

Junk waste pickup set

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, Oct. 27, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For more information, call 3-1-1.

Evening of Cuisine Thursday

The annual Evening of Cuisine and antique car show will take place Thursday, Oct. 27, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, the all-you-can-eat event lets attendees sample food from a wide variety of local vendors. Recently added are Raphael's Gourmet Seafood and Scotty's Pub. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door and are available at the chamber, H-E-B Blackhawk and the *Leader* offices. For more information, call the chamber at 281-481-5516.

Search for High continues

The search continues for 82-year-old South Belt resident Lillian High, who hasn't been seen since Sunday, Oct. 2. Her family is now offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to her recovery. High was reported missing Monday, Oct. 3, after she failed to show up for work at the Chase Bank at Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway, where she has been a teller for 20 years.

The Houston Police Department has been actively searching for High, with 35 units combing the area this past week, according to Officer Randy Derr. HPD has been assisted by the Laura Recovery Center and Texas EquuSearch in its search. High is described as 5 feet 2 inches tall and 103 pounds. She has gray hair and hazel eyes. She may be wearing a blue, collared Chase Bank shirt, black slacks and black shoes.

She was believed to be driving a black four-door Dodge Avenger with Texas license plate CD6 J492. Anyone with information is urged to contact HPD's Missing Persons Division at 713-731-5223.

Cokesbury Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is set for Halloween (Oct. 31) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale.

This is a great chance for kids of all ages to have fun in a safe, family-friendly venue. There will be treats, games and other activities, plus the pumpkin patch.

Frazier seeks vendors

Frazier Elementary is currently seeking vendors for its Family Fun Day event on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booths are \$15, \$20 with electricity, or free with a donated silent auction basket. Funds raised will be used for student events, field trips, resources, learning activities and teacher programs. For reservations, contact Mary Perez at 832-388-6946 or mjperez5683@yahoo.com.

Dobie band parents meet

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will meet Monday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All band parents are urged to attend.

PW Library events set

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Oct. 27 through Nov. 2. After School Craft Time will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 4 p.m. This activity is intended for ages 5 and up. On Saturday, Oct. 29, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m. Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, and toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

K of C hosts fish fry

The Knights of Columbus will serve fish dinners in the St. Luke's Catholic Church hall, Fridays, Oct. 28, Nov. 11 and Nov. 18. Each dinner will consist of a breaded fish fillet, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob and iced tea. Soft drinks and desserts will be available. Baked fish will be available in limited quantities. One-piece dinners will be \$9, and two-piece dinners will be \$12, dine in or take out. For information, call 832-444-4958.

CDA collects long Johns

Thermal long Johns for service members in Afghanistan are being collected by members of the Catholic Daughters of America for the Long Johns for Soldiers project. Those who would like to contribute to this cause, call Carolyn Friend at 281-484-4170 or 832-423-5722 to donate money or long Johns. The group hopes to receive at least 100 sets of long Johns.

South Belt plans Turkey Trot

South Belt Elementary and the American Heart Association will host the second annual Turkey Trot Family Fun Run Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. This includes a two-mile fun run and health fair. Donors of \$50 or more will receive a T-shirt with their business on the back and a reserved health fair space. To sponsor or donate, contact Jon Kidwell at 713-740-5276 or jkidwell@pasadenaisd.org.

See additional items on Page 5A.

Early voting under way for Nov. 8 elections

Early voting for the Nov. 8 state, city and Pasadena ISD bond elections is under way and will continue through Friday, Nov. 4.

City of Houston

Voters in the City of Houston will decide who will fill several key positions, including that of mayor, 11 City Council district seats and five at-large City Council seats.

Competing for mayor are incumbent Annise Parker, Kevin Simms, Amanda Ulman, Dave Wilson, Fernando Herrera and Jack O'Connor.

Vying for the position of District D City Council member are incumbent Wanda Adams and Larry McKinzie.

Mike Sullivan is running unchallenged for the District E position.

Houston City Council voted this past May to

approve new city district maps that divide the South Belt community. The new maps transfer the area west of the Gulf Freeway that is currently located in District E, represented by Councilmember Mike Sullivan, to District D, which is served by Councilmember Wanda Adams.

Competing for the At-Large Position 1 seat are incumbent Stephen Costello, James Partsch-Galvan, Scott Boates and Don Cook.

Vying for the At-large Position 2 seat are Kristi Thibaut, Elizabeth Perez, Andrew Burks Jr., Gordon Goss, Bolivar "Bo" Fraga, Eric Dick, Jenifer Rene Pool, M. "Griff" Griffin, David Robinson and Roslyn "Rozzy" Shorter.

Competing for the At-Large Position 3 seat are incumbent Melissa Noriega, Chris Carmona and J. Brad Batteau.

Vying for the At-large Position 4 seat are incumbent C.O. "Brad" Bradford, Louis Mohar and Amy Price.

Competing for the At-Large Position 5 seat are incumbent Jolanda "Jo" Jones, Laurie Robinson and Jack Christie.

See related candidate questionnaires on Page 3A.

State amendments

The State of Texas is having a constitutional amendment election to decide 10 new proposals.

Proposition 1 (SJR 14) would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

Proposition 2 (SJR 4) would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obliga-

tion bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

Proposition 3 (SJR 50) would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

Proposition 4 (HJR 63) would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

Proposition 5 (SJR 26) would amend the con-

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Sullivan has town hall meeting

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan hosted what would be his last town hall meeting for most of his South Belt constituents Tuesday, Oct. 25.

This past May, Council approved new districts, giving all parts of Sullivan's District E located west of the Gulf Freeway to District D, currently represented by Wanda Adams.

The councilmember used the opportunity to reflect on work that has been accomplished, as well as the work still needed to be done.

Resolved and ongoing projects include

Chinese legal notice required by federal law

A legal notice for the upcoming Nov. 8 Pasadena ISD bond election appears in Chinese on Page 2A of this week's *Leader*. The Chinese version of the document is required by federal law. Last week's *Leader* featured Spanish and Vietnamese versions, in addition to the original document in English. According to PISD spokeswoman Candace Ahlfinger, only 17 students in the district list their primary home language as Chinese. Of those, there are six separate dialects.

Mosquitoes invade South Belt

South Belt residents have undoubtedly noticed the recent invasion of mosquitoes in the area.

A combination of drought, a heavy rain and warm temperatures provided the perfect conditions for the pests to thrive.

According to Harris County Mosquito Control officials, the blood-sucking insects are floodwater mosquitoes, not the disease-carrying culex variety.

The county sprays only in areas where mosquitoes have tested positive for the West Nile virus.

While the nearby 77061, 77087 and 77017

ZIP codes have been sprayed, the 77089, 77075 and 77034 ZIP codes have not.

Several homeowners groups, including Clear Brook Meadows, Riverstone Ranch, Blackhawk, Kirkwood South, Highland Meadow, Ashley Pointe, Sageglen, Meadows of Clear Creek and Green Tee Terrace, have taken matters into their own hands and sprayed for the insects.

At press time, it was predicted the problem would lessen, as cooler weather was forecast for the weekend. While the cooler temperatures will help, it will take a hard freeze to kill the mosquitoes.

SJC staff plans for student inoculations



A committee that includes 16 San Jacinto College administrators and staff members work on plans to implement a new law requiring incoming college students to be vaccinated against meningitis. SJC Vice President of Enrollment Services William Raffetto (left) leads the group in a discussion. Also shown are, left to right, South campus Dean of Allied Health and Science Barbara Ake, SJC Enterprise Applications Manager Michael Heiser and SJC Business Analyst Linda Pennington. Photo by Rob Vanya

College students must get vaccinated

A new law passed by the 82nd Texas Legislature requires all college students under the age of 30 to get a meningitis vaccination.

The new law applies to all incoming college students – community college students as well as new students who will enroll at four-year colleges and universities.

The new law was passed after a report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found college-age individuals between 17 and 21 are particularly vulnerable to the disease.

The law applies to students only, not San Jacinto College employees.

A San Jacinto College committee is putting together plans for implementing the new state law. The law goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2012, which means that the meningitis vaccine will be required for all new students to San Jacinto College for the spring 2012 term and for returning San Jacinto College students who have had a break in enrollment for one of more fall or spring semesters. Transfer students are considered en-

tering students.

Under the law, a student or parent or guardian must provide a certificate signed by a health practitioner or an official immunization record showing the student has received the bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster during the five-year period prior to enrollment and not less than 10 days before the first day of classes.

People who are exempt from the new meningitis vaccination law include: students who are 30 years of age or older; students who are enrolled exclusively in online or other distance education courses; students who present an affidavit signed by a licensed physician stating that the vaccination would be injurious to the health of the student; and students who present a conscientious exemption form from the Texas Department of State and Health Services stating the student declines the vaccination for reasons of conscience, including religious belief.

For more information, visit www.sanjac.edu/ meningitis.

San Jacinto College South's Fall Fest honors 50th anniversary

San Jacinto College South will host its annual Fall Fest Friday, Oct. 28.

The family event will feature a free petting zoo, miniature-train rides, music and costume contest. Other favorites and new activities include "frog fling," "ghost boo-ling," moonwalks, pony rides, and a photo booth.

Guests can also get creative with a temporary tattoo booth and pumpkin decorating station.

This year at Fall Fest, as part of the college's 50th anniversary, the South campus will also display a tribute to Dr. Parker Williams, the campus' first president, with a recreation of her original office in the Black Box Theatre in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building.

There will also be a trunk-or-treat area in front of the fine arts center that will feature decorated cars from college employees and community

Hobby construction to last a year

A major roadway pavement replacement project will shut down the existing upper-level roadway at William P. Hobby Airport. During the construction, the location of the passenger drop off area for all airlines operating at Hobby Airport will be moved to a new area.

A temporary location will also be established for the curbside check-in operation for Southwest Airlines. The roadway closure began Oct. 26 and is scheduled to remain in place for approximately one year while work crews make the repairs. During this time, drivers wanting to drop off passengers will be directed to the attached parking garage.

"There's certainly going to be an adjustment period when the work is under way," says Perry J. Miller, general manager of Hobby Airport. "But if we can give our customers clear directions through both signage and personnel, then I think we can minimize the inconvenience."

Like many airports across the country, Hobby Airport employs a bi-level roadway system to separate vehicles which are on-site to pick up and drop off passengers, with the upper-level roadway designated to accommodate departing passengers. Typically, vehicles are allowed to use the entrance to give passengers enough time to gather their luggage and make their way toward the lobby.

Due to construction, vehicles carrying depart-

ing passengers will be rerouted into the second level of the attached parking garage. Drivers will be able to stop momentarily while passengers gather their traveling items, but the entire process will take place slightly further away from the curbside area. Drop offs and pick ups involving wheelchairs will take place in a designated lane found closest to the terminal facility. Signage will direct drivers to the Level 1 location.

"We had this system in place temporarily last year due to a different construction project, and the passengers adapted amazingly well," Miller says. "The drop-off process itself will still work in the same familiar manner. It's just going to take place slightly further away from the curb area."

To minimize the amount of vehicle traffic utilizing the airport's roadway system, drivers who are on-site to pick up arriving passengers are encouraged to use the Passenger Pick Up Waiting Lot. This area, located off Airport Boulevard, allows drivers to park and wait for the arriving passenger free of charge. Since the driver remains stationary until hearing from the passenger, the waiting lot eliminates the need for repeatedly circling the airport property. The waiting lot allows drivers to arrive early to ensure timely pick up, without having to worry about expenses associated with parking or wasted fuel.

Passengers dropped off in the garage not uti-

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18-wheeler rolls over at beltway



A tractor trailer carrying a load of pipe rolled over on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 20, as it turned south on to Pearland Parkway from the westbound side of Beltway 8. The accident caused extensive traffic delays at the intersection for several hours. No injuries were reported. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Leader questionnaires answered by City Council candidates, at-large, local district

The following were submitted by local candidates appearing on the Nov. 8 ballot.

The answers are unedited (unless due to excessive length) and run in the order of ballot position.

At Large, Pos. 1 Steve Costello

Readers' Opinions

Mosquitoes invade South Belt area

The almost instantaneous mosquito outbreak over the past two days is nothing short of phenomenal. In the years I've lived in the neighborhood, I've never experienced an outbreak this bad. I love gardening, and being in the yard with my plants, but the mosquitoes have forced me indoors. I'm not the only one that has recognized the severity of the infestation. Several neighbors have commented on it as well, and we're all baffled about the severity of it. What can the *Leader* do to get involved, lead the way, and get the city out here to fumigate the sewers and the area in general to control and, per-

haps, eliminate the problem?

Pat LaStrapes
Publisher's comment: I guess that all the mosquitoes that we missed during the summer arrived last week. Most of the non-city subdivisions will be conducting their own spraying. The county will only spray if the culex mosquito is found. Monday I called Harris County's mosquito control (they are in charge of city and county spraying). After 65 minutes on hold, I got disconnected. County officials are hopeful that cooler weather predicted for this week will slow down the pests, but rain is also predicted. We can only hope. For our area it looks like the only spraying will be by homeowner associations in the county area. —Marie Flickinger

NAME: Stephen Costello
AGE: 58
OCCUPATION: Civil engineer and Houston City Councilmember
EDUCATION: B.S., Civil Engineering; MBA
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Wife Debra (married 36 years), 2 sons and a daughter-in-law, 1 granddaughter
What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council representative?
I have served as the At Large Position 1 Councilmember for the last two years. My work as an engineer brings a unique perspective to Council, which deals with millions of dollars of infrastructure issues each year.
Recently introduced to the



City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?
I supported the creation of this department to consolidate many neighborhood services under one director. This will make the city more responsive and efficient in providing those services. I will work closely with the new director to see that all neighborhoods are receiving the assistance they need to ensure their quality of life.
Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?
Under ReBuild Houston, proj-

ects will be based on need, not political considerations.
Do you support the ReBuild Houston program?
Yes. ReBuild Houston will provide a dedicated funding source for street and drainage projects and repairs.
What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?
I support red light cameras as a safety issue but I voted to remove them out of respect for the will of the citizens.
Do you favor a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?
Yes. The city and county are currently in discussions on the lab. Financial considerations have to be addressed before we can move forward with the lab but we are seeking other areas for joint projects.
What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?
I have no opinion at this time.
What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?
I support the ordinance to improve quality of life in our neighborhoods.
The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with meeting obligations to retired people?
Yes. That's why I am a member of the recently-created Long Term Financial Management Task Force that is charged with addressing pension, health care and other unfunded liabilities.
Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?
The City of Houston has plenty of water for the foreseeable future with both surface and ground water. However, if the drought continues long term, we should seek state approval to increase groundwater pumping.
What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?
I want to ensure the success of ReBuild Houston.

Scott Boates

NAME: Scott Boates
AGE: 48
OCCUPATION: Attorney and Mediator
EDUCATION: Bachelors of Sciences degrees, University of Houston (1988); Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Houston (1991); Mediation Certificate, A.A. White DRC, University of Houston
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Single with 1

child, Anna, age 12
What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council Representative?
I served 3 terms as an associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Houston, and have prac-

ticed law and mediation for 20 years. My municipal court experience helped me understand how City regulations target residents and businesses, and hinder job creation.
Thus, I propose repeal of the

Drainage Tax, creation of a Sunset Commission on fees and regulations, and ethics reform prohibiting contractors from directing City policies.
Recently introduced to the
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Park Manor of South Belt



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We love our residents at Park Manor!
Shown here are Jessica Hernandez, C.N.A., Bella Vita resident Sharon Macha, and Jason Shi, P.T.

Guest Editorial

BAHEP supports Bond

By Bob Mitchell, President, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership supports Pasadena Independent School District's Bond 2011 election for several reasons. Right now, Bay Area Houston is one of the best places in the country to be in terms of a growing workforce demand. The Panama Canal expansion project, due to be completed in 2014, is driving new investment in our region. Since January 2010, more than 2,800,000 sq. ft. of industrial space has been leased right here, and the demand for highly skilled employees in maritime and shipping industries is on the brink of explosion.

Our region is seeing strong distribution business tied to the Port of Houston Authority, as well. Additionally, the chemical industry in East Harris County employs more than 33,000 people, and this industry is expanding to meet the demands of consumers. Highly skilled labor is definitely in demand by regional employers, and this demand will only increase.

The new career/tech program that is proposed in Pasadena ISD's Bond 2011

election will give students opportunities for employment at all levels within the chemical industry, maritime industry, and other supporting businesses. In turn, as these students become more highly trained in these jobs, which offer above average pay, our local businesses and community will profit through the creation of a strong tax base.

It is also important that our school districts provide students avenues for a variety of career paths. Bond 2011 will provide the appropriate career/tech programs needed to meet this obligation as well as the rising workforce demand. The new career/tech program is an excellent example of a win-win situation for students, businesses and our community.

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership fully supports Pasadena ISD's Bond 2011 election. The funding for these programs will be good for our children's future, good for providing a pipeline of skilled workers, and a good business decision for the growth of our community.

Deaths

Lennard Rice Blanton Jr.

Lennard Rice Blanton Jr., died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011.

He started his career in 1966 as a chemical engineer at Sinclair Refinery after graduating from Rice University with a B.A. and a B.S. in chemical engineering.

When Sinclair became Atlantic-Richfield and then Lyondell Petrochemical, he worked in human resources. He was instrumental in bringing the use of personal computers into the workforce there.

He received an MBA from the University of Houston Central campus.

After working in the petrochemical industry and receiving a degree in environmental science from UH-CL, Blanton became an air quality inspector for the former TNRCC. After 10 years, he made a change and taught algebra for Pasadena Independent School District.

Blanton had many interests. He attended archaeological field schools. He raised monarch butterflies for pleasure and teaching, taking the caterpillars to school so students could see the transformation. Weddings and funerals saw his butterfly releases, a gift to the families.

Christmas was his favorite holiday. He played Santa for more than 30 years handing out candy canes.

While his sons were involved in Scouting, Blanton worked with his local Scouting troop and Indian Princesses with his daughter. He was an avid fan of his daughter's involvement in volleyball and basketball from intermediate through high school. He never missed a game.

Blanton was an Eagle Scout and his example spurred his sons to reach and achieve this goal. He loved northern New Mexico where he spent many happy hours in the pine forests. He became intrigued with fly fishing. He made trips to Philmont Scout Ranch and hiked and camped with both sons. Blanton enjoyed travel and made sure his family saw the United States from coast to coast. The arts also held his attention.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Shirley (longtime English teacher at Dobie); three children, Brian, Carolyn and Bradley; grandson Michael; son-in-law Saul; brother Robert and wife Margaret of Salado, Texas, and sons Garrett and Patrick; and many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 South Main in Houston.

Remembrances may be sent to Philmont Scout Ranch, BSA, ATTN: John Clark, 17

Deer Run Road, Cimarron, NM 87714, or to Shepherd School of Music, ATTN: Holli Ryan, MS 532, Rice University, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251.

Tony Dale LeCroy



Tony Dale LeCroy, 43, of South Belt, died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011. He was born in Pasadena on May 21, 1968. He graduated from Sam Rayburn High School in 1986.

Survivors include his parents, Tony and Judy LeCroy; sister Tracy and brother-in-law Greg; sister Timi, brother-in-law Myles, nephew Shawn and niece Payton; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Tony and Ellen LeCroy and Boyce and Lillian McDonald.

A memorial service was held at Grandview Funeral Home in Pasadena on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at 3 p.m.

Donations can be made in the name of Tony Dale LeCroy to the Texas Heart Institute by phone at 832-355-3792 or online at texasheart.org. Memorial tributes may be placed at www.grandviewfunerals.com.

Sue Trumbature



Sue Trumbature, 86, died on Monday, Oct. 17, 2011. She was born in September 1925 to Opal and Benjamin Wilson.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Charles; son Mike Trumbature; daughter Cynthia Hawk of South Belt

and husband Roy; grandchildren Michael Trumbature and wife Blanca, Robert Trumbature and wife Tara, Nathan Haneline, Lynda Cain and husband Clint; and eight great-grandchildren.

Trumbature worked as a secretary at St. Augustine School, followed by several years in the credit union industry, retiring to the Hill Country in 1981.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Trumbature's name may be made to St. Helen Catholic Church, 2209 Old Alvin Road, Pearland, TX 77581.

The family received friends on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at Niday Funeral Home, where a vigil and wake service were held. Interment was held on Thursday, Oct. 20, at Houston National Cemetery.

Roger Cook



Roger Cook, 66, longtime South Belt resident, died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, in Webster. He was born in Shreveport, La., on Feb. 21, 1945. He grew up in the North Caddo area.

As a young man, he played the guitar and banjo and was active in the school and church choirs. During these years, he met the girl he would marry, Valerie Bezucha. They moved to Houston in 1965 where they began their life together. They were married for 47 years.

Cook began his professional career at Johnson Space Center in 1966 as a programmer and progressed through numerous other supervisory/managerial roles from manager of access control to director of security for Unisys. Prior to his retirement in 2010, he was a senior engineer in the IT Security Department at United Space Alliance. He served the space program for 44 years.

He became a father in 1966. He was a father to Laura and Kelly. He was a very present and active part of their lives.

The celebration of Cook's life was held on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, at the Jeter Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Friendswood, with the Rev. Stuart Rothberg officiating.

Condolences may be sent to the Cook family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

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哈里斯縣	§			
PASADENA 獨立學區	§			
致所有 PASADENA 獨立學區內具有資格投票的居住選民：				
在此通知本學區將在 2011 年 11 月 8 號將在全 PASADENA 獨立學區內舉行一項選舉，根據并遵照 2011 年 8 月 16 日就 PASADENA 獨立學區的理事會通過批准的學校校會發行債券決議進行選舉，該決議條款如下：				
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Early Voting Clerk Stan Starnart P.O. Box 1148 Houston, Texas 77251-1148				
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SID#	地點	地址 2	城市 2	州 2
1380	Harris County Administration Building	1001 Preston, 1st Floor	Houston	TX
1384	Champion Forest Baptist Church - Multi Purpose Bldg	4480 Strack Road	Houston	TX
1269	Lone Star College University Park	20515 State Hwy 249	Houston	TX
1276	Crosby ISD Administration Building	706 Rainsburg Road	Crosby	TX
1776	Kingswood Branch Library	4499 Bore 3 Way Lane	Kingswood	TX
1240	Baytown Community Center	2407 Market Street	Baytown	TX
1287	Harris County Courthouse Annex #25	7130 Spurrell Highway	Pasadena	TX
129	Freeman Branch Library	6816 Dumas Lane	Houston	TX
1306	Cypress Top Park	26076 Hempstead Highway	Cypress	TX
1301	Tomball Public Works Building	9010 James Street	Tomball	TX
131	Central Saint Matthew Baptist Church	14910 South Main	Houston	TX
132	Front Range Nordhoff	19818 Front Range	Katy	TX
1335	Nottingham Park	9206 County Place Drive	Houston	TX
1339	Lee Hong Square	6676 Wilcrest Drive, Ste A	Houston	TX
134	Memorial Multi-Service Center	1475 Wilcrest Drive	Houston	TX
135	City of Jersey Village - City Hall	16327 Lakeshore Drive	Jersey Village	TX
14118	Trinity Memorial Senior Community Center	1414 West Road	Houston	TX
1370	Bayland Park Community Center	4400 Baymont	Houston	TX
1371	Tracy Grace Community Center	3599 Westcreek Drive	Houston	TX
138	Beck Creek Park Community Center	3055 Beck Creek Drive	Houston	TX
140	Hardy Senior Center	11001 West Hardy Road	Houston	TX
1410	Northeast Multi-Service Center	9720 Spaulding St, Bldg #4	Houston	TX
14118	Oakton Field Branch Library	1507 South Houston Avenue	Humble	TX
1426	Kendall Multi-Service Center	4802 Lockwood Dr	Houston	TX
1429	North Channel Branch Library	15741 Wallisville Road	Houston	TX
144	100 W. Hall Ave	4345 Allen Genoa Road	Pasadena	TX
145	H.C.S. Southeast College, Learning Hub	4415 Harris, Bldg D	Houston	TX
146	Fortia Mar, Senior Center	4130 Kuykendall	Houston	TX
1465	Summit Multi-Service Center	4605 Warrington	Houston	TX
147	Palm Center	5300 Lexington Road	Houston	TX
1483	Meadow Park Community Center	3722 Fellen	Houston	TX
1488	Ripley House	4410 Navigation Boulevard	Houston	TX
149A	Hemington-Alief Regional Library	7979 South Kirkwood	Houston	TX
149C	Glen Creek Education Building	16027 Westheimer Pkwy	Houston	TX
150	Ponderosa Lee Station No.1	17061 Hollister Creek Drive	Houston	TX

附件 A				
投票日的投票選區以及投票地點				
選區	地點	地址	地址 2	城市
0029	South Houston Elementary School	900 Main Street		South Houston
0076	Beverly Hills Intermediate School	11111 Beamer Road	位於 Kirkholm Drive	Houston
0077	Rick Schneider Middle School	8420 Easthaven Boulevard	位於 Bryant Street	Houston
0093	New Pearl Hall Elementary School	1504 9th Street	位於 Avenue N	South Houston
0134	Garden Villas Park Community Center	6720 South Haywood Drive		Houston
0134	McMasters Elementary School	1011 Bennett Drive	位於 Cedarcrest Drive	Pasadena
0170	Pearl Rucker Elementary School	5201 Vinett Street	位於 Ahrens Street	Houston
0188	Williams Elementary School	1522 Scarborough Lane	位於 Northwood Lane	Pasadena
0190	Pasadena High School	206 South Shaver Street		Pasadena
0191	Pomeroy Elementary School	920 Burke Road	位於 Jenkins Road	Pasadena
0211	Charlton Park Recreation Center	8200 Park Place Boulevard	位於 Findlay Street	Houston
0221	Meadowcreek Village Park Community Center	5333 Berry Creek Drive		Houston
0242	Bailey Elementary School	2707 Lafferty Road	位於 Parkside Drive	Pasadena
0257	Rick Schneider Middle School	8420 Easthaven Boulevard	位於 Bryant Street	Houston
0267	Pasadena ISD Administration Building	1515 Cherrybrook Lane		Pasadena
0275	Glenbrook United Methodist Church	8635 Glen Valley Drive		Houston
0277	Primera Iglesia Bautista De Pasadena	612 East Houston Avenue	位於 Wafer Street	Pasadena
0278	Faith Presbyterian Church	2301 South Houston		Pasadena
0279	L.I.N.C. Pasadena Mission Center	4116 West Pasadena Boulevard		Pasadena
0280	Freeman Elementary School	2323 Theta Street	位於 Edgebrook Drive	Houston
0289	Garfield Elementary School	16301 Hartcock Street	位於 Theta Street	Houston
0301	Red Bluff Elementary School	416 Beale Street	位於 Red Bluff Road	Pasadena
0302	Deepwater Elementary School	309 Glenmore Drive	位於 Alhambra Drive	Pasadena
0308	Courtyard by Marriott Houston Hobby	9190 Gulf Freeway		Houston
0328	Milstead Middle School	338 Gilpin Street	位於 Delwin Street	Houston
0329	W.I. Stevenson Middle School	9595 Winkler Drive	位於 Old Galveston Road	Houston
0347	Vincent Miller Intermediate School	1002 Fairmont Parkway	位於 Fox Meadows	Pasadena
0348	Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene	3610 Watters Road		Pasadena
0394	Felix H Morales Elementary School	305 West Harris Avenue		Pasadena
0404	Mac Smythe Elementary School	2202 Pasadena Boulevard	位於 Burke Road	Pasadena
0417	Stuchbery Elementary School	13210 Hughes Road		Houston
0418	Beverly Hills Community Center	16201 Kingspoint Road	位於 Members Street	Houston
0419	Park View Intermediate School	3003 Dabney Drive	位於 Bayshore Boulevard	Pasadena
0475	Scarsdale Civic Association Building	12127 Teanock Drive		Houston
0476	Frazier Elementary School (PISD)	16503 Hughes Road		Houston
0527	Red Bluff Elementary School	416 Beale Street	位於 Red Bluff Road	Pasadena
0534	Parkgate Community Church	3715 Pearson Road		Pasadena
0536	Laura Welch Bush Elementary School	9100 Blackhawk Boulevard		Houston
0537	Bella Vita Chabhouse	1448 N North Rivers Circle		Pearland
0545	Parker Williams Library	10851 Scarsdale Boulevard Suite 510	位於 Beamer Road	Houston
0654	El Franco Lee Community Center	9500 Hall Road		Houston
0679	Harvey Turner Elementary School	4133 Lily Street		Pasadena
0696	Golden Acres Elementary School	5232 Sycamore Avenue		Pasadena
0708	Faith Presbyterian Church	2301 South Houston Road		Pasadena
0715	Aviation Department	061 Galveston Road Hwy 3	510 Ellington Field	Houston
0718	North Pointe Elementary School	3200 Almond Creek Drive	位於 Scenic Glade Drive	Houston
0752	Carol Teague Elementary School	4200 Crenshaw Road	位於 Burke Road	Pasadena
0755	Genoa Staff Development School	12900 Almada Genoa Road	位於 Palmhill Street	Houston
0762	Freeman Elementary School	2323 Theta Street	位於 Edgebrook Drive	H

Candidates respond to *Leader* questionnaire

Scott Boates At-Large Pos. 1
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City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

This department must assure services are distributed equally throughout the City. The South Belt region has been neglected for too long. An on-going perpetual calendar of projects and services – detailing contractors and bids – will help the South Belt region advocate for its equal share of City services.

Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

The Hughes Road project is similar to many other projects. Council will maintain a comprehensive perpetual calendar detailing all projects pending funding, and routinely update status on projects as part of the on-going Sunset Review Commission. The projects calendar will be web-based and allow for continuing public feedback. The calendar will detail all plans, contractors and bids associated with projects, and link conflicts of interests associated with council members and City employees.

Do you support the Rebuild Houston program?

No. It's an example of government contractors having conflicting financial interests creating a fund which protects their market. The City's raised taxes, fees and water rates in the last 2 years at the highest rate in our history. The drainage fee must cease until the City discloses specific plans detailing all projects, bids and the contractors involved in Rebuild Houston.

The Drainage Fee is the best example of City policies being created by government contractors who unfairly influence City Council. City policies drive residents and businesses into the suburbs, reducing our tax base, and leading us all to pay more for basic City services.

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?

The camera's are also an example of contractor-driven public policy.

I oppose red light cameras as a form of revenue-based policing, leading to contractors financing the re-election of friendly council members.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?

Yes. The City has over 15,000 untested rape kits, while Harris County has none. Rape victims go without justice in Houston. The City's crime lab lost its certification, and is the subject of recurring scandals. Crime is best battled through a regional solution, and the City desperately needs the help.

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

It exemplifies the frustration many of us feel when government seems to serve the interests of a handful of government contractors.

In the last year, the City implemented the largest tax in our history via the Drainage Tax. Yet it did so in the same year when almost 50,000 Houstonians were losing their homes to foreclosure.

Local government is out of touch, and local media doesn't seem to notice. Public protest is an alternative when government and media join together in ignoring the corruption in public policy.

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

I understand the frustration with loud, unwelcome music. But the ordinance itself is highly subjective and invites litigation the City simply cannot afford.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

Of course. The City should seek the approval of the State to control our own pension without Austin dictating the rules. Pension problems are everywhere, but Austin shouldn't force Houston to use the same answers of smaller municipalities.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

The City will aggressively pursue salinization and alternatives to existing water supplies.

What one project would you like to accomplish if elected?

Repeal the drainage tax.

At Large Pos. 2

Elizabeth Perez



AGE: 31
OCCUPATION: Accountant (Oil & Gas; Small Business Owner-Tax & Accounting Services to Small Businesses and Families)
EDUCATION: BA-Political Science; MLA-Political Science/Public Law; MBA-International Business & Accounting
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married, Husband (Engineer at NASA); 1 child - Son (12 yrs old)

What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council Representative?

City Council currently lacks members with accounting or finance backgrounds. I am the only accountant in this race. During my tenure with oil and gas I saved one company \$600 million/year. Multiply that by 5 and that's \$3 billion. I have the credentials to help City Council balance the budget without passing the cost onto the taxpayer. I bring lean accounting practices to City Hall without compromising public safety or core services.

Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

I will work with the residents of that area for feedback on concerns and possible solutions that they can provide in cooperation with those solutions available through the city.

Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

In the At-Large #2 Position, I will work with the respective council member for that area to ensure that CIP dollars and the new Rebuild Houston dollars are allocated to addressing street repairs on Hughes Road and other streets in the area.

Do you support the Rebuild Houston program?

I respect the will of the voters. The City of Houston has 4 sources of revenue to address flooding and drainage: 1) property taxes to the City that go towards CIP for each district; 2) property taxes to Harris County Flood Control; 3) water bill paid to the City and 4) a 40% increase in the water bill paid to the City. The Rebuild Houston dollars now serve as a 5th source.

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?

Public safety is a basic city service. It should not be used as a means for a select few to profit from providing a service that is disguised as being part of public safety. The voters decided to have them turned off. I stand by the will of the voters.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?

Yes having a regional crime lab would be more efficient in processing criminals and/or innocent people. In the case of a criminal, the victim and their family will have received justice and the city will be a better place. By the same token, an innocent person would have been served justly as well.

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

I understand the frustration that they express regarding the economy and jobs. I am currently the only candidate exercising a job creation plan. As a member of the International Chamber of Commerce, I advise my colleagues on how to export-import to and from Latin America. With the expansion of the Panama Canal, Houston stands to be the gateway to the US. I am currently in the research and development phases with my colleagues regarding bringing their businesses here to Houston, whether it is a distribution center, warehouse or satellite office. Businesses create jobs, generate revenue and stimulate the economy.

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

The City already had a noise ordinance in place that is enforced between the hours of 10:00PM to 10:00AM. Over-regulation does not always improve quality of life in the city.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

This is an issue now. I would propose that all civilian employees (non-police/fire) be rolled over to a market account to ease up city funds. A market based retirement plan would stay/go with them for retirement or

towards a new job. A few weeks ago there was a woman who testified before City Council. She was part of the 700+ city employees that were laid off, and was only 3 years away from retirement. Her pension fund is no longer available to her because she is no longer a city employee. A market based retirement plan is sustainable for employees.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

I've been in conversations with the Israel Trade Organization regarding Israeli technology that addresses the various water issues - consumption, sludge water, water for irrigation, drought and flooding - that apply during normal and disaster situations.

The cities of El Paso, San Antonio and Austin have welcomed this technology to address these concerns and currently have them in place or are implementing them. I would invite this technology to Houston for the same reasons and more notably because the science used in this technology would create jobs in the following industries: space, oil and gas, medical, public works and telecommunications.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

I would ensure Houston remains the leader in space, oil and gas and medical with the addition of the telecommunications industry. I will help keep Houston a business-friendly city so that businesses - small and major - can continue to create jobs and so that Houstonians can continue to enjoy the affordability of living in Houston. Doing this improves the quality of life in our city.

Bolivar Fraga



NAME: Bolivar Fraga
AGE: 38
OCCUPATION: Community Developer, Ripley House, Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
EDUCATION: Master of Social Work, Saint Louis University, 2006; Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies, Aquinas Institute of Theology, 2006; Master of Arts in Latin American Studies, University of Florida, 1997; Bachelor of Science in History, United States Air Force Academy, 1996
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Single / No children

What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council Representative?

The leadership experience, training, and skills I acquired have prepared me for public service. My decision to run at-large is based on my conviction my skill set benefits all of Houston.

I am Hispanic, a veteran; grounded at the neighborhood level. From my work as an intelligence officer, I gained valuable experience in taking information, processing it, and communicating it to decision makers. At Ripley House, my work is about helping people reach their full potential and helping them access opportunities. I have gained valuable experience as a Board Member of the following:

Greater East End Management District; Houston A+ Challenge; Mickey Leland Kibbutzim Internship; Second Ward Super Neighborhood (Vice President).

Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

The department was created to improve neighborhood quality of life. It oversees the Neighborhood Protection Corps, Anti-Gang Office, Citizens Assistance Office, Office of Education Initiatives, Office for People with Disabilities, Office of Immigration and Refugee Affairs, Volunteers Initiatives Programs.

As an At-Large member, I will attend Super Neighborhood meetings and act as a liaison to resolve issues that confront South Belt. My military training gives me the discipline, focus, and evaluation skills to deliver and accomplish a mission.

Every neighborhood is different. Services and resources to improve quality of life must take into account the unique character of neighborhoods.

Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

CIP Projects are most often addressed by the District Council Member. Because street repairs and infrastructure affect an area's quality of life, as an At-Large Council Member, I will evaluate the CIP recommendations knowing that I also represent the citizens in each area of our city. Ten years is a long time for a project to be budgeted and then consistently cut. I will address this specific project within my first month of office: look at the history, the reason(s) it had been postponed, and meet with stakeholders in the South Belt area to draft a plan of action to complete this project.

Do you support the Rebuild Houston program?

I voted for Rebuild Houston when it was on the ballot as. The concept is sound in that we need a dedicated fund to rebuild the infrastructure of our City. I am frustrated with the implementation of Rebuild Houston. The cost to property owners was miscalculated, and the determination of what properties would and would not pay was not made until after the initiative was passed. This has presented challenges. I still support the concept. Houston should not repair and maintain its infrastructure by financing projects through bond debt. We do need a pay-as-you-go fund.

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?

I voted for red-light cameras. To me, it was a safety issue. Running a red light is a violation of traffic law. The use of red-light cameras has a proven record of positively modifying driving behavior, saving lives, and lowering the amount of accidents. However, I am a strong advocate of democracy. The majority of voters voted to turn them off. If I had been on Council when the vote was cast this year, I would have voted to turn the cameras off.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?

Yes. I am advocate of a Regional Crime Lab that encompasses the Houston Galveston Area Council 13-County Region which would lower the cost to taxpayers. A regional crime lab would also restore confidence to the evidence admitted in criminal cases, as it would not be an extension arm of the police or law enforcement agency. I believe it would restore credibility to the use of evidence in our criminal justice system.

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

The economy is very fragile at this point in our history. The frustration of Americans is high given our unemployment rate and the widening gap between the top income earners in our country and the majority of the population. "Movements" that are lawful and call attention to issues facing our country have had great impact on our country in bringing about positive change. Occupy Houston is a young movement with valid issues. I support their lawful right to free speech and debate. I agree with some of their premises.

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

As Houston grows more and more and develops further as a higher density city, there need to be guidelines for being good neighbors. I enjoy being able to walk to a local restaurant or business down the street, but I also believe neighborhood residents should expect a good night's sleep in their homes.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

Yes. Commitments the City has made to its employees should be honored. We must find a way to meet those commitments. Workers worked hard for their money, and planned their lives based on the commitments made. The first step must be a partnership with the Texas Legislature to address laws set by them that govern Municipal Employee Pensions. I would begin a dialogue with the Harris County delegation to address State Laws to allow the City to address the future employee pensions.

I would work with the Pension Board, Mayor and Council Members to find economic plan s to meet present commitments and work for equitable changes for future employees.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

At present, experts project that Houston's water supply is adequate due to our three reservoirs: Lake Houston, Lake Conroe, and Lake Livingston. As a precautionary measure, the City has instituted certain watering restrictions. If the drought continues, an option is to enact additional watering restrictions.

We must develop our water infrastructure, exploring other options such as desalinization and reviewing a state plan focusing on the Brazos River as a source of water. To explore these and other options, if elected to City Council, I would call for a task force with the Army Corp of Engineers, conservationist, and urban planners.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

I would like to have accomplished creating a stronger economy and bringing more jobs to Houston. Economic development, neighborhood improvement, and quality of life go hand-in-hand. They are interconnected and interdependent. Economic development lays the foundation for neighborhood improvement and quality of life, and these in turn, help to further additional development.

Eric Dick

AGE: 33
OCCUPATION: Lawyer
EDUCATION: LLM Tax (University of Alabama); Juris Doctorate (Thomas Coley – graduated cum laude)

MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Single

What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council Representative?

Served with the Attorney



General's Office in Tobacco Law with the largest civil settlement in US history. Served in Harris County District Attorney's Office in Welfare Fraud.

Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

First, though I am not per se against a department of neighborhoods, I do not think that this is the right time to create new layers

of government as we are in a financial crisis.

Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

Public safety, infrastructure, and basic city services.

Do you support the Rebuild Houston program?

I voted against it. I am for the

dedicated monies being spent solely drainage and not being diverted into other things (ie: bike trails).

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?

I voted against them. My largest issue was ATS shortening yellow lights so more people would run the red lights.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?

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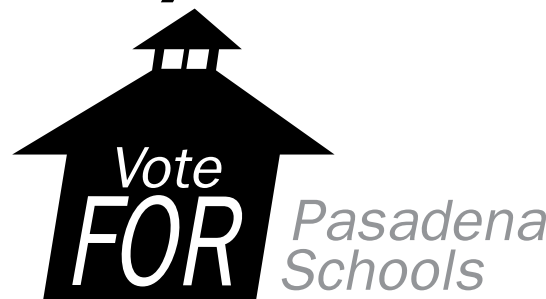
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Lariaette of the Week



The Lariaette of the Week for the week of Oct. 2 through Oct. 8 is junior Lauren Pettet. She is the daughter of Jessica Pettet.

SJC cosmetology hosts Halloween hair contest

The public is invited to enjoy a "hair raising" Halloween contest hosted by the San Jacinto College Central campus cosmetology department on Thursday, Oct. 27.

SJC students will unveil their creations at 2 p.m. at the Student Union Building in preparation for an awards ceremony.

Categories for this year's competition are in celebration of the 50th anniversary of San Jacinto College. The

Raven and The Decades category will include hair and make-up, and the 50th Anniversary of San Jacinto College category will showcase costumes, as well as hair and make-up.

The competition allows cosmetology students to express creativity, perfect skills, and push their imagination.

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Over The Back Fence

by Jan

WELCOME, JACKSON BARTON
Jackson Matthew Barton was born Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at 11:46 a.m. at Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, weighing in at 6 lbs., 5 oz. and stretching 20½ inches. Proud parents are David and Debra Barton of Pearland. Also welcoming Jackson are grandparents, Mike and Karen Barton of Sagemont Park and Jimmy and Janis Wright of Kirkmont; uncle Scott and aunt Mekesha Wright of Pearland; and aunt Amanda Barton of Sagemont Park.

HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY, TYLER!
Tyler Scarberry will no longer be a teenager when he celebrates his 20th birthday Friday, Oct. 28. Lots of love and 'missing you' hugs are sent from parents Robert and Jannie; sister Jenny and children Brayden and Baylee; sister Stacey, husband Stephen and children Kennedy and Owen; brother Joey and wife Nyssa; and brother Austin and his daughter, Jade. Tyler is a 2010 Dobie High School graduate who attends Sam Houston State University.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR CONSTABLE
Birthday wishes are sent to Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Gary

Freeman who celebrates a birthday Tuesday, Nov. 1, from family, friends and the Leader staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 27 through Nov. 2.

Atkinson Elementary
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Barbara Haden Oct. 28.

Burnett Elementary
On Oct. 29, Donna Huemme marks a birthday. A special birthday greeting is sent to Adriana Garza Oct. 30. Enjoying a birthday Nov. 1 is Rebecca Wells.

Bush Elementary
The day for a cake for Sandra Chavez is Oct. 27. Denicia Arango has a birthday Nov. 2.

Frazier Elementary
Maria Martinez celebrates a birthday Oct. 28. The day for a party for Gracie Puente is Oct. 30.

Meador Elementary
On Nov. 1, birthday wishes are sent to Mike Barton. Elvia Montes enjoys a birthday Nov. 2.

Moore Elementary

Nov. 2 is the day for a celebration for Kathy Young.

South Belt Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Carla Garcia Nov. 2.

Morris Middle School
Oct. 29 is the day for a birthday cake for Shawn Wokaty.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Ana Shamoun-Grabowski has a birthday Oct. 31.

Thompson Intermediate
On Oct. 31, a special birthday greeting is sent to Teresa Orocio.

Dobie High
Birthday wishes are sent to Beverly Krell and Eric Martinez Oct. 27. Phyllis Geries and Crystal Salazar share a birthday Oct. 28. The day for a party for Pamela Eddleman is Oct. 29. A birthday is celebrated by Lauren Calderaro on Oct. 31. Susan Legrand and Tonya Naylor enjoy a double birthday Nov. 1.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
E-mail birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Longhorn Band Section of the Week



The J. Frank Dobie Marching Band announced the baritones as Section of the Week for Oct. 10 through Oct. 13. Band Members of the Week were Josh Godwin and Shelby Yocum. Student Leader of the Week was Kayla Bryce, and Spirit Member of the Week was April Henderson. Baritone members pictured are,

left to right, (front row) Adan Gonzalez, (middle row) Michael Anagbogu, Javier Alvarado, Sergio Salazar, Inez Lopez, Alex Rodriguez, Tim Wright, (back row) Luke McDonald, Rene Rodriguez and Oscar Arredondo.

Photo submitted

Remember When

35 years ago (1976)
A Beverly Hills Civic Club meeting was the scene of a heated debate as candidates for local offices expressed their positions. Bob Gammage, Dr. Ron Paul, Gene Jones and Walter Kieth discussed equal rights, gun control, more severe penalties for criminals and decreased government spending.

A meeting was held to reactivate the Sagemont Civic Club.

Atkinson Elementary cafeteria workers went to work dressed as clowns to celebrate the school's clown day.

Ayrshire Corp. announced plans to develop sites for the construction of patio homes off Beamer Road in the area that would become Kirkwood South.

30 years ago (1981)
Burglars hit the same residence twice on Sageplum on consecutive Wednesdays.

An unknown man pulled a gun on four Dobie students as they were driving home from school. They reported that he tried to race them in their Pontiac GTO and when they refused, he displayed a weapon and pointed it at each of them.

The Sagemont Houston Fire Department responded to five ambulance calls and five fire-related calls during a one-week period.

A Beverly Hills couple were sentenced to prison after being convicted of sexually abusing children. The children stayed in the day care facility they operated out of their home. The four children who testified, an 8-year-old girl and three boys ages 10, 12 and 15, were from the same family.

25 years ago (1986)
The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees passed an 8-cent tax hike bringing the tax rate to 99 cents per \$100 of valuation. The increase was partly due to decreased property values in the district causing a shortfall in revenues.

The development of a two-story professional office building across from San Jacinto College was in jeopardy amid rumors of a U.S. Department of Justice investigation. The investigation involved investment schemes that surrounded state and local officials, including former state Rep. Bill Caraway. At the time, Caraway was the CEO of The Intertec Financial Group.

20 years ago (1991)
University of Texas officials were publicly voicing opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency's plans for excavation and incineration of toxic chemicals adjacent to the South-bend subdivision.

Actor Ed Begley Jr. visited the South Belt area and spent most of one day touring the Brio site.

15 years ago (1996)

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce set as its No. 1 goal for the upcoming year to work toward the removal of the abandoned Southbend homes and unfinished Beamer Towers building on Beamer.

Concerns over a 17-year-old Dobie dropout resulted in a personal meeting between Kirkwood South residents and Constable Gary Freeman. The student, who had reportedly started a white supremacist group, was accused, along with some of his friends, of various threats of violence including burning homes.

Crews from the city of Houston put an end to persistent odors in Scarsdale after a ruptured sewer pipe was repaired.

10 years ago (2001)
Dobie senior athletes Tiffany Collins and Matt Bergeron were named homecoming queen and king at Dobie High School.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of semifinalists. Students from Clear Brook were William Boehm, Andrew Kinzler and Michael Plante. For Dobie, the National Merit Commended Students were

John Barnett and Naqvi Masooma. National Hispanic Scholars were Ceasar Cardona, Manuel Tellez, Sarah Velasquez and David Ochoa (honorable mention). Dobie's Graylon Wells was awarded the classification of National Academic Achievement.

5 years ago (2006)
Based on legislation passed by the special session held by Texas lawmakers, PISD reduced its overall tax rate to \$1.69 per \$100 valuation.

CCISD's tax rate for 2006 was \$1.33 for maintenance and operations, and \$0.30 for interest and sinking.

The San Jacinto College Board of Regents voted not to increase the tax rate.

None of the three South Belt Municipal Utility Districts increased the tax rate for 2006.

In the wake of flooding, many South Belt residents had vehicles towed from the Shell station on Scarsdale at Interstate 45.

San Jacinto College South celebrated the receipt of a \$514,614 grant from the Texas Workforce Commission.

1 year ago (2010)
Longtime Freeway Man-

or resident Betty Lacroix, 78, died when an explosive fire took place at her home in the 800 block of Shawnee near Welk. Neighbors reported hearing a series of roughly four loud explosions as the house became engulfed in flames. The blasts were so intense they blew out the windows and doors of several neighboring homes. Upon hearing the explosions, nearby residents rushed to the house to try to help Lacroix and her husband, Collins Lacroix, 82, escape. The couple had lived in the house for roughly 50 years and raised five children there.

Video conference offers motivational message

Discover and strengthen your leadership skills at the live video conference presentation for University of Houston-Clear Lake's Office of Student Life presentation of *Rise N' Thrive: From Great Potential to Exceptional Performance*, featuring Al Duncan. The presentation will be held Wednesday, Nov. 2, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the university's Bayou Building, Room 1437, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Duncan is the leading motivational speaker for at-risk youth, an award-winning columnist and expert on soft skills and youth empowerment. He is also the author of *My Success Journal for Young People* and *Get ALL Fired Up!*

From his own at-risk youth, Duncan managed to rise and thrive to become a motivational speaker and the president and CEO of his own company, Al Duncan Enterprises.

Both events are open to the public and sponsored by Student Leadership, Involvement & Community Engagement. Registration is recommended.

For more information, contact Jennifer Clark, assistant director of Student Life, at 281-283-2611 or email ClarkJen@uhcl.edu.



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Bears ‘See You at the Pole’



Approximately 50 students in Bears 4 Christ met at the flag pole for See You at the Pole recently. Leading Bears 4 Christ were, left to right, students Emily Rios and Audra Anderson and faculty member Ronnie Thomas. Bears 4 Christ is a Bible study class that is student-led. Each Wednesday at 7:45 a.m., students meet to read and talk about Bible verses. Usually one or two students will pick a couple of verses and read them out loud to the other students and then discuss what it means to them. Thomas is present to help the group whenever needed. Bears 4 Christ members try to do things during the year that promote getting involved in the community and school. They have already collected wildfire donations and will be in charge of Toys for Tots donations in December. All students are invited to the class.

Photo submitted

Gomez top box-top student



Stuchbery Elementary encourages its students to collect box tops and turn them in to help earn money for the school. Pictured is David Gomez from Robin Salinas' third-grade class. He collected 500 box tops for Stuchbery, the most any student has turned in at one time over the past three years.

Photo submitted

Halloween safety tips announced

- The combination of trick-or-treaters and vehicles on the road increase chances for auto-related accidents up to four times more on Halloween, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Robin Garza, trauma program manager, Ben Taub General Hospital, part of the Harris County Hospital District, offers some safety tips for ghoulish walkers and drivers.
- Don't text or use a cell phone while driving.
- Pay close attention to crosswalks and intersections.
- Look both ways before crossing a street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.
- Only walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- Drive under the speed limit in residential areas. Look for parents who follow their children in a slow-moving car or make frequent stops.
- If passing a slow-moving or stopped car, do so slowly and cautiously.
- Tell your child never to get into the car of a stranger. In the excitement, children could confuse his or her parents' car for someone else's car.
- Watch for child predators. Have a trusted adult close by.
- Tell the child never to accept candy from drivers or people walking in a neighborhood.
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Multiple issues up for vote

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stitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

Proposition 6 (HJR 109) would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the

state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

Proposition 7 (SJR 28) would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to de-

velop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

Proposition 8 (SJR 16) would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

Proposition 9 (SJR 9) would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

Proposition 10 (SJR 37) would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

PISD bond

The Pasadena Independent School District is having a bond election seeking \$270.1 million in funding. If approved, the bond, which carries no tax hike, would provide funds for a new career and technical high school, three new middle schools and five replacement campuses for existing schools.

The bond would also provide for renovations at 30 campuses and various district athletic facilities.

Plans also include a central indoor/outdoor competitive swimming pool, to be constructed on the Veterans Stadium grounds.

The bond would provide \$2 million for replacement of school buses and \$5 million for the purchase of property to accommodate future expansion.

Early voting

Local polling locations for early voting include the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Hall #66 at 4345 Allen Genoa, the Harris County Courthouse Annex #25 at 7330 Spencer Highway and the Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane.

Polling hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 27 and Oct. 28; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 29; 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 30; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 31 through Nov. 4.

For more information, call 713-755-6965 or visit www.harrisvotes.org.

Patterson, Walters marry



Holly Nicole Patterson and Daniel Ray Walters were married Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, at the University of Houston A.D. Bruce Chapel, with a reception following at Bay Oaks Country Club. The bride is the daughter of Brett and Denise Patterson of Kirkwood. The groom is the son of Bobby and Laura Walters of League City, formerly of Sagemont. The bride was given in marriage by her father in a double-ring ceremony. The matron of honor was Amanda Johnson, and bridesmaids were Mackenzie Conine, Jessica Patterson, Elizabeth Peabody, Angela Pesi and Lauren Sciortino. Donny Walters served as best man, while the groomsmen were Justin Curry, Eric Igness, Bryan McDonald and Christopher Patterson. The bride graduated from Dobie High School in 2004. She graduated from the University of Houston-Main Campus with a bachelor's degree in psychology in May 2008, and from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in May 2011 with a master's degree in industrial organizational psychology. She works for Wyle Integrated Science and Engineering at NASA-JSC. The groom graduated from Dobie High in 2002 and is employed by Lyondell-Bassell. Both the bride and groom grew up in the South Belt area, Holly attended Atkinson, Beverly Hills and Dobie, where she played volleyball and softball. Danny went to Frazier, Thompson and Dobie, where he played baseball. After a honeymoon in Bora Bora, Tahiti, the couple reside in Pearland.

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

Wizard of Oz at PMHS

The Department of Theater at Memorial High School will present *The Wizard of Oz* Nov. 3 through Nov. 5 on the school's main stage. Curtain time is 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$8 each and may be purchased at the door. The production features a cast of more than 80 performers, including 40 children from Memorial's feeder schools.

New Covenant has benefit

New Covenant Christian Church will have a benefit golf tournament Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Southwyck Golf Club, 2901 Clubhouse Drive in Pearland, beginning at 8 a.m. Proceeds go toward the Willie V. Hahn Scholarship Fund for area youth scholarships. To participate or be a sponsor, contact Glenn Owens at 713-412-7546 or videosbyray@att.net.

All Soul's Day Mass set

A Mass for All Souls Day will be held in the chapel of SouthPark Funeral Home, 1310 N. Main St. in Pearland, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2. The Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Msgr. Reginald R. Nesvadba of St. Helen Catholic Church. Refreshments will be served after the Mass, followed by a blessing of the graves by Nesvadba. For more information, contact SouthPark Funeral Home at 281-485-2711.

Christmas Gift Alley set

The First United Methodist Church's Christmas Gift Alley, 2314 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland, will be Nov. 4 and 5. It includes unique gifts, silent auction, tea room and more than 100 exhibitors.

Food will be available. For booth information, call 281-485-1466.

Thompson students investigate science

Thompson eighth-grade science students investigate scientific inquiry by completing the Come Fly with Us lab during the first six weeks of school. Students were provided with a paper helicopter and tested how changing the direction of the helicopter blades affects its flight. Thompson science students were thrilled to be able to test their hypothesis during several trials.



(Above) Ryan Ellinger, Alexis Alfaro, Davonte Smith, Andrew Ghansyam, Reeno Green, Sabrina Rodriguez and Albert Nguyen, and (below) Christian McDaniel, Morgan Prichard and Ty Morris, take their helicopters for a trial run.



Teacher Carol Waters' first-period science students, Andre Mireles, Reeno Green, Isaiah Edwards and Dyllon Smith, act out how to be safe in a science lab while having fun.



Julio Valdez, Daniel Ricon and Zach Kabir enjoy making fun of improper use of safety goggles in their lab skit during third period.

Tri-County Republican Women set Silver Bells Luncheon

The Tri-County Republican Women will host their annual Silver Bells Luncheon, Christmas Shopping Market and live auction on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Golfcrest Country Club located at 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland. Retired Judge Molly Maness will serve as the master of ceremony. Entertainment will feature sounds of the holidays by Pearland High School Kantorei Choir. Tickets are \$35 and include valet parking. For tickets, call Barbara Jacobson at 281-481-3251, Marie Willars at 281-481-1310 or Gayle Chapman at 281-485-9585.

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Mayoral candidates answer questionnaire in ballot order

Fernando Herrera

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MARITAL STATUS/
CHILDREN: married with 6 children

What makes you qualified to serve as the Mayor of



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I have Administrative and Managerial skills and experience acquired from private industry as a former CEO as well as a current Deputy Chief in the Houston Fire Department. I've managed hundreds of people in situations that were immediately dangerous to life and health, as well as 40+ employees in an office environment. I've also been responsible for a multi-million dollar budget.

Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

I'll LISTEN to the members of the South Belt community. I will not impose MY will upon the citizens of Houston, nor the residents of South Belt. I will communicate and address your needs... not what I say you need.

Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

I will always provide essential city services first. I will not purchase bathtub sculptures at \$500,000 or another \$360,000 piece of art while streets go unrepaired. Mayor Parker stated that the new Dedicated Drainage and Street Repair Fund was to be a "lockbox" to be used exclusively for street repair and drainage. Please view the Capital Improvement Plan N-000420. You'll see that \$875,000 of the new fund will be spent on a bike trail. As Mayor, I will not give priority to a bike trail over your streets.

Do you support the Rebuild Houston program? I do not support rebuild Houston. I believe if tax dollars are spent on our priorities, we will not need to tax everyone even more; furthermore, the new drainage tax increases the cost of everything we buy vehicles, food, rent, etc. I will work to rescind the drainage tax. What we now call Rebuild Houston is not what we voted for. It's changed about 4 times AFTER the vote.

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation? I am against the red light cameras. It was never about safety. If it were about safety, the cameras would have been placed at the intersections with the most accidents versus simply high traffic intersections; furthermore, Houston only received less than half of the money derived from the tickets issued by the cameras. The state of Texas received half, the company (ATS) received an amount,

and Houston received the remainder.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?

I am in favor of working with the County toward the use of the Medical Examiners Institute of Forensic Sciences. Yes.

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

I visited their web site and I didn't find their clear objective.

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

As a resident near Washington Avenue, I understand the need for such an ordinance. I'm glad to see that both residents and business owners are working together to create a draft ordinance.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

The city of Houston needs to reconsider all the things that are taking money from the general fund TIRZ, 380 agreements, the drainage tax, etc. TIRZ for example prevent \$60 million from entering the general fund, the drainage tax easily increases this amount toward \$200 million.

There are also internal adjustments to pension funds that may need to occur to make certain employee retirements are secure. As a member of a city of Houston pension, I have ideas and am ready to meet with the pension board members.

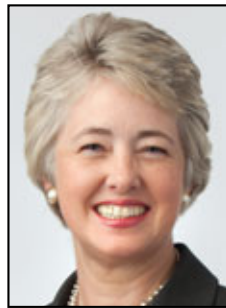
Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

I would dredge Lake Houston now while the water levels are low; thus, allowing the capacity of the Lake to increase. I would also request help from other cities faster and of course reciprocate should they ever have the need.

What main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

Eliminate the Drainage Tax debacle.

Annise Parker



AGE: 55

OCCUPATION: Mayor, City of Houston

EDUCATION: Rice University, 1978 BA Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology

MARITAL STATUS/

CHILDREN: Partner Kathy Hubbard, two adopted daughters, one son

What makes you qualified to serve as the Mayor of Houston?

During my first term as Mayor we've tackled the tough issues, and not kicked the can down the road during toughest economy this city has seen in decades. I never lost sight of priorities for Houstonians: safety and jobs. We balanced the budget for 2012 without laying off a single police officer or firefighter, and without raising taxes. The Houston area has created over 125,000 private-sector jobs in my first term and my economic development initiatives have helped attract \$654 million in private investment to Houston in 2010.

I am fighting every day for jobs and a stronger economy. Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

We created the department of neighborhoods to combine all the services typically needed by neighborhoods, creating a "one-stop shop" for accessing city services. What that means for the South Belt area is increased response time, better service, and more work done by city staff in your community.

Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included

on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

Rebuild Houston will prioritize roads that need work done based on science, not politics. The condition of all Houston streets has been assessed and can be viewed on the Public Works page of the city website. We are moving to a "worst first" approach.

Do you support the Rebuild Houston program?

I absolutely support Rebuild Houston. Every Houstonian understands that we have flooding and street condition problems. Fixing them requires funding. The Rebuild Houston program completely changes how we do infrastructure in the City of Houston. It creates a dedicated pay-as-you-go fund for financing street and drainage projects, takes much of the politics out of the process in favor of more science and engineering and opens the process up to the public input and oversight. This means that often-forgotten areas of town will see repairs sooner than they would before Rebuild Houston was passed.

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?

I support red light cameras as a public safety measure. I also support the will of the voters and rule of law. And those are the forces that have been pushing and pulling this issue in different directions.

Last year, camera opponents came to City Council with over 50,000 petition signatures to put the issue on the ballot. When 183,000 Houstonians voted to turn the cameras off, we shut them off and respected the will of the voters. At every turn, I've done what I thought was best for the city and its citizens. And in all cases, I chose to err on the side of democracy, while not abandoning my responsibility to protect the city from liability.

But I also had to respect a federal judge who ruled the election invalid. We turned the cameras back on as we began negotiations on a settlement, but when it became clear the camera company was no longer negotiating in good faith it was time to change tactics. Months ago I ordered the cameras to be turned off, and council repealed the enabling ordinance. Now, we will fight to protect the taxpayers' money from the camera company in court.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?

I favor an independent regional crime lab. I'm working with the County to move forward with a plan in which HPD shares DNA samples with the county crime lab. As funds are available, I want to increase how much we coordinate with the county crime lab to increase efficiency. However, substituting county oversight for city oversight does not create an independent lab with a governing board, and that is still my goal.

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

I come from a working family, so I understand the frustrations of the Occupy movement when it comes to special rights and privileges for corporations that aren't necessarily for the good of the whole. I also believe that lack of federal oversight of major banks is a proximate cause of the financial meltdown and that compensation of CEOs of publicly traded companies has reached obscene levels.

My administration has worked with Occupy Houston to ensure that their voices can be heard in a safe, democratic manner that does not threaten public safety or impede the ability of other citizens to conduct their daily business in an orderly fashion.

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

HPD receives nearly 60,000 noise complaints a year - over 150 a day, on average. I was actually the councilmember who pushed passage of the ordinance we just replaced. That tells you how hard it is to get a sound ordinance that is defensible and enforceable. So we needed an ordinance that allows officers

to quickly enforce the law in a fair and equitable manner.

The new ordinance gives police officers the tools they need to enforce sound ordinances and keep our neighborhoods quiet, and our families protected.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

The city will keep its promise to its employees: If you served Houston and are retired, you will receive the pension you earned. We simply cannot break that promise. Moving forward, though, we must look at how we fund pensions for future employees and the nature of those pensions.

For instance, I fought unsuccessfully in the last legislative session to get permission to negotiate with the firefighter's pension fund. They cannot be compelled to come to the negotiating table and work with the city the way our other two funds have. Almost 30% of the city firefighters' payroll is going into the pension fund. By 2015, that number is projected to go as high as 45-50% of payroll. That sort of spending is unsustainable, and must be fixed.

I refuse to borrow money to fund our unsustainable pension system. We need long-term reform to get what I consider the city's "everyday expenses" under control. There's no reason to use the city's credit card (pension bonds) when we can simply spend smarter. But our hands are tied in some cases, where state government has imposed rules that limit local government's ability to manage its own pension responsibilities.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

The City of Houston code of ordinances has a plan already laid out to deal with a prolonged drought. That plan includes measures to stabilize the level of Lake Houston by drawing down Lake Conroe and restrictions on water usage.

We will continue to work with neighborhood leaders, conservationists, and small businesses to ensure the citizens of Houston are able to meet their water needs. My hope is that through education citizens will take thoughtful actions to reduce their own personal consumption of our water resources.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

The primary goal and focus of my second term will be job creation, bottom line. That is the most important project of my administration. The Houston area created 125,000 jobs in the private sector since early 2010. But I know that's not enough. So I'm pursuing a comprehensive five point plan to create jobs:

- Implementing Hire Houston First, a common-sense law to hire Houston companies and workers first on city projects.

- Attracting new aerospace and high-tech companies to Houston by marketing the expertise of former NASA employees.

- Organizing a small business summit that brings together business, education and community leaders to develop an action plan to help entrepreneurs and small businesses.

- Bringing new businesses to Houston by keeping taxes low and offering incentives to create good jobs and job-training programs for Houston families.

- Recruiting growth industries like clean energy and biomedical to Houston by working closely with the Greater Houston Partnership and local chambers of commerce.

Houstonians work hard. It will take the strength of everyone in Houston to fully recover from the recession, but I know we can do it.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Playoff berth secured

Longhorns rout Rayburn, stay on championship course

As anticlimactic as it may read, the Dobie Longhorns have qualified for the Class 5A Division I varsity football playoffs for the second straight season.

The locals got the job done by routing the Sam

who have also qualified for the postseason.

JFD will face South Houston Friday, Oct. 28, at Veterans Stadium before finishing the regular season Nov. 3 at home against Deer Park in a game that could have 22-5A championship implications.

Against Sam Rayburn, senior tailback Andrew Robinson led the way for the Longhorns, carrying just nine times for 149 yards.

With two games remaining in the regular season plus the playoffs, Robinson has collected 1,309 yards and 18 touchdowns.

So thorough was Dobie's performance against the Texans, many of the team's starters went to the sidelines for good after the opening

drive of the second half with the locals up 35-0.

Dobie scored touchdowns on five of their first six drives of the game to

open the 35-0 lead.

On the Longhorns' opening series, senior quarterback Deandre Bolden threw a short dump-off pass to

Robinson that the star back turned into a 20-yard scoring run with the help of excellent blocking downfield.

Still in the first quarter,

Bolden made it 14-0 as he threw a perfect pass to Chris Stockman on the fade rout for 16 yards.

In the second quarter,

other players got involved for the Longhorns.

Kelton Bailey darted 11 yards nearly untouched early in the second quarter for a 21-0 lead.

After an interception by Vaughn Leonard, Dobie went up 28-0 as Robinson capped a short 31-yard drive with a 9-yard scoring burst.

Robinson's nine carry, 149-yard performance ended late in the first half as he dashed 54 yards for his third score and a 35-0 lead.

Kicker Douglas Leighton booted a 25-yard field goal, and senior tailback Jordan Williams got in on the act with a 70-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, the Longhorns were not challenged. Sam Rayburn's offense is largely run-based, so the Longhorns' sometimes shaky pass defense was not under heavy duress.

That could change against South Houston as the Trojans will likely spend much of the game in four and five-receiver sets, including senior Torre Daniel.

South Houston has rushed for just over 500 yards this season, but senior quarterback Rudis Requeno has passed for more than

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Dobie's Andrew Robinson (22), who rushed for 149 yards on nine carries and scored three times, tries to leap over Sam Rayburn's Tim DeSoto during the Longhorns' 45-3 victory Oct. 22 at Veterans Memorial Sta-

dium in Pasadena. The win improved the Longhorns to 6-2 overall, including 3-0 in District 22-5A action. At right is Rayburn defensive back Alexis Manjuarez.

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San Jacinto College soccer eyes final push

The road to the National Junior College Athletic Association championship tournament travels through Tyler on the first stop, and the San Jacinto College program is determined to make it a successful trip.

San Jacinto is seeded second at the 2011 Region XIV tournament, set to be played Oct. 27-28 at Tyler Junior College's Pat Hartley Field.

Host Tyler has used the last two regional tournaments as a successful springboard to winning the national title, but San Jacinto wants to make a difference this season.

The SJC-Tyler rivalry dates all the way back to 1994, and since then, the two programs have had some classic battles.

Over the past two-plus seasons, the Apaches have dominated the series, including 3-1 and 2-0 wins this season. But San Jacinto College head coach David Santesteban knows it takes only one win to turn the tide.

"The rivalry has shown to deliver a very competitive and oftentimes rough behavior, and I don't see that changing," Santesteban said. "Tyler has earned their place with a couple of titles,

but our guys will be ready to go (Oct. 27-28), and we'll let the chips fall where they may."

Dobie, Clear Brook VB headed to postseason

The regular season might be complete, but there is more varsity volleyball to be played for the Dobie and Clear Brook programs.

Both teams have qualified for the playoffs. In District 22-5A, Dobie went 7-3 to finish in a second-place tie with Pasadena Memorial. Deer Park won the crown

with a 10-0 mark.

In District 24-5A, Clear Brook finished strong with a pair of wins over Pearland and Dickinson to go 9-5, good enough for fourth place and the final seed.

Clear Creek won the 24-5A title, followed by Clear Lake and Pearland at 11-3.

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Despite DP loss, Dobie netters to regionals

A lopsided 10-1 win over Pasadena Memorial in the District 22-5A tournament semifinals was enough to get the job done.

Dobie's varsity tennis team is in the Region III tournament after taking down the Mavericks 10-1 to make the 22-5A final.

Deer Park won the league championship with a 10-2 win over the Longhorns in the final title duel, but both teams qualified for the Region III event, which is set for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28-29, at Deer Park High School's south campus.

"I'm proud of the kids," Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said. "Against Memorial they went out and took care of business and earned their way to regionals."

Deer Park proved to be the best team in the district on the court with back-to-back wins over Dobie in an eight-day span.

At press time, the Region III coaches' meeting was being held, so the Longhorns' opponent had yet to be chosen.

"At this time of the year,

you just want the kids to enjoy the experience." Moreno said. "When you go to regionals and take on one of the top 16 seeds in the re-

gion, it's always going to be tough. Our kids will give their best effort, and we will give it our all."

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Dobie vs. TBA

At Region III tennis tournament



Jacob Al-Asmar of Dobie lashes a forehand during the Longhorns' Region III tournament-clinching win over Memorial in the District 22-5A tournament semifinals. With Al-Asmar's help, the Longhorns downed Memorial 10-1 to keep their season a live.

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Local sports news, notes

SBGSA offers early sign-up costs

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has set "Early, Early Bird" spring 2012 registration for those seeking to play. The first registration date is Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$70. There is a \$5 sibling discount, with the first child paying \$70 and each additional child in the same household paying \$65. Fundraisers will be revealed in January. Additional "Early Bird" registration dates will be offered in December. The cost will rise to \$75, with a \$5 sibling discount. Regular spring registration will be held in early January

New Covenant charity golf

The New Covenant Christian Church will host the annual Willie V. Hahn Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament Saturday, Nov. 5, at Southwyck Golf Course in Pearland. Those wishing to play in the event or those individuals/businesses wishing to sponsor a hole may call Glenn Owens at 713-412-7546, or direct email to videosbyray@att.net. Funds raised from the tournament go toward college scholarships given to students in the South Belt area.

Texans 9-U select baseball

The Texans select baseball program is seeking serious players for upcoming 9-under division action in both the Nations Baseball and United States Specialty Sports Association leagues. Tryouts are currently set for Saturday, Oct. 29, and Saturday, Nov. 5. For more tryout details, including a location and times, call coach Craig Redmon at 281-236-5112.

Warriors 10-U select baseball

The Southeast Elite Warriors 10-under select baseball team will host tryouts for the 2012 select season in the Nations Baseball and Baseball USA leagues. The tryouts will be held at Bishop Park Saturday, Oct. 29, from 3 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12, both from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bishop Park is on Blackhawk between Hughes Road and Scarsdale.

For more information, call Travis Watson Sr. at 832-587-7602 or Isreal Ramos at 832-287-1588, or direct email to southeastelitewarriors@yahoo.com.

Dobie baseball boosters to meet

The Dobie Diamond Club, the Longhorns' baseball organization, will host a parent meeting Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m., in the athletics media room. For more information, call Gloria Sanchez at 713-303-9157 or Lisa Manriquez at 713-516-7539.

Dobie's subvarsity football wins pair

The Longhorns' subvarsity football programs continued their winning ways with a pair of victories over Sam Rayburn Oct. 20. In other action, Dobie's sophomore team lost to Fort Bend Ridge Point.

Dobie JV 12 Pasadena 8
Quarterback Kevin Caballero and running back Ray Maturey scored touchdowns as the Longhorns' junior varsity team held off Sam Rayburn 12-8.

The victory was the Longhorns' seventh in eight games with contests coming against South Houston and Deer Park to close the regular season.

Against Sam Rayburn, Michael Abston also stood out on offense. The defensive effort was paced by Malik Dorsey, Michael Aymond and Robert Sanchez.

FB Ridge Point 25 Dobie sophomores 6
Dobie's sophomore team scored a first-quarter touch-

down but then got little else going in a 25-6 loss to Fort Bend Ridge Point.

Josh Johnson scored Dobie's lone touchdown as the locals slipped to 5-3 overall.

On offense, the Longhorns' were led by DeMarcus Green, Travarus Ansley and Tyler Baumann. Meanwhile, Matt Salas, Keithon Robinson Kalief Dorsey and Marcus Morgan excelled on the defensive side.

Dobie freshman Orange 49 Sam Rayburn 0
Controlling the game in all phases, Dobie's freshman Orange team routed Sam Rayburn 49-0 to stay unbeaten in District 22-5A action at 3-0.

The defense stepped up early on as Rashaad Randall returned a Texans' fumble 27 yards for a touchdown. Joe Gonzalez added the conversion for a 7-0 lead.

Minutes later, Jarvis Lester returned another Sam Rayburn fumble 16 yards

for a touchdown.

Things kept rolling Dobie's way from there. Randall dashed 30 yards for an offensive touchdown.

Gonzalez went 44 rushing yards for a touchdown, and Keion Patterson burst into the end zone from 6 yards out as Dobie led 35-0 at halftime.

In the second half, Ty Lozano had a 38-yard scoring run, and Chris Washington sprinted 37 yards for the final score.

Alexis Saldivar converted five extra-point kicks in the win.







The defensive shutout was led by the outstanding play of Maurice Hightower and Randall, who both forced a pair of fumbles.

Eddie Kelly, Carlos Gonzalez, Lozano, Quinton Bolling, Lester and Fabian Osorio also excelled.

Others who stood out on offense included Anthony Cantu, Tylor Alfred, Chris Dufresne, Nathaniel Flores and Jarius Lester.

Overall, Dobie is now 6-2, including the 3-0 mark in league play.

Dobie's subvarsity teams go up against South Houston Oct. 27.

South Belt football predictions						
						
Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Joe Craddock	
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Beaumont West Brook at Channelview	Channelview	BWB	Channelview	BWB	Channelview	BWB
Alvin at Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood
Port Arthur Memorial at La Porte	PAM	La Porte	PAM	PAM	La Porte	PAM
Houston Memorial at Seven Lakes	Seven Lakes	Seven Lakes	Houston Memorial	Seven Lakes	Houston Memorial	Houston Memorial
Dawson at La Marque	Dawson	La Marque	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Clear Springs vs. Clear Creek	Springs	Creek	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs
Clear Brook at Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
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This week's record	8-2	8-2	8-2	8-2	7-3	8-2
Season record	64-26	65-25	69-21	57-33	62-28	62-28

Cowboys, Rams join Dolphins in BAFL first-round playoff games

Thirty-two teams have made their way to the Bay Area Football League postseason, including two teams from the Southbelt Dolphins and one each from the Ellington Rams and Sagemont Cowboys.

The Dolphins' senior team, which claimed fourth place in the American Conference with a 5-5 record, will take on No. 1 seed

Alvin, which went 9-1 this season.

The Dolphins managed to qualify for the playoffs with a 48-19 victory over the Cowboys at Blackhawk Park.

A big first quarter gave the Dolphins a 14-0 lead. Isaac Santos ran for a touchdown as the Dolphins led 6-0.

After Alex Resendez re-

covered a fumble to halt a Cowboys' drive, Alex Williams broke loose on a 98-yard scoring run. Santos ran for the 2-point conversion as Southbelt led 14-0.

The game took a big turn as the Dolphins' Tyrese Johnson intercepted a Dolphins' pass and raced 90 yards the other way for a touchdown. Jaizac Garcia scored the extra-point, and Southbelt led 21-0 at halftime.

The Dolphins' defense continued its stellar play in the third quarter en route to extending the lead.

David Garza came up with the team's third interception of a Sagemont pass.

Ernesto Rodriguez later went 37 yards for a score, and Garza's 2-point play extended the lead.

Hector Nunez recovered a Cowboys' fumble, and Rodriguez later dashed 25 yards for a touchdown as

Southbelt led 35-0 after three quarters.

Santos and Rodriguez added touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Paulo Serna paved the way for three Sagemont scores in the fourth quarter of the game.

The junior division will feature a rivalry game in the opening round as the Ellington Rams (8-2) will face off against the Cowboys (6-3-1) in a game featuring No. 2 and No. 3 seeds.

The Cowboys ensured their seed in the playoffs by downing the Dolphins 41-0 in the final week of the regular season.

The Cowboys' scoring started on the first play of the game when Braelon Hill scored a touchdown from 60 yards out.

Hill later added a 30-yard touchdown. A 90-yard run by Ajare Sanni, a 50-yard run by Zaid Harris and a 40-yard burst from Gavin

Garcia all went for touchdowns for the Cowboys.

Extra-point runs were added by Kendrick Christian, Jacob Sulak and Seth Barber.

Christian also hit Ian Lowrey in the end zone for a 2-point conversion.

Also running the ball well for the Cowboys was Reece Dawson. Christian hit Barber and Sulak down, field with many big pass plays during the game.

Sagemont got great blocking up front by Dominic Tamez, Dimitri Giannakopoulos, Tony Agirre, Dustin Dominguez, Arturo Ludek, Jacob McMurrough, Jacob Hinojosa, Nick Gon-

zalez and Eli Mazzochetti-Seidel.

Outstanding defense was played by Cole Burgess, Seth Gutierrez, Keandre Green, Elijah Dorsey, Max Garcia, Hayden Broussard, Giannakopoulos, Agirre, Dawson, Sulak, Barber, Sanni, Lowrey, Hill and Dominguez.

Dorsey intercepted a pass and ran it back for a 20-yard touchdown, and Harris had two fumble recoveries.

In the sophomore division, the Dolphins (5-4-1) will take on the Bayou City Gators (6-3-1), and the freshman Rams (5-4-1) will face the Pearland Patriots (9-1).

CB football routs Lake; Wolverines stay in hunt

Once considered out of the playoff mix, Clear Brook's varsity football team still has hope.

The Wolverines, who play at Pearland Oct. 28, are tied with Alvin and Brazoswood at 2-3, for fourth place in the standings.

Clear Brook stayed in the mix with a 55-30 victory over Clear Lake Oct. 21, as quarterback Dominique Holmes ran for three touchdowns and passed for another.

Running back Jordan

Tezino was the team's leading rusher with 143 yards.

Alvin, which plays at Brazoswood Oct. 28, can claim the final playoff seed with a win over the Bucs and a Clear Brook loss.

However, Clear Brook can virtually control its own destiny with a pair of wins down the stretch.

After facing Pearland, Clear Brook will play the final regular-season game in the 24-5A alignment. The Wolverines host Dickinson, Saturday, Nov. 5.

Sports Calendar

VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 27
Thompson hosts 7th Dark tourn., TBA
Beverly Hills hosts 7th Dark tourn., TBA

Friday, Oct. 28
Thompson hosts 7th Dark tourn., TBA
Beverly Hills hosts 7th Dark tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Nov. 1
Beverly Hills 7 Light hosts South Houston, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7 Dark hosts South Houston, 6:15
Beverly Hills 8 Light hosts South Houston, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8 Dark hosts South Houston, 6:15
Thompson 7 Light hosts Bondy, 5:00
Thompson 7 Dark hosts Bondy, 6:15
Thompson 8 Light hosts Bondy, 5:00
Thompson 8 Dark hosts Bondy, 6:15

SOCCER
Friday, Oct. 28
San Jacinto College vs. Coastal Bend, Tyler, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29
San Jacinto College, Region XIV final, 2:00

FOOTBALL
Thursday, Oct. 27
Dobie JV vs. South Houston, Auxiliary, 4:30
Brook JV hosts Pearland, campus, 6:30
Brook sophomores host Pearland, campus, 4:30
Dobie sophomores at Montgomery, 4:30
Dobie freshman Orange at S. Houston, campus, 4:30
Dobie freshman White at South Houston, campus, 4:30
Brook freshman Black at Pearland, campus, 6:30
Brook freshman Silver at Pearland, campus, 4:30

Friday, Oct. 28
Dobie varsity vs. South Houston, Veterans, 7:00
Clear Brook varsity at Pearland, The Rig, 7:00

Wednesday, Nov. 2
Dobie JV at Deer Park, Abshire, 6:30
Dobie sophomores at Deer Park, Abshire, 4:30
Dobie freshman Orange hosts Deer Park, Vet., 4:30
Dobie freshman White hosts Deer Park, Aux., 4:30

Thursday, Nov. 3
Deer Park varsity at Dobie, Veterans, 7:00

Saturday, Nov. 5
Clear Brook varsity hosts Dickinson, L.C. Vet., 2:00

TENNIS
Friday, Oct. 28
Dobie varsity at Region III tourn., TBA

BASKETBALL
Saturday, Oct. 29
Dobie girls all teams at Westside scrimmage, TBA

Bear FB trips San Jac

Beverly Hills Intermediate's football program closed out a memorable regular season with a four-game sweep over the San Jacinto Tigers.

Heading into the playoffs, the Bears' four teams combined to go 23-3-1.

Bears 8A 43 San Jacinto 0

The Bears' eighth-grade A team completed a 5-1-1 regular season after crushing San Jacinto 43-0.

In the first quarter, D'Vaughn Pennamon scored the first of his four touchdowns on a 47-yard run.

Kevin Simms, Jurcory Shlvin and German Garcia provided the blocking, and Josue Villalta kicked the 2-pointer for an 8-0 lead.

A bit later, Pennamon added his second touchdown on a 43-yard run. Michael Arneson and Walter Martinez provided the blocking on the play, and Villalta made the 2-pointer for a 16-0 lead.

In the second quarter, the Bears' defense got involved as Jared Cinco recovered a Tiger fumble to set up their next score.

Pennamon found the end zone from 15 yards out as Vincent Gutierrez and Jay Turner had key blocks on the play. Villalta added the conversion boot for a 24-0 lead.

Just before the half, Isaiah Myers and James Washington hooked up for a 61-yard touchdown pass. Villalta booted the conversion to put the Bears up 32-0.

In the third quarter, Cinco intercepted a Tiger pass to give the Bears good field position.

From there, Pennamon raced 44 yards to the end zone. Manuel Mendez and Turner had blocks on the

play. Villalta kicked the extra point to put the Bears up 40-0.

In the fourth quarter, Jared Cinco came up with his second interception to set up Villalta's 24-yard field goal to make the final score 43-0.

Bears 8B 26 San Jacinto 0

The Bears' eighth-grade B team delivered its fifth shutout of the season against San Jacinto, winning 26-0 to end the regular season at 6-1 overall.

The Bears were incredibly stingy on defense, allowing just four first downs in the game.

Beverly Hills' defensive stars were Rakwon Winters and Tony Lozano. On special teams, Juan Moreno blocked a punt and ran the ball back for a touchdown to gain the game's most valuable player accolades.

The defense also recorded a safety to end the scoring in the game.

Offensively, the Bears were led by the line that opened huge holes for the running backs.

Luis Cabreja, Francisco Guevara, Chris Caldwell, Derek Anderson, Detravian Morgan, David Ramirez, Patrick Cloud and Edgar Arzate were the offensive stars.

The two rushing scores were both one yard runs by DeQuinton Dorsey and Al Auguste.

SBHLL to debut Challenger BB

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is continuing plans to host a Challenger Baseball program for children with physical or mental handicaps for the spring 2012 season. The program will follow the competition and safety guidelines as determined by Little League Baseball. SBHLL board member Chrystal Sulak is handling the offseason plans for the program. Those wishing to get involved with the program or to learn more may contact Sulak at Chrystal_Sulak@hotmail.com.

Hector Rangel converted all of his extra points and did a great job placing his kicks on special teams.

Bears 7A 24 San Jacinto 8

The Bears' seventh-grade A team finished 5-2 overall in the regular season after downing San Jacinto 24-8.

The team also captured first place in its zone with a perfect 4-0 mark.

Bears 7B 26 San Jacinto 0

The seventh-grade B Battlin' Bears football team defeated the San Jacinto Tigers 26-0, capping off a perfect 7-0 season.

The Bears started off sluggish in the first half, with the only score coming from Jallel Thomas.

After halftime adjustments, the Bears played much better. JoJo Castaneda ran the ball hard and scored once, and Brion Simmons finished the game with two rushing touchdowns.

The offensive line did a great job blocking. Stand-out linemen were Daniel Gonzalez, Joe Flores and Antonio Armenta.

Defensively, the Bears held the Tigers out of the end zone the entire game for their third straight shut-out.

Defensive players of the game were Hector Quiroga, Cristian Limas, Victor Enriquez, Gonzalez, Jacoby James and Armenta.



Dobie junior defensive back Andre Timmons (24) takes down Sam Rayburn's Ramon Falls after a short reception Oct. 22 in Dobie's 45-3 victory. At left is Longhorns' defensive lineman Deshaun Whitehead. GaryWPhotos.com

Dobie football stays on track in 22-5A

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1,500 yards. Dobie fans need only refer to the Channelview game to see what can happen when a quarterback has time to throw and multiple receivers have a chance to get downfield.

Then again, the Trojans will pit their average run defense against the district's best.

After splitting time with DeMarcus Boyd last season, Robinson has emerged as one of the area's top big play threats.

Boyd rushed for over 1,300 yards last season to lead the district, and Robinson is about to surpass that total during the regular season.

Bolden has also given the Longhorns exactly what they wanted, a power runner in the Wildcat offense, and Patrick Hurst and junior Kelton Bailey have also run exceptionally well.

It figures to be a game of one team's best against the other's, and it's been a while since Dobie lost.

Thompson football blanks Jackson Cats

Thompson Intermediate's football program allowed just seven points in four games against Jackson to close out the regular season strong. Overall, the Lions' four teams combined to post a 25-3 record entering the playoffs.

Lions' 8A 30 Jackson 0

Thompson's eighth-grade A team wrapped up a perfect 7-0 regular season with a 30-0 clubbing of the Jackson Wildcats in the regular season finale.

With each team member playing for the goal of finishing first in zone play, the Lions took care of business early by running the opening kickoff back for a score.

The Lions struck again on their opening offensive possession and never looked back. Five different Lions scored touchdowns in the game.

Lions 8B 25 Jackson 7

After a slow start that included a 7-0 deficit against

Jackson, the Lions' eighth-grade B team came back to beat the Wildcats 25-7.

The victory completed a perfect regular season at 7-0 as the playoffs got under way.

Lions 7A 40 Jackson 0

Finishing 6-1 overall, the Lions' seventh-grade A team closed the regular season on a high note with a 40-0 win over Jackson.

The outcome was never in doubt as six different players found their way to

the end zone. The Lions entered the playoffs as the No. 2 seed in their zone.

Lions 7B 34 Jackson 0

The Lions' seventh-grade B team beat Jackson 34-0 on Tuesday to complete a perfect 4-0 record in zone play.

After a slow start to the season at 1-2, the Lions improved each week and entered the playoffs as the top seed in their zone.

Next up, Thompson eyes wins in the playoffs.

Questionnaires from City of Houston District D, at-large candidates

City Council District E

Larry L. McKinzie



NAME: Larry McKinzie
AGE: 44
OCCUPATION: Middle School Science Teacher
EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science; (Biology) Bachelor of Science; (Medical Technology)
MARITAL STATUS/
CHILDREN: Married/Three Children (boys)
What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council Representative?
I am community servant and I am a life-long resident of the south side of Houston.

Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

The Department of Neighborhoods seems to have been created to appease and offer the voters in the Heights an olive branch due to the planned building of a Walmart in their community. This would be an opportune time to suggest decentralization of this department and to ask for a Department of Neighborhoods office in and near the South Belt Area to insure effective service to the South Belt area. The money goes where the vote goes.

Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

Street repairs and infrastructure are a serious issue, period. If elected City Councilman, I would advocate for the South Belt area and also try my best to build the voter base so that there would be more than one voice advocating for the South Belt Area. If we have 35,000 people voting consistently then we would have District D councilman plus five at-large councilmen and a mayor advocating for the South Belt Area.

Do you support the Rebuild Houston program?

I support an unbiased application of the Rebuild Houston program. The Drainage Fee is major part of Rebuild Houston. I was watching the news and they reported that a portion of the Drainage Fee would be applied to creating more Hiking and Biking trails, I disagree with the ability to allocate funds to programs that create a disparity in city services such as drainage and street repair.

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?

The people voted against them. There should not be a situation.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?

I favor having a city crime lab with better oversight.

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

Occupy Houston is dedicated to ending the corporate corruption of our Democracy. I don't agree with all of their tactics but they are doing and saying something. My belief is to start at voting and being civically proactive. At the current time, people are suffering from financial woes and a response is expected. Occupy Houston is part of that response.

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

Many of the provisions in the ordinance are common sense written as law. It seems to be a law created to generate revenue.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding,

and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

I do not foresee a problem in the next five years with the Houston Municipal Employee Pension System. City employees are the people that insure the application of city ordinances and city services. My civic club is made primarily of residents who are retired, drawing pensions and voting. I am the youngest member at 44 years old.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

There are many water conservation plans that are present. The contingency plan is to research now, for next year and the following years. There are cities that have gone through this type of drought. I would go as far as to ask the residents of Houston to submit ideas for water conservation.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

My main project would be to increase voting strength to 35,000 while advocating for the residents in District D. By increasing the voting strength, there would be more city councilmen advocating for District D and a mayor that would be very sensitive to the needs of the people of District D.

Wanda Adams



NAME: Wanda Adams
AGE: ??
OCCUPATION: Houston City Council Member
EDUCATION: Texas Southern University, Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs
MARITAL STATUS/
CHILDREN: ???

What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council Representative?

- Passion for making a difference in District D
- 23 years working in District D
- Working knowledge of City Resources

Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

As the chair of the Neighborhood Protection and Quality of Life Committee, I will work closely with the Depart of Neighborhoods to make sure that the South Belt area takes full advantage of the services provided by the Department to create stronger community partnerships and improved government responsiveness.

Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

I believe that Hughes Road is important and will work to ensure it gets completed. I was surprised when I learned the street had not been completed after working in the area several years ago. I will work with administration and neighborhood to make this a priority.

Do you support the Rebuild Houston program?

I do at this time. It is important to me that we ensure each neighborhood is allocated resources that reflect the needs of each neighborhood.

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?

I was against Red Light Cameras from the beginning and at this time believe we should support the will of the people.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?

Yes

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

I think that it is wonderful that people are taking the time to voice their opinions and as long as it is done in a safe way, I support it.

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

I support the new noise ordinance but am still concerned about the enforcement. We will need a strict enforcement policy.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

Yes, if we do not develop a strategic plan to make sure that the pension system is funded accordingly, it will be difficult for the city to meet the obligations for its retired employees.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

I will continue to work with the administration to make sure we develop a contingency plan.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

In the South Belt area my number one priority will be to look at the streets and roads that need help and Hughes road will be on that list.

At-Large Pos. 2

Eric Dick

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Absolutely. I have endorsements from Harris County. The reason we do not have a regional crime lab is because the city solely wants to control it. There is a needless power struggle which is causing a more expensive government.

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

I am learning about it and look forward to an opportunity to hear different views.

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

I am opposed because it is open-ended and is ripe for abuse.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding,

and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

Absolutely. Houston has a spending problem, not a revenue problem. It is an ongoing problem where the Houston spends its money on creating stadiums and spending (40 million) on light-rail. Furthermore, we should collect the \$100 million a year that METRO isn't paying us on the mobility fund.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

Fix broken water pipes would be the first step.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

I'd like the city to focus on the core aspects of government. Pick a few things and do a good job at them instead of sitting around and finding new and different ways to tax and fee people.

David Robinson

NAME: David W. Robinson
AGE: 45
OCCUPATION: Architect
EDUCATION: Yale University; Bachelors of Arts, majoring in Architecture, Rice University; Masters of Architecture
MARITAL STATUS/
CHILDREN: Unmarried, one child

What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council Representative?

As president of the Super Neighborhood Alliance, and as a Planning Commissioner who served for 4 years, I have served the city "At-Large" for a number



of years and in a variety of ways. This experience has given me a deep knowledge of many of Houston's diverse neighborhoods, and a determination to use that knowledge and experience for the benefit of the whole City.

Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

I have had an active role in the roll-out of the new Department of Neighborhoods, through my position as president of the citywide Super Neighborhood Alliance. On balance, I believe that the consolidation of constituent services in the Department of Neighborhoods will improve the City's responsiveness to specific neighborhood concerns. I will be a vigilant councilmember in ensuring that the Department of Neighborhoods is effective in this regard.

Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

I will be a strong advocate for neighborhoods, and would like to the City and civic leaders together when prioritizing capital improvements and infrastructure throughout the City. I will seek out leaders in the South Belt area to learn more about the Hughes Road issue specifically.

Do you support the Rebuild Houston program?

I publicly supported Rebuild Houston when it was a ballot initiative. On City Council, I will work to ensure a fair and effective implementation of the Rebuild Houston ordinance throughout the city.

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?

We had an election. The will of the people should be respected and obeyed.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?

The problems with the current system are well-chronicled. I support the establishment of a regional crime lab.

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

The Occupy movement highlights a real need for job creation, locally and at the national level. On City Council, I will work to address the underlying issues by creating jobs; I want to hire Houston first and advocate policies to maintain Houston's business-friendly environment.

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

In a city without zoning, it is very important that we have ordinances in place that protect neighborhoods. I believe that the ordinance, as written, strikes a balance between the interests of neighborhood residents and business owners.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

Of the City's three municipally-funded pension system, the firefighter's pension system is the most precarious of the three. This is partly due to a broken negotiation process, which needs to be fixed at the state level. I will work to ensure that all three municipal pension systems are able to meet their obligations. All three pension system have funding issues.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

The City will have no choice

but to impose additional water restrictions. We have adequate capacity in our reservoirs for a number of years as long as we are good stewards of our resources.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

I would like to oversee the implementation of the Rebuild Houston ordinance in a way that engages neighborhoods and addresses projects in order of neighborhood concerns. I would like to engage Super Neighborhood and civic organizations to ensure that their priorities are heard in the scheduling of projects.

Roslyn Shorter



AGE: 39
OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner, International Flight Service Manager
EDUCATION: Private, Instrument, Commercial Pilot Written License.
MARITAL STATUS/
CHILDREN: Single, No Children

What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council Representative?

The qualifications I bring to the At-Large Position 2 is my lifelong proven track record of service to the community coupled with my ability to be a great consensus builder, and team player. Given my diverse career background, as a small business owner I will bring fiscal responsibility to government. As a International Service Manager I am aligned to all communities and have built solid international relationships, that will benefit Houston.

Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

Because I am the newly elected Vice-President of my Civic Club, I understand the importance of Community Inclusion and Transparency. I will work with Catherine Flowers to support the creation and enforcement of development standards aimed at creating and maintaining livable and sustainable areas in The South Belt Community.

Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

It is my plight as an At-Large Councilmember to ensure that CIP projects that have been included are completed in the priority order and not pushed back to accommodate newly approved projects.

Do you support the Rebuild Houston program? Yes

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?

I did not support Proposition 3 because the instrumentation air error was greater than .04. Due to this "fact", I found the cameras use would be used as a money making initiative instead of actually saving lives.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County? No

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

I have participated in the Occupy Houston rallies at City Hall although I am gainfully employed. I understand the movement.

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

Being that I currently reside in a problematic area, I support the newly revised noise ordinance.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers

instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

Yes, in order to combat this foreseen problem, we must act now by re-evaluating how the city invest current pension monies.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

I suggest we take a regional approach and collaborate with our neighboring cities for a best practice approach. We should also implement a twittering flow control mechanism from Lake Livingston downstream based on low levels of water in Lake Houston.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

If elected, I would like to ensure that the City is in a better financial state when I leave office, than when I entered. It is also my desire to help streamline the city's budget so that we can expand the city's recycling program to all Houstonians.

At Large Pos. 3

Melissa Noriega



AGE: 57
OCCUPATION: Retired Educator
EDUCATION: BS Psychology UH MED Counseling UH
MARITAL STATUS/
CHILDREN: Married to Col Rick Noriega since 1991. Children are Alex (grad of TX A&M); Ricky Jr. (9th gr at Carnegie Vanguard HS, HISD)

What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council Representative?

It has been my honor to have already served as At Large Position 3 since 2007. In 2005, I had the unique opportunity to step in for my husband, I served one regular and two special sessions in the Texas House.

In addition, I have volunteered in my neighborhood – as a little league volunteer, board member and president of the Eastwood Civic Association, on the board of the CDC, as a community representative for Title I throughout Houston's HISD footprint. I have lived in Houston all of my adult life, since 1971, and am proud to call Houston home – I have a fierce determination to get up every morning and make Houston, and Texas, better for everyone.

Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

This reorganization is an attempt by the Mayor to beef up resources for neighborhoods, consolidating all the services to neighborhoods under one group, getting cleanups, dangerous buildings, and other neighborhood needs done efficiently and effectively. Having said that, it is early in the process, and the jury is still out. I am hopeful this will be a real step forward for neighborhoods, but I am reserving judgment while we see if we need to tweak this model further.

Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

As part of ReBuild Houston, roads will be included as part of the drainage collector system. The goal is to list all the projects, those on the books and new ones, and weight them in terms of priorities. Included in the metrics would be condition, the urgency in terms of flooding, the larger regional concerns addressed – priorities that create the level of need.

Do you support the Rebuild

Houston program?

Investing in infrastructure in tough times creates jobs. In addition, the need is great and having a dedicated fund that gets the city to pay-as-you-go which is better than running all our projects on bond debt.

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?

The cameras are off and no longer in use.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?

We need a Crime Lab that is competent, timely, independent and just. If it is under the auspices of the city or the county, it has the appearance or possibility of being influenced by the police (city) or the district attorneys (county). I think the best outcome would be an independently governed entity, like the Sports Authority, METRO or the Port, that uses best practices.

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

The United States has a long history of protests when the people feel the government is unjust. Clearly there are folks concerned that our government, as representative of this nation, is unduly biased toward Wall Street and "big business."

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

This is the number one issue that we hear about from constituents. Having said that, I am pleased that the Mayor and the administration has agreed to revisit this in about 6 months to see how it is working, and whether or not there need to be any changes made.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

It is true that the pension systems need reworking. During the budget process this past year, several of us asked for a committee to lay out all of our unfunded and funded obligations in one place and consider alternatives to address them. This group is also looking at what other municipalities are doing across the country.

One of the challenges of this issue is that some of the jurisdictional issues lie at the state level, not with the city. This is a complex, long-term, multi-jurisdictional problem that has been years in the making, and it is a concern all over the state and nation, not just in Houston.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

The City is using conservation measures now. This needs to continue until there is a significant rain event that replenishes the supply. The reservoirs represented by Lakes Houston, Conroe and Livingston are reserves that are significant, but the recreational use of the lakes, especially on Lake Houston, are already showing stress. 60% of water use is to maintain landscaping and lawns. It is probably time for some reevaluation of everything from grass and gardens to golf courses.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

In my final two years, I would like to see some real progress toward a final resolution of the problems with the Crime Lab. The concern expressed by a significant segment of the Houston community – that of fair, just and most of all, independent, administration of the functions so needed for public safety – needs to get at least a structure in place. It would be my hope that we can get the beginnings of collaboration between the city and county to do just that in my final term and move this particular ball down the field.

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

This movement has already highlighted for many Americans the disparity between the jobs our elected officials are supposed to do and the jobs they are doing. As the movement continues, I hope that in addition to pointing out problems, it will be able to suggest solutions for specific problems that will be palatable to a majority of people.

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

It is an honest attempt to define unacceptable noise less arbitrarily and to stem the large tide of noise complaints. How well it will work, especially in a city where music venues are not restricted to set zones, we'll know in about 6 months. The increased fees should not have happened until we tested the ordinance.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

Not in the next 5 years. Whether we will have problems after that depends in large part on federal policy. For our part, if Houston establishes a city-owned bank dedicated to housing City monies and financing local businesses, and if we run it properly, we might well generate enough revenue to help with this problem.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

We need to integrate gray water reclamation into our sewerage system, work harder to incentivize homeowners to install rainwater collection systems and native plantscapes instead of lawns, and institute dual meters to separate drinking/cooking water from other uses.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

Create an effective system for getting the will of people realized in the form of a long-range plan for their neighborhood, and getting that plan to Council.

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At Large Pos. 5

Laurie Robinson



AGE: 46
OCCUPATION: Principal MFR, P.C.
EDUCATION: MBA University of St. Thomas, MBA University of North Texas
MARITAL STATUS/
CHILDREN: Divorced, No Children

What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council Representative?

I believe that I am the only candidate in the race for Houston City Council at Large Position 5 that has the past business experience to provide a credible, collaborative, and professional bridge between the business community, all minority and ethnic communities, and local government. I have spent the majority of my career providing technical assistance to regulatory agencies, the Federal government and our legislative leaders concerning matters that affect our community as a whole. I have always maintained an open door to listen to all sides of an issue and believe I process an openness to make people want to work with me to solve problems.

Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

Use the personnel in this dept to coordinate with neighborhood groups. Use the wishes expressed and plans presented to draw up long-range, neighborhood-based plans for developing Houston and preparing for a good future.

Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

There should be 3 infrastructure streams. 1 is dedicated to emergency projects. 2 is dedicated to most severe need. 3 is dedicated to other considerations (length of time waiting for service, community support behind project, ability to leverage improvements, etc)

Do you support the Rebuild Houston program?

No. It is written into the City Charter to favor expansion rather than improvement of existing infrastructure. This will encourage further sprawl and will not flood-proof Houston.

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?

When the City intends to implement a project designed to raise more than \$1 million in revenue from its citizens per year, the project should be voted on by Houston. This might have prevented all of this mess. As for what happened after the referendum we voted them off. The City should've turned them off and kept them off. Now that we know the cost to the City: if we can't negotiate a small settlement with ATS, we should have another referendum requesting permission to keep the cameras on for the duration of the contract, and then abide by the vote.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?

No. It should be entirely under the auspices of the Harris County ME, with no City involvement.

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

This movement has already highlighted for many Americans the disparity between the jobs our elected officials are supposed to do and the jobs they are doing. As the movement continues, I hope that in addition to pointing out problems, it will be able to suggest solutions for specific problems that will be palatable to a majority of people.

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Not in the next 5 years. Whether we will have problems after that depends in large part on federal policy. For our part, if Houston establishes a city-owned bank dedicated to housing City monies and financing local businesses, and if we run it properly, we might well generate enough revenue to help with this problem.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

We need to integrate gray water reclamation into our sewerage system, work harder to incentivize homeowners to install rainwater collection systems and native plantscapes instead of lawns, and institute dual meters to separate drinking/cooking water from other uses.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

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What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?
The City's pension program issue is one that I would immediately begin to work on if elected.

Bob Ryan



AGE: 67
OCCUPATION: Realtor/Business Owner
EDUCATION: U of H
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Single
What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council Representative?
My considerable business experience of over 35 years. I have owned a number of businesses that I purchased, built up and sold. I have also purchased four office buildings that were very profitable. Through all this I have found time to serve on City Boards & Commissions over the past 47 years.
Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?
I will have to wait and see if this plan actually comes to fruition.
Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of

other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?
For many years this has been a common occurrence in the City: the CIP is continually changed in favor of other areas. I would like to see that when bonds are let the programs they are intended for may not be changed.
Do you support the Rebuild Houston program?
Yes
What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?
I was never for it. This was simply a "revenue generator" for Houston and ATS. There is absolutely no proof that it enhanced public safety.
Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?
This should have been done 30 years ago. It does not belong under the purview of the Police Department.
What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?
I still don't know what the various factions are protesting against or for.
What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?
I am supportive of the ordinance.
The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?
These pension funds are a ticking time bomb that could easily bankrupt the city.
Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?
Short of praying or a rain dance, all we can do is to conserve water.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?
Hire competent attorneys for the office of the City Attorney and stop paying out millions to outside counsel. Stop declaring each Ordinance an "Emergency" and have three readings so that the members of council will understand what they are voting for/against.
The Carmona questionnaire is out of order due to being received late.
At Large Pos. 3
Chris Carmona
AGE: 29
OCCUPATION: Attorney and Small Business Owner
EDUCATION: BA in International Relations, Marymount Manhattan College; JD Law Degree, South Texas College of Law
MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN: Married with 2 Daughters
What makes you qualified to serve as a city council representative?
My corporate management experience and my education sets me apart from the remainder of

the field. No other candidate in my race has the skill set or the ability to efficiently run an operation and work with lean principles to align the city budget like I can. For too long we have had a complacent representative in Position 3 and it is time for my leadership.
Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?
Ensure that there is a timely response and attention given to the concerns of the community. Advocate for those who continue to be neglected and push for building community cohesiveness.
Street repairs are a serious issue in the South Belt area. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?
Roads are a priority that we need to focus on and we can only do that with leadership that understands we must take care of the core services first, which includes roads and road repair.
Do you support the Rebuild Houston program?
No
What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?
Should have been taken down a long time ago
Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?
Yes
What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?
Nonsense and waste of time
What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?
Overly burdensome and difficult to enforce fairly and consistently
The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations

without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?
Yes
Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December

and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?
Conserve and look for other alternatives to filter and treat water and drainage
What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?
Repeal Prop 1 and bring businesses back to Houston.

Questionnaires were distributed to all candidates pertinent to the South Belt area; some chose not to respond. Likewise, Jolanda Jones did send a lengthy response yet, when asked to shorten the word count, chose not to respond. The Leader wishes to thank all who participated.

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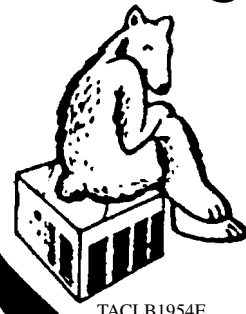
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