

Low-cost adoptions offered

BARC animal shelter, City of Corpus Christi Animal Care Services and Texas Humane Heroes are three of 125 organizations in 26 states taking part in the special adoption day Saturday, Oct. 12. BPF will partially sponsor the adoption fee, making the cost \$25 to adopt for one day only.

Man killed in accident

Houston police are investigating a fatal hit-and-run crash that took place on the service road in the 10500 block of the Gulf Freeway near Edgemoor around 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. Edward Sinclair, 56, was killed in the collision. According to police, Sinclair, a pedestrian, was panhandling on the crosswalk/median on the Gulf Freeway service road when an unknown vehicle traveling east on Clearwood struck him and then fled the scene.

Paramedics transported the victim to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake, where he was pronounced deceased. At press time, there are no known witnesses or suspect(s). Anyone with information in the case is urged to contact the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4072 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Knights hold fish fry

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a fish fry Friday, Oct. 11, in the St. Luke Catholic Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road, from 5 to 7 p.m. Each dinner includes a breaded USA catfish fillet, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob and iced tea or lemonade for \$10, eat-in or take-out. Baked fish fillets are available (limited quantities). All proceeds benefit local and community projects. All are invited and welcome. Drive-thru is available.

Prayer walk set for Oct. 19

School Prayer Walks USA will host a prayer walk from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Weber Elementary, located at 11955 Blackhawk Blvd. This is a nondenominational gathering to pray for the protection and peace of students and staff. The community is invited and welcome to attend. For information, call 281-484-0901.

Police investigate shooting

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a juvenile male which occurred at an apartment complex in the 10900 block of the Gulf Freeway, just south of Edgemoor, around 8:35 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

The victim, 16, suffered a minor wound to the head. According to police, the victim was standing with his family outside his apartment when two cars pulled up next to the building. At least one suspect began shooting at them, and the victim suffered a graze wound to the head.

The suspects then fled the scene. The victim was transported to an area hospital, where he was treated and released.

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

Beltway closures planned

At least one inside lane on the eastbound and westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed from Beamer to Cottingham daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Sign on the Gulf Freeway warns the west bound lane of the Beltway will be closed this weekend.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 20.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Fairmont will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Nov. 1.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed daily, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 13.

At least one inside lane on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Vista from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Oct. 21.

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one inside lane on the southbound Gulf Freeway frontage road lanes will be closed from Dixie Farm Road/FM 1959 to Clear Lake City Boulevard/FM 2351 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Oct. 11.

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

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway at NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be closed continuously through 5 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 2020. Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Boulevard exit ramp, U-turn and head south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. Drivers traveling north on the main lanes will continue to NASA Road 1, exit, then U-turn and come back to FM 518.

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

County tax increase thwarted by two

Two members of Harris County Commissioners Court skipped the group's meeting Tuesday, Oct. 8, preventing it from taking a vote to increase local property tax rates.

By missing the vote, Republican commissioners Steve Radack and Jack Cagle prevented the court from reaching a quorum of four members, necessary to pass tax measures.

By not voting on the issue, the tax rate will return to its effective rate since the state deadline for setting a tax rate will not allow time for another meeting.

The topic of the proposed tax hike had proved controversial in recent weeks, as many saw it as unnecessary at a time with strong appraisal rolls.

The proposal would have increased the county's property tax rate to 65.3 cents per \$100 of assessed value, up 2.26 cents from the current rate. It was expected to raise roughly \$200 million for the county.

According to the county budget office, based on an average county home valued at \$230,000, the property tax hike would have increased the homeowner's bill by \$38 in the first year. Remaining at the effective rate will decrease that same tax bill by \$30. Those estimates, do not factor in any increases in a home's appraised value.

Opponents of the increase contended the county would already collect approximately \$120 million in additional revenue over 2018 by just maintaining the current tax rate.

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Body found in area detention pond

The body of a male was found floating in a detention pond outside Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital near Beamer Road and Astoria Boulevard Tuesday, Oct. 8.

While the call was initially reported as a drowning, at press time, the cause of death had yet to be determined.

Preliminary information indicates the male was not a patient at the hospital.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600.

The identity of the victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. The body was discovered by a passerby around 11 a.m., investigators said.



3 wrecks in 3½ hours keeps firefighters busy

This was just part of the scene at the intersection of Beamer and Hughes last Thursday. In less than four hours, firefighters responded to what was believed to be four accidents at that intersection; in fact the last accident was reported twice. Leaving the actual count of accidents at three in three and a half hours. Three people were transported to the hospital.

Photo by Shin Ber

3 wrecks in 3½ hours at Beamer/Hughes

The intersection of Beamer and Hughes was a hot spot for collisions Thursday, Oct. 3, for Station #70 of the Houston Fire Department with three major accidents taking place at the area crossing, one of which seriously injuring local attorney Milton Walker.

At least three people were transported to the hospital.

One call was answered by Station 52 and a duplicate of the third accident was called in and answered by Station 61.

Many attributed the crashes to the city's traffic lights at the intersection. According

to fire department officials, the lights, which have been fitted with "jail-bar" technology on the second set of light traveling south on Beamer, are designed to force drivers to slow down at the second light before proceeding.

The Leader voiced concerns to City Council Member Dwight Boykins who promptly responded by arriving at the scene and getting city crews to assess the problem. Boykins had a crew of five city workers investigating to correct the problem.

Traffic lights were adjusted to address the hazardous situation.

Sagemeadow UD plans sewer project

Residents should be aware the Sagemeadow Utility District is preparing to undertake the first phase of a large-scale sanitary sewer rehabilitation project, which will be completed in phases over the next several years.

The goal of the project is to replace the MUD's aging sewer infrastructure, which is becoming more expensive to maintain and repair each year.

While the district has repaired small segments of the sewer system in the past, this will be its largest preemptive overhaul.

"The state of the sewer system is deteriorating, as is common for systems of this age," said

Andrew Williams, project manager of IDS Engineering Group, noting that the system has been in place since the 1970s. "The pipe materials used almost 50 years ago are reaching the end of their useful life."

The Phase 1 rehab work will take place along Sageyork, Hughes Road, and Kirkfair, as well as a number of blocks adjacent to those streets. See related map on Page 6A.

Sagemeadow UD has awarded the contract for the Phase 1 project and the contractor has begun some of the preliminary work in the area.

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12-year-old shot near Edgemoor

A 12-year-old child was shot around 1:05 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, in a possible road rage incident on the service road in the 10500 block of the Gulf Freeway near Edgemoor.

The sedan pointed a gun at the truck and then fired several shots into the passenger side of the vehicle, striking the victim. The suspect fled the scene to the east on Edgemoor.

The victim was transported to an area hospital in stable condition, with a gunshot wound to his leg.

Paramedics were called and transported the victim to the hospital.

According to police, the victim was a passenger inside a truck traveling north on the Gulf Freeway service road approaching Edgemoor when a red sedan pulled alongside the truck. The driver of

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

Flood assistance still available

While the South Belt community was spared the brunt of storms associated with Tropical Storm Imelda, affected residents may still be eligible to receive federal disaster relief funds.

"The state of Texas' collaboration with the federal government will ensure our communities in the Gulf Coast region are equipped with the resources they need to recover as quickly as possible."

On Friday, Oct. 4, President Donald Trump granted a request from Gov. Greg Abbott to provide individual assistance for those in Chambers, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery and Orange counties.

Individual assistance includes up to \$35,500 per household for damages sustained during the severe weather.

"I want to thank the President and FEMA for swiftly responding to Texas' call for assistance following Tropical Storm Imelda," Abbott said in a press release.

For more information on how to apply for individual assistance, residents of these six counties can call 1-800-621-FEMA or visit www.disasterassistance.gov.

Many Harris County residents may not be eli-

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Atkinson seeking volunteers to help build new playground

Atkinson Elementary is seeking volunteers to help construct the campus's first-ever playground. Prep days will take place Thursday, Nov. 14, and Friday, Nov. 15, with the main build day being Saturday, Nov. 16.

for all kids to learn, explore, grow and just be kids."

A joint project with KaBOOM! and the Rebuild Texas Fund, the playground will be provided completely free of charge.

The group's vision is "all kids get the childhood they deserve filled with balanced and active play, so they can thrive."

According to the KaBOOM! website, "The well-being of our communities starts with the well-being of our kids."

The project to construct the playground was led by Atkinson staff members Richard Whittaker and Kim Grzesiek, who applied to the outside groups for assistance in financing the effort.

"Kids who live in low-income communities face many structural obstacles to play, such as a lack of safe play spaces or any place to play at all. We want to make it as easy as possible

According to Whittaker, the endeavor will be a pilot project for KaBOOM! - as it will be the first such one to focus on the environment. The school was selected in part due to the effects of

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Bill Stanley named Pasadena ISD 2019 Distinguished Alumnus

Local businessman and philanthropist, Bill Stanley, has been named the Pasadena ISD 2019 Distinguished Alumnus.

he ran for 48 years. The successful company brought 1,000 jobs to the Pasadena area and earned \$300 million in business annually.

The distinction is awarded annually to a Pasadena ISD graduate who has demonstrated a strong commitment to serving communities within the school district.

After Stanley sold Ventech Engineers, Inc. in 2011, he founded the Stanley Family Engineering Scholarship program with his sons to give back to the community.

As a graduate of Pasadena High School and the University of Texas, Stanley founded his family business Ventech Engineers Inc., which

The scholarship and mentoring program

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Delgado hearing case of dog ownership

A South Belt area trial currently before Precinct 2 Judge Jo Ann Delgado seeks to determine whether a dog has been sold by someone other than the owner or if it's just a case of mistaken identity on the previous owner's behalf.

Contrary to Navarro's story, Garcia said the dog, which she calls Melo, was born March 1, 2019, and was only three months old when she took possession. Garcia said, however, that she has no proof of purchase.

In the suit, which appeared before Delgado Thursday, Oct. 3, plaintiff, Cristal Navarro, contended defendant, Denisse Garcia, had illegally taken possession of her dog, a Yorkshire terrier named Little Man.

While Navarro said Little Man had been a regular patient at the American Kennel Club veterinarian office, the animal had not been fitted with a microchip to monitor its whereabouts.

According to Navarro, her dog, Little Man, which she said was born July 15, 2017, went missing from her area home.

Delgado has scheduled a follow-up hearing on Monday, Oct. 21. Prior to that date, the judge has ordered that Garcia obtain a report from the American Kennel Club stating the age of the animal and, if possible, if it is the same animal that had previously been brought in by the plaintiff for treatment.

Shortly after the animal's disappearance, Navarro's son spotted a post on Instagram from Garcia featuring a dog that strongly resembled Little Man.

Further, Delgado ordered Garcia to obtain a notarized statement from Belton regarding the specifics of the stated dog sale.

Navarro subsequently contacted Garcia to see if the canine was, by chance, the same animal. Garcia assured Navarro that it was not, saying she had purchased the dog from her friend, Treveone Belton, earlier this year.

A suggestion by Navarro's attorney to bring the dog into the next hearing was rebuffed by Delgado.

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Leader seeks questions on area flooding

The Leader is seeking questions, concerns and suggestions to be forwarded to the Harris County Flood Control District regarding local infrastructure issues.

provements, as it is sitting on an unprecedented amount of resources to make such needed repairs and upgrades.

The replies will be given to Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis, who will in turn, deliver them to officials at the district for response.

Following Hurricane Harvey, Harris County received approximately \$1.1 billion of federal aid (in addition to another \$1.1 billion received by the City of Houston).

The county is poised to make significant im-

Additionally, in August 2018, Harris County

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Public aids in "Gas Can Man" arrest



Gas Can Man is shown here with an HPD officer during one of multiple occasions when the police have warned him about his actions toward area drivers. Even Mayor Sylvester Turner has urged motorists against donating to those collecting along the roadway, but instead to donate to organizations which aid the homeless. Photo from Facebook

A local panhandler dubbed the "Gas Can Man" made headlines Friday, Oct. 4, after being arrested near the Gulf Freeway and El Dorado.

Luz Alfred Garcia, 29, was apprehended and charged with obstructing a roadway, as well as having several open warrants in Harris County.

The arrest was featured on both Channel 13 and Channel 2 newscasts. Prior to his apprehension, Garcia was displayed on a Facebook post from the Harris County Precinct 8 Constable's Office, which asked for the public's assistance in reporting his possible crimes.

"This man is not in need of your money and uses his empty gas can as a ruse to con people," the Precinct 8 Facebook post stated. "If he returns to the area again, like he has in the past, please feel free to reach out to us through this page or by calling our 24-hour dispatch center at 281-488-4040." Officials urge residents not to donate to the Gas Can Man.

Multiple residents responded to the post, leading to Garcia's arrest the following day.

"Several of you have reported seeing the 'Gas Can Man' around our area over the last couple of days aggressively approaching cars seeking money," a follow-up post from the constable's office stated Friday, Oct. 4. "His actions of running in and out of traffic are obviously dangerous for him and motorists alike, and we once again

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In my opinion

Ybarra: America has failed to put God first

America has failed to put God first. In so doing we forgot that "God is love" and that He commanded us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind.

We are to love God because He loves us, and because He formed each one of us in our mother's womb and gave us life.

Each person God formed He made a male, or a female, according to his purpose.

God puts life (a soul/spirit) in each tiny mortal body in the womb. He gives each person created "free-will" but He expects obedience and allegiance in return.

The Holy Bible contains the moral guidance God gave to Mankind to live by. It is the Word of God, and He directed Man to spread that Word to all the world.

But while some of God's people in

America are doing a great job spreading the Word to countries abroad, we neglected America. Now a large part of America is morally and spiritually blind.

Instead of loving God and our fellow-man there is hate in too many people's heart.

Moral corruption abounds in America. This is the result of America, and the world, following foolish Man instead of God.

Example of this is how Democrats, and some news organizations, are trying to destroy President Donald Trump.

God's Word in Matthew 5:43-44 Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemy, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you."

In Rules for Radicals, Saul Alinsky says, "Go after people" "people hurt faster," "keep pressure on. Never let up." Sounds familiar?

Manuel Ybarra, Jr.

Pasadena outstanding students for the month of September



Beverly Hills Intermediate officials say, "Congratulations, Alondra!" as they named eighth-grader Alondra Morales Cordon (holding sign) the September Student of the Month. Traits that Cordon exhibits for which the staff are proud to call her a BHI Bear are that she is always willing to lend a helping hand and she assumes the role of translator for teachers, making sure non-English speaking students understand and are able to follow directions. Cordon always has a positive attitude, is conscientious and works hard to maintain her grades. In addition to her academic achievements and working to help her classmates, she is a talented artist and creates wonderful paintings, showing incredible detail. She is creative, works diligently and inspires others – always giving 100 percent in everything she does who continue to be that inspiration for others. Shown with Cordon above are, left to right, Jennifer Teichelman, BHI assistant principal; Kristi Koncaba, chamber board member; Rebecca Lilley, chamber chair elect; Stacey Barber, Beverly Hills principal; and Noble Alix, chamber board member and senior vice president relationship manager at Texas Citizens Bank.



Bush Elementary fourth-grader Kathleen Tran (holding sign) has shown to be an exceptional student and an example to her classmates, according to school staff. She is creative, hard-working, intelligent and artistic. She excels in reading, easily surpassing the expectations for her grade level and in personalized learning. Tran is designated an accelerated reader. She is well-liked by her peers and has a wonderful sense of humor. Her teacher Maggie Mayes said, "I am thrilled to be her teacher this year and I can't wait to see how far she will go!" Celebrating her achievement above are, left to right, David Blevins, fourth-grade teacher; Stephanie Miller, Bush principal; Mayes; Michael Saperstein, chamber member and Parker Williams Library branch manager; Dave Matthews, administrative aide to Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz; Rene Parra, Frost Bank; and Kenny Fernandez, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce board chair and Pasadena ISD board member.



J. Frank Dobie Ninth Grade Campus (Dobie9) school officials have named Madison Lugo (holding sign) the Outstanding Student of the Month. The staff notes that Lugo has become very involved in Future Farmers of America. She won two auctions spots at the Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo, one for her rabbits and one for floral design. She participated in the calf scramble and volunteered for Omega Day at PLSR. She also enjoys AP classes. Joining in recognizing Lugo are, left to right, Alyta Harrell, Pasadena Independent School District associate superintendent; Michael VanEssen, Dobie9 principal; Mallory Henderson, Chick-fil-A; Otilia Robles, Oti's Travel; Kay Barbour, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce president; Grandma Lugo, Madison's grandmother; Crystal Lugo, Madison's mother; Dan Hoppie, South Belt-Ellington Chamber education committee member and PISD executive director; Emory Gadd, chamber member and Sagemont Church associate pastor; Maureen Nweke, pre-AP biology teacher; and Denise Burleigh, chamber member and owner of Insurance for All Ages.



J. Frank Dobie High School 12th-grade student Casey Smith (holding sign) was selected Outstanding Student of the Month. School officials note that despite tragic events in his life, Smith has remained steadfast and upbeat. He handles responsibility maturely, strives for academic success and is selfless in his contributions to others. Joining in recognizing Smith are, left to right, Alyta Harrell; Lauren Calderaro, assistant principal; Steve Long, Dobie counselor; Kay Barbour; Emory Gadd; Otilia Robles; Denise Burleigh; Dan Hoppie; and Mallory Henderson.



According to Atkinson Elementary officials, fourth-grader Alondra Cruz (holding sign) was named Outstanding Student of the Month. The school staff comment that Cruz is a kind, caring and very responsible student. She comes to school each day ready and excited to learn. Her work ethic and her focus on excellence and willingness to help others make her a great role model for her classmates. Her positive attitude and wonderful smile can turn anyone's bad day into a positive one. Shown above with Cruz are, left to right, Dan Hoppie; Regina Barnes, assistant principal; Emory Gadd; Tulu Sarkar, fourth-grade teacher; Kay Barbour; Denise Burleigh; and Otilia Robles.

Texas taxpayers taxed to the max by certain cities and counties

Senate Bill 2, authored by Sen. Paul Bettencourt and sponsored by Rep. Dustin Burrows (R-Lubbock) passed in the last legislative session on a bipartisan vote, gives voters a direct say over their property tax bills in Texas.

The bill lowered the rollback rate from 8 percent to 3.5 percent for cities and counties and requires an automatic November election to exceed this limit.

Prior to the law taking effect in 2020 however, many taxing entities have decided to tax to the max on property taxes and increase revenue as much as possible.

"I never thought I'd see

cities and counties pushing their taxpayers to the max and even using the excuse of they need more money to vote themselves a pay raise!" said Bettencourt.

"Raising the property tax rate on top of such a strong appraisal role is just throwing gasoline on the fire," said Bettencourt.

In some cases, such as in El Paso, taxpayers will see property tax relief provided by the Texas Legislature as part of HB3 entirely negated by a combined 10 penny property tax increase by El Paso County and the City of El Paso. Harris County and Travis County also opted to raise their property tax rate

to the maximum allowed. "I think a lot of cities and counties know that we are putting them on a diet and they are going on one last bend before it happens," said Burrows.

Bettencourt continued, "Some taxing units like the cities of Houston and Plano, as well as Collin, Montgomery and Galveston County, are doing it right and adopting the effective tax rate instead of increasing their property tax rate."

He added, "Unfortunately, many taxing entities are opting to enact a 'maximum smash' on their taxpayers one last time before SB2 takes effect in 2020."

completion date of fall 2020. This work included sinkholes, bank erosion, failed concrete, collapsed outfall pipes and other damage that totaled more than 1,200 damage sites caused by Hurricane Harvey.

About Flood Control

The HCFCD provides flood damage reduction projects that work with appropriate regard for community and natural values. With more than 1,500 bayous and creeks totaling approximately 2,500 miles in length, the Flood Control District accomplishes its mission by devising flood damage reduction plans, implementing the plans and maintaining the infrastructure.

For additional information about the Flood Control District, visit www.hcfcd.org.

HCFCD ends 1st round of Harvey drainage; next round underway

Harris County Flood Control District has recently completed drainage infrastructure repairs using the first \$13 million from a post-Hurricane Harvey grant awarded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The NRCS was able to assist the Harris County community using funding from the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program.

"The EWP program helps eligible entities implement emergency recovery measures to relieve imminent hazards to life or property caused by a natural disaster," said Mark Northcut, Natural Resource Manager, USDA-NRCS Texas. "NRCS provides technical and financial assistance for measures that reduce threats to life or

property from a watershed impairment, including sediment and debris removal and also provides protection from additional flooding or soil erosion.

In addition to implementing emergency measures, assistance available under the EWP program includes the purchase of floodplain easements."

Repairs from the first NRCS grant, consisting of hundreds of individual repair efforts, are located in the Greens Bayou, Cypress Creek, Little Cypress Creek and Addicks Reservoir watersheds.

More than \$80 million in additional drainage infrastructure repair projects across Harris County are still in the bidding or construction stages, with an estimated

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, Oct. 10, 5 – 6 p.m. Tween craft: Paper nichos, for tweens ages 9-12. Get crafty at the library with friends for this fun craft.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors. For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580.

Monday, Oct. 14, 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. The classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include the citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime. Toddler around with the library staff for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop a toddler's social, motor, and literacy skills. This session is intended for children ages 6 months to 4 years and their caregivers.

Wednesday, Oct. 16, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic PowerPoint

Bracewell hours are: Thursday noon – 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, Oct. 10, 4 – 6 p.m. Sugar Skull Decorating, for all ages. In this last celebration for Hispanic Heritage Month, decorate Sugar Skulls in preparation for Día de los Muertos. A sugar skull and frosting will be provided to each participant, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Parker Williams Library.

Friday, Oct. 11, 4 p.m. Anime Club: Zombie Land Saga, for ages 13 and older. Watch the rise of FranChouChou as seven girls come back from the grave to become the great idol group the Saga Prefecture has ever seen.

Saturday, Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m. Sensory friendly movie "Toy Story 4" (rated PG). The lights will be low, the sound will be down, and there will be plenty of room for everyone to move around as needed. The film will be the live action version of Toy Story 4. Refreshments and film have been generously donated by State Farm.

Monday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. VR Gaming, for ages 12 and older. Explore a new world of gaming with the Playstation VR rig. Meet for an evening of integrated play that will test one's five senses.

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m. Teen Advisory Group, for ages 13 and older. For those who want books that are not offered at the library, meet in the library community room to voice an opinion and listen to a discussion on how the library staff can better serve its patrons.

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m. Salsa and Salsa! (for adults and teens only). Celebrate Latin culture with the Rice University Salseros who will be on site to teach basic salsa dancing. At break time, chips and salsa are available for munching with fellow dancers. Bring a friend or significant to join us in this festive Hispanic Heritage Month night.

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-927-7870.

Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed:

Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies from birth to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

Wednesday, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 to 5 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Wednesday, 2 – 3 p.m.: Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this weekly class in Vietnamese. Registration is requested.

Thursday, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time, for adults and children ages 8 and older. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. It's a great time to take a class to help with a skill for work, gain understanding of a topic or learn a language. There are many free classes available online at the library website or on the internet, through universities or other sources. Practice navigating the internet to learn about these, or sign up for one. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all other programs, call the library at 832-927-7870.

Library hours are: Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 – 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Death

Lela Gray



Lela Gray, 81, of Houston, Texas, died Sept. 21, 2019, in McKinney, Texas.

Lela was born in Clearwater, Nebr., Oct. 16, 1937, to Guy and Cynthia Taylor.

She leaves to cherish her memory sons Louis Johnson and wife Karen and Jeff Johnson; daughter Carol Bernard and husband Keith; grandchildren Holly, Nicholas, Amber and Andrew; along with other family and friends.

The family received friends Sunday, Sept. 29. Funeral services were Monday, Sept. 30, 2019, at Grand View Funeral Home 8501 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Interment followed in Grand View Memorial Park.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the Leader are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the Leader style.

Atkinson celebrates grandparents



What is better than having breakfast at school? Having breakfast with grandparents at school! Countless grandparents filled the Atkinson Elementary cafeteria to celebrate Grandparents' Day with their families, and the young students created pictures showing what they liked most about their grandparents. Shown above are, left to right, grandmother Linda Miller, Thomas (JT) Wilkerson of Jennifer Youngblood's fourth-grade class and great-grandmother Louise Turbeville. JT is the youngest child of Brenda and Thomas Wilkerson.

Photo by Terri Salazar

Elected officials share their words

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin announced the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is now offering assistance to Houston residents affected by Tropical Storm Imelda.

Applications for FEMA Individual Assistance for Imelda recovery will be open through Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019. FEMA may provide Houston homeowners, certain types of renters, and businesses with the following types of assistance:

Home/primary residence

FEMA provides assistance to individuals and families who have lost their homes as a result of a presidentially-declared disaster.

If one is a renter or homeowner one may qualify for assistance. By law, FEMA assistance cannot duplicate the assistance a homeowner receives from an insurance com-

pany, but homeowners may receive assistance for items not covered by insurance.

If a home was impacted by a major disaster, FEMA recommends one apply for assistance at <https://www.disasterassistance.gov>.

Note: FEMA does not offer assistance for a secondary home. Federal guidelines only allows FEMA to provide housing assistance when your primary residence is impacted by a presidentially-declared disaster.

Business

FEMA does not offer assistance for small businesses impacted by a presidentially-declared disaster. However, FEMA partners with the Small Business Administration (SBA), which offers low interest loans for business damages.

Learn more about the business loan application process at <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance> or by calling the phone number listed below.

Other needs assistance

FEMA offers disaster assistance for some other disaster-caused expenses including, medical and dental, child care, funeral and burial, essential household items, moving and storage, vehicle, and some clean-up items.

Visit <https://www.fema.gov/individual-disaster-assistance> or call 1-800-621-FEMA for more information. Residents may visit www.houstonrecovers.org for recovery information.

Información en español: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/es>.

For questions regarding the FEMA application process, contact your federal representative as FEMA is a federal agency.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of People of Sagemont 2 Facebook group posted the following invite for a fall unity block party by Kelly Chevalier, candidate for Congress. "Come out and play this Saturday, Oct. 12, 3 – 6 p.m., 10331 Sagebrook Dr., Houston. There will be food, music and games."

A member of Pets of Southbelt Facebook page shared a post of City of Houston. The post states that BARC animal shelter will have free spray/ neuter voucher sign-up events which will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, 8 – 9:30 a.m., 13113 Nitida St., Houston,

and Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 – 9 a.m., 10400 Cliffwood Dr., Houston. For qualifications one needs to bring current ID and a bill, and must live within the Houston city limits. Services are for owned animals only. Pet owners are reminded not to take pets to the event sign-up. Voucher appointments will be given on a first come, first served basis and there is a limit of three voucher appointments per household. For more information, call 311 or visit www.houstonbarc.com.

A member of Nextdoor group posted that there are people dumping tires at Gulf Palm. Member wants to re-

mind others that tires should be taken out at their homes for Heavy Trash day.

Another member of the same group reported that there was an attempted robbery Oct. 4, at 4:50 a.m. in the Bridgegate neighborhood. The member stated that they were awakened by a noise on the side of the house and looked out the window and saw a man standing at the fence trying to break in. The member screamed and the man took off running. The member was able to describe the vehicle that the suspect got in as being a four-door, blue or green older version Honda.

South Belt Chamber of Commerce honors outstanding students for September



Frazier Elementary School officials chose fourth-grader Emme Mejia (holding sign) as Outstanding Student of the Month. According to them, Mejia is a hard-working student and has great patience with peers that need her help. She always makes sure to include everyone during playtime and helps others with a big smile on her face. When she is struggling, she is not shy to ask for help and takes constructive criticism positively. Sharing the moment of recognition with Mejia are, left to right, Rebecca Lilley, first vice chair of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and director of physician resources community outreach at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital; Kristina Ponce, Frazier assistant principal; Kristi Koncaba, president and COO of Texan Bank and chamber member; and Noble Alix, South Belt-Ellington Chamber board member and senior vice president relationship manager at Texas Citizens Bank.



Morris Middle School sixth-grader Yvette Soloya (holding sign) was chosen Outstanding Student of the Month. School staff say, "Way to go, Trailblazer!" because she exhibits the Morris Guidelines for Success and motivates others to seek help when they need it from a trusted adult. She stands up for any student she sees that is in need. She encourages students to be their best. She is always respectful to students and teachers alike. Sharing the moment of recognition with Soloya are, left to right, Rene Parra, chamber member, Frost Bank; Allison Lewallen, Morris principal; Kenny Fernandez, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce board chair and Pasadena ISD board member; Michael Saperstein, chamber member and Parker Williams Library branch manager; and Dave Matthews, administrative aide to Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz.



Genoa Elementary officials named fourth-grader Emiry Rodgers (holding sign) the Outstanding Student of the Month, noting that she is a responsible friend and is very respectful. Rodgers is known to be very attentive in class and an all-around outstanding student. Celebrating this day of notoriety with Rodgers are, left to right, Michael Saperstein; Rene Parra; Dave Matthews; Tiffany Bennett, Genoa principal; and Kenny Fernandez.



Hancock Elementary fourth-grader Giselle Najera (holding sign) is a hard-working student who is always willing to lend a helping hand, according to school staff members. She always does her very best and never gives up even when it's tough. Najera is kind and supportive to her peers, siblings and her teachers. She is a role model for students because of her positive disposition and "can do" attitude. The staff have proudly nominated Najera as the Thomas Hancock Elementary September Outstanding Student of the Month. Congratulating her above are, left to right, Rene Parra, Michael Saperstein, Kenny Fernandez and Dave Matthews.



Jessup Elementary officials have named third-grader Bryan Rivera (holding sign) as the Outstanding Student of the Month. He is known as a remarkable student who arrives at school every morning with a positive attitude. Since the first day of school, he does the right thing even when nobody is watching. He tries his best on every subject. He is kind, caring and always helpful to his classmates. Recognizing his achievement are, left to right, Michael Saperstein; Kenny Fernandez; Ryan Pavone, Jessup principal; Dave Matthews; Rene Parra; and Dr. Angela Stallings, Pasadena Independent School District assistant superintendent.



The Outstanding Student of the Month for Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School is 12th-grader Heaven DeLeon (holding sign). Chosen by school officials, DeLeon ranks as a top student and an outstanding representative of CTHS. She is a member of the engineering/robotics program and intends to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. She currently serves as an intern with NASA and spends much of her time working with the robotics team while maintaining a 5.0+ GPA. DeLeon hopes to attend MIT, Cal Tech or Stanford, but would also be happy as a student at the University of Houston, Rice University or the University of Texas. Shown with DeLeon are, left to right, Noble Alix; Rene Parra; Emory Gadd, associate pastor of Sagemont Church; Jessica McCoy, 12th-grade assistant principal; Dave Matthews; Kenny Fernandez; Kay Barbour, president of South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce; Denise Burleigh, chamber member, Insurance for All Ages; Otilia Robles, chamber member, Oti's Travel; Mallory Henderson, chamber member, Chick-fil-A; Michael Saperstein; Tammy Gernander, 12th-grade counselor; and Steve Fleming, principal.



Congratulations go to Meador Elementary fourth-grader Angelica Barragan (holding sign) as Outstanding Student of the Month. School officials know her to be a wonderful example of everything a Meador Mustang should represent. Barragan starts each day with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Her friendly smile and polite manner are refreshing. Her willingness to learn and give 100 percent to all tasks makes her a good role model for her classmates. She is responsible, helpful and respectful to adults as well as her peers. Not only is she dedicated to academic success, but she is willing to help her classmates be successful as well. Shown above with Barragan are, left to right, Dr. Angela Stallings; Michael Saperstein; Beverly Bolton, Meador principal; Tara Merida, school counselor; Dave Matthews; Amy Clowers, assistant principal; Rene Parra; and Kenny Fernandez.



Fifth-grader Juliana Perez (holding sign) has been selected as Outstanding Student of the Month for Melillo Middle School. School officials say that Perez was chosen because she is a wonderful student. She is known to be polite, kind and respectful to everyone. Perez is always prepared for class and helping others. She always goes above and beyond the call of duty and is a positive role model for fellow students. Shown above with Perez are, left to right, Alyta Harrell, PISD associate superintendent; Chris Bui, Melillo fifth-grade assistant principal; Otilia Robles, Mallory Henderson; Emory Gadd; Denise Burleigh; Jennifer Saucedo, assistant principal; Daniel Hoppie, South Belt-Ellington Chamber education committee member and Pasadena Independent School District executive director; Liliana Monita, fifth-grade counselor; and Jacqueline Carmona, sixth-grade counselor.



Moore Elementary has named fifth-grader (right, holding sign) Maddison Montemayor Outstanding Student of the Month. The school staff have said she is polite and kind to everyone she meets and works hard to improve her grades in all subjects. She is her class representative for student council and is willing to help out to make Moore a great place to learn. Joining Montemayor on this day of recognition are, left to right, DeeDee Pitts, assistant principal; Denise Burleigh; Otilia Robles; Ashley Evans, third-grade teacher; Kay Barbour; Mallory Henderson; Emory Gadd; and Jill Lacamu, Moore principal.



Fifth-grade Joaquin Hernandez (holding sign) at Fred Roberts Middle School was selected by school officials to be the Outstanding Student of the Month. Hernandez has the reputation of being a great student since he is self-driven and goal-oriented. His teacher has noted that in the last few weeks that he is setting goals for himself and really working hard to meet them; he is responsible, inquisitive, ambitious and driven to always do his best. He is very respectful and always has a positive attitude and smile. Shown above with Hernandez are, left to right, Noble Alix, Lashondra Evans, math peer facilitator; Gracie Hernandez, peer facilitator; Emily Ontiveros, counselor/parent coordinator; Rebecca Lilley; Kristi Koncaba; Rebecca Dietz, assistant principal; Citali Guerrero, assistant principal; and DeRonda Pitre, counselor.



Burnett Elementary School officials are excited to nominate fourth-grade student Aubrey Navarre (holding sign) as September's Outstanding Student of the Month. Navarre has always shown leadership by how she interacts with her peers. She helps her teachers without even asking for a reason. She is willing to go above and beyond to be a role model in her class and for the students in the lower grades. Rarely is Aubrey seen to be upset or negative toward anyone. She is always smiling and respectful to everyone she encounters. Shown above with Navarre are, left to right, Kristi Koncaba; Rebecca Lilley; Jae Lee, Burnett principal; and Noble Alix.



It was an exciting day for prekindergarten student Martina Bashir (above, front, left) to learn she had been selected Outstanding Student of the Month by school officials. Bashir is known to be a great helper in class. If a friend falls down, or drops something, she is the first person to run over and help and take care of them. She is always happy and all the students in the class love to have her help them. Shown above with Bashir are, left to right, Angela Walker, pre-K teacher; Candy Howard, principal; Emory Gadd; Denise Burleigh; Kay Barbour; Mallory Henderson; and Otilia Robles.



Ca Tran (front, holding sign) was chosen Outstanding Student of the Month for Stuchbery Elementary by school officials because she is a great example of a STALLION. The staff said she has walked the halls since she was able to attend school. Every year she has been very helpful with her peers and teachers. This year she has done exceptionally well with the Personalized Learning. Tran has shown that she will continue to do things the Stallion Way even after she leaves Stuchbery. Joining her in celebrating the occasion are, left to right, Kristi Koncaba; Rebecca Lilley; Jose Hernandez, principal; Jessica Reed, fourth-grade teacher; Kayla Ogden, fourth-grade teacher/ team leader; and Noble Alix.



Thompson Intermediate has named eighth-grade student Christian Epps (holding sign) the Outstanding Student of the Month for September. Epps is known to be an outstanding member of the Lion Football team and a leader on campus. He is eager to help staff members and students. He has shown Lion Pride daily by bringing positivity and kindness to the Thompson campus. Sharing the moment of pride with Epps are, left to right, Jennifer Aleman-Spray, eighth-grade math teacher; Tanis Griffin, principal; Kristi Koncaba; Rebecca Lilley; Noble Alix; and Travis Teichelman, assistant principal.

Volunteers sought

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Hurricane Harvey on the community.

A group of approximately 30 students and parents participated in the design phase of the project. The group proposed about 50 ideas to possibly incorporate into the design, including outdoor classrooms, raised gardens and rainwater collection. KaBOOM! designers then worked with the group to finalize design plans.

While KaBOOM! will provide the playground equipment, Atkinson must provide the manpower.

Approximately 200 volunteers are being sought for assistance in the undertaking. Work is available for volunteers of all levels of skill and ability. (All youth under the legal working age for this state will be welcome to participate in youth activities but will not be able to participate in building in the playground construction areas.)

What's provided
Breakfast, lunch and water will be provided. Gloves and other safety materials will be provided for the projects that require them.

What to wear
The playground build will happen rain or shine. Volunteers should come dressed for the weather. Closed-toe shoes are required; sneakers or work boots that one doesn't mind getting dirty are advisable. Volunteers should leave valuables at home, as secure storage is not available on site.

Build site rules
All participants must comply with the following practices:
- Work together, treat everyone with respect and use family-friendly, inclusive language.

- Report any unsafe or inappropriate behavior to on-site staff.
- Comply with all requests from on-site staff.
- Follow all safety guidelines.
- Only pre-approved power tools permitted.
- Closed-toe shoes are required.
- Youth may not participate in areas of active construction.
- No smoking, alcohol or drugs.
- The use or carry of firearms is prohibited.
- *With the exception of certified, active officers.
- Build week schedule**
Prep Day 1: Thursday, Nov. 14: 30 volunteers are needed.
- 8 a.m. Volunteers arrive and register.
- 5 p.m. All prep work completed (this is an approximate time).
- Prep Day 2: Friday, Nov. 15: 15 volunteers should be on "stand-by" in case they are needed.
- 8 a.m. Volunteers arrive and register.
- TBD All prep work completed.
- Build Day: Saturday, Nov. 16: 200 volunteers are needed.
- 6:30 a.m. Team leaders arrive.
- 8 a.m. Volunteers arrive and register.
- 8:30 a.m. Kick-off ceremony begins.
- 2:30 p.m. Ribbon-cutting begins.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 10 through Oct. 16.

Atkinson Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Lena Ortiz** Oct. 10. Light the birthday candles for **Karen O'Connor** Oct. 14.

Burnett Elementary
The day for a party for **Beatriz Garcia** is Oct. 11. Join in the birthday fun Oct. 13 with **Denise Ngo**.

Bush Elementary
Send a humorous birthday card Oct. 12 to **Jessica Roman**.

Genoa Elementary
Brittney Donovan enjoys a birthday Oct. 10. Join in a birthday celebration Oct. 14 for **Belinda Wiese**.

Meador Elementary
Light the birthday candles for **Megan Mays** Oct. 15.

Moore Elementary
Ellen Gardner celebrates a happy birthday Oct. 11. Blow out the birthday candles for **Katelyn Matthews** Oct. 14.

South Belt Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Oct. 14 to **April Gonzalez**. Oct. 15 is the day for a party for **Angela Walker**.

Stuchbery Elementary
Guadalupe Cabrera enjoys a happy birthday Oct. 12.

Roberts Middle School
Sing a chorus of a birthday song Oct. 13 to **Christina Sandoval**. Oct. 14 is the day for a double birthday celebration for **Ashlie Haas**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Send a humorous birthday greeting Oct. 10 to **Sandra Shaffer**. Oct. 16 is the day for a birthday celebration for **Melanie Flowers**.

Thompson Intermediate
The day for a party for **Laura SanMiguel** is Oct. 11.

Dobie High
Ryan Jordan is wished a happy birthday Oct. 15. The day for a celebration for **Roger Brown** and **Diana Mayhew** is Oct. 16.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The Leader sends birthday wishes to friends who have a birthday. For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, send an email to mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, Oct. 10: **Patty Wheeler, Clayton Bichm, Cheryl Randall, Joel Miller, Jesse Guerra, Manny Carrillo and Gloria Sanchez**; Friday, Oct. 11: **Samantha Mendoza, Katina Decker, Roberta Tomkins and Michelle Manzanales**; Saturday, Oct. 12: **Christy Chapman, Vikki Kaufman and Laura Garcia**; Sunday, Oct. 13: **Cathy Rex and Mark Chassay**; Monday, Oct. 14: **Kristy Hall, Karen O'Connor, Tammy Fort, Nick Kafarella, Michele Rodriguez, Jason Warren and Richard Flores**; Tuesday, Oct. 15: **Tonya Willoughby, Kelli Nobles Candace and Dorsey Green**; and Wednesday, Oct. 16: **Cristina Denson, Rusty Jewell, Alice Wood, Erin Lutich and Patricia Escamilla-Tamez**.

Lariaette of the week

The Dobie Lariaette of the Week was not submitted by press time. Check this page next week for the Lariaette of the Week.

St. Luke's holds food drive

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church is now holding a Thanksgiving Food drive to assist families in the area. Donations of nonperishable food can be brought to the church office at 11011 Hall Rd. Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Donations can also be dropped off at the church entrance before Mass on Saturday or Sunday.

The food drive will continue from now until Saturday, Nov. 23 and Sunday, Nov. 24.

Contact St. Luke's social services at 281-481-6816 with any questions about the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Thompson orchestra performs

The Thompson intermediate School Orchestra performs the Honor Fall Concert Thursday Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in the school gym, 11309 Sagedowne Dr. Houston. All concerts are free and open to the public.

Self-defense class meets

The American Society of Karate has one-hour self-defense and martial arts classes for teens and adults (ages 13-80) Fridays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes. Newcomers are welcome.

No previous self-defense or martial arts experience is necessary for participation. Email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKArate.com or call 281-788-5930 for information.

CCISD's Super Sully's fight against cancer

Talking to Clear Creek student seventh-grader Sullivan Butler, he appears to be just a normal 13-year-old boy who loves researching snakes, filling his house with his Lego creations and messing around with his two younger brothers.

But underneath this boyish exterior is the mark of a fighter who has overcome more than most will in a lifetime.

Back in 2016, Sullivan began complaining about back pain. His parents and his pediatrician chalked it up to him just being an active 10-year-old when preliminary tests came back negative. However, the pain quickly progressed over the next few weeks.

"It got to the point where nothing, including medicine, would help relieve the pain except taking warm baths," Sullivan said. "Those few nights were horrible. I would get 15 minutes of sleep before the pain in my back would wake me up and I would have to go get in the bath."

His parents, Dan and Jen, decided to take him to the emergency room to hopefully get answers as to why their son's symptoms were quickly escalating each day, which included a severe headache that started in the waiting room. Little did they know that this hospital visit would change their lives forever.

"They did a CT scan on my head and found a golf-ball-sized tumor on my brain," Sullivan said. "It had metastasized down my spine, which is what caused the pain in my back, and was now putting pressure on my brain because it kept growing."

Sullivan was rushed to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston where he would undergo brain surgery less than one day after the tumor was found.

"A surgical team typically spends several days reviewing scans and conferring to create detailed plans for surgery," said Dan Butler, Sullivan's dad. "Medicine is about managing risk, and there are few things riskier than cutting into a child's brain. But the unrelenting pressure on his brain had turned into a race against the clock, so the surgeons would have to go in and do the best they could with the information they had. Sullivan needed surgery, quickly, or he wouldn't survive another day," he said.

Doctors would confirm that Sullivan was diagnosed with medulloblastoma. He would join the ranks of more



than 300,000 families around the world who are fighting pediatric cancer, which is also considered the leading cause of death among children in the United States.

"I wish I could describe some slow realization that occurred here," said Dan. "There is no history of childhood cancer in our family and Sullivan had no previous health problems. Sometimes in the trillions of processes our cells carry out each day, something just goes wrong. Pediatric cancer strikes without compunction or consideration for health, wealth, age, sex, race, or any other factors that we use to distance ourselves from catastrophic events," he said.

After surgery, it became clear that something was wrong. Sullivan complained of double vision, his speech was halted, and he lost use of both of his legs. These symptoms were a result of a surgical injury called Posterior Fossa Syndrome, which occurs in one of three children

with medulloblastoma.

Over the next several weeks, a few of Sullivan's symptoms improved as he was recovering from surgery. This is when his parents had to make the tough decision to tell him the truth about his diagnosis.

"My parents told me what the doctors had found, and they ended up having to tell me twice because I forgot about the first time because of all of the medicine they had me on," Sullivan said. "So, I had to experience it twice. The only word I have to describe it was shock."

Doctors sat down with Dan and Jen to then deliver their cancer and treatment plan. Overall, this would result in five surgeries, 30 rounds of radiation and four rounds of high-dose, in-patient chemotherapy. Sullivan would receive the highest amount of radiation and chemotherapy that could be given to children.

"It was another harsh lesson in pediatric cancer treatment," Dan said. "Three weeks prior I had to fight with the radiologists at the ER to get a CT scan because they didn't want to expose him to radiation. Now, doctors were going to fire 10 million times that amount into his brain."

Some of the doctors also told his parents that they did not believe Sullivan would ever walk again on his own due to the surgical injury. Sullivan, however, slowly began to defy the odds.

"They didn't think I would walk again, but I proved them all wrong," Sullivan said. "A lot of people have said it was just my determination to walk again. But I wasn't going to take 'no' for an answer."

With the help of family, who he says were his biggest cheerleaders, and his physical therapists, he did indeed prove everyone wrong. Almost three years after that initial hospital visit, Sullivan is now cancer free and walking the halls of his intermediate school with his seventh-grade peers. He says he is proud of all that he has overcome.

"I definitely matured a lot," Sullivan said. "I feel like going through this made me a better person."

Looking toward his future, Sullivan still has hurdles to conquer as a result of his diagnosis, but he is determined to

AARP seeks helpers for taxes

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking for compassionate, friendly people to join local volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide makes it easier for older, low-income taxpayers to file their tax returns and get the credits and deductions they've earned.

Volunteers provide free, in-person assistance in local neighborhoods at 5,000 sites across the country. Volunteers help prepare tax returns or serve in other ways, like organizing client paperwork, managing computer equipment, acting as interpreters, or making sure everything runs smoothly.

There's a role for everyone.

Make a difference in your community. Become an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteer! Visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide.

Bay Area sponsors dance

The Bay Area Singles Club Monthly Dance is Oct. 16, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at VFW Lodge at 5204 Highway 3, Dickinson, Post 6378.

All area singles are invited to attend. Bring party snacks to share.

The cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.

Knights selling spare ribs

The Knights of Columbus from St. Luke's Catholic Church is cooking pork spare ribs (full rack about 12 ribs). The average size is 4.5 pounds (precooked). The cost is \$20 and the ribs will be available Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot by the BBQ pit.

The group is taking orders in the St. Luke Catholic Church Social Hall Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Orders must be paid for in advance.

Orders are being taken for full rack sales only. Telephone orders are accepted at 281-455-1175.

Trick or Treat date set

Indoor Trick or Treat is scheduled at South Belt Church Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. (rain or shine). This is a fun, safe and free indoor event for the entire family.

South Belt Church is located at the corner of Beamer and Astoria.

San Jacinto announces October briefs

San Jacinto College released its schedule for October.

Baseball games
The San Jacinto College baseball team will host the following teams and game days:
- Alvin- Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 3 p.m.
- Alvin- Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m.
- Prairie View A&M University- Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m.
All home games are free and open to the public. For a complete schedule, visit sanjacsports.com.

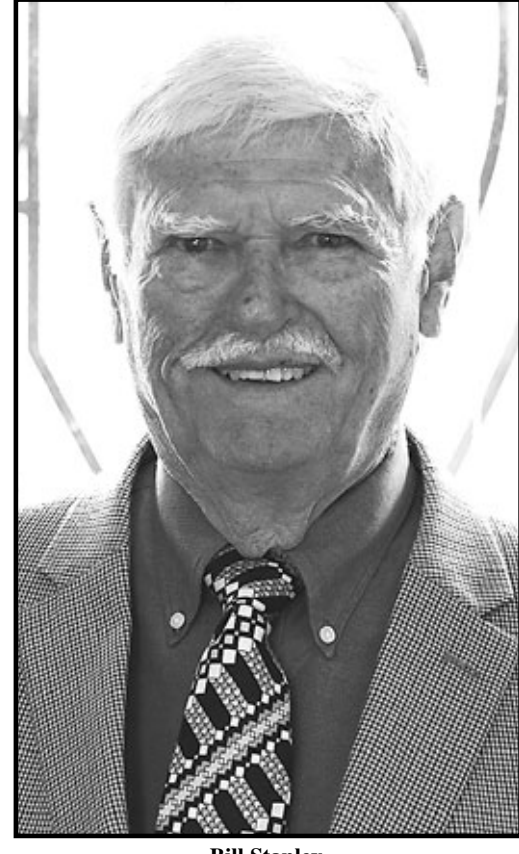
Priority registration for Spring 2020
Spring 2020 registration will open Sunday, Oct. 20, for current San Jacinto College students.
For more information, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

Fall festivals
San Jacinto College will host the following Fall Festivals for the month of October. These are open to students, faculty, and the community.
- Fall Fest at SJC South campus - Friday, Oct. 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Fall Spooktacular at SJC North campus - Saturday, Oct. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Month events
San Jacinto College will host the following events for Hispanic Heritage in the month of October.
- Folklorico Dance Performance Oct. 10, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. SJC South campus Theatre.

Community Education Center events
The San Jacinto College Central Campus Community Education Center is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Building 1, room C-1.108. The center will host the following workshops that are free and open to the public. To register, call 281-478-2786 or email communityeducation@sjcd.edu.

- Active Living After Cancer (ALAC) series: Oct. 1-15 (Tuesdays), 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Final session: Tuesday, Oct. 15, 11:30 a.m.



Bill Stanley

Stanley to be recognized

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the UT's McGovern Medical School Established Chair of Population Health in 2018. He has also served on the Advisory Board for the University of Texas' Medical and Engineering Schools.

Stanley has helped graduating seniors obtain full-time jobs with some of the most prestigious oil and gas companies in the Greater Houston Area.

On behalf of his work in chemical engineering and the community, Stanley has received many accolades through the University of Texas, such as the Distinguished Graduate award, University of Texas Established Leadership Chair in Chemical Engineering and

involvement in the lives of students and the Pasadena community, make Pasadena ISD proud to call him the Distinguished Alumnus of the year.

Stanley will be recognized at a special ceremony on Oct. 17, at 5 p.m.

This event is by invitation only; however, for those interested in attending, email rbrown1@pasadenaisd.org.



40 years ago (1979)
Lynda Richardson was crowned Longhorn Queen at Dobie High School's home-

coming game.

A Sageglen resident spotted at least one prowler in the area.

35 years ago (1984)
The Alameda Mall area was hit by tornadoes, which plowed through buildings, ripped off roofs, blasted out windows and flipped over vehicles.

The South Belt Security Alliance responded to 24 calls during one week.

30 years ago (1989)
Members of the Dobie High School Longhorn Marching Band earned three Division 1 ratings at the University Interscholastic League regional contest.

For his efforts in saving a baby from dying in a fire, Houston police officer and South Belt area resident Fernando Marin earned the respect and thanks of the city firefighters from Station 70 on Beamer Road.

25 years ago (1994)
Dobie High School senior Alisan Snyder was crowned homecoming queen. Quarterback John Scheschuk was voted homecoming king.

The Clear Brook High

School band scored a division 1 rating in the Katy Independent School District Invitational Marching Festival.

20 years ago (1999)
Two Dobie High School graduates were killed in separate vehicle accidents in two days.

Air Force Capt. Gena Stuchbery, the granddaughter of legendary Pasadena Independent School District music director Eugene Stuchbery, was the director of the Air Force Band of the West that performed at Stuchbery Elementary School. The school is named after Eugene Stuchbery.

15 years ago (2004)
Local law enforcement officers were busy with home burglaries, attempted auto thefts and marijuana recovery. A loaded, sawed-off shotgun was recovered when two burglary suspects were arrested. An off-duty Baytown officer heard glass breaking near his home and found a man trying to steal a neighbor's car. Two men were arrested after they were seen separating marijuana from a large bag into smaller ones.

As a result of an accidental shooting, former South Belt resident Charles Kelly McDaniel, 25, died. He was an organ donor and four individuals were recipients.

10 years ago (2009)
Gov. Rick Perry had recently announced the appointment of longtime South Belt resident Bob Mitchell, president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, to the Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee.

Zohab Burges was charged with two counts of intoxication manslaughter for the traffic accident that killed Sagemont resident Michael Raymond Crowley Jr. Police reports showed he had a blood-alcohol content of 0.196 at the time of the accident.

5 years ago (2014)
Harris and Galveston county officials held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin, a massive project aimed at reducing area flooding. Formerly known as the Mud Gully Stormwater Detention Basin, the 174-acre site was to be located near the intersection of Beamer and Dixie Farm Road in the area that once housed the South Bend subdivision. Soil sampling conducted by both Harris County and the Brio Site Task Force determined the once-hazardous site safe. Once complete, the pond was to hold up to 1.250 acre/feet or 407 million gallons of stormwater.

1 year ago (2018)
Dobie High School star athletes Kris Morris and Taylor Pleasants were respectively crowned the school's homecoming king and queen at halftime of the Longhorns' big 70-20 win over Humble Oct. 5 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium. Morris was a standout football player at the school, and Pleasants is a Louisiana State University softball commit.

The 21st annual Evening of Cuisine, held at The Gardens on Thursday, Oct. 4, was a huge success, raising thousands of dollars for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. Savannah Cafe & Bakery once again took home the award for best of show.

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Burnett announces students of the month



Burnett Elementary announces students of the month for September. These students were recognized during their school family assembly for their respectful character. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Derek Madrignales, Mark Warner, Sheyla Arredondo, Christine Rodriguez, Sebastian Aguilar, Onell Yanez, (back row) Vincent Pineda, Isabella Villarreal, Vince Barron, Aylinn Maldonado, Son Hoang and Sara Galicia. Photo submitted

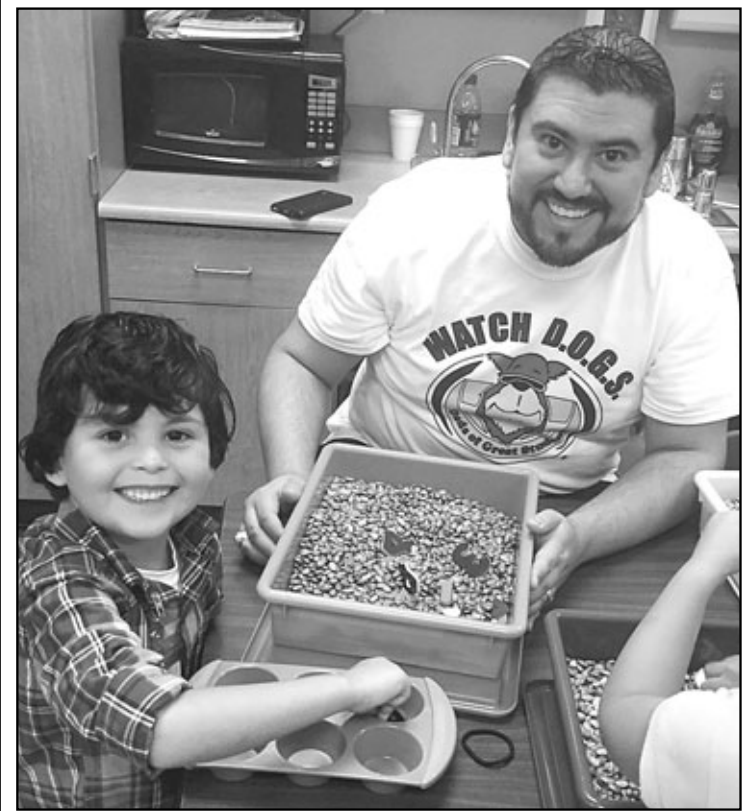
FEMA funds still available to assist

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 gible for FEMA assistance. For a list of non-FEMA recovery resources, visit www.ReadyHarris.org.

SBA loans
 Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to Texas businesses and residents as a result of the major disaster declaration, U.S. Small Business Administration's acting Administrator Christopher M. Pilkerton announced. "SBA is strongly committed to providing Texas with the most effective and customer-focused response possible and with access to federal disaster loans to help businesses and residents affected by this disaster," said Pilkerton. "Getting our businesses and communities up and running after a disaster is our highest priority at SBA." Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other

business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to businesses and homeowners to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future. For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available to businesses regardless of any property damage. Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. Interest rates can be as low as 4 percent for businesses, 2.75 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 1.75 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition. To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, survivors must first contact FEMA at www.disasterassistance.gov. For additional information, contact the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955.

Watch D.O.G.S. kicks off



Stuchbery recently held its annual Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) launch. Watch D.O.G.S. is an innovative program focusing on education and safety in schools by using the positive influence of fathers and father-figures. Fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, and uncles are asked to spend one day at their child/student school volunteering. They support the school by monitoring the school property, working in small groups, reading aloud, using flash cards, participating in PE/Music/Lunch/Recess, or whatever else needs to be done to support the child's success at school. Pictured is the first Watch D.O.G.S. volunteer of the year: Gilbert Reyes (right) interacting with his son Gilberto Reyes and some of his classmates. The students were working with a math sensory bin where the students dig in searching for numbers to identify and sort them out.

Dobie Key Club volunteers at Viet Cultural Festival



The Dobie High School Key Club members volunteered at the Viet Cultural Fest Saturday, Sept. 28, at NRG Center. The key club organization is a group designed for Dobie students to demonstrate and devote their time in conveying their simple, but vital, motto "Caring - Our Way of Life." Members of Dobie HS Key Club are required to be involved in the South Belt area and showcase this by participation in many community events. Shown above are, left to right (front row) Deeanangel Trinh, Kathy Tran, Jaclyn Nguyen, Jeany Nguyen, Melanie Vo, Crystal Mejia, Sairi Oliva, Amy Cao, Ashley Tsikis, (middle row) Kailey Tsikis, Timothy Giang, Jeremiah Palma, Megan Rodriguez, Lilly Nguyen, Kathleen Nguyen, Victoria Acosta, Kevin Su, Piseth So, (back row) Lewis Le, Leyna Pham, Aries Jimenez, Michael De La Garza, Violet Tran, Johnathan Ngo, Javier Martinez and NRG event coordinator volunteer. While participating at the Viet Cultural Fest the students met with Mayor Sylvester Turner. Shown in the bottom left photo are, left to right, Jeremiah Palma, key club secretary; Turner; and Ashley Tsikis, vice president. Shown in the bottom right photo are, left to right, Turner; Kathy Tran, key club treasurer; Deeanangel Trinh, editor; and Aries Jimenez, member. Photo submitted



Clear Creek school district receives "A" for finances

The Clear Creek Independent School District received an "A" under Texas' School FIRST financial accountability rating system. The superior achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Clear Creek ISD's financial management and reporting system.

"This rating reinforces our commitment to be strong stew-

ards of public dollars," said Greg Smith, superintendent of schools. "I am proud of our staff and our school board for always placing our resources to support student achievement."

This is the 17th year of School FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school

districts developed by Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 and amendments under House Bill 5, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013.

The primary goal of School FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made

more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

The Texas Education Agency assigned one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "A" for "Superior Achievement," followed

by "B" for "Above-Standard Achievement," "C" for "Standard Achievement" and "F" for "Substandard Achievement." A public hearing regarding the FIRST rating will be held Monday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m. at the CCISD Education Support Center, 2425 East Main Street, in League City.

Peña on high water rescue, response

The following press statement was released by Houston Fire Chief Samuel Peña.

A major investment in the high-water response program has been made since Hurricane Harvey brought devastation to the area in August 2017 to address the Houston Fire Department's need for flood response equipment, assets and trained personnel.

The City of Houston is subject to flooding that may result in casualties and/or damage to

property. The most frequent flood hazard in Houston is flash flooding. Riverine flooding and dam/levee failure are possible but considered less likely due to adequate maintenance practices.

The most common flash flooding service demand is stranded motorist resulting from street-level flooding.

Following is a summary of funding allocation: From FY18 through FY19, approximately \$2.3M has been in-

vested into development and improvement of the High-Water Rescue and Response program.

Grants and Donations
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 - Rescue Boats \$78,000.
 - High Water Vehicles \$319,012.

General Fund Allocations
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 - Rescue Boats \$52,000.
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\$398,765.
 - Wave Runners \$39,000.
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- Basic Flood Water and Evacuation Boat Training.
 - Swift Water Ops/Technician Rescue Boat Training.
 - High-Water Vehicle Operation Training.
 - Personnel Equipment and Tools.
 -Total investment \$320,000.

KBP presents Phantom Tollbooth a musical



Kids' Backporch Productions cast members pose, left to right, (front row) Delaney Cline as Princess Reason; Madelin Marquez as Princess Rhyme; Feline Louis as narrator; Jerico Marquez as Tollbooth; (back row)

Joshua Cordes as Milo, Amber Schaefer as Tock; Karina Marquez as King Azaz; Olleke Morgan as Mathemagician; Beckett Morgan as narrator; and Emmerie Ricketts as Whether Man. Photo submitted

KBP presents "The Phantom Tollbooth" Oct. 18-20

Kids' Backporch Productions Youth Theatre presents "The Phantom Tollbooth, a musical," based on the book by Norton Juster.

This is KBP's 75th production, giving kids a "little taste of Broadway" since 2005. "The Phantom Tollbooth" is directed by

Lisa Maxwell. This inventive musical features a melodious score by Arnold Black and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick.

The "Phantom Tollbooth" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also provided

by MTI, for more information on MTI visit www.MTIShows.com.

Performances will be Oct. 18 at 7 p.m., Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Oct. 20 at 3 p.m. at Shadycrest Baptist Church-Fellowship Hall, 3017 Yost Blvd, Pearland. Ticket pricing are \$15 for adults,

\$12 for seniors ages 65 and older and \$9 for children and students. Tickets can be pre-purchased at kidsbackporch.ticketleap.com or at the door 30 minutes before curtain time.

For information, visit www.kidsbackporchproductions.org.

South Belt honors grandparents



South Belt Elementary hosted a luncheon Monday, Sept. 30, in honor of Grandparents Day. Spending an enjoyable meal and quality time with their pre-K grandson Noah Abarca (far right) are David Flickinger (left), South Belt-Ellington Leader president; and Ellie Flickinger. Photo submitted

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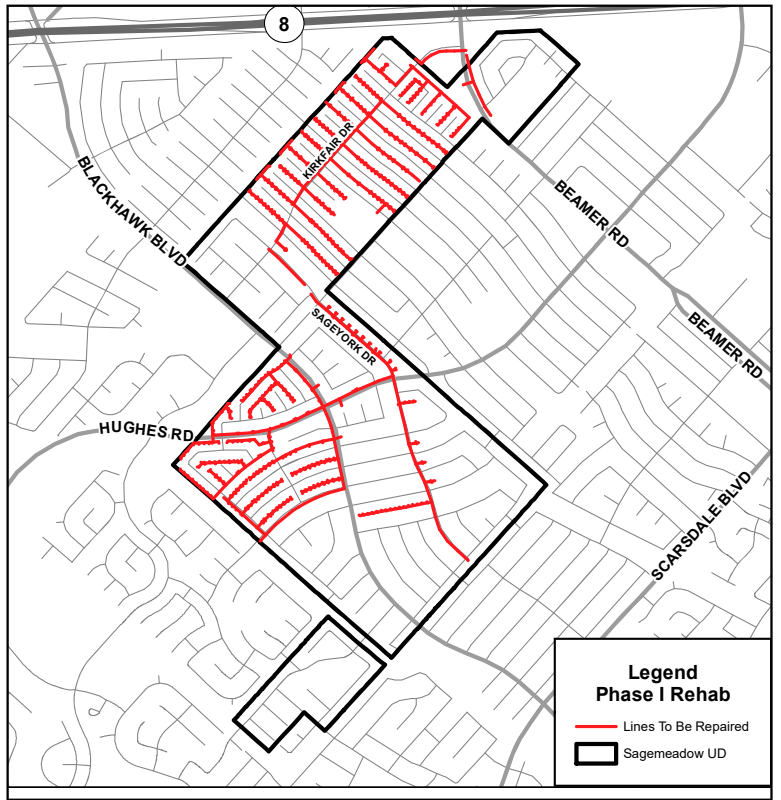
Sagameadow MUD undergoes improvements

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The contractor will be increasing their presence over the next few weeks as they begin the pipe replacement.

The project includes the rehabilitation of approximately 45,000 linear feet of sewer pipe and is expected to last approximately a year.

Williams said each block within the district should take roughly two to three weeks to complete before crews move on to the next block.

While crews may be required to dig holes in some yards, work is expected to be minimally invasive, as no significant linear trenching is expected.



Map showing areas for work on Sagameadow Utility District sewer lines

The overall cost of the Phase 1 project is estimated at \$2.7 million, the bulk of which will be spent on pipe replacement, Williams said. Sagameadow homeowners could see small property tax rate increases as the district budgets for necessary rehab projects and operating expenses.

How long it will take to completely rehab the entire district is currently unknown, as it is dependent on how much additional work needs to be done after the Phase 1 project and how much of the work the district can take on each year, Williams said. Completion, however, will likely take several years.

"We've got a lot of infrastructure that is around the same age," Williams said. "I'd guess three to four years, but it could take up to six or seven."

Sagameadow residents should be aware that work trucks and equipment will be present throughout the district in roadways and right of ways. Workers will also be accessing backyards.

Affected residents should receive a door hanger one to two weeks prior to crews arriving and a second notice 48 hours in advance. The hangers will include detailed information and points of contact.

During scheduled times, residents should leave gates unlocked and their pets secured. For more information, contact Sagameadow UD at 281-481-4182.

Memorial crowns king, queen



Viviana Martinez (left) and Jordan Flowers are shown above crowned as queen and king at Memorial's homecoming festivities. Viviana was escorted by her mother Nancy Chavez, her grandmother Maria Nuno and sister Lilliana Martinez. Viviana plays the flute and piccolo in the Mighty Maverick Marching Band, and is section leader as well as a member of the indoor drumline. She will be attending Texas State University in the fall to study to be a physical therapist. Jordan was escorted by his parents Jermond and Marcy Flowers and his cousin Fatima Ziouane. He is a member of show choir and varsity choir and enjoys performing in musicals. Jordan is a former class president and is a choir officer. After college, he plans to pursue a career in acting and business.

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Tax increase thwarted by two commissioners

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as property values have climbed throughout the county.

Commissioners on both sides were outspoken following Tuesday's no-vote. "Everyone should be concerned about the future of Harris County after today's no-show by Commissioners Jack Cagle and Steve Radack, who chose to score political points instead of doing the right thing for Harris County families," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis. "It's unconscionable."

"For decades, we have neglected and underfunded flood control, health care, environmental protection, public safety and more."

"Both of my colleagues know the challenges we face in Harris County - challenges that frankly they helped create - and they chose to put politics before principles and the people of

Harris County. Again. It's a sad reflection of the times we are living in now, from Washington D.C. to Harris County."

Cagle countered that he was merely looking out for the taxpayers' best interest. "The residents of Precinct 4 elected me to represent them. They did not elect me to lord over them or to repress them. This is the taxpayers' money, not the government's," said Cagle.

"Although proponents of this tax increase tried to couch it in terms of public safety and flood prevention, the truth is that only 5.5 percent of that revenue would have gone toward flood control."

"Most of it would have drained into the county's general fund for members of the court majority to spend as they like. I believe we owe our constituents better transparency."

Flood questions sought

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voters approved a \$2.5 billion bond referendum to finance local flood damage reduction projects.

Bonds are to be sold in increments over the next 10-15 years, as needed for multiple projects and the different phases of each undertaking. New projects will also be phased in, as appropriate. Endeavors will be authorized individually for funding by Harris County Commissioners Court, based on recommendations by the Flood Control District. Recommendations may be emailed to the *Leader* at mynews@southbeltleader.com.

"Don't donate to 'Gas Can Man,'" officials say

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ask that you not buy into his scam. Thanks to tips this morning, Precinct 8 deputies once again arrested him at the Gulf Freeway at El Dorado for obstructing a roadway as well as for several open warrants he had with our agency."

Garcia has become somewhat of a cause célèbre in recent years in the South Belt community, as his Gas Can Man persona has become a hot topic on social media, with one Facebook page even being established to track his location and share photos.

The page has nearly 4,000 likes. Locally, he can often be spotted asking for donations along Beltway 8 near Sabo and Beamer.

Many on social media platforms have reported that Garcia has been aggressive in panhandling techniques.

"He has slammed his fist and gas can both against my windows and windshield multiple times," said Facebook user Robyn Smith.

Other Facebook users criticized the district attorney's office for failing to keep Garcia behind bars.

"Don't kid yourself. He has already been granted a PR (personal recognizance) bond (getting out of jail for free) and will be back at it by tomorrow afternoon," wrote Facebook user Roberto Trevino.

This sentiment was also shared by Jeff Turnipseed, who serves as an administrator for the Facebook group *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert*.

"Why call and waste your time to arrest him when the courts will send him on his way the next day just to do it all over again?" Turnipseed commented on the Precinct 8 constable's Facebook page.

"All his arrests have done nothing to deter him from doing it again. LE (law enforcement) efforts to do something about him are appreciated, but it is not stopping the situation and sadly it probably never will."

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Longhorns stay unbeaten, getting defensive against Humble group

Dobie Longhorns (5-0, 3-0) at Kingwood (2-3, 2-1)
Sat., Oct. 12, 6 p.m.
Turner Stadium, Humble

Dobie: The Dobie defense once again came up big, holding Humble to a long scoring pass in a 21-7 victory Oct. 5 at Turner Stadium. Dobie is now 5-0 for the first time since 1999 and barreling toward a matchup with unbeaten Atascocita for sole possession of first place. Dobie fell to Kingwood 35-10 in 2018.

Kingwood: A playoff team a season ago, the Mustangs are at 2-3 overall this season but have won two of their first three district games, including a 44-15 win over Pasadena Memorial as quarterback Grant Wall threw three touchdown passes, including two to Jack Dugas, who had seven catches for 175 yards in the game. The Mustangs also feature kicker/punter Kaden Wooster, a game-changer on special teams.

Ja Darieon Henderson's 24-yard run with 2 minutes, 6 seconds to play was the final blow as Dobie's varsity football team improved to 5-0 for the first time since the 1999 season with a defense-dominated 21-7 victory over the previously unbeaten Humble Wildcats Oct. 5 at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium.

Dobie led just 7-0 at halftime, with the Wildcats missing a 26-yard third-quarter field goal

try. The two offenses then stepped it up in the fourth quarter for three touchdowns, with Henderson's run sealing the deal.

The Wildcats came into the game at 4-0 and sporting a new Houston area ranking, but that spot or better may now go to the Longhorns, who allowed only a big pass play for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Dobie's defense held the Wildcats to nine first

downs and just 65 yards rushing in the game. Take away a 64-yard scoring pass from quarterback Dexter Wyble to receiver Robert Williams in the fourth quarter, and the Longhorns would have had a shutout.

Humble came into the game averaging more than 50 points a game over four wins, but the touchdowns were few and far between in this one.

Dobie sophomore quar-

terback Cameron Gray connected with Braden Gant for 65 yards and a touchdown with less than a minute to go in the first quarter, and the score would remain the same into the fourth quarter.

Humble misfired on a 26-yard field goal try with 3 minutes, 23 seconds to go in the third quarter, preserving the shutout.

Gray's one-yard touchdown push gave the Longhorns a 14-0 lead, but then

Humble answered with Wyble going to Williams for the long score.

When the Longhorns needed it the most, Henderson was able to cap the victory with his 24-yard gallop to pay dirt.

"Our defense played really well," Dobie head coach Kevin Berneathy said.

"It's all about playing together as a group and taking advantage of opportunities when you

get them. We have a lot of good football players on this team, and they've been going out there and making plays for us."

Next up, the Longhorns will try to avenge a 35-10 loss to Kingwood in 2018 as the Mustangs host the Longhorns Saturday, Oct. 12, back at Turner Stadium.

Kingwood is off to a 2-1 start in District 22-6A play following a 44-15 win over Pasadena Memorial Oct. 4 in Pasadena.

"We've told the guys



Dobie sophomore quarterback Cameron Gray has now directed his team to consecutive wins over Pasadena and Humble with plenty of help from the defense, and Gray, who threw for a score and ran for another in a 21-7 win over Humble Oct. 5, will go against Kingwood in yet another key District 22-6A contest Oct. 12, at Turner Stadium in Humble.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Clear Falls Knights outlast Wolverines

Gavin Esquivel passed for 475 yards and five touchdowns to lead Clear Falls to a wild 42-34 victory over Clear Brook Oct. 4 in a key District 24-6A clash at Webster's Challenger Stadium.

Brook led at halftime 20-14, but the game turned into a see-saw affair in the final 24 minutes. With just over two minutes to go, the Knights' Quinn Bowen scored on a 10-yard run to seal the win.

Clear Falls is now 4-1 overall and is out of the gate at 2-0 in district play. Clear Brook, despite a great effort across the board, fell to 0-6 overall.

Clear Brook sophomore quarterback Cameron McCallister produced the best statistical game of his brief varsity career, throwing four touchdown passes in all.

Brook's Shane Porter, converted from quarterback to receiver earlier this season, had scoring receptions of 40, 25 and 20 yards, and McCallister also found Lonzonzo Thompson for 40 yards and a touchdown.

The Wolverines also

got a pair of field goals from Curtis Falkenburg.

Esquivel hooked up with senior receiver Dan Dishman for touchdowns on three occasions, including a long of 80 yards.

Dishman had nine receptions for 212 yards and the three scores.

The Knights' Adam Stevenson had five grabs for 106 yards and two touchdowns as the Knights continued their early march to a possible playoff berth. Clear Brook will face Clear Springs Oct. 11.

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Dobie tennis finishes off PISD, draws La Porte

Much of the heavy lifting has been completed, with the Dobie varsity team tennis squad having finished off an impressive 76-0 match win streak over the other four Pasadena ISD schools.

It all culminated with a 19-0 victory over Memorial Oct. 8 at Dobie as the Longhorns said goodbye to their current set of playing courts by wearing throwback uniforms from the 2003 season - when the Dobie campus opened.

Sweeping past the Mavericks, the Longhorns set a new mark for team wins in a season and secured the No. 2 playoff seed out of District 22-6A heading into the upcoming playoffs.

Dobie will thus go against La Porte in a first-round matchup as Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno and his La Porte counterpart, Matthew Hausler, decided to compete at Clear Creek High School beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Bidistrict Team Tennis Playoffs
Dobie vs. La Porte
Tuesday, Oct. 15, 3:30 p.m.
Clear Creek High School

The winner will subsequently face either District 23-6A champion Dawson or Clear Brook, the No. 4 seed from District 24-6A, in the area round Oct. 17-19.

Regardless of what plays out in the postseason, this season will go down as one of Moreno's most memorable ones, in his own words.

"I admit that I broke down a little bit while talking to the kids after we

beat Memorial," Moreno said. "This has definitely been probably my favorite

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Brook's Newsome is Player/Week

Kailin Newsome has been busy leading her Clear Brook varsity volleyball team to the top of the District 24-6A standings, and now plenty are taking notice.

With 43 kills over the course of two more Clear Brook victories, Newsome was named the state's

Player of the Week by Max Preps/American Volleyball Coaches Association, honoring her as one of the nation's best.

Guiding the Lady Wolverines to wins in their first six district matches, the senior was able to take her game to another

level while getting her team to 21-8 overall prior to the team's road tilt at Clear Creek Oct. 8. She had more than 550 kills through those 29 matches.

In a 25-21, 25-12, 25-17 victory over Clear Lake Oct. 4, Newsome had 25 kills, while Clear Lake registered 22 as a team.

Newsome had 26 more kills Oct. 8 as the Lady Wolverines remained two matches in front in the standings with five to play. Brook defeated Clear Creek twice in one season for the first time ever with a 25-14, 25-20, 25-17 victory.



Dobie golfer Alexis Perez was solid in her debut outing this season, firing an 89 and grabbing third place at the Dawson Open held at Clear Creek Golf Course. While Dobie head coach Chris Ferguson noted that the 89 score is above Perez's normal average, the 2018 regional qualifier played well for her first time out the gate this season. Dobie golfer Savannah Garza, not pictured, shot a 95 to nearly put herself in medal contention.

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South Belt 5K/Kids K continues registration

Plans continue for the inaugural South Belt 5K and Kids 1K Walk/Run, honoring the memory of former longtime Dobie High School educator Barry E. Harris.

The big event is coming together on Saturday, Nov. 9, and the entire community is invited to participate.

Proceeds from the 5K and 1K events will go toward the Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund, founded by friends and colleagues of Harris.

Harris, also a big presence at both Dobie High School and Pasadena ISD athletic events, died from the affects of cancer in 2018.

The focus for now is getting the community involved, and registration is now as easy as ever to handle via <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Houston/SouthBelt5K>.

The race will begin at Dobie High School and wind through El Franco Lee Park. The 5K distance will be certified for the serious competitors.

The event will include food and crafts vendors, and much more. There will be awards in most event categories as well.

The Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship is given to a deserving Dobie senior each May.

Parents who have children in strollers are encouraged to get involved as there will be an award given to the Best Decorated Stroller.

There is additional race information on the event's Facebook page at *South Belt 5K*.

Those who wish to donate directly to the Barry E. Harris fund may do so at pasadenaisd.revtrak.net.

South Belt football predictions

						
Dobie at Kingwood	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Springs vs. Clear Brook	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Brook
George Ranch at Alief Taylor	Taylor	George Ranch	George Ranch	Taylor	Taylor	George Ranch
Terry at Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton
Friendswood at Foster	Foster	Foster	Foster	Friendswood	Foster	Foster
La Porte at Baytown Sterling	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Humble vs. Summer Creek	Humble	Summer Creek	Humble	Humble	Summer Creek	Summer Creek
Beaumont United at C.E. King	CEK	CEK	United	CEK	United	CEK
Sweeney at La Marque	Sweeney	Sweeney	Sweeney	Sweeney	Sweeney	Sweeney
Hightower at Texas City	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Texas City
This week's record	6-4	7-3	7-3	6-4	8-2	6-4
Season record	46-12	45-13	44-14	42-16	50-8	38-20

LSA FB to open district

The Lutheran South Academy football team, fresh off a bye week and sporting a solid 4-1 record through nondistrict play, is set to begin the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II District 5 season.

The Pioneers will take touchdowns with just one interception.

The Pioneers are led by Beau Pscencik (400 yards, five touchdowns) and Syr Bailey (326 yards, three scores) in the backfield, and the team's leading receivers are Joel Hutchins and Jake Justice

At left, former San Jacinto College middle infielder Andres Sosa is congratulated by teammates Oct. 6 at Estadio Latino America after smacking a two-run homer in an exhibition game between Sosa's Dallas Baptist squad and an amateur team from Cuba during Dallas Baptist's tour to Havana, Cuba. Sosa will be a senior with Dallas Baptist this season after hitting .262 across 40 games played during the 2019 campaign. He spent his sophomore season at San Jacinto College after transferring from the University of Texas.

Courtesy photo

Lady Horns top PHS, hold onto fourth spot

The race for the third and fourth playoff seedings in the District 22-6A varsity volleyball race seems destined to go down to the final regular season match of the season – or beyond.

For the second straight season, defending league champion Kingwood and second-place Summer Creek are cruising at the top of the standings with six matches remaining for most teams.

That has left Atascocita, Dobie, Humble and Memorial to battle for position, with each match gaining more importance down the stretch.

Kingwood is again leading the way at 11-0, and Summer Creek strengthened its hold on second place with a 25-16, 25-15, 25-22 road win at Dobie Oct. 4. McKay Wilson had 17 kills in the match for Kingwood, with Dobie's Keasia Robinson

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District 24-6A Volleyball

Through Oct. 8 action

Teams	W	L
Clear Brook	7	0
Clear Springs	5	2
Clear Falls	4	3
Clear Creek	4	3
Clear Lake	3	4
Alvin	1	5
Dickinson	0	7

District 22-6A Volleyball

Through Oct. 8 action

Teams	W	L
Kingwood	11	0
Summer Creek	9	1
Atascocita	6	3
Dobie	6	4
Humble	6	5
Memorial	5	6
Sam Rayburn	1	9
Pasadena	1	9
South Houston	0	9

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Volleyball

8A Records Division 1	Div. W L T	Overall W L T
San Jacinto	2 0 0	4 0 0
Miller	1 0 0	2 2 0
Thompson	1 1 0	3 1 0
Southmore	0 1 0	0 4 0
South Houston	0 2 0	1 3 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Volleyball

7A Records Division 1	Div. W L T	Overall W L T
Thompson	2 0 0	4 0 0
Southmore	1 0 0	2 2 0
Miller	1 0 0	1 3 0
San Jacinto	0 2 0	2 2 0
South Houston	0 2 0	0 4 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

8A Records Division 1	Div. W L T	Overall W L T
Beverly Hills	2 0 0	3 1 0
Bondy	1 0 0	3 1 0
Queens	1 0 0	3 1 0
Jackson	0 2 0	1 3 0
Park View	0 2 0	0 4 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

7A Records Division 1	Div. W L T	Overall W L T
Beverly Hills	2 0 0	3 1 0
Bondy	1 0 0	3 1 0
Queens	1 0 0	2 2 0
Jackson	0 2 0	2 2 0
Park View	0 2 0	1 3 0

Thompson FB wins 3 of 4

Beverly Hills escaped with a 10-8 win to stay unbeaten in the eighth-grade A game Sept. 30 at Veterans Stadium, but the Thompson football program grabbed the series win with wins in the three other games.

The eighth-grade B game also featured plenty of defense, with the Lions emerging with a 15-6 victory to remain unbeaten at 4-0.

The Lions then came up with a pair of convincing wins Oct. 1, winning the seventh-grade A game 30-0 and getting a 32-0 seventh-grade B win to get three wins in the series.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

8A Records Division 1	Div. W L T	Overall W L T
Beverly Hills	1 0 0	4 0 0
Miller	1 0 0	2 2 0
Thompson	1 1 0	3 1 0
Bondy	1 1 0	2 2 0
Southmore	0 2 0	1 3 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

7A Records Division 1	Div. W L T	Overall W L T
Thompson	2 0 0	3 0 0
Miller	1 0 0	1 2 0
Bondy	1 1 0	1 2 0
Beverly Hills	0 1 0	2 1 0
Southmore	0 2 0	0 3 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

8B Records Division 1	Div. W L T	Overall W L T
Thompson	2 0 0	2 2 0
Miller	1 0 0	2 2 0
San Jacinto	1 1 0	3 1 0
South Houston	0 2 0	2 2 0
Southmore	0 1 0	1 3 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

7B Records Division 1	Div. W L T	Overall W L T
Thompson	2 0 0	4 0 0
Miller	1 0 0	2 2 0
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South Houston	0 2 0	0 4 0

LSA runs at St. Thomas cross-country

With the district championships nearing, the Lutheran South cross-country program stepped up its efforts with a solid showing at the highly-competitive St. Thomas Episcopal Invitational Oct. 5.

The Pioneers' Layton Thacker, a freshman, paced the team, taking 24th place overall in the varsity boys' 5,000-meter race with a time of 18 minutes, 56.46 seconds. Will Spencer, a junior, was 26th in the end as he delivered a time of 19:01.06.

Others competing for the Pioneers included Elijah Ward (69th at 20:59.50), Robert Aguanano (82nd at 21:34.26), Jett Strack (94th at 21:59.00), Nathan Mendoza (95th at 22:02.11), Lucas Wells (130th at 24:27.74), Daniel Warren (25:23.80) and Luke Anderson (137th at 25:32.06).

In the varsity girls' two-mile race, LSA's Catherine Hergenrader was 91st with a time of 16:38.28. Audrey Pfeiffer was 112th with her time of 18:07.17, and Charlotte Gimenez was 116th with a clocking of 18:29.10. Fernanda Salazar came up with a time of 19:23.30, and Kendal Miller was at 21:00.04.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Division 2	W L T	W L T
South Houston	1 0 0	3 1 0
Park View	1 0 0	1 3 0
Queens	1 1 0	2 2 0
San Jacinto	1 1 0	2 2 0
Jackson	0 2 0	0 4 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Queens	0 0 1	1 1 1
San Jacinto	1 0 1	2 0 1
South Houston	0 0 1	2 0 1
Jackson	1 0 1	1 1 1
Park View	0 1 0	0 3 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	2 0 0	3 1 0
Queens	1 0 0	3 1 0
Bondy	1 0 0	4 0 0
Jackson	0 2 0	0 4 0
Park View	0 2 0	0 4 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	2 0 0	3 1 0
Bondy	1 0 0	3 1 0
Jackson	1 1 0	2 2 0
Queens	0 1 0	1 3 0
Park View	0 2 0	0 4 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

8B Records Division 1	Div. W L T	Overall W L T
Thompson	2 0 0	4 0 0
Southmore	1 1 0	3 1 0
Bondy	1 1 0	3 1 0
Miller	1 1 0	1 3 0
Beverly Hills	0 1 0	3 1 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

7B Records Division 1	Div. W L T	Overall W L T
Thompson	2 0 0	3 0 0
Southmore	2 0 0	3 0 0
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Bondy	0 2 0	1 2 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Division 2	W L T	W L T
San Jacinto	2 0 0	3 1 0
Park View	1 0 0	1 3 0
Queens	1 1 0	2 2 0
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Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

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Park View	1 0 0	1 2 0
Queens	1 1 0	1 2 0
South Houston	0 1 0	0 3 0
Jackson	0 2 0	0 3 0

Sports Calendar

TENNIS

Friday, Oct. 11

Dobie varsity at Galveston Ball (doubles), 3:00

Monday, Oct. 14 through Saturday, Oct. 19

Dobie varsity at bidistrict/area playoffs, TBA

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Oct. 10

Thompson 8B hosts Southmore, 4:30
Thompson 8A hosts Southmore, 5:30
Thompson 7B hosts Southmore, 4:30
Thompson 7A hosts Southmore, 5:30
Beverly Hills 7B hosts Queens, 4:30
Beverly Hills 7A hosts Queens, 5:30
Beverly Hills 8B hosts Queens, 4:30
Beverly Hills 8A hosts Queens, 5:30

Friday, Oct. 11

Brook varsity hosts Clear Falls, 6:00
Dobie varsity hosts Humble, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts Humble, 5:30
Brook JV hosts Clear Falls, 4:45
Brook freshman A hosts Clear Falls, 4:15
Dobie freshman A hosts Humble, 4:30
Brook freshman B hosts Clear Falls, 5:15
Dobie freshman B hosts Humble, 4:30

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Dobie varsity at Kingwood, 6:30
Brook varsity at Clear Springs, 6:00
Brook JV at Clear Springs, 4:45
Dobie JV at Kingwood, 5:30
Brook freshman A at Clear Springs, 4:15
Brook freshman B at Clear Springs, 5:15
Dobie freshman A at Kingwood, 4:30

CROSS-COUNTRY

Thursday, Oct. 17

Dobie all teams at 22-6A Champs., Atascocita, 8 a.m.

FOOTBALL

Thursday, Oct. 10

Dobie JV Orange hosts Kingwood, Dobie main, 4:30
Dobie JV White hosts Kingwood, Dobie9, 4:30
Brook JV Black hosts Clear Falls, 5:00
Dobie freshman Orange at Kingwood, 6:30
Dobie freshman White at Kingwood, 4:30
Brook freshman Black at Clear Falls, 6:00
Brook freshman Red at Clear Falls, 4:30

Friday, Oct. 11

Brook varsity vs. Clear Springs, Challenger, 7:00

Saturday, Oct. 12

Dobie varsity at Kingwood, Turner, 6:00

Monday, Oct. 14

Beverly Hills 8A hosts Southmore, 5:00
Thompson 8A hosts Jackson, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8B at Southmore, 5:00
Thompson 8B at Jackson, 5:00

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Beverly Hills 7A hosts Southmore, 5:00
Thompson 7A hosts Jackson, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7B at Southmore, 5:00
Thompson 7B at Jackson, 5:00

Thursday, Oct. 17

Dobie JV Orange at Atascocita, 6:30
Dobie JV White at Atascocita, 4:30
Brook JV Black hosts Clear Springs, 5:00
Dobie freshman Orange hosts Atascocita, Aux., 6:30
Dobie freshman White hosts Atascocita, Aux., 4:30
Brook freshman Black at Clear Springs, 6:00
Brook freshman Red at Clear Springs, 4:30

Dobie grad grabs Player/Week

Dobie graduate Victoria Onozie, a sophomore women's volleyball player at Livingstone College in Salisbury, N.C., is off to a great start to the team's season.

Onozie had 11 kills in a win over Morris College, leading to her winning the college's Student-Athlete



Victoria Onozie

Lady Horns move to 6-4 with easy win

Continued from Page 2B and Victoria Thomas leading the Lady Longhorns with five each. Dobie managed less than a 25 percent kill rate in the match.

But the Lady Longhorns rebounded in fine form Oct. 8 at Pasadena, making quick work of the Lady Eagles.

Alayna Gonzalez and Thomas had nine kills each, with Natalie Onozie dealing 19 assists, as the locals came away with a 25-16, 25-15, 25-15 victory.

So Atascocita still holds a half-match lead over Dobie, which is sitting in fourth place, just a half game ahead of Humble for the final playoff spot.

Dobie and Humble will go head-to-head with control of that playoff seeding on the line Friday, Oct. 11, at Dobie.

The Lady Longhorns also can control their own destiny down the final stretch with upcoming matches against Atascocita (Oct. 18 at Dobie) and against Memorial (Oct. 29 at Memorial).

of the Week award for the final week of September. Onozie leads her team

with 54 kills this season, overall and 1-3 in NCAA

Division II Central Inter-collegiate Athletic Association play.

Bay Area Football League Standings

Senior Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
Stingrays	7	0	0
Sharks	7	1	0
Dolphins	5	2	0
Hurricanes	5	2	0
49ers	5	2	0
Trojans	5	2	0
Eagles	4	3	0
Cowboys	3	3	1
Mustangs	3	4	0
Wildcats	3	4	0
Raiders	2	4	1
Texans	2	6	0
Panthers	1	6	0
Patriots	1	6	0

Junior Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
Stingrays	7	0	0
Hurricanes	6	1	0
49ers	6	1	0
Cowboys	5	2	0
Panthers	5	2	0
Texans	5	3	0
Sharks	5	3	0
Mustangs	4	3	0
Raiders	3	4	0
Eagles	3	5	0
Patriots	2	5	0
Dolphins	1	6	0
Trojans	3	5	0
Wildcats	0	7	0

Divisions	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.	PW
Cowboys	6	34	20	46	14
Raiders	6	6	18	0	0
Panthers	6	42	13	12	0
Dolphins	45	0	51	25	1

Week Nine– Sat. Oct. 12

**Dolphins at Pearland Texans, Pearland Dad's Club
League City 49ers at Cowboys, El Franco Lee Park**

Bay Area Football League Standings

Sophomore Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
Hurricanes	7	0	0
Sharks	7	1	0
Dolphins	6	1	0
Texans	6	2	0
Eagles	6	2	0
Trojans	6	2	0
Patriots	5	2	0
Stingrays	3	4	0
Cowboys	3	4	0
Mustangs	2	5	0
49ers	2	5	0
Panthers	1	6	0
Wildcats	0	7	0
Raiders	0	7	0

Freshman Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
Dolphins	6	1	0
Stingrays	6	1	0
Hurricanes	6	1	0
49ers	6	1	0
Cowboys	6	1	0
Texans	6	2	0
Trojans	5	3	0
Eagles	4	4	0
Patriots	4	3	0
Panthers	2	5	0
Mustangs	2	5	0
Sharks	2	6	0
Wildcats	0	7	0
Raiders	0	7	0

Pee Wee Division

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
Stingrays	7	0	0
Hurricanes	6	1	1
49ers	6	1	0
Eagles	6	1	1
Cowboys	5	2	0
Trojans	4	3	1
Raiders	3	3	1
Dolphins	3	4	0
Patriots	3	4	0
Texans	3	4	1
Wildcats	2	5	0
Sharks	2	6	0
Mustangs	1	6	0
Panthers	0	7	0

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland – Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@textascitizensbank.com.
9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse – Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – 299-r games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call 281-480-1911 or email at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network – American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
7 p.m.
Pearland Area Republican's Club – meets monthly on the second Thursday (except June, July and December) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For details, email pearlandarearepublican

club@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PARCTX.
7 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom's – Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Sawa Restaurant and Grill, 16608 El Camino Real. This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarha shalom.org.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM-518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.
8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill,"

Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call 281-480-1911 or email jpochnsner@aol.com for details.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-

484-9243.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email jpochnsner@aol.com for details.
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park – 11:30 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 – Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 14
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.
Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday, Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org. 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12 Step Recovery open meeting Mondays, 7:30 p.m. in the education bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.

10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., For details, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

2 p.m.
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461 or EFL Center at 281-464-9708. No meeting in Aug.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details/classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at dr glandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318.

7 p.m.
Houston Skyscraper Shadows Civic Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 7900 Fuqua (inside Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church). There is no meeting in December. For details, contact Cathy at houston skyscraper shadows.org or call 713-332-6294.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 22930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

9:30 a.m.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 50 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken for Black Hills, Badlands and Legends of the West in South Dakota, July 15-21, 2020; a Hawaiian Cruise on the Pride of America/Norwegian Cruise Line, Nov. 7-14 2020. For additional information, call Marilyn 713-444-6744.

9:30 a.m.
The Community Club - meets monthly on the third Wednesday at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women helping the Salvation Army feed and care for homebound elderly/disabled people, children and the homeless, providing scholarships

for Bridge Over Troubled Water clients. Day trips may be scheduled, followed by a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For details, email jmproy@yahoo.com.

10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, email Teresa Dover at doverbookkeeper@aol.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.
1 - 3:30 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details information on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

7 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for details.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

6 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. The group meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com for details.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

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Dobie team tennis finishes second, draws La Porte

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 team to work with in my 21 years here at Dobie," Moreno said. "They all just care about each other so much, and are all about the team in every situation. A lot of them usually hug each other when they leave the courts. Not every team is going to be like that, and for those reasons and many more, this has been one of my favorite years."

To Moreno, it all began as far back as May. Incoming seniors Sebastian Delgado and Gisell and Kristy Morales were elected as team captains. Moreno said the trio have been "phenomenal" in their leadership of the others. Moreno also told the

group at the time that he believed they had the ability to do very well in the District 22-6A race this season. They obviously took that to heart.

"Kingwood was the best team this season and certainly deserved to win district, but our kids came up with some big match wins against Atascocita at their place to wind up with second place.

"Our kids put in the hard work all season, so they deserve plenty of credit for where they wound up. They absolutely deserve this."

Moreno noted that this year's team has tied the school record for most wins in a season, including an 11-8 win over La

Porte in which the two opponents played pro sets due to the extreme heat.

"La Porte has improved over the past couple of seasons. We handled them pretty easily in 2017 but they have gotten much better. I expect it to be a long match. Nobody is going to go out there and win the needed 10 matches in a hurry."

As for how his team will approach the post-season, there is little reason to go making changes.

Dobie will go out in the doubles and try to build as big of a lead as possible, which has always been the Longhorns' calling card under Moreno's guidance. "One of the keys to

our season is that we really haven't had to change those doubles combinations much," Moreno said.

"We moved Kristy and Gisell, but the other girls' doubles teams remained together. On the guys' side, they really stuck together all year."

In mixed doubles, Moreno also praised the way Kyle Redmon and Thailony Kam Trevino developed a successful chemistry on the court.

"Kyle and Thailony really have meshed well together as a duo, and that mixed doubles match is always an important one to get."

So now the post-season is here, but not before the Longhorns take a trip

to Galveston Oct. 11 to play nondistrict doubles matches against La Porte. Moreno said the team is also likely to dine at one of the island's most popular pizza joints.

As for La Porte, Moreno would love to see his group get a win. An area

round matchup with Dawson could prove to be daunting, but there's little reason to focus on that right now.

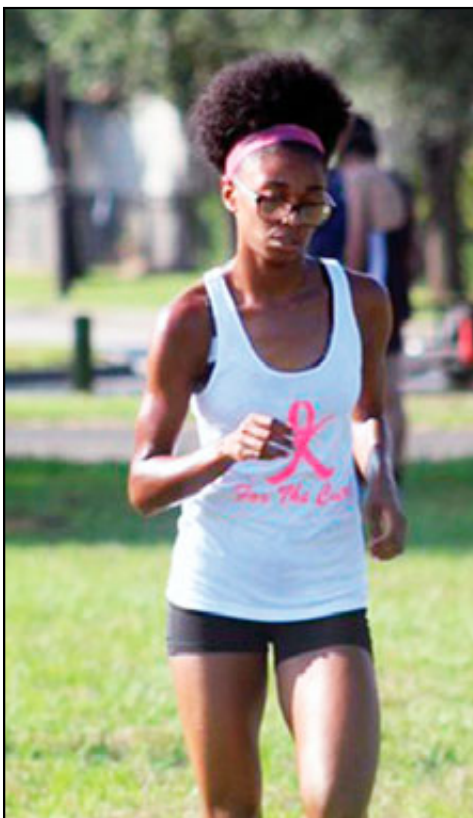
"This is icing on the cake from this point forward," Moreno said. "These kids deserve all the credit and recognition they get. I'm proud to be their coach this season, and I just want to see them do well in the playoffs as best as possible."

Romero Memorial tourney win to Swing Queens



The 6-under Swing Queens of the South Belt Girls Softball Association completed an undefeated run to win the age group championship at the Gabby Romero Memorial Softball tournament Oct. 5-6 at El Franco Lee Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Audryna St. Romain, Madelyn Ayala, Sophia Paz, Madeline Herrera, Taylor Gutierrez, (middle row) Isabella Granados, Miranda Coronado, Isabella Gutierrez, Brianna Quiroga, Arianna Quiroga, Shannon Logan, Sydney Logan, (back row) assistant coach Manuel Coronado, assistant coach Jesus Paz, head coach Pedro Gutierrez and assistant coach Armando Quiroga.

JFD cross-country rolls



Dobie junior Amari Singleton was the fourth overall medalist with teammate Izzy Padilla (not pictured) taking third place to help lead the Lady Longhorns to third place as a team at the Pearce Invitational Oct. 4. In the boys' division, Dobie's Alberto Campa won his first title of the season as he continued to position himself for postseason success.

Longhorns top Cats, Kingwood is up next

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 that we are going to go play a team that beat us last year," Berneathy said.

"It's been great to get off to this start, but we just have to keep getting better every week. As far as the added recognition, we just have to block out the noise and keep doing what we are doing."

During last year's run to the playoffs, the Longhorns received a huge contribution from two running backs, each of whom eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark or better.

Neither of those players are with the team anymore. Instead, senior Dontavion Crosby, Razmon Williams, Trevion Williams, Jayson Turner, Gray and others have all chipped in.

Henderson even had his best rushing performance of 2019 with 84 yards against Humble.

Defensively, the Longhorns went into the offseason knowing they had to replace some 2019 graduates who played huge roles. Consider that accomplished as well.

Senior Izaiyah Cumpian, who was an all-dis-

trict offensive lineman as a sophomore, has been dominant on the defensive front along with Javen Sanchez and Gerard Joseph.

The linebackers are quick to the football, with Jesse Mitchell seemingly always around the ball. The secondary has also been terrific through five games, coming through with an interception return for a score in the Summer Creek game to clinch that win.

The 5-0 start has been terrific, and players and coaches alike are drawing their just due congratulations from many.

But now comes a repeat battle with Kingwood, followed by a home game against one of the state's most talented rosters.

"Obviously we are proud of the guys for where we are, but now we have Kingwood. They play smart football and handle their assignments well," Berneathy said.

"It's another week for us that we have to go out there and execute in all phases of the game. We've been good at that up to this point."

Thunder 8U wins at Romero Memorial tourney

At right, the South Belt Girls Softball Association's 8-under Thunder squad won its age division at the Gabby Romero Memorial Softball Tournament Oct. 5-6 at El Franco Lee Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Maddie De La Rosa, Victoria Arredondo, Khayla Juarez, Mariah Mendez, Gisela Gaytan, (middle row) Daniela Cisneros, Brooklyn Coronado, Myla Garcia, Tori Dehoyos, Maddison Campos, Melody Ramirez, (back row) coaches Mike Campos, Rob Juarez, Carlos Garcia, Mike Mendez and Chris Ramirez.



Dynamite 10U tops at Gabby Romero Memorial invite

At right, the Dynamite 10-under softball team captured the championship in its age division at the Gabby Romero Memorial tournament Oct. 5-6 at El Franco Lee Park, home of the South Belt Girls Softball Association. Members of the team are, left to right, (first row) Andilyn Garcia, (second row) Jazlynn Wimbush, Aria Victorian, Destiny Sidiropoulos, Jaylyn Torres, Gisselle Morales, (third row) Alysa Arredondo, Madison Villatoro, Trinity De Leon, Samantha Uribe, Makayla Lechuga, Alicia Diaz, Emmery Lynn, (fourth row) assistant coach April De Leon, assistant coach Ruben Garcia, head coach Mark Victorian and assistant coach Juan De Leon.



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