gray (9) had more than 500 yards passing and five touchdowns, and also rushed for more than 100 yards as Dobie crushed Friendswood 63-6 Sept. 10 at Henry Winston Stadium in Friendswood. Photo by Gloria Wallace

Bay Area Football League Week 5 Results

	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.	PWs
Cowboys	63	30	26	34	20
Buccaneers	0	0	0	0	8
Dolphins	0	--	0	8	forfeit
Texans	20	--	44	13	win

Week 6 Games – Saturday, Sept. 18
Cowboys host Hitchcock Red Raiders, El Franco Lee Park
Dolphins have bye week

Wolverine boys earn x-country win

The Clear Brook varsity boys' cross-country team played the role of ungracious host Sept. 11 at Resoft Park in Alvin, grabbing the team title at the Running with the Wolverines Invitational.

Senior Matthew Trevino won top overall medalist honors in a time of 16 minutes, 01.30 seconds

over 5,000 meters. The Wolverines delivered a low score of 54 to win the team crown, edging out District 24-6A foe Clear Springs, which took second with 63.

Brook sophomore Joseph Trevino wound up fourth at 17:08.44 for the champion Wolverines, and Eden Diaz was next, fifth in a time of 17:44.88.



At left, the Clear Brook varsity boys' cross-country team earned the win at the Running with the Wolverines Invitational Sept. 11 at Resoft Park in Alvin as the locals edged District 24-6A foe Clear Springs at the 5,000-meter distance. Left to right, the Wolverines' group included senior Austin Blazine, senior Matthew Trevino, sophomore Joseph Trevino and junior Eden Diaz. Not pictured is sophomore Tristan Ecord.

Brook takes down LP; Lacy scores 5

With just over a week remaining prior to the start of District 24-6A play, the Clear Brook varsity football team looks very much in line to compete for a Division II playoff berth.

The Wolverines, now 2-1 after a 49-23 win at La Porte Sept. 10, have a remaining nondistrict tilt Sept. 17 at Fulshear coming up.

After that, the Wolverines will look to the 24-6A race exclusively.

To this point, Brook second-year head coach John Towels III and his staff have to be pleased with where the offense stands as senior signal-caller Cameron McCalister lit up La Porte.

McCalister was 21 of 33 for 265 yards and two touchdowns throws, giving him eight through three games.

Michael Lewis, the 24-6A leader in receiving through two weeks with 17 catches for 185 yards, had another eight grabs for 118 yards.

Nathan Barnett caught five passes for 68 yards as they continue to be McCalister's top targets.

Yet perhaps the team's biggest reason for optimism though to this point is senior running back Trent Lacy, who had 141 yards rushing on 17 carries and two touchdowns against the Bulldogs. That, and he scored five touch-

downs. A budding star following a standout sophomore season, the injury bug got to Lacy as a junior, and the Wolverines subsequently

had issues in the run game. Back and seemingly going to 240 yards in the early back to his old self, Lacy now has rushed 36 times for 240 yards in the early going.



Clear Brook quarterback Cameron McCalister (8) celebrated with offensive lineman Donovan Jacob (75) after McCalister's 1-yard run gave the Wolverines their first touchdown of the season Aug. 27 against Texas City at Challenger Stadium in Webster. The score was set up by Jaylen Price's interception on Texas City's first drive. Brook is now the winner of two of three to start the season following a 49-23 win over La Porte Sept. 10. Photo by Andy Tolbert

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CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
Noon
Hometown Heroes - Ballroom dances Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 - 3:30 p.m. and Fridays, noon - 1:30 p.m. These are not dance lessons but casual dances. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 281-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All services are live and Zoom online. For information on the 7 p.m. Friday night service or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles and discover choices available. For additional information, call 281-484-9243.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For additional information, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
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.houstonana.non.org/ for additional information.
1 p.m.
St. Paul's Anglican Church - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
8 p.m.
AA - at CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
10 a.m.

Al-Anon Deer Park - Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details.
Noon
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For more information, contact Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565.
7 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open meeting, education Bldg., room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
Noon
AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway Pearland. See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For more information, call 281-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
Noon
AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway Pearland. See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For more information, call 281-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. either at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or online on Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Additional information is on the Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under the calendar tab.
9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Meets the second Thursday at Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3, in Webster. The guest minister will be Dana Shaw, who operates in a prophetic ministry and is an anointed psalmist who leads praise and worship. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South. Meetings are on the second Thursday 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). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speakers. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Thursday's notice.

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Community shares food with overworked hospital staff

Several South Belt residents and local businesses have donated meals to the frontline workers at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital to thank them for selflessly risking their own lives each day to help defeat the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

More than 25 donors from the community had taken part at press time, according to MSHS Director of Physician Resources Rebecca Lilley, who coordinates the incoming donations.

Some donors such as Charlie's Plumbing have donated meals multiple times. Others include Joe's Deli and Burleigh Chiropractic/Insurance. The mother-daughter duo of Sandy Robb and Stacey Waugh has also taken part in the donation program, as has the *Leader*, which donated some pizzas to the cause.

"Our staff has been incredibly blessed by every donation," said Lilley. "These frontline workers are working very hard, and it means the world to them to get a donation. They are always excited and very appreciative. Some of our donors like Charlie's Plumbing have now done seven weeks in a row of lunch for our health

care workers." Lilley said the donations help boost the spirits of hospital workers and are greatly appreciated.

"These heroes are working very hard every day," said Lilley. "When they have gone for seven or eight hours without a drop of water or a bite of food, this is a huge booster to their morale and gives them the fuel to keep on going for the rest of their shift."

Lilley said the weary workers sometimes don't even have time to sit down and eat.

"Our staff are tired and weary and exhausted and have been through a lot the past 18 months," said Lilley. "Every single donation that comes in is very much appreciated. Sometimes the staff just stand right there in the break room and don't even sit down to eat. These food donations have meant so much to every single staff member."

Residents wishing to donate meals to the hospital staff may do so by calling Lilley at 281-929-4369. While the hospital is appreciative of all donations, no homemade meals will be accepted.



Community shares with hospital staff

More than two dozen members of the South Belt community have donated meals to feed the overworked staff members of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, as they continue to risk their own lives battling the COVID-19 pandemic. Shown above enjoying some sandwiches recently donated by Charlie's Plumbing, which has donated meals for seven weeks, are, left to right, Rachel Ward, CDU RN; Susan Miller, Case Management and Kristin Bourgeois, CDU RN.

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Photo by James Bolen



JFD tennis gifts water to school clinic



Members of the J. Frank Dobie High School tennis team recently donated more than 25 cases of bottled water to the school clinic. Those taking part in the donation included, from left to right, (front row) Brian Nguyen, (middle row) Kathleen Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Audrena Soto (health clerk), Hallie Vu, Vanessa Tran, Cathy Meek (Licensed Vocational Nurse), Leena Pham, Kristal Fruge-Heath (Reg-

istered Nurse), Tracy Tran, Thang Tran, Dominic Ortiz, Natalie Vo, Kayla Tran, Tiffany Tran, (back row) Lael Martinez, Titus Giang, Leslie Figueroa, Megan Rodriguez, David Caballero, Aaron Charles, Amalia Reyes, Andrew Huynh, Hailey Maldonado, William Ho, Ryan Le and Eric Huynh.

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