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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.

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Public safety meeting set

Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia and the Harris County Sheriff's Office will host a public safety meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at the San Jacinto College South Campus - Marie Spence Flickinger Building, located at 13735 Beamer.

Beverly Hills holds meeting

Beverly Hills Civic Club will host a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the William Parker branch library, 10851 Scarsdale. A Houston city council member will attend.

Ellington e-recycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. For information, visit www.houstonwaste.org or call 311

Kirkmont to hold meeting

Kirkmont I HOA will hold its board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. All Kirkmont I residents are encouraged to attend.

Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Sept. 8 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Sept. 9 (second Friday of the month).

Sagemeadow holds meeting

The Sagemeadow HOA will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. This month's guest speaker is state Rep. Mayes Middleton.

COVID cases decline

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community is down for the fourth consecutive week, with decreases being reported in all three local ZIP codes.

As of Tuesday, Sept. 6, there were 296 active cases in 77089, down 63 from the previous week. To date, 135 from the ZIP code have died from the disease.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 197 active cases, down 82 from the previous week. To date, there have been 81 deaths in the ZIP code, up one from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 196 active cases, down 31 from the previous week. To date, 91 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease.

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

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one southbound 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.

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.

City of Houston to hold \$478M bond election Measure in addition to \$1.2B county bond election

Houston City Council recently approved setting a Nov. 8 election for voters to consider a \$478 million bond proposal that prioritizes public safety and does not require an increase in property taxes.

This measure is separate from the \$1.2 billion bond referendum already announced by Harris County.

The city's proposed authorization is needed to finance \$194 million for existing projects in the FY2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan passed by City Council on June 29, 2022.

If passed, the bond proposal would include the following:

- \$277 million for police and fire.
- \$156 million for deferred maintenance.
- \$60 million for inflationary costs.
- \$45 million for a new BARC facility.

- \$13 million for park facilities.

"I thank members of the City Council for approving the November 8, 2022, bond election," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner. "I am asking voters to support it because it will allow us to meet critical needs within the City of Houston without raising property taxes. Specifically, the bond allocation will fully fund projects currently included in the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. These are critical projects located in every council district throughout the city. The bond allocation will also allow us to fund other priority projects, such as public safety, representing 60 percent of the total request. Additional priorities include deferred maintenance, parks, libraries, solid waste and BARC. The November 2022 bond election is a pragmatic, forward-looking proposal that focuses on responsible investment

for the long-term benefit of all Houstonians."

County bond proposal

Harris County will also have a bond referendum on the November ballot.

The measure passed during a special meeting of Commissioners Court Thursday, Aug. 18, 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 \$1.2 billion proposal will 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.

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Woman killed in crash near Fuqua

Houston police have learned a woman critically injured in a crash Saturday, Aug. 20, in the 9800 block Ramey Street near Fuqua and King-spoint has died from her injuries.

The identity of the woman, 62, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the woman was driving a black Nissan Rogue west at a high rate of speed at the above

address when she ran a stop sign and then struck a tree.

Houston Fire Department paramedics transported the victim to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. She was then transported via Life Flight helicopter to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center in critical condition.

Doctors pronounced the victim dead the following week on Saturday, Aug. 27.

The investigation was ongoing at press time.

1st possible monkeypox death reported

An adult with various severe illnesses who was also presumptive positive for monkeypox died Sunday, Aug. 28, at a Harris County hospital.

At press time, the patient's cause of death is unknown. Harris County Public Health was collaborating with partners to determine what role, if any, monkeypox may have played in this person's death. An autopsy is in process, and the final report will be available in the next few weeks.

"We are sharing this information to err on the side of transparency and to avoid potential misinformation about this case," said Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo. "The best way for us to fight

this virus is through vaccines. Our goal is still to get as many people who qualify vaccinated as quickly as possible - I have always felt that vaccines are the key to reducing spread."

The department has been collaborating with Harris Health System, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Texas Department of State Health Services on this case.

"We continue our work to control the monkeypox outbreak in our community and build a healthier and stronger," said Harris County HCPH Director Barbie Robinson.

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Pedestrian killed in bizarre accident

A pedestrian was killed around 7:20 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, when he was struck by a vehicle in the 10500 block of the Gulf Freeway near Edgebrook.

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

According to Houston Police Department officials, the pedestrian was lying in the roadway in a U-turn lane from the southbound service road when he was struck by a white Nissan Frontier pickup truck.

Houston Fire Department paramedics trans-

ported him to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake, where he was pronounced dead.

The driver of the pickup truck, who remained at the scene, was questioned and released, pending further investigation.

No charges have been filed at this time, as the investigation is continuing.

A similar incident took place in September 2021 at the intersection of Hughes Road and Blackhawk.

In that accident, a hit-and-run, investigators said a male, believed to have been homeless, en-

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Flickinger cheats death, turns 80



Less than two weeks after dying in the hospital following a scheduled surgery, *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger celebrated her 80th birthday Thursday, Sept. 1. Houston City Council Member Dave Martin (right) presented Flickinger a proclamation and declared Sept. 1 a day in her honor. Martin also recognized Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital staff members Amanda Chadwick (left) and Dr. Naveed Usman Saqib. Flickinger credits the MHS nursing staff for saving her life. (Hospital staff not shown included doctors Gordon Martin, Jawad Sarwar, Sibtain Ali and Peter Jerome and nurses Vipin Vijayan, Kristi Valdez and Gracie Riehs.) See related photo on Page 2.

County sues state over constable funding allegations

New state law prohibits "defunding" police, requires popular vote

Harris County Commissioners Court on Aug. 31 authorized the county attorney to hire outside counsel and file a lawsuit to challenge the state's retaliatory actions following accusations the county "defunded" local constable offices, violating recent legislation.

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo said the state's actions are "gridlock" to necessary coun-

ty funding, including more than \$96 million earmarked for public safety.

"Harris County residents are caught up as collateral in Gov. Abbott's latest political stunt," said Hidalgo. "Our residents cannot afford to be stripped of public safety, public health and other resources. I remain focused on making unprecedented investments into law enforcement and

running the county so that people can focus on their lives. We will pursue all avenues toward a potential solution, and I'm proud that we are pursuing legal action against the state as we fight to keep Harris County fully funded and free of political sport."

Last week, state Comptroller Glenn Hegar penned a letter to Gov. Greg Abbott and other top state officials, alleging that Harris County officials violated a new state law that prohibits local municipalities from defunding police departments

without putting the measure up for a popular vote.

Hegar said investigators are looking into the following three claims:

- Harris County abruptly ended a long-standing policy to "automatically roll over" unspent departmental funds from one fiscal year to the next fiscal year, resulting in a loss of more than \$3 million in funds previously dedicated to the Constable's Office in FY 2021-2022 being returned to the general fund.

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Novavax COVID vax now for youths

Following approvals from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Texas Department of State Health Services, Harris County Public Health is now offering the COVID-19 Novavax vaccine to adolescents aged 12 - 17.

Novavax is a two-dose primary series given 3 weeks apart.

This vaccine method had previously been available to only adults.

Novavax uses a different technique than other COVID-19 vaccines such as those from Pfizer and Moderna. Instead of using mRNA, which provides the instructions for your body to cre-

ate 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).

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Harris County offers heat safety tips

Summers in the Greater Houston tend to be filled with days of extreme heat and high humidity that can be very harmful to one's health.

Harris County Public Health encourages the community to take precautions and stay safe from the mounting summer heat.

High temperatures and humidity can make it difficult for the body to cool itself through sweating, which forces the body to work harder to maintain a normal temperature. Heat-related illnesses, like heat exhaustion, heat strokes and heat cramps, may occur when a person has been overexposed to heat or has over-exercised for their age and physical condition.

Older adults, young children and people with underlying health conditions are more likely to be impacted by the extreme heat.

HCPH is urging residents to take extra precautions to help minimize exposure. The following steps are recommended to help keep cool:

- Stay hydrated to avoid heat exhaustion. Drink more water than one usually consume daily, and avoid or limit sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic beverages.

- Fans alone aren't enough in high heat and high humidity. Those without central air conditioning are urged to take a break from the heat and find a cooling center nearest them.

- Do not leave children, senior citizens or pets in a vehicle, even if one is just running out for a quick errand. Interior temperatures can rise almost 20 degrees in 10 minutes, even with the windows slightly open.

- Make sure to wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that permits the evaporation of perspiration.

- Sunscreen also protects from the sun's harmful rays and reduces the risk of sunburn.

For additional information and tips, visit hccphx.org.

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Brook names homecoming court



Clear Brook High School recently named its 2022-2023 homecoming court. Court members shown above are, from left to right, Aluma Muns, Jack Treadway, Tristan Lisbony, Brooke Reitz, Sam Perry, Lindsey Mosley, Jaylen Price, Gisselle Garcia, Maya Jolivet, Dheyaniella Figueroa and Alexis Mclarin. King and queen will be crowned Friday, Sept. 9, at Challenger Stadium when the Wolverines take on the Clear Falls Knights. Brook's homecoming dance will be held at the area school the following day Sept. 10.

Flickinger celebrates 80th with family



Leader publisher Marie Flickinger (second from left, middle row) celebrated her 80th birthday Thursday, Sept. 1, surrounded by family. Family members shown above are, left to right, (front row) Noah Abarca, Zachary Riggs, (middle row) Elliana Abarca, Kimberly Lupina, Penelope Durham, Courtney Durham, Juju LeBlanc, Abigail Durham, Jackson Durham, Rhett LeBlanc and (back row) Kelvin Lopez. See related photo on Page 1.

Photo by Natalie Abarca

Dobie students support Uvalde



Dobie students Alexa Avila (left), Rachel Rivas (center) and Noeli Bocanegra are shown above at area high school Tuesday, Sept. 6, wearing the Uvalde Strong T-shirts they made in support of the Robb Elementary students who returned to class that day. This marked the first time the Uvalde students had returned to school since the May 24 shooting that killed 19 of their classmates and two of their teachers.

Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.
Bracewell Branch Library
Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.
Thursday, Sept. 8, 4 – 5 p.m. Family storytime.
Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.
Book drop
The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.
Additional resources
The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at www.houstonlibrary.org under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.
Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and 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 library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.
The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.
The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:
Thursday, Sept. 8, 10:30 – 11 a.m. Toddler Time. This program is designed for 18 months to 4 year olds, all children and families are welcome to join.
Thursday, Sept. 8, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sudoku.
Friday, Sept. 9, 4 – 6 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: character sheet building. Registration required.
Saturday, Sept. 10, 2 – 2:30 p.m. STEM club - bouncy balls.
Saturday, Sept. 10, 3 – 4 p.m. Korean Language Reading Class.
Monday, Sept. 12, 3 – 4 p.m. Sensory friendly movie - Ralph Breaks the Internet.
Monday, Sept. 13, 10:30 – 11 a.m. Story Time.
Monday, Sept. 13, 3 – 4 p.m. Sewing club. Registration required.
Monday, Sept. 13, 4 – 6 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Basics of Battle. Registration required.
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.
– 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.
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Elected officials share Harris County Commissioner Jack Cagle

Comments on proposed tax rate

Adopting the tax rate remains one of a commissioner's most important duties. Although some residents may not realize it, property taxes affect everyone, including renters, whose rental rates often increase with taxes. When we set the tax rate too high, we overburden homeowners, hinder home ownership, and slow economic growth.
As Commissioners Court prepares to adopt a tax rate and new budget, I want to reiterate my beliefs on taxes.
Government should hold first the view of the taxpayer, not the tax spender.
Our communities had to tighten their belts after Harvey and the pandemic. Government should do likewise.
Additionally, on Nov. 8, voters will decide whether to approve another bond proposal for roads and bridges, parks, and public infrastructure. Although I support roads and bridges, parks, and public safety, I voted against proposing this particular bond for five reasons.
First, I believe that skyrocketing inflation and a weakened economy have left many residents unable to take on a new tax burden at this time.
Additionally, the bond package does not identify specific projects and how they may benefit voters. In the past few years, spending at the county level has risen dramatically.
Before we ask for more money, we owe the public an explanation detailing how – and where – we plan to use new bond funds.
I also question why we plan to spend more than a million dollars on public engagement for a \$1.2 billion bond. Basically, we plan to spend four times more on a bond half the size. It just doesn't pass the smell test.
Additionally, nearly \$200 million remains unused from the 2015 bond. Why ask the public for more money when we still have funds on the table?
Finally, why push for this bond now when we have so many other pressing items to address? We need to preserve our bonding capacity so that we can fund the big-ticket items in the future.
In this issue, I also commend your Precinct 4 team for helping extinguish two wildfires during the worst of the drought.
These brave employees not only maintain your parks and roads; they also serve as first responders. I encourage you to learn more below about how your Precinct 4 team helps protect your parks, streets, and communities. As always, we work for you!

Jack Cagle

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca
A member of *People of Sagemont 2* Facebook group posted that his work truck was broken into Saturday, Sept. 3 on Sagecreek. The member states that all of his power tools were taken. The member describes the suspect as a black male, dressed all in black with a mask, driving a black Honda Civic with its plates covered.

Toastmasters meeting

The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 will hold an Open House on Monday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.
Visit the club website at <https://www.youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com/> for additional meeting information.

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrated at Bayou Theater

As part of University of Houston-Clear Lake's Hispanic Heritage Month activities, the Bayou Theater is presenting a performance by the Gulf Coast Guitar Association, formed five years ago to promote classical guitar in Houston. The group will take the Bayou Theater stage Saturday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m.
Houston Classical Guitar Association produces the Houston Classical Guitar Festival and Competition annually, bringing internationally acclaimed guitarists from throughout the world to perform, teach and compete in Houston.
Artistic Director and classical guitarist Jay Kacherski and flamenco guitarist and Associate Artistic Director Jeremy Garcia are joined by Brazilian pianist Lina Morita and Cuban-born singer Irma LaPaloma. The quartet will present music reflecting the cultures of Spain and the Americas.
Associate Artistic Director and flamenco guitarist Jeremy Garcia said the evening would be special because it marked the first occasion in which all four players, who also have separate solo and duo careers, would perform together on one stage.
"There will be Latin American solo guitar pieces, piano solos, guitar and piano duets, Latin and Spanish performances and flamenco guitar solos, with Jeremy and (singer) Irma La Paloma singing," Garcia said. "But I think the highlight of the night will be the finale."
The finale, he explained, is a world premiere of Garcia's new arrangement of Manuel de Falla's "Suite del El Amor Brujo," or "Love, the Sorcerer."
The piece tells the story of a woman whose faithful husband dies, then haunts her. "His ghost dances with her, but she's fallen in love with

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Shown above, left to right, are Jeremy Garcia, Irma La Paloma, Lina Morita and Jay Kacherski. The group will perform Sept. 17 at the Bayou Theater.

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Deaths

Jan "Juanita Scott" McLaughlin



Jan "Juanita Scott" McLaughlin was born March 23, 1951, in Dennison, Ohio to Delbert and Rosa (Gray) McCray, the second oldest of 12 children. At the age of 8, she was baptized at her local Church of God. After graduating from Milby High School in Houston, Jan married Eugene T. McLaughlin Sr. and spent the next 30 years as a paralegal for his law office in Houston, Swenson & McLaughlin Attorneys at Law. She made her own way in a man's world. She valued family above all things and together Eugene and Jan raised five children, Robert McLaughlin Sr., James and Paul McLaughlin Jr., Eugene T. McLaughlin Jr., and Frances McLaughlin. She was very active in her children's lives and served on the school PTO. She enjoyed the time spent with family playing board games and cards and playing with her children. Jan's first love was her children. She made sure that they never went without anything and that they all knew they were loved. She enjoyed listening to music and dancing. Her other love was being creative. She would make special family recipes, do oil paintings, tri-chem painting, sewing and many other projects side by side with her children. After many years of being a widow, she found love again and on Feb. 14, 2019, she was united in marriage to Dennis McCoy. She always looked forward to celebrating holidays—especially Christmas with her family, baking a big ham, setting up the tree, and providing for those that were in need. Jan will be remembered for her sense of humor and her care for others.
She passed away peacefully and into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior the evening of Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, surrounded by her family and loved ones at the Heart Hospital of Austin.
Jan is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Eugene T. McLaughlin Sr.; sisters, Naomi Pulsifer and Rosa Kinsey; brother Richard McCray; and brother-in-law, David Townsend.
She is survived by her husband, Dennis McCoy; children Robert and Pam McLaughlin Jr., James and Tina McLaughlin, Paul and Michelle McLaughlin, Amie McLaughlin, Eugene T. McLaughlin Jr., and Frances Doggett; grandchildren Robert Teal, Robert McLaughlin Jr., Sabrina and Alex McClellan, Travis Robertson, Heather Lomas, Ally "Alyssa" Mills, Max "Savannah" McLaughlin, Preston "P.T. Mac" McLaughlin, Jace McLaughlin, Joseph McLaughlin, Jacob Doggett, Jamie Doggett, Christian Thomas and Emma Thomas; great-grandchildren Levi Ellison, Mia and Trent Jr. Mills, Scarlet, Tiana and Miguel Lomas, Alexander, Conner and Sawyer McClellan and Oliver Robertson; stepfather, Jim Wright; siblings, Carol Townsend, Sally and Larry Williams, G. Scott Wright and Wendy Dozier, Mallory and Jenette Wright, Dianna and Dodd Stringer, Flo and Lance Sebesta, and Rocky Wright; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.
Serving as pallbearers will be Jacob Doggett, Travis Robertson, Robert Teal,

he was set for the afternoon.
Bill and Linnell attended Sagemont Church and met many dear friends in their church family there. They attended worship and I Connect Bible Studies as long as Bill was well enough to attend.
Preceding him in passing were his mother, father and brother.
Surviving Bill are his wife, Linnell; his son, Ryan Taylor (Karen) of Riverside, California; granddaughters who were the light of his life, Ari Sprague, Emma Sprague, Lyric Taylor, Elektra Taylor and Nolan Taylor; sister, Kathy Taylor of Richmond; mother-in-law, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and lifelong friends; church family; and Sophie Grace, his precious fur baby.
He will be missed beyond measure, but the family is comforted that he is no longer suffering and rests safely in the arms of Jesus.
The visitation will be held at Peevey Funeral Home (12440 Beamer Rd. Houston, TX) Saturday, Sept. 10, at 3 p.m. The service will follow at 4 p.m.
Memorials can be made to Sagemont Church NVision fund or American Heart Association.

William "Bill" Richard Taylor



William (Bill) Richard Taylor, age 76, of Houston, Texas, left this earth on Sept. 4, 2022, to be with his Lord. He suffered greatly over the past four years. His numerous health issues confined him to multiple hospitals, rehabs and skilled nursing facilities for the greater part of these later years. He truly fought the good fight, and finally could fight no longer. He is finally walking again, this time on streets of gold.
Bill was born Feb. 27, 1946 in Port Arthur, Texas to Margaret and Paul Taylor. He was the middle child of three, with an older brother, Paul Taylor Jr. and a younger sister, Kathy Ann Taylor. His family later moved to Houston where he grew up in and around the North Shore area. He graduated from Galena Park High School in 1964. He later began his "college career" attending numerous universities. He was a star athlete receiving scholarships to Blinn, North Texas State, Stephen F. Austin, and Louisiana College. Later he attended and graduated from the University of Houston where he was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.
He met his wife, Linnell, in New Braunfels in the fall of 1974. The two were married in June 1975 in Belton, Texas. They were blessed by adoption in 1981 when God sent them their one and only son, Ryan Scott Taylor. He was their pride and joy and was loved beyond measure. Both Bill and Linnell were teachers in Pasadena for 30 years. Bill taught science and also coached a number of sports at Jackson, Miller, Pasadena and finally Thompson.
He couldn't wait to tell his students (and later his nurses) any silly joke with which he could come up. He loved sports and as he neared retirement, golf became a favorite hobby. He and his friends would leave early in the morning and head out for their favorite course. They would arrive home hours later after stopping for lunch or dinner along the way.
Movies were another favorite pastime. He would head out to the theater on Day 1 after a new release hit the box office and after waiting in line for popcorn and a diet Coke,

Christopher James Martinez

Christopher James Martinez, beloved son of Richard and Christine Martinez, was a lifelong resident of South Belt and later the Clear Lake area. He was born Jan. 9, 1985, and died Aug. 19, 2022. He attended Frazier Elementary and graduated from Clear Brook High School in 2003.
He was preceded in death by his loving maternal grandparents, James and Rosa Sanders of Sagemont, and his paternal grandfather Joe Martinez. He leaves behind his devastated parents, older brother Eric, his nephew Damian and sister-in-law Michelle Martinez and niece Alexis Meirhoffer, in addition to his aunt Debbie and uncle Mike Sanders of Sagemont, along with paternal grandmother Rosa Fuentes. His friends were many who will also feel his loss greatly.
Christopher was a die-hard Astros fan and attended many hometown games. He was a devotee of all things wrestling and especially the WWE. He was a member of the "Ballet Club" and knew many events locally and around the country.
Christopher also had the good fortune to travel to destinations points all over America and to his grandmother's home country of Germany. There he became a huge fan of the German soccer franchise of Bayern-Munich.
Although his time on earth was brief, he was a spiritual young man who led a full and interesting life filled with curiosity and wonder.
He will be greatly missed by all who loved him. He is gone too soon.
A private service will be held.

Leader obituary policy

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

St. Luke fall festival

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church is hosting a fall festival and parish raffle from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 12, 2022. The festival will be held at 11011 Hall Rd., Houston, TX 77089, in the rear parking lot.
Additional parking will be provided at Dobie High School 10220 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, TX 77089. A shuttle from Dobie's lot to the festival will be available. Admission is free and open to the public. Included in the festival's schedule are crafts, food, DJ music and activities for children.

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Possible first county Monkeypox death

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 No further information about the person will be shared at this time to respect the family's privacy.
 If one is suspected of being exposed to monkeypox, they should contact their health care provider. If one has questions regarding monkeypox testing, vaccinations and other guidance, call the monkeypox hotline at 832-927-0707 or visit the HCPH monkeypox guidance Web page at www.hcphtx.org/monkeypox.
About monkeypox
 Monkeypox is a zoonotic disease that includes a painful rash, which may look like pimples or blisters, often with an earlier flu-like illness. Zoonotic diseases are infectious diseases that are transmitted between species, from animals to humans (or from humans to animals and humans).
 Monkeypox can spread to

anyone through close, personal, often skin-to-skin contact including:
 - Direct and/or sexual contact with monkeypox rash, sores, or scabs from a person with monkeypox.
 - Contact with objects, fabrics (clothing, bedding, or towels) and surfaces that have been used by a person with monkeypox.
 - Contact with respiratory secretions, through kissing or prolonged face-to-face contact.
 Monkeypox symptoms usually start within two weeks of exposure to the virus, and within one to three days (sometimes longer) after the appearance of fever, people will develop rashes or sores. Other initial symptoms linked to monkeypox include:
 - Fever.
 - Headache.
 - Muscle aches and backache.
 - Swollen lymph nodes.
 - Chills or exhaustion.

Dobie, Brook cheerleaders show good sportsmanship



Pictured are the cheerleaders and cheer escorts present at last week's Dobie High School vs. Clear Brook High School football game at Pasadena Memorial Stadium. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Kailee Sanders, Makayla Johnson, Angelina Sanchez, Mariah Pickett, Izzy Romero, (middle row) Audrey Paredes, Sofia Gonzalez, Sarah Salazar, Bella Rivera, Malia Martinez, Alys-
sa Allen, Destiny Ramirez, Lindey Mosley, Giselle Valencia, Sydney Nguyen, Aubrie Bega, Kim Tovar, (back row) Yahir Tovar, Eduardo Avilez, Zoe Espinoza, Ian Johnson, Layla Calhoun, Adrianna Avila, Brissa Marroquin, Isabella Lara, Angela Tran, Ashlyn Otero, Leilani Moorman, Chelsey Blanton, Mandilynn Riley and Jazmyn Martinez.
Photo by David Flickinger

City, county fight heat

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Beat the Heat
 This past June, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia and Reliant officially launched the 2022 Beat the Heat Program.
 For the 16th consecutive year, Reliant's Beat the Heat Program will help area residents stay cool and manage their electricity use during the hot summer months.
 Reliant's \$70,000 donation to the program will allow the Houston Health Department's Area Agency on Aging to continue to offer portable air conditioners to qualifying individuals.
 "The hot weather every summer takes a toll on our most vulnerable Houstonians," said Turner.
 "This gives them a chance to keep their homes cool and manage the potential for high electricity bills. I thank Reliant for making sure that Houstonians are equipped with the right tools to beat this summer's heat and avoid any heat-related illnesses or complications."
 The City of Houston is encouraging older adults, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable individuals/families who do not have means to cool their homes to call the Houston Health Department's Area Agency on Aging at 832-393-4301 and apply for the program. Due to the pandemic, the City of Houston, will open its cooling centers only in the event of heat emergencies. Proper social distancing and sanitation measures will be in place in the cooling centers.
 To be notified when emergency cooling centers open, register for Alert Houston notifications, one may call 311, or visit the Office of Emergency Management's website for updates and locations.
 For additional information, visit www.reliant.com/en/about/community/beat-the-heat.jsp#:~:text=Houston%20Health%20Department,393%2D4301%20to%20earn%20more.

Harris County sues State of Texas over constables' funding

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 Harris County proposed a planning budget for FY 2022-2023 on Feb. 8, 2022, that reduced funding to the Constable's Office by more than \$12 million, as compared to short FY 2022.

While the recently published revised planning budget for FY 2022-2023 increases funding to the Constable's Office, it still represents a \$3 million reduction in overall funding.

The budgeting practices of Harris County may not provide the Constable's Office with full authority to expend their allocated budget to meet public safety needs.

According to the new law, Harris County will need voter approval before it can adopt its FY 2022-2023 budget.

Harris County Commissioners Court has increased annual funding every year for all public safety agencies, including the sheriff's office and all eight constables' offices.

Hegar's attempts would prevent Harris County from adopting a budget that increases funding to Harris County law enforcement by \$96.7 million, including new investments in the

sheriff's and constables' offices, and a proposed \$10 million increase to the District Attorney's Office.
 If the comptroller's efforts succeed, all of these investments would be stripped away.

Woman dies following I-45 crash

Houston police have learned a woman critically injured in a crash Aug. 27 in the 19000 block of the Gulf Freeway near El Dorado has died from her injuries.
 The identity of the victim, believed to be in her 40s, was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.
 According to Houston Police Department officials, the victim was a passenger in a silver GMC Yukon XL pickup truck traveling west at the above address around 12:15 a.m. when the vehicle left the roadway and struck a guard rail. The driver of the vehicle fled the scene before officers arrived.

Paramedics transported the woman to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake, where doctors later pronounced her dead Sunday, Sept. 4.
 Anyone with information on the driver's identity is urged to contact the HPD Vehicular Crimes Division at 713-247-4072 or speak anonymously with Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Vax available for youths

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 Moderna (mRNA vaccine).
 - Johnson & Johnson (viral vector vaccine).
 - Novavax (protein subunit vaccine).
 Moderna, Novavax and Pfizer are recommended for primary vaccination and Moderna and Pfizer are recommended for booster doses and must be used for the second booster dose.
 A person's eligibility for a booster dose(s) depends on age, primary series product and immunocompetence.
 Fully vaccinated is considered two weeks after the final dose in a primary series.
 People are considered up-to-date with COVID-19 vac-

cines when they receive all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended, when eligible. HCPH urges residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19 if they have not done so already or get a booster shot for those who qualify.
 All COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are safe, effective, and provide strong protection against severe illness, hospitalizations and death. Vaccines provided by HCPH are free and appointments are not required though encouraged.
 To find a nearby location or to make an appointment, visit ReadyHarris.org or vacstrac.hctx.net, or call 832-927-8787.

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 Commissioners Court could continue to lower taxes in the future, despite the addition of the new bond.
 The two Republicans on Commissioners Court who opposed the measure - Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey and Precinct 4 Commissioner R. Jack Ca-

gle - said there isn't enough time before the upcoming election to properly address a measure so massive in scale.
 At least Ramsey said he'd be open to a possible 2023 bond election.
 Proponents of the 2022 proposal, however, note that voter turnout would be significantly higher if the vote held this year due to the midterm elections.
 County Administrator David Berry predicted that voter turnout would be three times higher in November 2022 than November 2023, based on historical data.
 A second concern for Republican commissioners was how the funds were to be specifically divided.
 The court's Democratic leadership has stressed the need to take a "worst-first" approach.

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Pedestrian killed . . .

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 an and continuing north on Blackhawk.
 The man remained underneath the pickup and was dragged approximately 385 feet before separating from it.
 The male was found with no signs of life. Paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene.
 No immediate arrests were made.
 While at press time it was unclear if the recent victim was also a homeless individual or not, the site of the crash serves as a homeless encampment.

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San Jac to retire current mascots; two finalists up for vote

This month, San Jacinto College students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, and community members will have the opportunity to select either the Jaguar or the Raven as the college's next mascot. Shown below and at right are drafts of both potential mascot finalists.

Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor. "This new mascot will be part of all the milestones and growth that San Jac will have in the future. I'm excited to see what our community selects."

After a five-month long process in which the college solicited mascot ideas from



community for a final vote. "I applaud the work of the mascot selection committee for their dedication to the process, and appreciate the candid conversations we had as we worked through this activity," said Dr. Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College vice chancellor for strategic initiatives. "I know that either of these new mascots selected will represent San Jacinto College and its commitment to excellence for decades to come."

In pre-Columbian times, the Jaguar roamed the Americas in vast numbers and was a sacred animal to several ancient civilizations. Strength, skill, power, courage, patience and agility all describe attributes of the Jaguar. These same characteristics also describe the people of San Jacinto College. Whether they are first generation college students; new graduates entering the workforce or transferring to a university; faculty, staff and administrators who relentlessly break down barriers to student success; or alumni who pay it forward by contributing to a scholarship fund - Jaguars represent the courage, strength, and persistence each retain on their personal and professional journeys.

Naturally, the stealth and skill Jaguars possess also represent San Jac student athletes who bring that same competitive spirit to each game. As the new mascot for San Jacinto College, the Jaguar would usher in an era transformation, courage,

perseverance and strength. The Raven was chosen by students more than 60 years ago as San Jacinto College's original mascot. Selected as a nod to General Sam Houston, "Colonel," which translates to "The Raven," was the name given to him by the Cherokee Nation, with whom he lived twice throughout his lifetime. Houston later led the Texas Army at the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836. Additionally, Ravens are known to be extremely intelligent and loyal to one another.

They are also said to represent resourcefulness, wisdom, adaptability and opportunity. Reflecting on the college's rich athletics history, what began in 1968 with its first national championship in men's basketball

has since grown to include nationally ranked basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer, and track and field teams winning 12 national championships overall and has collectively produced a number of professional and Olympic athletes. The new Raven will serve as an opportunity for rebirth and new traditions while connecting students, employees, alumni and community to the glories of the past.

Voting for the new San Jacinto College mascot is scheduled for Sept. 12-Oct. 14. Employees and students will be sent a voting link via email. Alumni, donors and community members who wish to vote will be able to do so at www.sanjac.edu/mascot. Voting is limited to one vote per person/email.

Dobie Longhorn spotted with friends



Spotted in Dobie High School colors, shown at left, from left to right, are cheerleader escorts Eduardo Alville, Maya Castellano as Louie the Longhorn, Yahir Tovar and Ian Johnson (front).

Photo by Davy Flickinger



San Jacinto College will retire its three existing mascots and formally introduce one that will be representative of the entire college district next year.

"We will always have a special place in our hearts for our three historic mascots, but San Jacinto College has grown to five campuses and several extension centers, which requires us to look at how our entire district needs to be represented," said Dr. Brenda

students, employees, alumni, donors and community members, more than 300 mascot ideas were submitted by more than 1,700 people. A committee comprised of employees and students narrowed the list to six which were presented to the college's Strategic Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT then selected the two finalists - Jaguar and Raven - to present to the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees and ultimately the college

Morris Middle School receives TEA award



Morris Middle School faculty and staff were recently awarded an A rating by the Texas Education Agency. Morris officials also earned academic distinctions for reading, math, competitive academic growth, post-secondary readiness and comparative closing the gaps. Also, school officials applied for and received awards including National PLC Model School, National School to Watch and the Crest Counseling Award. Shown above are the hardworking faculty and staff at Morris Middle, left to right, (first row) Tyler Carmona, Kim Edwards, Lindsey Fagan, Robin Cate, Allison Lewallen, Jamie Otto, Catherine Gaither, Cynthia Stanaland, (second row) Raquel Ostiguin, Magdalene Rodriguez, Kimberly Sanchez, Gayelynn Corrington, Jacoby Smith, Osvaldo Trujillo, Ariel De Los Reyes, Cynthia Hernandez, Tammy Cowan, Christina Reyes, Cynthia Elizalde, Daisy Vaquera, Elissa Boyd, Neybi Zamudio, Casey Stott, (third row) Laurie Arnold, Maria Nolasco, Nicole McLaughlin, Ma-ian Cao, Allison

Christensen, Cleathia Jackson, Shauna Swann, Aimee Reeves, Nancy Dacus, Amy Brewster, Heather Smith, Martha Japalucci, Gabrielle Cavazos, (fourth row) Kayla Gibson, Alesia Turner, Kayla Thompson, Alicia Chapa, Cheryl Patrick, Brittany Ahl, Danielle Acosta, Mariel Sanchez, Viridiana Villarreal, Bianca Flores-Lopez, Victoria Williams, Sandra Contreras, (fifth row) Orietta Tejada, Tarah Kasha, Samantha Herfurth, Rebecca Darby, Lisa Russell, Diana Umana, Mercadeze Hayes, Sherry Wells, Natasha Butler, Genesis Benavides, Vanessa Saucedo, Maria Zaragoza, Judy Montgomery, (sixth row) Maritza Tinoco, Stephanie Hewitt, Stephanie Saucedo, Monica Garza, Kenneth Butcher, Brandon Pena, Dustin Irvin, Jason Lesniewski, Matt Montazari, Kenny Nguyen, Shawn Wokaty, Kelley Teel, (seventh row) Daniela Salazar, Kyle Eveler, Shalise Sparks, Jo Batson, Charles Jodway, Sonia Bonavita, Daniel Garrett, Ryan Butler, Linda Bowers, Shekeitha Shields, Orlando Santamaria and Roland Garza.

HPD Youth Advisory Council accepting applications

The new school year is underway and the Houston Police Department is looking forward to working in tandem with young leaders

in local high schools. HPD is inviting Houston area high school students to apply for the 2022-2023 Youth Police Advisory

Council (YPAC). In addition to meeting with Police Chief Troy Finner and other HPD leaders to discuss issues affecting

youth and the community, YPAC members also give back by participating in community service projects. The students also attend youth leadership conferences throughout the state.

YPAC members are required to meet five times during the school year at the HPD Edward A. Thomas Building at 1200 Travis St. in downtown Houston. The application deadline is October 1, 2022. Applications are available at <https://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/im ages/ypac-app.pdf>. For more information, click <https://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/ypac.htm>, email rhonda.holmes@houstonpolice.org or call 713-308-3200.

Remember When

45 years ago (1977)
The maintenance committee for the Sageglan Association planned to file suit against four residents in the subdivision who had not complied with the deed restrictions of that area.

Paul Muse's three-week old Allegro motor home was broken into and suffered approximately \$4,000 damage.

40 years ago (1982)
Steve Chambers and Joseph Riojas were elected student body president and vice president, respectively.

A Sageglan couple was released on bond following their arrest at their home for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Police confiscated 70 grams of cocaine valued at \$10,000 from the home.

Two area Mobil gasoline stations were offering a 4-cent per gallon discount to cash customers. Stations began the discounts after dealers found they would be charged an extra 3 percent for credit transactions.

35 years ago (1987)
The South Belt Rotary Club held Cow Chip Bingo at Holiday Foods.

Frazier Elementary students participated in a pilot anti-drug program. The Cool, Honest, Intelligent, Clear Headed, Keen, Energetic and Not interested in drugs (CHICKEN) program was geared toward fourth- and fifth-graders.

30 years ago (1992)
Dobie claimed the championship of the Pasadena district varsity volleyball tournament by defeating Dickinson 11-15, 15-10, 15-12 in the finals.

Clear Brook's sophomore-laden varsity football team stunned Katy Taylor by scoring twice in the last 40 seconds to defeat Taylor 41-29.

25 years ago (1997)
Construction was well under way for the new \$8.1 million Pearland-South Belt Homewood Residence Assisted Living Center, which was being constructed at the end of Scarsdale near the entrance of Green Tee Estates.

Dobie High School led the district in SAT I scores. The average combined score at Dobie went from 1010 to 1012.

20 years ago (2002)
Clear Creek Independent

School District residents living in the subdivisions of Sageglan and Blackhawk were to vote to determine if the Harris County portion of CCISD would be annexed into the San Jacinto College District.

Gov. Rick Perry visited with the medical staff leadership of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital to discuss health care issues facing physicians and hospitals.

15 years ago (2007)
Chris Clark, general manager of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, announced that the long-standing water tower on Scarsdale would be torn down. Built in 1985, the tower had become somewhat of a landmark in the South Belt community. Clark said the decision to tear it down stemmed from the high costs of maintaining it and the fact that it was obsolete since the MUD had natural gas pumps

that could operate in a time of emergency.

Longtime judge and South Belt resident Howard Wayland died. Wayland served as Harris County Precinct 2 justice of the peace for 20 years. Prior to this position he served as the city judge for Jacinto City and as a trial lawyer.

Greg Smith was named the sole finalist for the position of superintendent for the Clear Creek Independent School District. He was replacing outgoing Sandra Mossman who was retiring after 24 years of service.

Some area residents complained that the city initiative to enforce residential parking regulations was doing more harm than good. Longtime South Belt community member Trina Kelly said that after she and several of her neighbors received warnings for blocking the sidewalk on Sageland while parked on

their driveways, they were left with no other option than to park in the street, endangering their children and obstructing the flow of traffic - the exact opposite of the city's rationale for launching the initiative.

10 years ago (2012)
Sagemont Church celebrated the opening of its new \$30 million worship center and adult Bible study building with a community open house and dedication service on Sunday, Sept. 9. The new 2,500-seat worship center features state-of-the-art media capabilities including in-house television and audio recording studios. An expanded bookstore and library are open to the community during the week as is the new Sagemont Café. The new 37,000 square feet of Bible study rooms are also equipped with media capabilities. Construction was part of a six-year building project

that also included erecting the 170-foot cross on the church grounds.

A group of Hispanic leaders has filed a lawsuit against the Pasadena Independent School District, claiming its lack of single-member voting districts violates federal laws that protect minority voters. Plaintiffs in the case argue that PISD's current at-large voting districts dilute the voting strength of Hispanic residents, violating the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the 14th and 15th Amendments. According to the suit, PISD's total enrollment is 52,919 students. Of these, 43,370 (82 percent) are Hispanic, with higher concentrations in the northern and western parts of the district. However, only one Hispanic, Mariselle Quijano-Lerma, currently serves on the school district's seven-member board of trustees. The school district's existing regulations only re-

quire board members to reside within the PISD boundaries. The suit alleges that this allows for the possibility that all seven board members could live on the same street, resulting in disproportionate representation of the PISD population. Critics of the lawsuit contend that Hispanics already have a fair say in the vote because they make up a large majority of the district, as a whole. PISD's total population is 242,630. Of this, 160,120 (66 percent) are Hispanic, still giving them an advantage even in at-large races.

A 76-year old man was killed early Saturday, Sept. 8, when he was struck by a vehicle as he tried to cross the street in the 10400 block of Hartsok near Frey. Juan Fernandez was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Fernandez was attempting to cross the street when he was struck by a white Chevro-

let pickup truck, traveling east on Hartsok. Further investigation determined the driver had the right of way when the accident occurred. No charges were filed.

Houston police arrested a mother who allegedly left her 3-month-old son unattended in a car early Sunday, Sept. 9, while she patronized a bar in the 11000 block of Fuqua. Amy Dawn Cooney, 31, was charged with felony endangering a child. According to police, Cooney was at Texas Joe's Pub at 11045 Fuqua at roughly 3:30 a.m. when she reportedly told another female customer that she was there with her 3-month-old son. When the patron asked where the baby was, Cooney told her that he was in her car. The patron then asked to see the child. When Cooney opened her car door to show the child to the woman, the other customer grabbed the infant and took him to an off-duty Harris County Sheriff's deputy who was working security at the bar. The deputy then called Houston police, who arrested the mom. Police say the baby was unharmed and released to his grandmother.

5 years ago (2017)
President Donald J. Trump toured the South Belt community Saturday, Sept. 2, to assess area flood damage caused by Hurricane Harvey. Trump was joined by First Lady Melania Trump, Sen. Ted Cruz and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson.

1 year ago (2021)
At least four former Dobie students died within three days of each other from complications associated with COVID-19. William Wendell Prevost, 59, died Sept. 2; Thuy Epperson (Class of 1989), 50, died Sept. 1; Linda Jackson Salas (Class of 1984), 55, died Sept. 3; and Sam Eaves (Class of 1979) died Sept. 2; all died from problems related to the disease. The deaths came as the number of COVID-19 cases continued to grow nationwide with the advent of the novel Delta variant. At least one of the victims had not been vaccinated. At least one was also suffering from underlying conditions.

UHCL celebrates

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He said the performance featured an interesting and dynamic range of mostly current music by Hispanic composers like Jose Luis Merlin, Maurizio Colonna and Federico Garcia Lorca. "It's intended to be an immersive experience for the audience. It's a crescendo," he said. "We want to transport people out of Houston and take them on a tour of Latin America and Spain. We do encourage the occasional ole!"

UH-Clear Lake is a designated Hispanic-Serving Institution. For more information about upcoming events at the Bayou Theater, visit www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater/.

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DAVID ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Former South Belt resident David Griffin, is wished a happy birthday Sept. 13 from his wife Angela; sons Robert and Kenney Griffin; mother Bobby Griffin (Leader staffer); sister Tracy and husband Jim Giles; sons Cody Giles Aaron and wife Ashley Giles and children Jaxson and Jace; and daughter Kristen; and friends in the South Belt area.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 8 through Sept. 14.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Kathie Teuscher Sept. 12.

Burnett Elementary
Break out the balloons and birthday cake Sept. 8 for Kelly Douglas.

Bush Elementary
Blow out the candles on a birthday cake for Jeannene Gazaw Sept. 14.

Frazier Elementary
Send a special birthday greeting Sept. 8 to Paula Golden. Wendy Wiseburn, Frazier principal, celebrates a special birthday Sept. 14.

Genoa Elementary
Give a birthday shoutout Sept. 13 to Denise Olson.

Meador Elementary

The day for a party for Lauren Riojas is Sept. 8. The day for a party for Sulma Batiz is Sept. 12. Maria Rutherford is sent a special birthday greeting Sept. 14.

Moore Elementary
Sept. 12 is the day for Patricia Martinez to enjoy cake and ice cream.

Stuchbery Elementary
The day for birthday cake and ice cream for Lauren Keith is Sept. 12. Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 13 for Jennifer Marshall.

Melillo Middle School
Celebrate with party favors and treats Sept. 11 for Marlene Balderas. Remember to wish Heidi Eberhardt a happy birthday Sept. 13.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles for Tahira Briscoe Sept. 8. Break out the balloons and the birthday cake Sept. 10 for America Mendoza.

Dobie High
The day for a double-layer cake for Dianne Berreth and Elizabeth Rojano is Sept. 8. Break out the birthday balloons and party favors Sept. 9 for Luke Hales and Corey Perry. Celebrating a special birthday Sept. 10 is Glenn Tucker Smith. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 11 to Jeffrey McKnight. Light the birthday candles on Sept. 13 for Jennifer Bland, Thomas

Etienne and Erika Garcia. Blow out the birthday candles for a four-star celebration Sept. 14 for Ginger Emshoff, Cedric Mack, Rodney Pannell and Dana Stockton.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Sept. 8: Scott Carpenter, Donna Fress, Blades Barber, Joy Witt, Susan Jackson, Deondre Corbin, Rick Coates, Mike Kickirillo and Carl Heinrich; Friday, Sept. 9: Sonny Salazar, Carolyn Simon, Maria Aguilar, Jack Staudt, Martin Garcia and Sarah Joseph; Saturday, Sept. 10: Shellie Ortiz, Veronica Adame, Robert Resendez, Emily Auffarber, Suzy Krienitz, Diane Hall, Christy Cobb and Charles Monty; Sunday, Sept. 11: Kyle Patterson, Amber Edwards, Sherrie Hosesk-Vandament, Phillip Ford and Dan Sciba; Monday, Sept. 12: Tracy Cavazos-Garcia, Rhoda Mohr, Christian Muñoz and Jessica Moore; Tuesday, Sept. 13: Matthew Koska, Michelle Perez, Holly Kopoulos, Lisa Clinton, Joe Sanchez and Kathryn Nguyen-Maldonado; and Wednesday, Sept. 14: Michele Guerrero, Eric Brown, Elaine Baker, Jacob Lacadou, Julie Lakota, Tom Goughly, Michael York, Dolph Larson, Kristi Okwuonu and Mark Husband.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie football falls at Grand Oaks as late chances fall short



By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Dobie will look to avenge last year's 49-28 loss to Dickinson as the Gators host the Longhorns in varsity football nondistrict action Sept. 9 at Sam Vitanza Stadium on the campus of Dickinson High School.

Both teams will enter play at 1-1, with Dickinson having defeated Ridge Point in week two action, while Dobie suffered a

tight 17-14 loss at Grand Oaks.

Dobie certainly had its chances against Grand Oaks, but saw the Grizzlies holding the locals scoreless on a pair of fourth-quarter possessions and then converting a key fourth-down play with less than two minutes to play.

The conversion then allowed Grand Oaks to run out the clock, securing a 12th straight nondistrict win despite going score-

less in the second half.

Grand Oaks' junior Tristian Frazier proved to be the Longhorns' chief nemesis, delivering his own lightning strike following a 30-minute lightning delay at Conroe ISD's Woodforest Bank Stadium by returning the opening kickoff deep into Dobie territory to set up a touchdown.

Fast forward 2 1/2 hours later as Frazier ran for 15 yards and a game-ending first down conversion with 1:22 remaining in regulation. From there, the Grizzlies simply took a knee while improving to 2-0 on the season.

Dobie's rush-happy offense was on display for a second straight week as Cameron Mathews led the way with 107 yards rushing, including a 14-yard first touchdown run. Mat-

thews, a sophomore, now has back-to-back 100+ yard rushing games to kick off 2022.

Raynard Hall, coming off 136 yards and a touchdown six days earlier against Clear Brook, this time went for 87 yards, including a 27-yard touchdown that pulled his team within 17-14 in the third quarter.

Jalen Baldwin, a third big-ticket performer for the Longhorns, rushed for 77 yards as the locals went for 270 in all, giving Dobie 500 ground yards for the season but little through the air.

The Dobie defense has now surrendered just two full drive touchdowns and 23 total points through two games but did allow Grand Oaks' runner Brandon High to go for 165 yards on 29 totes.

High has now rushed for 427 yards through the opening two games for the Grizzlies, having burned Aldine Nimitz for 262 on opening night.

High's skills were on display early on in this one. After Frazier took the opening kickoff from his own 8 to the Dobie 47, High went consecutive plays for 10 total yards and a first down.

High eventually burst down the left sideline for

a touchdown to open the scoring. Later in the opening quarter, Dobie's An-forny Lee had a tackle for loss in the red zone, forcing Grand Oaks to boot a 28-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead.

Yet six days after forcing three Clear Brook turnovers in the red zone and coming up with a fourth-down stop on another, the Longhorns watched this game tape to see the failed fourth-quarter drive as a key factor.

Mathews' 30-yard run

down the sideline set the Longhorns up at the Grand Oaks' 40 early in the fourth quarter, and Dobie eventually had a first down at the 15-yard line.

At that point, the Grizzlies forced a fumble on an inside give and recovered with 8:48 to play. The Longhorns had another shot on offense but went 3-and-out with just over two minutes left.

Grand Oaks ran out the clock from there, with help from Frazier, as the Longhorns slipped to 1-

At left, Dobie head coach Demond Stafford will lead the Longhorns into action Sept. 9 against Dickinson as the locals look to avenge a 2021 loss to the Gators. In week two, the Longhorns lost 17-14 at Grand Oaks. Photo by David Flickinger

Dobie at Dickinson
Fri., Sept. 9, 7 p.m.
Sam Vitanza Stadium

22-6A volleyball to be served

Dobie will get a quick look at the hierarchy within the District 22-6A varsity volleyball ranks as it takes on league champion Deer Park and two likely playoff contenders in Pasadena and Memorial early on.

It all starts Sept. 9 as the Longhorns host a Deer Park program that is working on a yearslong string of district championships and is again the favorite in 22-6A until proven otherwise.

Dobie will then play at Pasadena Sept. 13, taking on an Eagles' squad that had won 17 of 24 matches entering play at press time Sept. 6. The action continues Sept. 16 at home against Memorial, which was 15-3 at press time.

Despite a 12-13 start to the season prior to one final nondistrict home matchup against Alvin at press time, Dobie, coming off consecutive 10-2 finishes in the 22-6A featuring the same seven programs, has big goals.

Again, it will take some doing for anyone to unseat Deer Park, which has been as dominant as any program in the region in district play over the past

Dobie hosts Deer Park
Fri, Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m.
Dobie at Pasadena
Tues., Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m.

decade plus. But Dobie, with junior Alexa Gonzalez putting up all-around numbers to match stat leaders in several categories and others contributing well, has designs on a strong start despite an up-and-down half a season.

In its final tournament Sept. 1-3 at the Santa Fe Invitational, Dobie notched first-day wins over Nederland and Sweeney. Taking Shadow Creek to five sets before losing a nondistrict match Sept. 2, Dobie was back at Santa Fe Sept. 3, losing to Dickinson and host Santa Fe sandwiched around a win over Porter.

Gonzalez, Aly Frias and Ariana Garza were 22-6A first-team All-District performers as sophomores a season ago and as expected have carried big roles this season.

Gonzalez leads the

team with 239 kills and 286 assists and also has 228 digs through 69 sets, while Frias has a team-high 288 digs and Garza has collected 106 kills.

Among the first-time contributors, Naima LeBlanc has chipped in with 114 kills, and Haley DeHoyos leads the way with 43 total blocks. Adrianna Borrego has delivered 204 assists from her setters' role.

The numbers are there for the Longhorns. Now, it's a matter of putting it all together with the play-off chase is set to begin this month.



At left, Dobie junior Alexa Gonzalez (11) has delivered some impressive statistics through 69 sets of play prior to press time Sept. 6, pounding out team highs of 239 kills and 286 assists as she leads her team against Deer Park Sept. 9 at home to begin 22-6A play. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Dobie's Moreno visits U.S. Open in N.Y.



Dobie head tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. was in all smiles as he was able to attend early-round play at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in Flushing, N.Y.

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Remembering Ike tennis includes 16 teams locally

Sixteen varsity team tennis squads, led by tournament founder and Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr., will compete in the 2022 Remembering Ike Invitational Sept. 9-10.

Hurricane Ike swept through the area in September 2008, bringing significant flooding to the Galveston area. The Moreno home took on feet of water.

By 2009, Moreno began the Remembering Ike event as, he says, a reminder to tennis fans of the island's beauty. Fourteen years later, the tournament thrives on. The 2020 event was limited to eight teams due to the pandemic but is back

to 16 for this go-round. Dobie is one of eight first-round host sites as the action gets underway Sept. 9 at 2:30 p.m.

The Longhorns have drawn Shadow Creek, while Texas City hosts Fort Bend Austin, Nederland at La Porte, Galveston Ball hosts Willis, Dickinson hosts Ridge Point, Friendswood hosts Kingwood Park, Pearland is at Clear Springs and Katy Taylor is at George

Ranch. Semifinal and championship play comes Sept. 10. Galveston Ball and UTMB Galveston are winners' bracket sites at 8:30 a.m., while the overall tournament championship match is at Ball starting at 2 p.m. On the consolation side of the bracket, Texas City and Dickinson will host semifinal action Sept. 10 at 8:30 a.m. The consolation crown match is at Texas City at 2 p.m.

Dobie hosts Shadow Creek
Friday, Sept. 9
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Julks' power surge continues



Clear Brook High School graduate Corey Julks has delivered his biggest offensive season yet as he finishes the 2022 Sugar Land Space Cowboys' Class AAA campaign this month. The Houston Astros' former 2017 eighth-round draft choice had career highs of 25 home runs, 84 runs scored and 211 total bases while hitting .266 over 429 at bats and had driven in 69 runs through Sept. 1.

Houston Astros photo

South Belt football predictions



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Clear Falls at Houston Lamar	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Lamar	Lamar	Lamar
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Clear Creek at Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Creek
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Last Week's Results	4-6	6-4	7-3	7-3	8-2
Season record	11-9	12-8	16-4	12-8	17-3

Pioneers' Windom scores big honor



Jace Windom, who starred at Lutheran South Academy within the boys' soccer program, was honored by the National Christian School Athletic Association as the 2021-2022 National Player of the Year for the winter-spring season. In his final season with the Pioneers, Windom scored 37 goals and 23 assists for the season. He is now focusing on his studies at the University of Arkansas.

Thompson football program celebrates Intermediate Night at Veterans Stadium

At right, the Thompson Intermediate football program took part in Intermediate Night pregame festivities Aug. 26 as players showed their spirit by sprinting the length of the field at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena to show support for the Dobie Longhorns prior to their season-opening game against the Clear Brook Wolverines. The Lions opened their own season within the Pasadena ISD ranks Sept. 6-7 and will return to action against Park View. Players involved Aug. 26 included, left to right, Steven Aguilar (71), Isaac Salinas, Carlos Sanchez (23), Diego Garay (78), coach Doug Sawyer, Rodrigo Martinez (81), Emmanuel Vasquez (7), Ezequiel Gonzalez (30) and Daniel Butler (82).



Clear Brook homecoming football includes Memorial Mavericks

Clear Brook Wolverines (0-2) host Pasadena Memorial (1-1)
Fri., Sept. 9, 7 p.m.
Clear Creek ISD Veterans Stadium



Clear Brook's Michael Lewis (15) was the Wolverines' go-to guy on opening night against Dobie with six catches for 66 yards and followed it up with another solid game against Baytown Lee Sept. 2 at Challenger Stadium. Lewis led all District 24-6A receivers in 2021 with 58 grabs for 858 yards and eight touchdowns.

Pioneer runners land medals at Cooper invite



The Lutheran South Academy cross-country program stood tall at the Cooper Dragon Invitational as medals went to Marcus Gaitan for fifth place at 10 minutes, 16.59 seconds and Matthew Gaitan for 11th in a time of 10:34.91, both at the two-mile distance. In the two-mile division two girls' race, LSA's Madison Van Wie (13th at 15:15.13), Lanie Ward (16th at 15:21.49) and Elisabeth Hergenrader (18th at 15:35.60) also medaled. The Pioneer medalists included, left to right, Van Wie, Marcus Gaitan, Matthew Gaitan, Hergenrader and Ward.



Clear Brook's Raydin Garcia (34) has had his teammates fired up and ready to play early this season and will no doubt get his group ready for homecoming Sept. 9.

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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.
9:30 a.m. NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Meets at 18516 Hwy. 3. Call 281-910-1971.
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.
11:30 a.m. ABWA - Southeast Express Network - Meets at 2300 Smith Ranch Rd. \$20 cash or check for lunch. Visit www.seenabwa.org.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.
6:30 p.m. Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly on the second Thursday (except June, July and December) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For details, email pearlandarearepublicanclub@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PARCTX.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
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, SEPTEMBER 10
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, SEPTEMBER 11
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, SEPTEMBER 12
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.
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7 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational building, room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau 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, SEPTEMBER 13
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m. NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. Carmelites - meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake. Meetings are open to those 55+, with no dues. Call 713-444-6744.
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.
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2022 Bay Area Football League Divisional Standings through Sept. 3 Games

Freshman Div. Standings

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

Sophomore Div. Standings

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

Junior Div. Standings

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

Senior Div. Standings

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

PeeWee Div. Standings

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



At far left, Dobie's Ashlee Garcia, also a varsity volleyball player, led the Dobie girls' cross-country team at the Grizzly Invitational at Conroe Grand Oaks, taking 11th place overall in a time of 21 minutes, 11 seconds.

At left, Kyla Lobo, one of four returnees from the 2021 Dobie girls' District 22-6A cross-country championship squad, was in top form in Conroe, covering the 5,000-meter course at 21 minutes, 39 seconds for 14th place.

Bay Area Football League Week 4 Results

	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.	PWs
Cowboys	52	6	47	19	21
Eagles	13	41	0	13	0
Dolphins	12	0	57	46	--
49ers	64	48	0	0	--

Week 5 Games – Saturday, Sept. 10

Cowboys at League City 49ers, L. Davis Sportsplex, League City
Dolphins at Barbers Hill Eagles, 9696 Eagle Dr., Mont Belvieu, 77523

Garcia leads JFD girls at Grizzly invite

With the District 22-6A Cross-Country Championships just over a month away, Dobie's two-time defending girls' team champions appear right on time to make another run at the title.

Competing for the second straight week at the 5,000-meter distance at the Grand Oaks High School-sponsored Grizzly Cross-Country Invitational, the Longhorns were fourth overall in the team standings with an 86 total encompassing its top five finishers.

The Episcopal varsity girls dominated the event, winning with a low score of 29. Dobie was led by senior Ashlee Garcia, who covered the course in 21 minutes, 11 seconds for 11th place, while junior Kyla Lobo ran very well for 14th place in a time of 21:39.

Isela Munoz, another senior, was a step behind Lobo, taking the 15th spot at 21:43, and sophomore Lauren Garza placed 19th with her time of 21:56. At 24:43, Dobie's Ashley Dunn placed 60th overall to round out Dobie's scoring.

At right, Dobie High School graduates Jhancarlos Carpio (left) and Victoria Ramirez opened the St. Thomas University cross-country season with the Celts and delivered big-time results. Carpio, a Class of 2021 Dobie grad, began his sophomore season with the Celts by taking the top overall medalist spot in the mens' 5K at the Texas Southern University Invitational in a time of 15 minutes, 50 seconds. Ramirez was third overall in a time of 14:16 over the 2.12-mile course. Ramirez is a 2022 Dobie grad.



Dobie junior Jose Munoz medaled with a new personal record at the Charlie Goehring Invitational at Crenshaw Park in Pasadena as he was 19th overall.

The Dobie boys' cross-country program made a successful appearance at the Charlie Goehring Invitational, hosted by South Houston High School Sept. 1 at Crenshaw Park.

Dobie sophomore Chris Lopez led the Longhorns in the varsity boys' 5,000-meter race, taking fourth place overall at 16 minutes, 11.93 seconds.

At 17:01.33, junior Jovanni Avila was 11th overall, and a time of 17:18.14 got fellow junior Damian Rosas the No. 14 spot.

Dobie junior Jose Munoz finished at 17:29.84 for 19th place, and the Longhorns' fifth official scorer as a clocking of 18:02.73 had junior Simon Sepulveda in the 27th spot.

At 18:13.20, the Longhorns' Francisco Dunn placed 30th, with Pedro Acevedo 42nd at 18:51.61.

Fort Bend Elkins went 1-2 at the top with champion Zacharian Morin in at 15:54.59 for the gold and teammate Aidan Vander-shoot, a junior, second in a time of 16:06.15.

The Elkins Knights posted a low of 32 based on its top five competitors for the team championship, with Dobie second with a score of 71.



At 16 minutes, 11 seconds, Dobie sophomore Christopher Lopez delivered a personal record, taking fourth place as the team was second overall at the South Houston High School-hosted Charlie Goehring Invitational in Pasadena.

Dobie boys' cross-country steps up pace

Brook graduates teammates at Kansas State



Clear Brook High School graduates Shane Porter (15) and Colby McCalister (20) are now collegiate teammates at Kansas State University, where they are playing for the Wildcats. Porter, a 2020 Brook grad, is a red shirt freshman receiver while McCalister, a 2022 Brook grad, is a freshman defensive back. Kansas State opened the 2022 season Sept. 3 with a 34-0 win over South Dakota.

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