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JFD Homecoming Parade

The Dobie High School Football Booster Club will host the school's inaugural Homecoming Parade Wednesday, Oct. 25, beginning at 6 p.m. The parade route will begin at Weber Elementary, travel north up Blackhawk, then end at the Dobie parking lot behind the auditorium. The event is open to all area businesses and community and school organizations. Prizes will be awarded. Lineup will start at 5 p.m. To register a group or business, call Wendy Childs at 281-685-6135.

Knights host Casino Night

The Knights of Columbus Council 4577 will host its Casino Night fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 21, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Madden Lane Columbus Club Hall, 6320 Madden Lane near Sterling High School. Tickets are \$50 per person for those who gamble and \$25 per person for those who opt not to gamble. Attire will be business casual. This event is for persons 21 years of age or older. There will be a variety of gambling tables, raffle prizes and silent auction. For information, call 832-877-0260.

American Legion donates

American Legion Post 490 is donating items to residents who were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Roughly \$1 million of supplies have been collected from Legion members across the country. Impacted residents may receive free clothing, food, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items and pet food by visiting the post at 11702 Galveston (across from Ellington Airport). For more information, call 281-481-1179.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Road 1 to Fuqua will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Tuesday, Nov. 7. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed. At least two northbound and two southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Road 1 to Fuqua will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Nov. 7. Alternate entrance/exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/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 Sunday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-518 to FM-517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Oct. 21. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed. The closures are associated with construction to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Sagemont Park to meet

The Sagemont Park Community Improvement Association will hold a homeowners meeting Thursday, Oct. 19, at Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Agenda items include proposed deed restriction changes, deed restriction violations, and community improvement issues and actions. This meeting is open for all Sagemont Park homeowners and residents.

Knights hold blood drive

The St. Luke's Knights of Columbus will host a blood drive Sunday, Oct. 22, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Blood is required daily for medical needs. All are urged to donate. Donors will receive an award from a blood center sponsor. For more information, call Val Comeaux at 713-582-5358 or John Urdiales at 713-991-1425.

Free self-defense classes

The American Society of Karate offers free one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) at Sagemont Park Community Center, located at 11507 Hughes Road. The courses are taught by instructors who have earned black belt degrees. Sessions are Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

Crohn's, colitis to meet

The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation Bay Area Support Group will meet Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at State Farm Insurance, located at 12941 Gulf Freeway, Suite 101. Patients and caregivers are invited to attend. The meeting is free.

Paul holds BBQ fundraiser

State House District 129 Rep. Dennis Paul will host his second annual barbecue fundraiser Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the Bay Area Community Center, located at 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook, from 5 to 8 p.m. Barbecue plates will be \$20 a plate. The event will also include an auction. Sponsorship opportunities are available for \$500-\$2,500. For more information, call Debra Risinger at 832-489-3047 or Dawn McDonald at 281-704-4765 or email paulforhd129@gmail.com.

South Belters celebrate fall, Halloween

Fall has arrived, and with the cooler temperatures comes a variety of local activities for South Belt residents to enjoy.

- The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, 9830 Hughes Road, will host its annual Halloween party Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Children are encouraged to dress in costume and will be allowed to climb on the department's fire engines and play on moonwalks. The event will feature free hot dogs, candy and sodas until supplies run out.

- San Jacinto College South will hold its annual Fall Fest Friday, Oct. 27, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the parking lots outside the gym and soccer field. The event will feature a petting zoo, games, face painting, crafts, a bounce house, a rock-climbing wall and many more fun festivities. There will also be a costume contest held in the gym beginning at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase. All games are free and open to the public.
- Stuchbery Elementary, 11210 Hughes Road,

- will host its annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the front parking lot of the school. The event will feature activities, games and candy. The event is free and open to the public. Children are encouraged to wear costumes.

- Jessup Elementary, 9301 Almeda Genoa, will host its annual fall carnival Friday, Oct. 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. The family event will include games, prizes and many other fun activities. The event is open to the public.

- Christ Church Apostolic, 12815 Fuqua, will host its annual Trunk-or-Treat event Saturday, Oct. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m.

- South Belt Church (formerly Easthaven Baptist Church), 13100 Beamer Road, will host its annual trunk-or-treat event on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This event will be held indoors and will take place rain or shine. The event is free and open to the public.

- CrossRoads UMC (formerly Cokesbury United Methodist Church), 10030 Scarsdale,

- will host its second annual Fall Fest on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. The event will feature games, music and prizes. A costume parade will take place for children 10 years of age and under. The church's annual pumpkin patch will also be open daily through Oct. 31, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Almeda Mall will host its annual trick-or-treating event Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 6 p.m. until supplies run out. The Morris Middle School choir will perform at the center court at 6 p.m. While children are encouraged to wear costumes, no masks will be allowed for adults.

Early voting to begin Oct. 23

Early voting for the Nov. 7 special elections will begin Monday, Oct. 23, and continue through Friday, Nov. 3.

To be decided are two propositions from the Pasadena Independent School District, seven propositions from the State of Texas and six propositions from the City of Houston.

Pasadena ISD

Voters in PISD will decide on Proposition A, a no-tax-rate-increase bond election seeking \$135 million in funds for new construction, and Proposition B, a Tax Ratification Election (TRE), which asks voters to approve a 13-cent tax increase to cover the district's growing maintenance and operational costs.

For information on the proposals, see last week's *Leader* or visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/2017bondtre.

State of Texas

Seven state amendments will also appear on the ballot.

Proposition 1 reads "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence

homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."

Proposition 2 reads "The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."

Proposition 3 reads "The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."

Proposition 4 reads "The constitutional

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City debris ending; recycling returning

Mayor Sylvester Turner has announced his goal to resume recycling services for the City of Houston in November, two months sooner than previously anticipated.

Since storm debris pickup commenced on Aug. 30, the City of Houston has removed more than 1 million cubic yards of debris and has substantially completed its first pass.

The second city-wide pass is expected to take up to 60 days to complete and end by Friday, Dec. 1.

Any residents with storm debris who have not yet received a first pickup are asked to contact the District C office at 832-393-3004 or DistrictC@houstontx.gov with their 311 Service Request Number for assistance.

PISD graduation rate tops 90 percent

In 2007, the Pasadena Independent School District's graduation rate barely peaked above the 65 percent mark. In just nine years, the district has now boosted its graduation rate from 67.2 to nearly 91 percent.

"When our graduation rate was hovering around 67 percent, we knew that we needed to address the issue and make a paradigm shift," said Dr. DeeAnn Powell, Pasadena ISD superintendent.

That is just what they did. Through various innovative programs, PISD administrators, counselors and teachers rolled up their sleeves and focused their efforts on helping students graduate on time.

Pasadena ISD's graduation score has continued to rise ever since. In 2009, the district reported a graduation rate of 71 percent, an increase of over 4 points since 2007. By 2011, the graduation rate rose to 86.2 percent and continued to grow to 88.8 percent by 2012.

When House Bill 5 legislation passed in 2013, Pasadena ISD adopted college and career readiness programs as a means of helping students graduate. These programs include:

- Early College High School,
- Community School,
- Tegeler Career Center,
- Lewis Career and Technical High School.

For the next two years, PISD's graduation rate increased to 89.4, parallel to the state average. In 2016, PISD shattered the state average and reached an all-time high of 90.9 percent.

District officials expect the graduation rate to continue to rise as they develop more programs aimed at fitting the learning style of all students and giving them the power to choose their own path to a high school diploma, college and a career.

For more information, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=80772&pageId=32461865.

CBCMUD completes debris removal

As of Oct. 18, the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District had completed all passes for storm debris and hazardous waste removal in the district. Any future storm debris will be the responsibility of the homeowner or contractor making repairs.

Should residents have additional debris, they may call the Clear Brook City MUD office at 281-484-1562. District personnel will forward

their contact information to the district's trash contractor, Texas Pride Disposal, so that someone from that firm may give them a bid to remove it. All payments for services are the responsibility of the resident.

For more information on where any remaining hazardous waste may be disposed, contact the City of Houston Household Hazardous Waste Information Line at 713-551-7355.



St. Luke's hosts fall festival

St. Luke's Church held its Feast Day Bazaar Saturday, Oct. 14. The event featured barbecue, children's activities and a garage sale. Shown above at the bazaar are St. Luke's Pastor Douglas J. Guthrie and Alfonso Aguilar, who attends school at the church. Aguilar is the son of Alejandra Sandoval.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Wings Over Houston takes flight

The 33rd annual Wings Over Houston Airshow will take place at Ellington Airport Saturday, Oct. 21, and Sunday, Oct. 22.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will once again headline the event. Sugar Land native Lt. Col. Jason Heard will serve as commander of the unit.

"Despite Hurricane Harvey and all of the challenges facing our area, our show will go on exactly as planned. We've been a Houston family tradition for 33 years, and in times like this, our show is a real boost for all of us," said Wings Over Houston Director Bill Roach. "We will have several new performers, a lot of our fan favorites and some really fun ground activities including exotic cars and motorcycles. Of course, we also feature one of the largest assemblies of vintage aircraft of any show in the country."

Organized by the Commemorative Air Force, the airshow will also feature a dramatic Vietnam War Tribute demonstration by a F-4 Phantom II, F-100 Super Sabre, MiG-17, Huey Cobra and other aircraft. A special commemorative fly-by of a B-25 will recognize the 75th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid in World War II and honor the last living Raider, Lt. Col. Dick Cole, who just celebrated his 102nd birthday. Cole will also be available to meet fans in the Legends and Heroes Autograph Tent.

The show also will recognize the U.S. Coast Guard for its heroic rescues following Hurricane

Harvey and include a demonstration of the Dolphin MH65D helicopter.

In addition to the Thunderbirds, modern military aircraft performances include a roaring show kickoff by an F-16 Fighting Falcon of the Air National Guard 138th Fighter Wing of Tulsa in a full afterburner takeoff. The U.S. Navy will also present a tactical demonstration of the F-18 Super Hornet VFA-122.

Aerobatic pilots Elias Corey with Suzuki Airshows and Michael Wiskus of Lucas Oil Airshows will both make their Wings Over Houston debuts, while fan favorite and world aerobatic champion Debbie Rihn-Harvey will also perform.

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Air Force Heritage Flight will feature a World War II-era P-47 Thunderbolt and its newer namesake, the A-10 Thunderbolt II, also known as the "Warhog." Also flying together in an airshow for the first time will be the world's first jet fighter, a replica German ME-262, and another famed single-engine jet fighter, the British de Havilland DH-15 Vampire. Randy Ball returns to pilot the MiG-17 in a solo demonstration and will also fly in the Vietnam War Tribute.

Ace pilots, distinguished military veterans and a record-holding astronaut will meet fans in the Legends and Heroes Autograph Tent. **Continued on Page 4A**

CCISD honors distinguished athletes

The Clear Creek High School vs. Clear Brook High School football game at Challenger Columbia Stadium served recently as a spirited backdrop for the second annual Athletic Hall of Honor Reception and Induction Ceremony.

The Athletic Hall of Honor was formed in 2016 to recognize the efforts and contributions of former CCISD student athletes, coaches and teams who have brought distinction, honor and excellence to themselves and the Clear Creek Independent School District. The 2017 nominations were only sought for candidates active or enrolled from 1948 to 1972 and whose athletic career was linked to the former Webster High School or Clear Creek High School.

Former Clear Creek ISD teacher, principal and board member, Ralph Parr, served as master of ceremonies for the event, welcoming the CCISD sports legends back to their alma mater with a surprise performance by the Clear Creek High School Chamber Singers, under the direction of James Park. The choir treated the Wildcat alums to the still-familiar school song and a pitch-perfect rendition of *America the Beautiful*. Hall of Honor Board Chair, Dr. Lynn Davis (via

video stream) and former Director of Athletics, Bill Daws, also warmly welcomed their Wildcats back home.

"Clear Creek High School was a magical place in the 1960s," said Parr. "With thousands of students and our astronaut families, it was the only high school back then. Now, there are five comprehensive high schools in Clear Creek ISD, and Clear Creek High School is still a great place today under the leadership of Principal Jamey Majewski."

Parr also encouraged the elite alums to go tour the newly renovated and expanded Clear Creek High School.

Parr then began the sprint down memory lane to the first 16 years of Clear Creek High School, 1956-1972, by welcoming the athletes or their representative, one by one, who dominated that era and who were formally inducted into the Athletic Hall of Honor that evening.

Coach honoree:

Coach Max Blansit came to Clear Creek High School in 1960, teaching social studies and coaching football and track and field. He started **Continued on Page 5A**



Cole catches Altuve home run ball

Former South Belt resident Bill Cole caught the first of three home runs hit by Houston Astro Jose Altuve in the team's 8-2 win over the Boston Red Sox Thursday, Oct. 5. Altuve is the first player since Pablo Sandoval in the 2012 World Series to hit three home runs in a postseason game. A firefighter at Houston Fire Department Station 93 on Dixie Farm Road, Cole now resides in Friendswood.

Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Gadd rallies support for Prop A and Prop B

I want to urge all our community to vote FOR both Proposition A and Proposition B in the November 7 Pasadena school district election. Here's why.

Basically public schools have been living under the same revenue for 10 years. The district has dipped into its rainy day fund while in hopes legislature will change something in the way it funds public schools. Over the same 10-year period, the state passed over 100 unfunded mandates that have been paid for solely from local dollars. With four years of deficit spending, we can no longer provide the quality education we need without a tax rate increase. Without a tax rate increase provided in Proposition B, some programs would have to be cut to even staff and maintain the new intermediate school that is planned.

Here is the quirky part of voting for a tax rate increase. If it passes, the state will match the revenue gained from local tax increase (\$16 million) with \$20 million annually, giving the school district over \$36 million more in new revenue. This will allow the district to pay teachers a more competitive pay with surrounding districts and increase maintenance that has been neglected especially over the past years.

Pasadena is the last district in the surrounding area to ask for this tax rate increase. Seniors will see no change in their tax rates.

The 2017 bond package (Proposition A) enables us to continue addressing the overcrowding problem in our schools, while keeping us within budget by focusing on the schools with the most serious needs. Key parts of this strategy are a new intermediate school in Riverstone Ranch to relieve overcrowding at Thompson, Bondy and Beverly Hills. Also we desire to replace Red Bluff Elementary which was originally built in 1954. Transportation, Fine Arts, and Technology will be greatly benefitted by this bond.

It is important to support both Proposition A and Proposition B. Help us keep Pasadena ISD on the path to excellence.

Emory Gadd

Kendrick urges "Yes" vote for 2 PISD issues

This letter is being written to the Pasadena ISD community to ask for your support and vote for the upcoming bond and tax proposals in the November election. You have allowed me the honor of serving on the Board of Trustees for the past 28 years. This community has been extremely supportive of our district and your trust has been shown by passing three bond issues for new schools and programs which have enriched our students and provided many opportunities for their success.

Our demographics have certainly changed over since I was elected in 1989. Over that stretch of time our graduation rate dropped from 88% to a low of 67% in 2007. A previous superintendent challenged our principals and teachers to accept no more excuses when it comes to student success. Because of improved training and new and innovative programs, our graduation rate has risen again above 90 percent. This happened because the community trusted us with your tax dollars to provide new schools and new programs for our students, i.e., career tech, advanced placement, early college high schools and more. Our success has been recognized nationally as the 9th best school district in the United States at achieving the highest academic gains for students living in low socio-economic circumstances.

The bond election (Proposition A on the ballot) is for \$135 million and requires no tax rate increase.

Proposition B, the tax ratification election (TRE), asks for an additional 13 cents on the tax rate which will generate \$16 million in local revenue. If the tax rate increase is approved by voters, the state must match those funds with \$20.7 million in additional revenue. More than a dollar for dollar return on your investment. The new revenue will allow the district to remain competitive in recruiting and retaining quality teachers and staff and enable us to cover rising costs of utilities, maintenance, property insurance and medical benefits for our people. Pasadena ISD has not raised taxes since the 2005-06 school year and is currently the second lowest in the greater Houston area. If you hold a senior citizen or disability exemption, your taxes will remain the same as they are now.

Our district has been forced into this position because the state legislature pays less and less each year of the cost of public education. In 2008, state funding equaled 50% of the cost of education. In 2019, that percentage will fall to 39%.

We need your support if we are to continue to provide the best opportunities for our children and young people. I ask you to vote FOR both Propositions A and B in November. Let's continue the success!

Marshall Kendrick
Board Member, Pasadena ISD

Semler encourages respect for America

The disrespect being showed by the actions of NFL football players is not only disgraceful to the nation but also serves to show their ingratitude for those that chose to defend our Constitution from all evils, foreign and domestic.

Consider those who lost their lives on the beach in Normandy or the jungles in Vietnam. Their playing field was not a well manicured lawn. Rather it was some of the worst conditions the world has ever seen. Yet our military men and women kept moving on, protecting the freedoms we enjoy, the freedom which allows those that choose to "take a knee".

Taking a knee can have various meanings. For example a man gets down in his knees to propose to his girl friend. But the meaning expressed by the NFL players is very clear. They show no respect for the flag or the country it represents because of a number of issues they believe need to be addressed. One of these is the excessive force used in apprehending blacks suspected of criminal activity. And I agree that this is an issue which needs to be resolved. But it is not only blacks that receive such

treatment. I have seen what I consider excessive force used against people of all race or color. And those who use excessive force need to be held accountable.

Respect is a two-way street. If you want respect you must show respect. Show the proper respect for those whose duty it is to protect the citizens. They in turn will respect you and should treat you fairly, even if you are suspected of breaking one of the laws of this great nation.

But where do we start. It certainly is not on the playing field. It is not in showing disrespect for our flag and the country it represents. It should start with our elected officials. But how can we change their opinions on the way some of our citizens are treated by law enforcement officials.

It starts with God. If we listen He will show us the way to get this situation corrected. So if you want to "take a knee" use it to talk with God. Whether it is in church on Sunday, or in the privacy of your own home, thank Him for all he has done in your life. Thank Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon you. Ask for forgiveness for the times you have doubted Him. Ask Him to grant you the serenity to accept the things you cannot change, the courage to change the things you can, and the wisdom to know the difference. GOD BLESS AMERICA

Robert J. Semler

Cantu cites reasons, favors Prop A, Prop B

I am a parent of children in Pasadena ISD. I'm proud of the education they have received and excited about the opportunities the district provides for all our children to be involved in academic programs that aren't available in other districts. I know the state's share of the cost of education in Pasadena ISD has declined significantly over the past decade, forcing the district to pay for many of its important academic programs. I intend to support the district's need for additional funding. The tax ratification election (TRE) offered by Pasadena ISD not only generates local income, but it also forces to the state to kick in an additional \$20.7 million sent directly to Pasadena ISD. We need this money to keep our excellent teachers and our amazing programs that benefit our kids. I'll be voting FOR on the Pasadena Bond (Proposition A) and the TRE (Proposition B). We need you to vote FOR on both propositions. The district...our children...need your continued support.

Eddie Cantu,
Pasadena ISD parent

King questions strengthening storms

Harvey has rekindled the debate between climate change advocates and deniers over whether tropical cyclones are becoming more frequent and intense. Both sides tend to overstate their respective cases.

Trying to get a handle on whether these storms are getting worse is not as easy as it might seem. First, exactly how you measure the intensity of a storm is somewhat problematic. Hurricane Sandy, which caused extensive damage to the East Coast and was frequently referred to in the media as a "superstorm," was only a Category 1 storm on the Saffir-Simpson scale.

The Saffir-Simpson scale is exclusively determined by wind speed. But we have learned that wind speed is just one factor in determining the severity of a storm and the resulting damage. For example, the physical size of the storm is another important indicator of its tidal surge. And, of course, the resulting damage from any storm is largely determined by where it makes landfall and the population and property in its path. Had Sandy made landfall along a coastline with far less population, no one would have referred to it as a "superstorm."

Another problem is that the farther we go back into historical records, the less accurate the information is about the incidence and the severity of the storms. Since the 1960s we have had reliable data from satellites. But that is the blink of the eye on the scale of climate history. Before that, the data is much less accurate, relying frequently on incomplete narrative accounts and spotty meteorological observations.

Nonetheless, the National Weather Service has compiled a list of tropical cyclones that have occurred in the Atlantic basin since 1850, based on the best information they have. They have categorized the storms into three categories: tropical storms, hurricanes and major hurricanes. When you graph this table, it looks like this:

The upward trend is pretty clear, at least, on this most global level of the data. And the 2017 data will tilt the trend lines a bit higher since this has been such an active season.

If we look only at all the storms that reached tropical storm status since 1970, the trend line flattens out significantly, supporting the notion that there is an observational bias before 1970 that under counted storms. The trend is still up but it is considerably less dramatic than the hyperbole we frequently hear from climate change advocates.

Of course, history is not necessarily a predictor of the future. But these trend lines significantly undermine those who argue that the current spike in storms is nothing more than a naturally recurring weather cycle.

Weather events, by their nature, are episodic and tend to be cyclical. There are lots of highs and lows. Climate change advocates cherry pick the highs to bolster their case and climate change deniers do the same with the lows.

I think there are two conclusions we can draw from the data.

First, tropical cyclones do appear to be getting somewhat worse. You can attribute that to climate change or not, but the best bet going forward is that we need to prepare for more frequent and intense storms. However, there is little in the historical record to support a prediction that the increase will be dramatic.

Second, storms of relatively similar strengths are causing much more damage now than in the past because there are so many more people and so much more property in their paths.

Both of these conclusions support policies that would better prepare our coastlines to withstand storms and to mitigate

Frank C. Baye Jr.



Longtime South Belt resident Frank C. Baye Jr., 82, died Oct. 15.

Baye was born in Houston on July 8, 1935, to Frank C. Baye Sr. and Bernice M. Navy.

He attended school in the Houston Independent School District and was a member

of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Frank retired after working several years at the Blackhawk H-E-B.

He was an expert fisherman, an artist and a craftsman.

He had a long history of designing and building floats for the annual South Belt Fourth of July parade and won multiple awards associated with the event.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Frances Starr and Agnes M. Taylor; brother Harold R. Green; and son Ricky D. Baye.

He is survived by his loving wife Gwendolyn Baye; sons Michael D. Baye, David Baye and Benjamin Burns; daughter Angela Davis; brother Lawrence J. Baye; sisters Marie L. Green Cooper and Juarita R. Green; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be

held Tuesday, Oct. 24, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 4600 Reed Road, at 10 a.m.

An interment will follow at Paradise Cemetery South, 1006 Cullen Blvd.

William "Randy" Alexander Sr.



William Randolph "Randy" Alexander Sr., 81, died

Monday, Oct. 16, 2017. A resident of Pearland, Randy was a devoted disciple of Jesus and a deacon at Sagemont Church in Houston. Prior to that he was a dedicated member of Second Baptist Church of Pasadena and was also a founding member of Clearpoint Church in Pasadena. Randy was active in several ministries including Minister's Restoration, the Mission Re-entry Team, and the Community Pregnancy Center. He also served as assistant superintendent for Sagemont's new building project.

Randy was born in Huntsville and graduated from Huntsville High School in 1954. He was an All-State Honorable Mention offensive guard for the Hornets on the 1954 State Championship Football Team. In 1957, he graduated from Sam Houston State with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry. Randy was employed by Dixie Chemical and DPC Industries for 32 years, beginning as a chemist in 1966 and retiring in 1998 as vice-president of operations.

He is survived by his faithful wife of 58 years Nancy Alexander of the Woodlands; his children Randy Jr. Alexander and wife Raye Ann of Friendswood, Steve Alexander and wife Mary of Deer Park and Troy Alexander and wife Kara of Austin; grandchildren Jairus, Cameron, Brady, Reid and Julia Alexander; brother Phil Alexander and wife Jane of Pasadena; sister Terrie Stanley and husband Stan of Virginia Beach; brother-in-law Joe Woodland and wife Debbie of Henderson, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends may meet the family on Friday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Niday-Fairmont Funeral Home, 6777 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, at noon in the Sagemont Church Worship Center, 11300 South Sam Houston Parkway East. Interment will be at Forest Park East Cemetery, 21620 Gulf Freeway, Webster.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Sagemont Church "Living Proof Project" at <https://sagemontchurch.org/inegiv.org/donate/form/79#>.

Craig "Bones" Harrison



Former South Belt resident Craig Harrison (born Donald Craig Larson), 57, known as "Bones"/"Papa Bones"/"Pop Bones" of Channelview, died unexpectedly early Friday morning, Oct. 13, 2017. Bones, as he was known to all, was born April 22, 1960. He battled, but unexpectedly lost, a fight with throat cancer the last few years.

He was preceded in death by his mother Nina Harrison of Houston. Bones grew up in the Beverly Hills subdivision, attended Meador Elementary, Beverly Hills Jr. High and, for a short time, attended Dobbie High School. Bones' old "stomping grounds" included the greater Southeast Houston, Pearland, Friendswood, Alvin, Crosby, Highlands, Baytown, Channelview and Sheldon.

Bones loved his family, his friends, his dog and his Harley, in that order. Bones rode his Harley as long and as often as he could get away with it his whole life. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing and archery.

He will be greatly missed and, it seemed to many, his time was too short. He is survived by his wife Susan Harrison; daughters Sherry Rightmer and husband Jon of Pearland and Brandy Lewis and husband John, also of Pearland; grandchildren Mikayla Rightmer, Aidan and Rowan Lewis; his beloved Pit Bull Muddy; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Respecting his wishes, no funeral service is planned. A private memorial will be held by his family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to assist with cremation and expenses on the memorial page: go.fundme.com/bonesharrison

Charles J. "Pat" Reich



Charles J. "Pat" Reich, 82, a longtime resident of South Belt, Galveston and Kemah, died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017, after a 13-year struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

He was born in Houston, March 16, 1935, and grew up in Galveston. He graduated in 1953 from Ball High School where he held the position of president of student council, played trumpet in the school band, and was a pitcher and catcher for the baseball team.

Pat Reich is preceded in death by his father Charles Ben Reich and mother Zolo Neva High, both of Galveston; his wife Janet of 40 years; and his best friend Walt Wilkerson of Galveston, whom he has known for 78 years since the fourth grade.

Pat is survived by his sister Florence Alma "Babe" Reich and his son Charles Patrick Reich, both of Houston.

Pat received his Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from the University of Houston in 1960. He proudly served in the United States Army for two years in Korea as a radio operator and one year stateside as a pharmacy assistant.

While working on his degree at the University of Houston, Pat met and married Clemmie Jeanette "Janet" Reich of Spring. After completing his degree and tours of duty, Pat worked for Hillcroft Pharmacy in Houston before moving to Kemah, where he opened the first pharmacy in Seabrook.

He relocated his family to the South Belt area in the mid '70s and owned and operated Pat's Pharmacy on Fuqua. In the early 1990s, Pat moved back to Kemah to care for his parents where he stayed for the rest of his life.

Pat was known to be very active with friends and graduates from Ball High School, friendly with strangers, and one who loved animals, loved to garden, and had a heart as deep as the ocean. He said his favorite ice cream was Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla.

A visitation was held on Monday, Oct. 16 at Greater Harvest Community Church. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 17, followed by a graveside service with military honors at Forest Park East in League City. A procession with police escort was provided.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in the name of Charles J. Reich.

Tommy Wayne Laird Sr.

Tommy Wayne Laird Sr., 68, of Houston died Oct. 14, 2017. He was born in Delhi, Louisiana, on Nov. 1, 1948, to Arthur and Zoria Laird. He was married to Delores Laird for 50 years.

Tommy worked as a pipefitter/welder for Pipefitters Local Union #211. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and had a passion for the outdoors. He loved to hunt and fish with family and friends.

He was a resident of the South Belt area for 40 years and president of the Scarsdale HOA.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; and brothers James, Haywood, and William Laird.

He is survived by his wife; sister Joann and husband Bill Speich; sons and their wives Tommy and Jamie Laird, Bill and Lorie Laird and John and Michele Laird; grandchildren Rob Craven and wife Angela Craven, Amanda Laird, Johnny Laird, Justin Laird, Hannah Laird, Emma Laird, Cole Laird, Ian Laird, Chason Laird, and Sebastian Reyna.

The family will receive friends Friday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. at South Main Baptist Church, 4600 E. Sam Houston Pkwy., S. Pasadena.

A funeral service will be held at South Main Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. with interment to follow at Forest Park East Cemetery.

Ralph "Ralphie" Duren May



Ralph "Ralphie" Duren May of Nashville, Tennessee, resident of the South Belt area from 1990 - 1996, died in Las Vegas on Oct. 6, 2017. He began his earthly life in Chattanooga, Tennessee Feb. 17, 1972.

Known to the world as Ralphie May, he was the son of Sue Ann Sykes May and the late Charles Winston May. He is predeceased by grandparents Ralph and Sue Sykes of Clarksville, Arkansas, and A.D. and Monie May of Delight, Arkansas.

He is survived by his mother; wife Lahna Turner; daughter April June May; son August James May; brother Charles Winston May II of Fayetteville, Arkansas; sisters Melanie May Adamski and husband Jim Adamski of Longwood, Florida, Camellia May and husband Bijan Timjani of Houston, Carrie May Ezell and husband Ben Ezell of Cullman, Alabama; nephews Aarash, Zak and Samson Tamijani and Elliot Adamski; nieces Roaxana Tamijani Poskey, and Ginger Tamijani Hartley, Buffy Adamski, Corey May and Emily May; great-nephew Aarian Tamijani; stepmother Gayle May of Canton, Georgia; and stepbrother Gary Gilley of Edgefield, South Carolina.

Ralphie grew up in Clarksville and attended Clarksville High School. He moved to the Sagemont area and attended classes at San Jacinto College South campus.

He started doing stand-up comedy at The Comedy Showcase on Fuqua and performed there for several years before moving to Los Angeles. Wherever he went, he remained a lifelong Razorback and supporter of the University of Arkansas.

He traveled around the world performing comedy live for millions of fans. Early in his career he appeared on "The Late Show with Craig Kilborn," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" twice and "The Jimmy Kimmel Show" twice. He was also a producer and co-star of ESPN's "Mohr Sports with Jay Mohr." He shot to fame in 2003 when he came in second place on NBC's "Last Comic Standing." He made DVDs and specials for Comedy Central and Netflix including "Just Correct," "Austin-Tatious," "Girth of a Nation," "Prime Cut," "Too Big to Ignore," "Imperfectly Yours" and "Unruly."

He did USO tours in Japan, Germany, Italy and Iraq; and performed at Bonaroo and Gathering of the Juggalos. He starred in the movies "For Da Love Of Money" and "Gas" and appeared on the television shows "Spy TV," "Celebrity Fit Club," "The Wayne Brady Show," "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn," "The Big Black Comedy Show," "The Dog Whisperer," "The Sarah Silverman Show," "The Whoopie Goldberg Show," "Extreme Makeover Home Edition," and "Inside Amy Schumer." He also did voiceover work for the "Squidbillies" cartoon and the "Vigilante 8" video game.

At the time of his passing, Ralphie had a performance residency at Harrah's in Vegas and was voted Casino Comedian of the Year. He performed charity events for fallen police officers. He was proud to be a descendant of some of Johnson and Pike County's earliest pioneers and treasured the time he spent with his grandfather and uncle James May on the farm in Delight. His autobiography was completed and ready for publishing when he died.

A celebration of life event will be held Oct. 23 at the Hollywood Improv in Hollywood. Private services are pending as of press time.

In My Opinion

their impact. That means building structural protections, improving flood control, adopting better building codes, being more careful where we build things and restoring natural features that dampen the impact of the storms, e.g., wetlands and oyster reefs.

While pursuing policies which will reduce carbon emissions is a laudable goal, there is no evidence that policies that end will have any short or medium term effect on reducing the frequency or severity of tropical cyclones.

Of course, it is not an "either-or" choice. We can work to make our coast lines more resilient and to reduce carbon emissions at the same time. But if the goal is to reduce the impact of tropical storms in the short or medium term, we need policies primarily aimed at strengthening our coastal defenses.

Bill King

Master Gardeners hold event

On Thursday, Oct. 19, *Trees: Planting and Care*, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. at Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. This is a free Harris County Master Gardeners event and the presentation includes a discussion on fruit trees. For more details, visit <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/docs/2017-green-thumb.pdf> or call 713-274-0950.

Shaar Hashalom holds Bible sessions

The Bible (the original text that is called the Old Testament) is divided into three parts: the first is the *Torah* (the five books of Moses), the second is *The Prophets* and the third is a collection of unrelated books called *The Holy Writings*.

Last semester Congregation Shaar Hashalom's own Rabbi Stuart Federow led conversations about the second part, *The Prophets*, reading the ancient text line by line. This semester the rabbi will continue the third part, *The Holy Writings*, starting with Ecclesiastes. The course will discuss entire scriptures, ideas and insights, rather than line by line.

Each topic's discussion stands alone, and one does not have to have attended previous classes. Everybody is welcome to attend any or all discussions. The sessions are conducted every Sunday, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom. The congregation, 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The community is invited to attend. For more information, visit www.shaarhashalom.org or call the synagogue at 281-488-5861.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m. There will be a poetry discussion of *The Swan: Poems and Prose Poems* by Mary Oliver.

Friday, Oct. 20, 3:45 p.m. Teen DIY and a movie features *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* and make a bowtruckle. Watch the recapture of Newt Scamander's menagerie of *Fantastic Beasts*. Meet for a fun day in the library community room.

Saturday, Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m. Register with the library for *Enjoy Healthy Food That Tastes Great*, presented by the Memorial Hermann Community Benefit program and learn about small changes you can make to choose healthier foods.

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m. Meet at the library for the adult book discussion of Paulette Jiles' book *News of the World*, a story of an elderly widower and itinerant news reader. In the aftermath of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd is offered fifty dollars to bring an orphan girl, who was kidnapped and raised by Kiowa raiders, from Wichita Falls back to her family in San Antonio.

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 5 p.m. Basic Life Skills features *The Basic Essay*. Mr. John will be guiding the class through the basic essay, a tool for school as well as every report for work that you will ever have to write. Meet in the library community room learn how to use transitions, hooks and details.

Below are the programs that occur every week.

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

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

Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on library events, call the library at 281-484-2036. Library hours this week are: Monday, 1-9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, closed.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled this week for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:

Thursday, Oct. 19, 6 p.m. Book club: Dear Committee Members

Thursday, Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m. Knitting and crochet

Saturday, Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, Oct. 21, 3 p.m. Citizenship class

Monday, Oct. 23, 10:30 a.m. Polliwog Nature Club

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m. Family storytime and playtime.

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, Oct. 25, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.

Bracewell hours are: Sunday, closed; Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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Thompson Intermediate releases first honor roll for 2017-18

The following George A. Thompson Intermediate school students were named to the honor roll list for the first six-weeks period. The students are:

Seventh grade
Alexis Acosta, Valerie Damiola Akinloye, Jose Roberto Alonso, Alize Denali Alvarez, Sidney Elise Armstrong, Jady N Zamora, Gabriella Kate Arredondo and Jorge Luis Arredondo.

Janelle Barreiro, Zaineh Mohamed Bataineh, Dynasti Rakhilla Benson, Luis Antonio Betancourt, Ethan James Bishop, Ebony Le'sabre Brooks, Honesty One Brooks and Kayla Jean Burton.

Andrew Michael Cabrales, Jade Guadalupe Cabrera, Aaron Camacho, Dylan Mathew Campos, Kaitlyn Makenna Campos, Caleb Campos, Kevin Joseph Cedeno, Aaron Thomas Charles and Bella Rein Cisneros.

London Marshai Clarke, Kayla Jo'nae Coleman, Ken-trayl D'wayne Coleman, Zoe Kate Cooper, Isaiah Nathaniel Correa, Alexander Chase Couchman, Victoria Ann Couchman and Amy Elizabeth Cruz.

Sara Elizabeth Cruz, Sarah Abigail Cruz, Sofia Victoria Cruz, Colin Dung Dang, Hieu Vuminh Dang, Thomas Thien Dang, Giselle Davalos, Daniel Anthony Delgado, Raul Sebastian Diaz and Jenny Nhi Do.

Deven Nathan Donato, Derrick Maurice Doss, Nicolas Michael Edmondson, Andrea Ivonne Espinosa, Leslie Gabrielle Espinoza, Juan Pablo Estrada, Benjamin Alan Evans, Hayden Thomas Feil and Cristian Daniel Fernandez.

Nohemi Yuriko Figueroa, Elyza Susana Flores, Iveth Flores, Lyzbeth Flores, Evan Alexander Fraustro, Samantha Gama, Sophia Abigail Garay, Ashlee Monique Garcia, Jose Hilario Garcia, Marcus Aaron Garcia, Noah Heinz Garcia, Laci Janae Garrett and Christina Garza.

Noah Seth Gaytan, Cameron Jonathan Gilbert, Jacques Rose Giron, Marcus Alexander Gomez, Ariana Celeste Gonzales, David Gonzales, Alexa Gonzalez, Jadon Christopher Gonzalez, Jiselle Alexia Gonzalez, Tania Celeste Gonzalez and Natalie Ariel Graciano.

Kevin Alexander Guzman, Talayia Lamaya Hall, Taylor Lanece Hart, Jack Henry Hartley, Ravin Leann Harvey, Martin Hernandez Huerta, Elizabeth Marie Hernandez, Emma Rai Hernandez, Fernando Alexis Hernandez, Marianna Hernandez and Moses Kevin Houston.

Chesyamen Jean Howard,

Nevan Elaijah Hulse, Ryan Janell Humphrey, Chance Alan Hurd, Gloria Immaculate, Daisy Lynn Irwin, Adam Gabriel Jimenez, Edgar Javier Jimenez, Ian Sudario Johnson, Justice Marie Johnson and Natalia Jenae Jones.

Bianca Nicole Kinder, Kareemah Nehendi Kothiya, Evan Joshua Krustchinsky, Thalia Ngoc Diem Le, Mauricio Leal, Alyssa Saige Lloyd, Ashley Denise Lomeli, Ivan Lopez, Lilian Lopez, Santiago Lopez, Madison Sage Lugo, Ivan Ray Mariscal, Lluvia Daniela Martinez, Adolfo Martinez, Cassius Tristian Martinez and Emily Lylana Martinez.

Jessica Aracely Martinez, Loren Briann Martinez, Maria Elizabeth Martinez, Melissa Brianna Martinez, Nevaeh Michelle Mata, Yesenia Mata, Tashjae Breasia Mccann, Sheila Janelle Mccann, Cindy Stephanie Medina, Jose Refugio Medina and Aryana Estrella Mejorado.

Danielle Jenae Mendiola, Isaac Mendoza, Paula Mendoza, Yohander Mercado, Marcus Dar'nell Millender, Kaleb Nathaniel Mitchell, Connor Austin Mohwinkel, Maria Jose Monge Hernandez, Madelyne Viktoria Montes, Jer'keithric Antione Moore and Cristian Adolfo Morales.

Mario Alejandro Moreno, Alena Amelia Morin, Ise-la Viviana Munoz, A'myah Danielle Murray, Melody Love Nabi, Oscar Alejandro Navarro, Anthony Dwayne Newsome, Ann Ky Anh Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Daniel Long Nguyen, Dylan Thai Nguyen, Huyhoang Huy Nguyen and Landon Quang Nguyen.

Lilyan Nhi Nguyen, Ryan Duc Nguyen, Steven Trieu-Phi Nguyen, Tyler Tran Nguyen, Dominic Martin Ortiz, Enrique Ivan Ozuna Hdz, Joseph Pacheco, Janice Stephanie Padilla, Mariana Lisbeth Pantoja, Samuel Paredez, Ingrid Berenice Pasalin, Nathan Alexander Pavalonis, Andrick Elian Perez and Bella Grace Perez.

Erin Jean Raizza Perez, Jocelyn Perez, Sofia Leonor Perez, Jaden Duy Pham, Thu Minh Pham, Phung Kim Phan, Elizabeth Pineda, Samuel Pineda, Alexander James Plegier, Nicholas Michael Ponce, Thessaly Kyoko Quintana and Clarissa Grace Ramirez.

Yanet Michelle Ramirez, Felicity Jean Resendez, Jacob Anthony Reyna, Daniel Andrew Rice, Fynnlan Rivera Ridge, Ezequiel Rivera, Fabian Alexander Rodriguez, Jeremiah Angel Rodriguez, Luis Ernesto Rodriguez, Manuel Rodriguez and Jacob Alexander

der Roppolo.
Emily Salazar, Leyla Rebecca Salazar, Jennifer Salinas Roman, Christian Jordan Schmidt, Mable Lee Self, Austin Michael Shofner, Valeria Silva, Christopher Dominic Soza and Julicia Areana St Croix.

Carrick Lashawn Steans, Emilee Rayne Sulak, Samantha Herrera Talamantez, Nevea Elena Tatum, Kennedy Dat Thai and Yvonne Thaonhi Thai.

Maria Avenelle Tipton, Tam Thanh To, Madeline Elizabeth Torres, Camden Malik Turner, Francisco Johnathan Urqueta, Vianca Victoria Valencia, Marco Antonio Valero, Xavier Alfredo Valero-Garcia, Christian Andrew Vega and Abrielle Jaiene Velasquez.

Alexia Carolina Velasquez, James Leon Vigne, Robert Enrique Villatoro, Kaylee My Tien Vo, Phu Ngoc Thien Vu, Tatiana Tanae Walker and Elias Kyle Wallace.

Kate-Alexandra Kris Wang, Kaitlyn Elisabeth Webb, Maria Angelina Wence, Jacob Marcellus White, Gabriel Dwayne Wright, Tyler Lee Wygant, Aubrey Rose Zambrano and Antony Simon Zavala.

Eighth grade
Victoria Elizabeth Acosta, Nadine Ajmeere Ahmed, Eric Ivan Alvarez, Steve Alvarez, Abraham Raul Amaro-Diaz, Taelyn Lanea Ansley, Dayyami Belisa Arboleda, John Kevin Armenta, Jasmine Lizbette Arredondo, Jorge Luis Arredondo, Ublester Arroyo Espinoza and Keegan Neal Ashworth.

Alexa Sakeena Avila, Ava Renae Ayala, Marco Antonio Ayala, Aliyah Marie Barajas, Andre A Barrientos, Dillon Wayne Barron, Rhiannon Marie Barron, Miguel Angel Bazaldua, Caitlyn Rae Berkstresser, Catherine Marie Berkstresser, Aqib Iffrahim Bhatti, Michelle Lorena Blanchard and Christian Didier Boijseauneau.

Kendall Gisele Brown, Robresha Nicole Brown, Ashley Summer Brown-Klawuhn, Thomas Lucas Bustamante, Alayna Nicole Calvillo, Gabriella Campo, Jacqueline Alazayza Canales, Kaitlyn Rae Cantu, Amy Thuy Cao, Ricky Cao and Sean Anthony Carmouche.

Joshua George Raymond Carter, Cristian David Casas, Ashley Castellanos, William Alexander Castillo, Anthony Rey Castro, Brandon Roy Cates, Izabella Xochil Cavazos, Alani Eloisa Chapa, Alyssa Brianna Chapman, Joe Kevin Chicas, Lydia Elena Chicas, Naphat KI Chirimon, Dalyla Elisia Cisneros

and Dataysia Elaine Cisneros.
Ronald Leslie Coleman, Matthew Christopher Collins, Frank Allan Romano Concepcion, David Garcia Constantino, Angel Alejandro Cores, Isaac Anthony Cortez and Isaac Beany Cortez.

Amaya Marie Cruz, Sebastian Alexander Cruz, Benson Carter Cubos, Thomas Duke Cypert, Tara Dang, William Khoa Dao, Fernanda America Davis, Lucinda Sunflower Davis, Isabella De La Torre Quintana, Karina Del Villar and Susana Beatriz.

Diaz, Jarrett Joseph Doano, Melina Phuong Mai Dongsi, Jaxon Hunter Efid, Precious Elizabeth Ellison, Angelita Guadalupe Escalona, Gerardo Escamilla, Ana Celia Espinosa, Nayely Yisel Faz Urias, Gerardo Antonio Flores, Jessica Vanessa Flores, Sierra Yvonne Frost, Selena Abigail Galicia, Jaminia Loamy Garcia Carvajal and Juan Nathaniel Garcia.

Adalie Garza, Sheryln Alexandra Gavidia, Timothy Quoc Giang, Adrianna Michelle Golden, Norma Patricia Gomez, Alyssa Darlet Gonzalez, Jaqueline Abigail Gonzalez, Lazarus Gonzalez, Yaslin Alize Gonzalez, Michael Tyrone Gooden, Nevaeh Skye Govea, Joshua Guerrero Ortiz and Melody Jade Guerrero.

Dahira Yosemeri Gutierrez Olvera, Hassan Alejandro Gutierrez, Brianna Carey Hansel, Davion Anthony Harvey, Hailey Beth Henderson, Alexis Henriquez, Raymond Henry, Clarissa Yvette Hernandez, David Alex Hernandez and Elijah Javier Hernandez.

Guadalupe Lizbeth Hernandez, Jazmine Fernanda Hernandez, Katelyn Renee Hernandez and Niklas Ricardo Hernandez.
Annie Abigail Herrera Welchez, Mauricio Herrera, Pedro Angel Herrera, Kendra Denise Hopkins, Mia Alejandra Horton, Lara Khanh Huynh, Elliyah Ja'nay Jackson, Kiera Diane Jackson, Kyrina Nadine Jackson, George Alexander Juarez and Alexis Amina Kamal.

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do, Keena Magana and Jasmine Marie Maldonado.
Trixie Amanda Marquez, Adrian Matthew Marrufo, Carlos Rodrigo Martinez, Karizma Minnie Martinez, Lexi Martinez, Valeria Nicole Martinez, Yaire Gerysand Cortez, Celina Mata, Cor-yon Jerrod Matthews Andkylah Aaliyah McLaren.

Ashlyne Celest Medina, Jessica Suzanne Medina, Kadence Venus Medina, Ezequiel Isai Mejia Blanco, Crystal Mejia, Diego Mateo Melchor, Lauren Michelle Mendez, Nataly Vanessa Mendez, Matthew Thomas Mendiola, Eliud Mendoza, Jonathan Matthew Mendoza, Katelyn Mendoza, Riley Aidan Mercer, Tristan Lee Miller and Valerie Josephine.

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Karime Guerguira, Xavier Ray Musquiz, Ashley Michelle Napper, Brian Thai Nguyen, Kelly Han Ngoc Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Linh Ha My Nguyen, Tommy Tang Nguyen, Christina Maria Nunez, Natalie Onozio, Genesis Althea Orozco, Sebastian Ortega, Abigail Alicia Ortiz and Celean Andrea Ortiz.

Diego Osuna, Audrey Elizabeth Owens, Isabella Elida Padilla, Jeremiah La'don Paige, Jeremiah Neil Rabang Palma, Daniel Elias Palos, Keith James Parker, Levani Tsotne Pelaez, Jaclyn Victoria Pena, Gilberto Joel Perez, Ivana Alexa Perez and Jessica Lizbeth Perez.

Jason Pham, Nguyen Chan Pham, Loc Tan Ly Phan, Valerie Phi Yen Phoxayalinkham, Presley Marie Pina, Javon Allen Portis, Kori Germaine Pounds, Isabela Pruneda and Alejandro Ramos.

Alexandra Ramos, Milly Rangel Uribe, Zachary Edward Reimer, Miranda Camille Resendez, Corey Lee Reyes, Arianna Lexi Reyna, Asher Elijah Ridge, Adrian Eden Rios and Joseph Rios.

Elijah Alexander Robinson, Vanessa Jannet Rocha, Alicia Alejandra Rodriguez, Alyssa Sanez Rodriguez, Lisette Briseidi Rodriguez, Megan Alani Rodriguez, Nicole Rae Rodriguez, Nikolas Alexander Rodriguez, Issys Anabel Romero, Destiny Rene Rosalez, Stephen Andrew Rosemond, Ashlyn Latrice Ross, Jared Saldivar Gaytan,

Haley Danae Salinas, Maya Galilea Salinas, Emily Gissel Sanchez, Bryan Santacruz, Nicholas Ignacio Santibanez, Jacqueline Olivia Saucedo and Elbert Earl Sawyer.
Ryan Keith Saxton, Rick-ey James Schreier, Noah Arthur Scott, Kal El Self, Cristian Xavier Sepulveda, Jaelan Donae Sherman, Wyatt James Sherwood, Angel Javier Silva, Metzli Jamile Silva, Kenzie Ida Snook, Kielee Ashell Snook, Alexa Anne Snow-Eaton, Gerardo Solis and Jasmin Janet Sosa.

Jessica Anahi Sosa, Kyle Christopher Stokes, Natalie Anah Suarez, Brooklyn Renee Thompson, Leani Marie Ton, Brianna Elise Toro, Diego Alexis Torres, Francisco Javier Torres, Phoebe Alejandra Torres, Annette Phuong Tran, Derek Tran and

Phillip Ethan Tran.
Thu Minh Tran, Trinity Marie Tucker, Janyia Renae Turner, Ashley Daniela Tzintzun, Chukwuemeka Austin Nnamdi Uzomah, Jesse Avery Valdez, Destiny Blaze Vela, Jesus Sebastian Velasquez, Melanie Ariana Velasquez, Deashia Erin Jenae Victoria, Emilio Villarreal, Fernando Villarreal and Luis Emiliano Villarreal.

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Hancock staff helps out the community, students



Hancock Elementary staff became involved in the community to help students adjust to school after Hurricane Harvey. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Dana Monares Nevarez, Aiden Heredia, Ximena Espinoza, Viviana Gamez, Joaquin Ramirez, (back row) Antonio Gonzalez, Abbie Hernandez, Veronica Sandoval and Richard Sandoval with packs of bottled water that were delivered by Faust Company to the campus.



Operation Hancock Delivers was organized to deliver sack lunches to students' homes. Above are, left to right, Nathalie Almanza, Valeria Muñoz, Claudia Paredes and Mayte Almanza. Shown right, left to right, are Celena Bustos, Alexis Carranza, Christopher Carranza and Claudia Perez with some sack lunches.

Photos submitted

Ensemble puts Texas composers on center stage

The Bayou Theater at University of Houston-Clear Lake will turn its spotlight on the Texas New Music En-

semble for the first time on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Founded in 2013, Tex-

as New Music Ensemble "is dedicated to the enrichment of Texas communities through the performance of contemporary music created by Texas composers and performed by Texas musicians," founder Chad Robinson said.

"We're very excited about our first performance at the Bayou Theater," Robinson said. "There are some incredible composers in Texas and it's great to give them a platform."

Robinson said the Ensemble had commissioned five works, all from Houston-based composers, for their upcoming perfor-

mance at the Bayou Theater. "This is only the second time we've performed these works," he said. "Every concert is different. But for the Bayou Theater, we will use four musicians - a flautist, a violinist, a cellist and a clarinetist," he said.

"One composer created his own computer software for a piece with the bass clarinet. He actually recorded himself singing and when the bass clarinet plays certain notes, the software is triggered and plays his vocal accompaniment," Robinson added that one of his goals for the ensemble

is to address the "stigma" he feels might be attached to being a composer from Texas. "It seems that people don't think of Texas as being a part of the country where new compositions in classical music are happening," he said. "It's not the case, and I hope people will see that after they come to a Texas New Music Ensemble performance."

UHCL announces calendar

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has announced its upcoming calendar of events.

Careers in human resources
Discover many career options that are available in the field of human resources with University of Houston-Clear Lake Career Services.

On Oct. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m., a panel of industry professionals will be present in the Garden Room of the Bayou Building to share experiences, offer advice and answer questions for those attending. The event is aimed at current students, but anyone interested is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact UHCL Career Services, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. at 281-283-2590 or visit www.uhcl.edu/careerservices.

Abstract artists' portfolio on display through Oct. 20
Learn about the history of abstract art in the United States through the work of American Abstract Artists, a New York organization dedicated to providing an outlet for abstract art. The exhibition runs through Oct. 20 at the UHCL Art Gallery in the Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The exhibition is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Art Gallery Director Jeff Bowen at 281-283-3376 or visit www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery.

Cyber Security Institute: network routing / switching
Learn about Cisco's routing and switching technology in hands-on labs that demonstrate concepts such as implementing local area networks

and internet connectivity, managing and securing network devices at the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Cyber Security Institute. The course takes place Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 20-21, Oct. 27-28 and Nov. 3-4, and Nov. 10-11 in the Delta Building, room 201, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. It is the third part of the four-session Network Management and Security certificate program. The fee for the course is \$1,300 and includes instructional materials. For more information on this course, visit the Cyber Security Institute at www.uhcl.edu/cyber-security-institute.

Seminar on Women's and Gender Studies
Explore facets of women's and gender studies - including feminism, disability. Continued on Page 4A

South Belt names October VIPs



South Belt Elementary School has announced its VIPs for October. The students were chosen by their teachers based on their ability to display the character trait of the month, Friendship. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Sophia Peters, Daniella Gonzales, Estefania Rodriguez, Alexavier Rodriguez, Alaina Melchor, Noah St. Ange, Max Hernandez (second row) Brooklyn Coronado, Jayden Jimenez, EJ Reynolds, Maham Bukari, Giselle Tran, Melody Ramirez, (third row) David Melchor, Alayna Rodriguez, Trent Edwards, Gabe Laurila, Emma Stone, Andres Lopez, Gabi Ramirez, Manuel Sanchez, (fourth row) Kareli Garza, Katelyn Moore, Juliana Perez, Jayda Stewart, Aniyah Fulton, Samantha Trevino, (back row) Richmond Huynh, Jessica Moise, Madelyn Espisoto, Kayla Akinfenwa and Mia Bella Garza. Photo by Lakitha Green

DPS highlights school bus safety efforts

In conjunction with National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 16-20), the Texas Department of Public Safety is urging Texans to comply with laws prohibiting drivers from passing school buses.

During this period, DPS Highway Patrol Troopers will be looking for drivers who violate the law. It is illegal to pass any school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal - either flashing red lights or a stop sign.

"Motorists should always be alert and practice safe driving habits when traveling near school buses or anywhere school children gather, including bus stops," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Texas parents can rest assured that DPS will not tolerate those who recklessly endanger children by ignoring the law."

have a safe trip to and from school is a commitment the Texas Education Agency shares with the Texas Department of Public Safety," said Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. "We commend the dedication of our Texas Highway Patrol, as well as local law enforcement, during National School Bus Safety week and throughout the year in working to keep our students safe."

During National School Bus Safety Week, Troopers in many areas will be riding on or following school buses to catch motorists who break the law. Because children are particularly vulnerable when entering or exiting a school bus, Troopers will also be patrolling areas where school buses pick up and drop off students. Drivers who violate

the law could face fines as much as \$1,250.

In 2016 and year to date in 2017, Texas Highway Patrol Troopers have issued 1,100 citations and 573 warnings for passing a stopped school bus.

According to Texas statute, a driver - traveling in either direction on a roadway - must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an

intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists traveling in the same direction as the bus are required to stop. As a reminder, school buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings.

Here are several safety measures drivers can take to help keep children safer:

- When driving in school zones, watch out for student pedestrians;
- Slow down and watch for children congregating near bus stops;
- Look for children who might dart into the street without checking for traffic;
- Know and obey the traffic laws regarding school buses in Texas.

According to the Texas Education Agency, more than 42,000 school buses transport approximately 1.5 million Texas children every school day.

State committee to chat hurricane

Recently Rep. Dennis Paul attended the House Committee on Appropriations hearing in Houston, which began discussions to examine the use of federal funds by state agencies responding to the effects of Hurricane Harvey and identify opportunities to maximize the use of federal funds to reduce the impact of future natural disasters.

The committee also discussed the importance to identify the need for state resources to respond to Harvey relief and recovery efforts, as well as opportunities for state investment in infrastructure projects that will reduce the impact of future natural disasters.

This week the House Committee on Public Education met to determine, to the extent possible, the scope of financial losses, including facilities, that resulted from Harvey.

The committee hopes to recommend possible state actions, such as changes to student counts or property valuation, to mitigate any negative impact on districts

and ensure governance structures and parameters allow for effective responses.

Additionally, the House Committee on Natural Resources is examining the following issues within the committee's jurisdiction regarding Harvey and flooding in general: the role of regional entities in developing projects to control flooding, both through new infrastructure and enhancing existing infrastructure; mitigation efforts that would reduce the impact of future flood events, and strategies to fund those efforts; and the response of public entities that own or operate dams to large-scale rain events, including how such entities make decisions regarding dam and reservoir operations during such events, coordinate with state and local emergency management officials, and communicate with the public.

Paul has submitted an interim charge request to the office of Speaker Joe Straus for a study on multi-county watershed drainage in coordination with this initial charge to the committee.

Nonprofit reimburse deadline approaches

Texas nonprofit agencies and organizations seeking reimbursement for Hurricane Harvey expenses have until 5 p.m. Oct. 31 to submit requests to the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Eligible applicants are reimbursed for disaster-related costs for emergency response, debris removal and permanent work such as repairs or replacement of schools, roads, bridges and other public infrastructure. The federal cost-share for all categories of Public Assistance is 90 percent.

To download the RPA form, visit <https://grants.dps.texas.gov/site/PA.cfm> and click on Forms, or contact the TDEM district coordinator. All information must be completed.

Return form to: TDEMrecov ery.rpa@dps.texas.gov.

Submission of the reimbursement request notifies the State and FEMA that the applicant has sustained damage caused by the hurricane and its aftermath. Infrastructure repair reimbursement is not for individuals or families. They may be eligible for help through FEMA's Individual Assistance program.

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4332, the FEMA Harvey Facebook page, the @FEMARegion6 Twitter account and the Texas Division of Emergency Management website.

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Gulfhaven offers relief

A hurricane distribution center is open at Gulfhaven Adventist Community Church, 10716 Sabo Road. For information, contact Jean Hagen at 713-562-4580.

Bay Area Singles sets dance

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be Oct. 21 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, 5204 Highway 3, in Dickinson. Attendees are invited to bring snacks to share. The cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For information, call 832-483-3257 or 281-484-4762.

Judge Risner Golf Tournament set

The Judge George Risner Golf Tournament will be Friday, Nov. 3, at the River Terrace Golf Course, 16777 Wallisville Road.

Time times will be 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be a continental breakfast held at 7:30 a.m. and a lunch held at noon. The prize awards, along with a fajita dinner will be held at 6 p.m.

UHCL sets events

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human rights, activism, domestic violence, immigration and more – in a series of lectures led by faculty from University of Houston-Clear Lake's College of Human Sciences and Humanities.

The last lecture in this series takes place Oct. 25, 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Bayou Building's Alfred R. Neumann Library, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Upcoming area voting issues identified

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amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."

Proposition 5 reads "The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."

Bay Area Genealogical Society to meet

The Bay Area Genealogical Society invites everyone Friday, Oct. 27, to hear David Gardiner as he presents "Reading Between the Lines, an in-depth look at UK census records."

Gardiner volunteers as a research assistant at the League City Family History Center.

Wings Over Houston show this weekend

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ored guests include Lt. Col. Dick Cole, Clarence E. "Bud" Anderson, Col. Dean Caswell, Col. Joe McPhail, Capt. Royce Williams, Brig. Gen. Steve Ritchie, Maj. Terry Pappas, Col. Jerry Ross and many others.

Other performances and activities will include the Vietnam War Tribute featuring F-4 Phantom II, F-100 Super Sabre, MiG-17, A-4 Skyhawk, Huey Cobra and Skyraider 02, as well as ground action by re-enactors from the 6th Cavalry of the National U.S. Forces Museum and others.

The show will also feature vintage aircraft performing and on display from various units of the Commemorative Air Force, Lone Star Flight Museum, Vietnam War Flight Museum, Lewis Collection, Cavanaugh Flight Museum and Collings Foundation.

Members of reenactment and historical organizations set up camp, complete with authentic military vehicles, equipment and uniforms.

Other on-the-ground highlights include food, merchandise booths, a children's carnival area, aircraft simulators and more.

Fans are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for donation to the Houston Food Bank, as it continues to provide disaster relief to people affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Malone to speak at NASA Aglow

Visit NASA Aglow and hear as Judith Malone shares this resurrection story at Praise Chapel on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m. Coffee at 9 a.m.

Malone has been married 35 years and shares the love of Jesus in her marriage, home and community.

The mother of two grown children, she was given the privilege of growing up in a Spirit-filled home.

Malone sought the Lord and a relationship with him at an early age. She taught numerous Bible studies, served in leadership with Aglow International, as Lighthouse president, board vice president of ministry development, and U.S. South Central Regional generations leader.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR KAY
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent Oct. 21 to **Kay Barbour**, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce director and Sagemont Civic Club president, from friends and staff at the **Leader**.

ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAY, SANDRA!
South Belt resident **Sandra Yandell** celebrates a birthday Monday, Oct. 23. She is wished a wonderful day from her family and her friends at the **Leader**.

FRED CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Fred Flickinger enjoys a birthday Monday, Oct. 23. Wishes for a wonderful day are sent by wife **Leslie**; daughter **Kimberly**; daughter **Courtney** and husband **Chris Durham** and their children, **Abigail** and **Jackson**; brother **David** (*Leader* president), wife **Ellie Flickinger** and their daughter **Natalie**, husband **Jose Abarca** and children **Kevin Lopez**, **Noah** and **Isabella Abarca**; and parents **Marie** (*Leader* owner) and **David Flickinger**.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 19 through Oct. 25.

Atkinson Elementary
Jana Childs enjoys a day of celebration Oct. 19. Send a birthday greeting Oct. 20 to **Liavette Peralta**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Nora Freeman** Oct. 25.

Burnett Elementary
Join in the birthday fun Oct. 21 as **Nichole Santos** celebrates the day.

Bush Elementary
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Laurentina Saucedo** Oct. 20.

Frazier Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Oct. 24 to **Charity Boone**.

Meador Elementary
Light the birthday candles Oct. 20 for **Aimee Espinoza**.

Moore Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Oct. 20 to **Rod Whitehurst**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Cade Robeson** Oct. 23. Send a warm birthday greeting Oct. 24 to **Ann Settlow**.

Meilillo Middle School
Blow out the birthday candles Oct. 24 for **Stephen Rios**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Anastasia Payne celebrates a birthday Oct. 20.

Thompson Intermediate
Edward Ashmawee and **Naoreen Shafi** celebrate a birthday Oct. 20. **Gregory Siegrist** marks a birthday Oct. 25.

Dobie High
The day for a triple-layer cake for **Rakim Rowland**, **Dorothy Simmons** and **Paul Sinski** is Oct. 19. Oct. 22 is the day for a celebration for **Christopher Ferguson**, **Lanita Simmons** and **Gregory Steen** share a birthday Oct. 25.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, Oct. 19: **Craig Stephens**, **Don White**, **Charlie Pistone**, **Pat Perez** and **Jesse Salazar**; Friday, Oct. 20: **Trina Gibson**, **Wendy Day**, **Barbara Kippley**, **Kathleen O'Connor**, **Judi Watts**, **Jennifer Chavez** and **Trey Sanchez**; Saturday, Oct. 21: **Mindy Homann**, **Craig Funnii**, **Adam Serna**, **Randal Ashlock**, **John Cole**, **Lacey Priddy**, **Tiffany Pineda**, **Eddie Youngs** and **Robert Fortson**; Sunday, Oct. 22: **Craig Tyer**, **Jamie Nevarez**, **Rachel McNeill**, **Rebecca Wagner**, **Crystal Bryson**, **Stacey Glass**, **Kimberly Gale** and **Jonny Heitman**; Monday, Oct. 23: **Mike Jimenez**, **Jose Polido**, **Jennifer Garcia**, **Kelly Kasselmann**, **Johnny Smithers**, **Terry Fechner**, **Nora Martinez**, **Toni Martinez**, **Vicki Sue**, **Damon Schwerdtfeger**, **Jared Hooker**, **Melissa Guerrero**, **Ruben Salazar**, **Vicki Brunson-Browning**, **Rosanna Luna** and **Janna Horst**; Tuesday, Oct. 24: **Stacey Lindsey**, **Tyra Chopa**, **Rolf Michelson**, **Quincey Cole**, **Julia Ferrell**, **Barry Fuller**, **Marilyn Ramirez**; and Wednesday, Oct. 25: **Kim Clardy**, **Sybil Scott**, **Chloe Cantu**, **Michael Crawford**, **Linda Bergeron** and **Andres Benefield**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Send an email to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line for notices on birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc.

Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Griffin joins SJC

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development of the upcoming Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology, set to open in 2019. One of his first goals as associate vice chancellor / senior vice president for the petrochemical training division.

In his new position, Griffin oversees the curriculum and instruction of the college's petrochemical-related training programs, as well as the development of the upcoming Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology, set to open in 2019. One of his first goals as associate vice chancellor / senior vice president is to ensure that all petrochemical training program curriculum at the college meets the expectations of hiring managers throughout the region's chemical plants.

Griffin said he looks forward to expanding on the partnerships that the college has established with petrochemical companies as the Texas Gulf Coast region experiences tremendous growth with the construction of mega plants.

"I can honestly say that the partnerships and collaboration between San Jacinto College and the local petrochemical industry are the strongest I've ever seen, and I'm excited to be a part of this," said Griffin, who also serves as chairman of the board for the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region.

Griffin brings more than 30 years of experience in the petrochemical manufacturing industry to the college. He has experienced the many changes in workforce demands of the petrochemical industry and the increased need for workers with degrees and certificates.

"The standards are higher now, and that's a good thing because this is a global business," said Griffin, who has served as a spokesperson for legislative affairs, workforce and economic growth on behalf of the East Harris County Manufacturers Association

Atkinson students master STARR test scores



Atkinson Elementary students recently received medals for mastering scores on the 2016-2017 STAAR test. Students earned mastered scores in either math, reading or writing. Some students mastered in more than one subject and some mastered in all subjects. Shown, left to right, are (front row) **Rolando Salinas**, **Tatiana Franks**, **David Garcia**, **Kaily Chavira**, (second row) **Dayami Cervantes**, **Lillyen Spell**, **Emiliano Rivera**, **Emily Tang**, **Miranda Medel**, **Chloe Nguyen**, **Trinity Hoang**, **Sarah Soto**, **Jesus Santos**, (third row) **Zarrear Barrientez**, **Jesse Nunez**, **Yuliana Zambrano**, **Hannah Pham**, **Jacob Sanchez**, **Yarezi Arredondo**, **Guillermo Fernandez**, **Diana Armenta**, (fourth row) **John Medel**, **Cristian Monge**, **Mark Mata**, **Andres Valdez**, **Daniel Carrera**, **Cynthia Pineda**, **Victoria Torres**, (fifth row) **Edgar Orozco**, **Victor Mejia**, **Thao Ta**, **Khang Truong**, **Vicente Garcia**, **Gwendolyn Jones**, **Dayana Serrano** and **Alejandro Saucedo**.

Remember When

40 years ago (1977)
Finalists for homecoming queen at J. Frank Dobie High School were **Lisa Bartlett**, **Sandy Bond** and **Sherri Whithnah**.

25 years ago (1992)
University of Texas officials were publicly voicing opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency's plans for excavation and incineration of toxic chemicals adjacent to the Southbead subdivision.

10 years ago (2007)
A 72-year-old man was fatally shot at a grocery store in the 10900 block of Scarsdale near Beamer in an apparent carjacking. **Baldehy Sharma** was waiting in his vehicle while his wife finished shopping around 9 p.m. when he was approached by two young men. Witnesses said one of the men opened fire and drove off in Sharma's 2002 Nissan Maxima, while the other fled on foot toward Astoria. Within two hours of the shooting, his car was found torched at Scales Park near Loop 610 and Highway 288.

A local assisted living facility was temporarily shut down after failing to report the disappearance of one of its patients. **Mary Ross**, a 77-year-old Alzheimer's patient, was picked up from Tender Touch Assisted Living, located in a house in the 11400 block of Meadow Joy in Highland Meadow, by a bus for a doctor's appointment. Shortly after seeing the doctor, Ross, who uses a walker, left the lobby and vanished, only to be found later that day and taken to Methodist Hospital. **Gloria Imo**, owner of Tender Touch, did not report Ross missing until the next evening, saying she was unaware of the situation.

The proposal to construct two new low-income apartment complexes in the area drew the concern of many community leaders. The projects in question were the 252-unit Regency Park Apartments to be located at Beltway 8 at Southdown Trace Trail near Conklin and the 240-unit Villas at Shaver located at 3301 S. Shaver.

The Clear Creek Independent School District was the largest school district in Texas to receive a Recognized rating by the Texas Education Agency. CCISD was also the only school district in Texas to hold the Recognized rating in 10 of 11 years.

5 years ago (2012)
Andre Demont Thompson, 24, a suspect who was arrested, was charged with the murder of **Thomas Williams Jr.** in the 178th State District Court. According to police, **Williams**, 15, was playing basketball at the Green Arbor apartment complex, located at 10601 Sabo, when he and **Thompson** got into an argument. At one point, **Thompson** allegedly produced a pistol and shot **Williams** several times. **Williams**, was pronounced dead at the scene. Police say further investigation and witness statements identified **Thompson** as the suspect in this case. He was arrested without incident.

1 year ago (2016)
Joyce Abbey was named the Clear Creek Independent School District's 2016 Citizen of the Year. A graduate from Clear Creek High School, **Abbey** is a well-known advocate for the advancement of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programming in public education.

Griffin joins SJC

Jim Griffin, San Jacinto College associate vice chancellor/senior vice president for the petrochemical training division, brings more than 30 years of experience in the petrochemical manufacturing industry to the college.

Photo by Jeannie Peng Mansyur

Griffin brings experience to SJC

(EHCMA). "This is why associate degrees and certificates are even more important in today's petrochemical industry. The business is a lot more technical and sophisticated than ever before. Degrees help employees grow to become the next supervisors."

Griffin began his career in petrochemical manufacturing as an environmental, health and safety engineer in Illinois, following completion of his master's degree thesis on chlorine handling and application safety. He is the past chairman of the board for EHCMA and has served in a variety of key roles at chemical plants, including corporate director and plant manager. Before joining San Jacinto College, he was vice president of manufacturing for Dianal America, a Mitsubishi Chemical Company. He has also served as manufacturing director and in a variety of leadership positions with PolyOne Corp.

"Preparing a workforce in one of the world's largest petrochemical manufacturing regions requires strong partnerships with industry leaders," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor of San Jacinto College. "Jim Griffin is one of those leaders and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience gained from a variety of areas within the petrochemical industry. We welcome him to our college and our team as we take the next big step in workforce training with the building of the Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology."

Griffin holds a bachelor's degree in industrial education and a master's degree in safety and environmental study from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. His family includes wife, Patty Griffin; and their two daughters, recent Texas A&M University graduates **Casey** and **Alex**.

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Beverly Hills Intermediate announces honor roll for first six weeks

Beverly Hills Intermediate has announced its honor roll for the first six weeks.

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Sayra Cesilia Beltran Fernandez, Houda Amira Ben Achour, Jennifer Anna Ben-Smith, Derrian J'quis Bennett, Michael Dewayne Diggs Bennett, Xavier Alexander Bernal, Gisele Irma Bonilla, Kianna Brievea, Kimberly Brievea, Hoa Quynh Bui, An Viet Bui, Theresa Jungta Burchfield, Gabriel Angel Calderon and Nayeli Brianna Canales.

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CCISD Hall of Honor for 2017 named

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The Cross Country program at Clear Creek in 1962, where he coached until 1974, leading these Wildcatters runners and Track and Field to multiple district, regional and state championships. After 36 years in the teaching profession, Blansit retired in 1989. He remained in the League City area, serving on numerous organizations and boards.

Blansit's widow, Frankie Blansit, accepted the award on his behalf at the ceremony.

Student athlete honorees:
A 1960 graduate of Clear Creek High School, Kathleen Trcka Taylor traveled to Austin four times in three years to compete in a state championship—once as a participant with the Clear Creek High School regional champs girls basketball team and the three years following as an ace doubles tennis player. In addition to winning the coveted state championship trophy for doubles tennis her senior year, Taylor excelled academically and was also voted Most Athletic and Best All Around. Taylor still enjoys living in the area and supporting her beloved Wildcatters.

At 6 feet, 5 inches tall, Bill Doty, a three-year starter, dominated the basketball court taking the Wildcatters to two state tournaments. During his tenure at Clear Creek, Doty also ran for the Sprint Relay team. After graduating in 1962, Doty went on to play for Rice University on a four-year athletic scholarship.

Dedicated to keeping Clear Creek's winning tradition alive, Dwayne "Curley" Lenox, a three-year starter, led his part in leading the charge

to Clear Creek High School's 1963 state basketball championship. Lenox was Second Team All-District, 1963's District Player of the Year, First Team All-State, and the Texas High School Coaches Association All Star, to name a few. Lenox went on to Texas A&M University, where he was voted All Southwest Conference Freshman. After transferring to Southwest Texas, he became a three-year starter, 1968's team captain, leading scorer and voted Third Team All Lone Star Conference. Lenox was unable to make the trip, and his brother Scooter, a member of the 2016 Athletic of Hall of Honor, accepted the award on his behalf.

Rosemary Fleener Durham played basketball and volleyball at Clear Creek High School before graduating in 1964. Durham was voted the team MVP by her volleyball peers. In basketball, her honors include All-District her junior and senior years, as well as All-State while playing for the 1964 Class AA state runner-up.

Paul Hackett was a triple threat at Clear Creek High School, playing basketball, baseball and football before graduating in 1966 and going on to attend Southwest Texas State, where he played basketball. While at Clear Creek, Hackett not only was a leader on the court but the mound as well. Voted First Team All-District his Junior and Senior years, Paul out-duelled Nolan Ryan and the Alvin Yellowjackets for a Clear Creek victory.

Terry Mathis, a 1967 graduate of Clear Creek High School, was the first baseball

player in CCISD to play in college and then be drafted in the sixth round by the Philadelphia Phillies at the age of 18. While at Clear Creek, Mathis also played basketball, serving as team captain his senior year. That same year, Terry made first team All-District while the team placed third in the state basketball championship.

Clear Creek's prestigious Most Valuable Player football award was renamed for this former Wildcat, Steve Stewart. Stewart was an All-District and Third Team All-State linebacker and served as captain. Upon his graduation in 1968, Stewart attended the University of Texas on a football scholarship, playing for Coach Darrell Royal. After receiving his degree from Sam Houston State, Stewart returned to the area, where he coached at Clear Lake, La Porte, Friendswood and Dickinson before entering private business. Stewart passed away in 1984. Stewart's brother, Jim Stewart, and his mother, Doris Stewart, accepted the honor on his behalf.

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The 1968 track season for Clear Creek High School was easily touted as the best the school had ever seen, due in

large part to the contributions made by Mike McClendon, his teammates and Coach Max Blansit. McClendon placed first in the state meet in Austin that same year. Upon graduation, McClendon attended Oregon State University on a full track scholarship.

Richard Huhn is another star basketball player hailing from Clear Creek High School and inducted into the Athletic Hall of Honor. A 1968 graduate, Huhn was a two-time All-State first team candidate, fourth leading all-time scorer with an accumulation of 1,681 points over three years and selected District 12 AAA's Most Valuable Player.

Jody Medford racked up numerous honors and accolades during his football career at Clear Creek and beyond. Jody was a three-year varsity starter, making All-District First Team for both offense and defense. Attending Rice University on a four-year football scholarship, Medford set the school record for sacks in a season and tackles for loss. In 1976, Medford was drafted by the Houston Oilers. In 1977, he played for the New Orleans Saints before moving on to the Calgary Stampeders, where he was voted MVP.

To see a photo gallery of the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor Reception and Induction Ceremony, visit https://clearcreekisd.smugmug.com/CCISD-Photos/20172018-School-Year-Photos/Hall-of-Honor-20178/. To view a recording of a livestream of the event, visit https://livestream.com/accounts/20367572/events/7718107.

CCISD honors coach, athletes



The Clear Creek Independent School District recently honored its second annual class of inductees into its Athletic Hall of Honor at a ceremony held at the Clear Creek High School vs. Clear Brook High School football game at Challenger Columbia Stadium. Shown above at the event are, left to right, (front row) Lisa Blansit (daughter of Max Blansit), Frankie

Blansit (widow of Max Blansit), Doris Stewart (mother of Steve Stewart), Kathleen Trcka Taylor, Rosemary Fleener Durham, Richard Huhn, Bill Doty, (back row) Jody Medford, Holly Stewart (daughter of Steve Stewart), Jim Stewart (brother of Steve Stewart), Scooter Lenox (brother of Curley Lenox), Paul Hackett, Larry Kelly and Terry Mathis.

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Dobie FFA places strong at PLSR 2017



Dobie FFA fared well at the 2017 Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo. Above, is Amber Terrell, Grand Champion Breeding Rabbits.



Above, Matthew Lopez (left) and Sierra Joplin display their awards. Joplin, whose turkey was auctioned for \$700, placed ninth in Turkey Tom.



Above, left to right, are Elma Castillo, Wyatt Baxley and Matthew Lopez. Baxley won Grand Champion Turkey Hen. His hen was auctioned for \$3,500. Baxley also placed sixth in Turkey Tom, whose turkey auctioned for \$800. Other winners (not shown) were Taylor Miles, who won Grand Champion Breeding Heifer; and Elie Loredo, who placed 11th in Turkey Tom and whose turkey auctioned for \$700. Photos by Schuyler Morris

San Jac attends National Night Out



Staff and faculty members from San Jacinto College attended the 34th annual National Night Out on Oct. 3. Shown, left to right, Dr. Mary Wisgrida, department chair, life sciences; Dr. Alexander Okwonna, dean of health and natural science; David Beruman, Student Success Center assistant; Ralph Penn, computer in-

formation technology professor; Dr. Brenda Jolivet Jones, provost; Dr. Kimberly DeLauro, department chair of English, modern languages and speech; Brittny Fowler, educational planner and Jim Meeks, computer information technology professor. Photo submitted

Tie for Best Newcomer



Sagemont Smoked Meat & BBQ and Cadeau Confections tied for Best Newcomer at the 20th annual Evening of Cuisine on Oct. 5 at The Gardens. Shown, left to right, are Shawn Kabir, Sagemont Smoked Meat & BBQ owner; Stephen Kennedy, Sagemont Smoked Meat & BBQ manager; Marie Flickinger, South Belt Chamber of Commerce chair; and Christine Oramasionwu, Cadeau Confections owner. Photo by Robert Bruce Summers

d'lish ties best entrée



d'lish catering, inc. three-way tied for Judged Best Entrée with Savannah Café & Bakery and Tony's Pizza & Grinders at the 20th annual Evening of Cuisine, held at The Gardens on Thursday, Oct. 5. Above are d'lish employees, Sara Said (left), sous-chef, and Mandy Bennett Niscavits, owner. Photo by Robert Bruce Summers

Risner's group at EoC



Harris County Precinct 2, Place 2, Justice of the Peace George Risner (not pictured) and his staff served chips and a fantastic homemade hot sauce at the 20th annual Evening of Cuisine on Oct. 5. Staff members shown above are, left to right, Yadi Sosa, Erika Celis, M.J. Calixtro, Patricia Garza (chief clerk), Maribel Gonzalez and Melissa Dees. Photo by Robert Bruce Summers

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The Singleton legacy continues at Dobie as freshman Amari Singleton has qualified for the Class 6A Region III Cross Country Championships Monday, Oct. 23, at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Singleton reached regionals by grabbing the 10th and final qualifying spot at the District 22-6A Championships, chewing up the 5K course at Deer Park's Jimmy Burke Activity Center.

Singleton's time of 20 minutes, 24.10 seconds placed her 10th in the varsity girls division. Beaumont West Brook's Nathane Randall was the overall individual champion in a time of 19:07.20.

Rayburn's Jazmine Martinez, who like Singleton is a freshman, was

second at 19:33.40. The La Porte Lady Bulldogs won the team crown with a low tally of 35 among its top five finishers. Deer Park was second at 54. Dobie placed fourth at 113, not unimpressive at all.



Amari Singleton

Dobie's Dani Colunga, a sophomore, was 20th with a clocking of 21:36.10, and senior teammate Alondra Rios had a time of 21:40.50 for 21st place.

Atziri Galarza, the Lady Longhorns' top runner both in 2016 and earlier this season, placed 24th at 21:47.0.

Dobie's fifth official scorer was Grace Castaneda with a time of 22:41.80.

Dobie's Ashley Tsiskas (23:25.30) and Alexis Oses (23:27.10) also competed for the Lady Longhorns.

CB's Eric K. moves on
Eric Kanjirathingal of Clear Brook saw his senior season continue as he placed seventh in the District 24-6A Championships at Miramar Park in Seabrook.

Overall medalist Brandon Lantau of Friendswood guided the Mustangs to the overall team title as he was first to the finish line in a time of 16:28.52.

Kanjirathingal, needing a top-10 finish to reach the Region III meet in Huntsville, easily met his goal, placing seventh at 17:22.88.

Clear Brook's Jordan Greenshield made a bid for regionals, and while coming up short, Greenshield had a solid 12th-place finish of 17:31.74.

At 17:44.15, the Wolverines' Sebastian Koran was 17th in the final boys' standings. Meanwhile, Austin Kanjirathingal, the twin brother of Eric Kanjirathingal, placed 23rd with a clocking of 17:54.15.

Ryan Brasseaux of Clear Brook was 27th

overall in a time of 18:09.78 as the Wolverines wound up fourth in the final team standings.

Others competing for the Wolverines included Cormic Cupples (35th at 18:40.87) and Ethan Rodriguez (48th at 20:46.17).

Brook girls finish out
While the Friendswood girls took the overall team crown with a low of 36 points, Alvin's Katylynn Welsch was the overall individual champion after completing the course in a time of 19:18.66.

Clear Brook, meanwhile, was seventh in the varsity girls' team standings as Victoria Lambert led the way with a 21st-place finish of 21:29.88.

Macady Yardley was next
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Friendswood slows Wolverine football

Not many high school football fans saw this coming two weeks ago, but suddenly the Clear Brook Wolverines have dug themselves a bit of a hole in the District 24-6A varsity football race.

Host Friendswood put together a long drive near the end of the third quarter, scoring a touchdown to lead 21-7 in what eventually turned into a 35-7 victory for the Mustangs.

So now with four weeks to go and games remaining against surprising Clear Lake as well as playoff regulars Clear Springs and Dickinson, the Wolverines may need to catch a break or two to make the post-

season. After surviving a scare against Clear Falls in the 24-6A opener, Clear Brook has now lost to

Clear Creek and Friendswood, falling to 1-2 in the 24-6A standings with four games remaining.

The Wolverines obviously control their own destiny, but the locals will need to
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Atascocita ousts Dobie



The Dobie varsity team tennis bunch saw their season come to a close Oct. 17, at the Longhorn courts at Atascocita of District 21-6A eliminated the locals with a 10-4 victory in the bidistrict round of the state playoffs. Dobie, which finished with a 10-12 overall record this season, will see four of its top singles players in both the boys' and girls' singles draws graduate next May. Above, the Longhorns' Luis Neira returns a shot against the Eagles. Photo by John Bechtle

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SJC soccer wins ninth straight

Finally ranked nationally but still realistically lurking in the background, the San Jacinto College men's soccer team is quietly putting together quite an impressive stretch of play.

Heading into its battle at fourth-ranked Tyler Oct. 18 after press time, the Coyotes had won nine straight matches, improving to 11-2 this season.

Since falling 4-3 at home in a back-and-fourth

game against Tyler in late September, the Coyotes have been unbeatable through their last nine matches.

The team nipped Laredo 1-0 Oct. 13 as Carlos Blasco scored the game's lone goal on an assist by Ivan Rosales.

Blasco and Rosales then had assists as Carlos Ibarra and Jordaine Fletcher had goals in a 2-1 victory Oct. 15, against Coastal Bend.

After playing at Tyler, the Coyotes could potentially play their final home game ever - Oct. 20 against Angelina.

Lady Longhorn VB near playoff berth

Despite a straight-set loss to undefeated Deer Park Oct. 17, the Dobie varsity volleyball team is within one win or a Memorial or La Porte loss of reaching the postseason.

Deer Park and Beaumont West Brook of District 22-6A will advance as the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, respectively. Dobie, with a road match at La Porte Oct. 20 followed

by an Oct. 24 home match against Memorial to close out the regular season, is currently third at 8-4. Memorial and La Porte, meanwhile, are battling for the fourth and final playoff spot.

Dobie got one step closer to its goal Oct. 13, sweeping past Pasadena 25-17, 25-13, 25-9 as league kill leader Taylor
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Friendswood tops Brook; Wolverines need wins now

Continued from Page 1B break a short one-game step things up in a hurry. losing streak, but came up The team had a chance to short against a Friends-

wood team that simply wins games.

Some expected the Mustangs to drop off a pace or two with record-setting quarterback Tyler Page now playing receiver at Southern Methodist.

Instead, the 5-1 Friendswood group has failed to miss a beat, staying atop the District 24-6A standings at 3-0.

Against Clear Brook, Mustangs' quarterback Christian Lee threw touchdown passes to Ben Redding and Mason Barnes for a 14-0 lead.

After Clear Brook got a 2-yard scoring run from Michael Norris midway through the second quarter, the two teams exchanged possessions midway through the third quarter until the Mustangs struck again.

Redding's 11-yard score on a reverse gave the Mustangs a 21-7 lead, and the defense essentially put the Wolverines away with solid play from there.

Sports Calendar

FOOTBALL

Thursday, Oct. 19

Brook JV Red at Clear Lake, 6:00
Brook JV Black at Clear Lake, 4:30
Dobie JV vs. Rayburn, Auxiliary, 6:30
Dobie sophomore vs. Rayburn, Auxiliary, 4:30
Brook freshman Black hosts Clear Lake, 4:30
Brook freshman Red hosts Clear Lake, 6:00
Dobie freshman Orange at Rayburn, campus, 4:30
Dobie freshman White at Rayburn, campus, 4:30

Friday, Oct. 20

Brook varsity vs. Clear Lake, Veterans L.C., 7:00

Saturday, Oct. 21

Dobie varsity vs. Sam Rayburn, Veterans, Pas., 1:00

Monday, Oct. 23

Thompson 8A at South Houston, campus, 5:00
Thompson 8B hosts South Houston, campus, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8A hosts Miller, campus, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8B at Miller, campus, 5:00

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Thompson 7A at South Houston, campus, 5:00
Thompson 7B hosts South Houston, campus, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7A hosts Miller, campus, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7B at Miller, campus, 5:00

Thursday, Oct. 26

Brook JV Red hosts Clear Springs, 6:00
Dobie JV vs. South Houston, Auxiliary, 6:30
Brook JV Black hosts Clear Springs, 4:30
Dobie sophomores vs. South Houston, Auxiliary, 4:30
Dobie freshman Orange hosts South Houston, 4:30
Dobie freshman White hosts South Houston, 4:30
Brook freshman Black at Clear Springs, 4:30
Brook freshman Red at Clear Springs, 6:00

Friday, Oct. 27

Dobie varsity vs. South Houston, Veterans, 7:00
Brook varsity vs. Clear Springs, Challenger, 7:00

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 19-20

Beverly Hills 7 Dark at PISD tourn., Southmore, TBA
Thompson 7 Dark at PISD tourn., Southmore, TBA
Beverly Hills 8 Dark at PISD tourn., Jackson, TBA
Thompson 8 Dark at PISD tourn., Jackson, TBA

Friday, Oct. 20

Brook varsity at Alvin, 6:00
Dobie varsity at La Porte, 6:30
Dobie JV at La Porte, 5:30
Brook JV at Alvin, 5:00
Brook freshman A at Alvin, 4:15
Dobie freshman A at La Porte, 4:30
Brook freshman B at Alvin, 5:15

Monday, Oct. 23

Beverly Hills 8 Dark hosts Queens, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8 Light hosts Queens, 6:15
Beverly Hills 7 Dark hosts Queens, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7 Light hosts Queens, 6:15
Thompson 8 Dark hosts Miller, 5:00
Thompson 8 Light hosts Miller, 6:15
Thompson 7 Dark hosts Miller, 5:00
Thompson 7 Light hosts Miller, 6:15

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Brook varsity hosts Dickinson, 6:00
Dobie varsity hosts Memorial, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts Memorial, 5:30
Brook JV hosts Dickinson, 5:00
Brook freshman A hosts Dickinson, 4:15
Dobie freshman A hosts Memorial, 4:30
Brook freshman B hosts Dickinson, 5:15
Dobie freshman B hosts Memorial, 4:30

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 26-27

Beverly Hills 7 Light at PISD tourn., TBA
Thompson 7 Light at PISD tourn., TBA
Beverly Hills 8 Light at PISD tourn., Bev. Hills, TBA
Thompson 8 Light at PISD tourn., Bev. Hills., TBA

SOCCER

Friday, Oct. 20

San Jacinto College hosts Angelina, 6:00

BAFL Week 8

Saturday, Oct. 21







Sagemont Cowboys at Southbelt Dolphins

Blackhawk Lee Park, 8 a.m.

Ellington Rams

at Pasadena Panthers

Pasadena High School, 8 a.m.

| South Belt football predictions |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Dobie vs. Rayburn | Dobie | Dobie | Dobie | Dobie | Dobie | Dobie |
| Clear Brook vs. Clear Lake | Clear Lake | Clear Brook | Clear Lake | Clear Lake | Clear Lake | Clear Lake |
| Atascocita at Summer Creek | Atascocita | Atascocita | Atascocita | Atascocita | Atascocita | Atascocita |
| South Houston vs. Pas. Memorial | South Houston | Memorial | South Houston | Memorial | South Houston | South Houston |
| Pearland at Dawson | Pearland | Dawson | Pearland | Pearland | Dawson | Dawson |
| George Ranch at Brazoswood | George Ranch | George Ranch | George Ranch | George Ranch | George Ranch | George Ranch |
| Clear Creek at Friendswood | Friendswood | Clear Creek | Friendswood | Friendswood | Friendswood | Friendswood |
| Fort Bend Marshall at Galveston Ball | FBM | FBM | FBM | Galveston Ball | Galveston Ball | FBM |
| Barbers Hill at Humble | Barbers Hill | Barbers Hill | Barbers Hill | Barbers Hill | Barbers Hill | Barbers Hill |
| Crosby at Dayton | Crosby | Crosby | Crosby | Crosby | Crosby | Crosby |
| This week's record | 8-2 | 7-3 | 8-2 | 7-3 | 8-2 | 8-2 |
| Season record | 39-11 | 34-16 | 37-13 | 31-19 | 32-18 | 36-14 |

Longhorns look ahead to Rayburn football

In what very well could be the most beautiful day of the high school football season, Dobie and Sam Rayburn's varsity football teams will go head-to-head as each team seeks its first win of the season.

The Longhorns, 0-4 midway through the season but focused on getting back into the thick of the playoff race, are coming off a bye week after losses to Deer Park and Memorial to open the District 22-6A schedule.

To this point, the Longhorns have fallen behind by a good margin in each of their losses, and the offense has not been able to catch up. Perhaps against the Texans, that premise will change.

Once more, the Longhorns figure to rely heavily on a running game that features Kris Morris and Andrew Logan, and the hope is that the passing game can also get going in a big way against the Texans.

Morris, a junior who has been a starter since midway through his freshman season, is coming off one of his best games as a Longhorn.

With runs of 56 and 60, the latter going for a touchdown, Morris showed his explosiveness against Memorial while eclipsing the 100-yard mark for the first time this season.

Logan, a senior who is seeing his most extensive action in the backfield in

his final season, has also had a number of big gains since league play has begun.

In terms of the passing game, the Longhorns are looking to get the ball into the hands of Jeremiah Hernandez and his teammates more often.

What to expect from Sam Rayburn? Stanley Hackett, a starter for the Texans for each of his varsity seasons, is virtually a one-player show.

In a 51-7 loss to Memorial Oct. 13, there were only five plays that did not include Hackett carrying the football.

The Texans threw one pass for an interception turned touchdown, and three more passes were

Dobie vs.
Sam Rayburn
Saturday, Oct. 21
Veterans Stadium, 1 p.m.

incomplete. Sam Rayburn did not complete a pass in the game.

Historically, the Longhorns have completely dominated the series against the Texans dating back to the 1970s.

Dobie needs a win this time around not only to get its first of the season but to also maintain any hope of reaching the postseason. Defensively, the Long-

horns simply must contain Hackett and not allow him to break free into the secondary for big gains.

On offense, the Longhorns figure to have a speed advantage and will look to get Morris and Logan heavily involved.

At present, Deer Park and Memorial lead the district, with South Houston and La Porte next in the standings.

Dobie girls set to make VB playoffs a reality

Continued from Page 1B Pleasants. The Lady Longhorns had won three in a row previously to its loss against Deer Park, having defeated Pasadena 25-17, 25-13, 25-9 on Oct. 13.

Playoff scenarios
One team is within one victory of a berth in the Class 6A volleyball playoffs, while that another team will fall one victory short.

Despite a straight-set loss to undefeated Deer Park Oct. 17, Dobie is very near a playoff berth. The catch? The Lady Longhorns close the regular season with matches against La Porte and Memorial. Losses to both of those teams could certainly complicate the playoff race.

Deer Park, which went 14-0 a season ago to win the District 22-6A championship, is 12-0 and one win over Beaumont West Brook away from claiming a second consecutive title - likely the unbeaten variety.

West Brook, meanwhile, successfully overcame heavy damages to its school and has defeat-

ed every team not named Deer Park in the district. Regardless, West Brook is ticketed for no worse than second place.

That brings up Dobie. At 8-4, the Lady Longhorns are one win ahead of Memorial and two ahead of La Porte with two matches remaining.

While Dobie travels to La Porte Oct. 20, Memorial will take on Deer Park. Dobie can control its own destiny by beating La

Porte on the road. However, the first-round matchup between the two teams went the distance to a fifth game.

If Deer Park, as expected, takes down Memorial, the Lady Longhorns will gain an advantage as well. Should Dobie close out with wins over La Porte and Memorial, the team would finish 10-4 in league play and guarantee itself a No. 3 versus No. 2 matchup in the bidistrict

round of the playoffs.

Brook eliminated
No excuses will be made, but Clear Brook did play the majority of its season, including District 24-6A play, without the services of its best player.

In the end, the Lady Wolverines could not deliver enough late-season magic to reach the postseason.

Friendswood has secured the 24-6A championship with a 12-0 record,

and Clear Falls is second at 9-3. Clear Springs and Clear Creek, both 8-4, have grabbed the final two playoff spots, but the seedings below Friendswood are far from determined.

Clear Brook, which is fifth at 5-7, will finish its regular season with matches against the bottom two teams in the district, Alvin and Dickinson.

The bidistrict playoff round is set to begin the final week of October.

| District 24-6A Standings Varsity Volleyball (As of October 17) | | |
|--|----|----|
| Teams | W | L |
| Friendswood | 12 | 0 |
| Clear Falls | 9 | 3 |
| Clear Creek | 8 | 4 |
| Clear Springs | 8 | 4 |
| Clear Brook | 5 | 7 |
| Clear Lake | 4 | 8 |
| Dickinson | 2 | 10 |
| Alvin | 0 | 12 |

| District 22-6A Standings Varsity Volleyball (As of October 17) | | |
|--|----|----|
| Teams | W | L |
| Deer Park | 12 | 0 |
| West Brook | 11 | 1 |
| Dobie | 8 | 4 |
| Memorial | 7 | 5 |
| La Porte | 6 | 6 |
| Pasadena | 3 | 9 |
| Sam Rayburn | 1 | 11 |
| South Houston | 0 | 12 |

BAFL Oct. 14 Scores

| | Sr. | Jr. | Soph. | Fr. |
|----------|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Dolphins | 40 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Patriots | 0 | 33 | 28 | 12 |
| Cowboys | 0 (forfeit) | 34 | 1 | 39 |
| Panthers | 1 | 0 | 0 (forfeit) | 0 |
| Rams | 32 | 6 | 6 | 40 |
| Raiders | 33 | 34 | 27 | 6 |

Bay Area Football League As of Oct. 19 Senior Division

| Teams | W | L | T |
|------------|---|---|---|
| Hurricanes | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Texans | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| 49ers | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Eagles | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Sharks | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Dolphins | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Bulldogs | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Bulls | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Panthers | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Raiders | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Rams | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Patriots | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Cowboys | 1 | 5 | 0 |

Junior Division

| Teams | W | L | T |
|------------|---|---|---|
| Hurricanes | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Texans | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Eagles | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Patriots | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Sharks | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Bulldogs | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Cowboys | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Dolphins | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Bulls | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| 49ers | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Raiders | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Panthers | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Rams | 0 | 6 | 0 |

Sophomore Division

| Teams | W | L | T |
|------------|---|---|---|
| Bulldogs | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 49ers | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Cowboys | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Texans | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Hurricanes | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Patriots | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Eagles | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Sharks | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Dolphins | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Panthers | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Raiders | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Rams | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Bulls | 0 | 6 | 0 |

Freshman Division

| Teams | W | L | T |
|------------|---|---|---|
| Texans | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Hurricanes | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| Rams | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Cowboys | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| 49ers | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Raiders | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Sharks | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Bulls | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Bulldogs | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Dolphins | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Eagles | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Panthers | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Patriots | 1 | 6 | 0 |

Dobie, Brook cross-country runners compete at district

Continued from Page 1B
 as she placed 37th with a time of 23:09.24.
 Kaitlyn Garcia of Clear Brook was 40th at 25:07.40, while Reagan Dunlap placed 41st in a time of 25:18.32. Clear Brook's Karina Pasasin was 42nd with her time of 27:18.82.
Schoppe repeats title
 La Porte's Ryan Schoppe repeated as the varsity boys' champion in 22-6A, getting to the finish line in a time of 15:12.20 for the overall gold.
 The Deer Park Deer claimed the team title, finishing with a low of 45 points to 67 for La Porte. Dobie, which wound

up in the eighth spot, was led by Jordy Reyes, who clocked in at 18:11.90 for 42nd place.
 Javier Martinez was 45th for the Longhorns in a time of 18:16.20, and teammate Jackson Ruit placed 50th at 19:09.70.
 John Mendez, one of four sophomores competing for Dobie, placed 52nd in a time of 19:25.80.
 Others taking part in the 22-6A meet for the Longhorns included Eli Donaho (19:38.10), Justin Lavinier (19:43.80) and Jon Acosta (19:44.80).
More on the Singletons
 Singleton's older sister, Camille, was a star track and field competitor at Dobie and is now a fresh-

man member of the women's track and field team at Stephen F. Austin University.
 While Camille Singleton reached the Class 5A Region III Track and Field Championships first in the 400-meter run in 2014 and later in her career included the 200-meter dash, Amari is currently more in line with the 800-meter and 1,600-meter events come track and field season.
 The bottom line is that, much like her sister, Amari Singleton has already made a name for herself at Dobie and within the District 22-6A ranks.
22-6A JV results
 Junior Briasia Garza came across the finish line

in a time of 15:07.00 to lead the charge for Dobie junior varsity girls' group on a two-mile course in La Porte.
 Next up for the Lady Longhorns was Isabella Delgado, whose time of 15:37.80 was 22nd-best.
 Michaela Munoz was 38th at 16:17.60, and Zoe Hernandez was just one spot back, 39th with her clocking of 16:18.60.
 Melissa Cavazos finished 40th with a time of 16:20.30.
 Others competing in the meet for Dobie included Annette Eonne (16:39.80), Alexis Lopez (16:43.90), Allyson Diaz (16:46.20), Miranda Serano (16:51.60), Jordan

Ridge (17:34.10), Destiny Estes (19:15.20), Alexis Ballare (19:31.40), Jedy Martinez (21:19.30) and Kiandra Porter (21:23.20).
 On the boys' three-mile junior varsity course, the Longhorns' Jordan Martinez placed 24th in a time of 19:01.60 to pave the way for the Longhorns.
 Dobie's Dan Hernandez

also competed. Flores (24:13.00), Sebastian Guevara (24:46.40) and Isia Requenes (25:11.50) also competed.

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season ago, losing to Auburn in the opening round of the Southeastern Conference tournament.
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Ole Miss baseball lands Tyler Myers commitment

Myers was a three-year starter within Dobie's varsity program but was not heavily recruited when it came down to it.
 At one point, Myers was set to leave the state to play at a lesser-known college before he hooked up with Paris and head coach Clay Cox.
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PISD Intermediate Volleyball (Through Oct. 16)

| 8L Records | District | Overall |
|---------------|----------|---------|
| Division I | W L T | W L T |
| San Jacinto | 2 0 0 | 3 1 0 |
| South Houston | 2 0 0 | 2 2 0 |
| Southmore | 1 1 0 | 1 3 0 |
| Beverly Hills | 1 2 0 | 1 3 0 |
| Park View | 0 2 0 | 0 4 0 |

Match Scores
 S. Houston def. San Jacinto 25-17, 23-25, 25-21
 Beverly Hills def. Park View 25-18, 25-22

| Division II | W L T | W L T |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Bondy | 2 0 0 | 4 0 0 |
| Jackson | 2 0 0 | 3 1 0 |
| Thompson | 1 1 0 | 3 1 0 |
| Queens | 1 2 0 | 2 2 0 |
| Miller | 0 3 0 | 1 3 0 |

Match Scores
 Thompson def. Queens 25-16, 25-21
 Bondy def. Miller 25-14, 25-17
 Jackson def. Southmore 25-17, 25-14

| 8D Records | District | Overall |
|---------------|----------|---------|
| Division I | W L T | W L T |
| San Jacinto | 3 0 0 | 4 0 0 |
| South Houston | 1 1 0 | 1 3 0 |
| Park View | 1 1 0 | 1 3 0 |
| Beverly Hills | 1 2 0 | 1 3 0 |
| Southmore | 0 2 0 | 0 4 0 |

Match Scores
 San Jacinto def. South Houston 25-17, 25-13
 Beverly Hills def. Park View 21-25, 25-20, 25-20

| Division II | W L T | W L T |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Miller | 2 1 0 | 3 1 0 |
| Queens | 2 1 0 | 3 1 0 |
| Bondy | 1 1 0 | 3 1 0 |
| Jackson | 1 1 0 | 2 2 0 |
| Thompson | 0 2 0 | 2 2 0 |

Match Scores
 Jackson def. Southmore 25-14, 25-19
 Queens def. Thompson 16-25, 25-22, 25-19
 Miller def. Jackson 23-25, 25-17, 25-21

PISD Intermediate Volleyball (Through Oct. 16)

| 7L Records | District | Overall |
|---------------|----------|---------|
| Division I | W L T | W L T |
| Southmore | 2 0 0 | 3 1 0 |
| Beverly Hills | 2 1 0 | 2 2 0 |
| Park View | 1 1 0 | 1 3 0 |
| South Houston | 1 1 0 | 1 3 0 |
| San Jacinto | 0 3 0 | 1 3 0 |

Match Scores
 South Houston def. San Jacinto 25-18, 25-23
 Southmore def. Jackson 25-7, 25-21
 Park View def. Beverly Hills 25-11, 25-23

| Division II | W L T | W L T |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Bondy | 2 0 0 | 4 0 0 |
| Queens | 2 1 0 | 3 1 0 |
| Miller | 1 1 0 | 2 2 0 |
| Thompson | 1 1 0 | 3 1 0 |
| Jackson | 0 2 0 | 0 4 0 |

Match Scores
 Bondy def. Miller 25-11, 25-2
 Queens def. Thompson 25-17, 22-25, 25-19

| 7D Records | District | Overall |
|---------------|----------|---------|
| Division I | W L T | W L T |
| San Jacinto | 2 1 0 | 3 1 0 |
| Beverly Hills | 2 1 0 | 2 2 0 |
| Southmore | 1 1 0 | 3 1 0 |
| Park View | 0 2 0 | 0 4 0 |
| South Houston | 0 2 0 | 0 4 0 |

Match Scores
 Southmore def. Jackson 25-22, 25-11
 San Jacinto def. South Houston 25-23, 25-13
 Beverly Hills def. Park View 25-14, 25-16

| Division II | W L T | W L T |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Bondy | 2 0 0 | 4 0 0 |
| Thompson | 2 0 0 | 4 0 0 |
| Miller | 1 2 0 | 2 2 0 |
| Queens | 1 2 0 | 2 2 0 |
| Jackson | 0 2 0 | 0 4 0 |

Match Scores
 Bondy def. Miller 25-10, 25-14
 Thompson def. Queens 25-14, 22-25, 25-18

SJC volleyball now to 19-4; 15th in nation

Much like the San Jacinto College men's soccer team has done this season, the women's volleyball team is making waves on the national scene.
 Unranked to open the season in the National Junior College Athletic Association's preseason poll, the Ravens have now climbed to No. 15. Miami Dade began the season at No. 1 and still holds that spot at 19-0. Western Nebraska is No. 2 at 23-2.
 As for San Jacinto, the team is intent on making a return to nationals in the program's final season of competition.
 The locals have now won nine straight matches and have amassed an 8-1 mark within the Region XIV ranks.
 In running its consecutive win streak to eight, the Ravens defeated New Mexico Military and Victoria in a home tri-match Oct. 13-14.
 San Jacinto defeated New Mexico Military 25-18, 25-17, 25-18 as Maddie Rhoder led the way with 11 kills and three block solos. Raven Oates came up with eight kills in the match as well.
 Victoria went down 25-15, 25-18, 25-20 as Megi Buvinic paced San Jacinto with 13 kills. Rhoder came up with nine kills, and Oates had eight more.
 Now 18-4 this season, San Jacinto is aiming at finishing conference play strong before entering the Region XIV tournament.
 Regional foe Panola is 10th in the latest NJCAA rankings after being ranked as high as No. 2 earlier this season.
 Navarro, Trinity Valley and Tyler are also potential regional tournament opponents that are also nationally ranked, but SJC is playing well.
 Hurricane Harvey may have slowed San Jac's start to the season, but the team is on a roll at the right time.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football Through Oct. 11 Games

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

| 8A Records | District | Overall |
|---------------|----------|---------|
| Division I | W L T | W L T |
| Bondy | 2 0 1 | 2 0 1 |
| Thompson | 1 0 1 | 2 0 1 |
| Beverly Hills | 1 1 0 | 2 1 0 |
| Miller | 1 2 0 | 1 2 0 |
| South Houston | 0 2 0 | 0 3 0 |

Game Scores
 Bondy 38, Beverly Hills 25
 Thompson 28, Miller 0

| Division II | W L T | W L T |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Southmore | 3 0 0 | 3 0 0 |
| San Jacinto | 1 1 0 | 2 1 0 |
| Jackson | 1 1 0 | 1 2 0 |
| Park View | 1 1 0 | 1 2 0 |
| Queens | 0 3 0 | 0 3 0 |

Game Scores
 Southmore 26, Jackson 0
 San Jacinto 14, South Houston 13
 Park View 32, Queens 0

| 8B Records | District | Overall |
|---------------|----------|---------|
| Division I | W L T | W L T |
| Thompson | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0 |
| Beverly Hills | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0 |
| South Houston | 1 2 0 | 1 2 0 |
| Bondy | 1 2 0 | 1 2 0 |
| Miller | 0 3 0 | 0 3 0 |

Game Scores
 Beverly Hills 12, Bondy 11
 Thompson 42, Miller 0

| Division II | W L T | W L T |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| San Jacinto | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0 |
| Southmore | 2 1 0 | 2 1 0 |
| Jackson | 1 1 0 | 1 2 0 |
| Park View | 1 1 0 | 1 2 0 |
| Queens | 0 3 0 | 0 3 0 |

Game Scores
 San Jacinto 38, South Houston 6
 Southmore 28, Jackson 12
 Park View 18, Queens 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

| 7A Records | District | Overall |
|---------------|----------|---------|
| Division I | W L T | W L T |
| Bondy | 3 0 0 | 3 0 0 |
| South Houston | 2 0 0 | 2 1 0 |
| Beverly Hills | 1 1 0 | 2 1 0 |
| Thompson | 1 1 0 | 1 2 0 |
| Miller | 0 3 0 | 0 3 0 |

Game Scores
 Bondy 34, Beverly Hills 12
 Thompson 30, Miller 0

| Division II | W L T | W L T |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| San Jacinto | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0 |
| Jackson | 1 0 1 | 2 0 1 |
| Southmore | 1 1 1 | 1 1 1 |
| Park View | 0 1 1 | 1 1 1 |
| Queens | 0 2 1 | 0 2 1 |

Game Scores
 San Jacinto 22, South Houston 12
 Jackson 6, Southmore 6
 Park View 6, Queens 6

| 7B Records | District | Overall |
|---------------|----------|---------|
| Division I | W L T | W L T |
| Beverly Hills | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0 |
| Miller | 2 1 0 | 2 1 0 |
| Thompson | 1 1 0 | 1 2 0 |
| Bondy | 1 2 0 | 1 2 0 |
| South Houston | 0 2 0 | 0 3 0 |

Game Scores
 Thompson 42, Miller 0
 Beverly Hills 12, Bondy 6

| Division II | W L T | W L T |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| San Jacinto | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0 |
| Southmore | 2 1 0 | 2 1 0 |
| Jackson | 1 1 0 | 2 1 0 |
| Queens | 1 2 0 | 1 2 0 |
| Park View | 0 2 0 | 0 3 0 |

Game Scores
 San Jacinto 27, South Houston 13
 Southmore 22, Jackson 0
 Queens 41, Park View 12

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19
 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 - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
 6 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-481-1238 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 713-856-1611.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20
 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 for details.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group,

noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.
 4 p.m.
Cullen Performance Hall - features *Shopkins Live!* Friday, Oct. 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Cullen Performance Hall at the University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun Road. Based on America's number one toy brand, Youtube sensation and international toy phenomenon created in Australia by Moose Toys, *Shopkins Live!* will feature the Shoppies and Shopkins characters taking the stage with an all new storyline, original pop music and video highlights. This event is for all ages. Ticket prices start at \$25 and ticket prices increase \$2.50 the day of the show. Tickets are available at uh.edu/cph.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.
 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 21
 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.
 10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
 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 the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
 7 p.m.
Bay Area Bluegrass Association - bluegrass music show and jam session on the third Saturday (except December.) Stage show is at 7 p.m. Pickers may bring instruments and come early. Free. Johnny Arolo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For details, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.
 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.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
 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 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.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

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 23
 10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 - 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, 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 for details.
 11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
 3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org.
 6-8 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - Mercy Hearts meets on the second and fourth Mondays, 6 to 8 p.m., at CrossRoads UMC located at 10030 Scarsdale. The focus of the new Mercy Hearts is support for families of inmates and ex-offenders. The program will provide a complimentary meal, group Bible study and discussion. Child care is provided. This is a confidential ministry and information will be treated accordingly. For details, contact C. Talbot at 281-245-7072 or Chucktal@msn.com.
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 6 p.m.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. No meetings on holidays.

6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

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 bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

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.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24
 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.
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.
American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Pkwy. (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.

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

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Noon
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

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

2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglanford@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

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 bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25
 7 a.m.

AAA 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.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant

United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Doris Byerly at 713-944-4474 for details.

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 for details.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

5:30 p.m.
StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter - informational meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. Public is welcome, 5:30 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday, Parker Williams Library, Room F, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., 77089. For details, call 281-229-1409.

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 bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturnpoint.org for information.

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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26
 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 - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

6:30 p.m.
Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For details, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

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 713-856-1611.

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Dobie grad Grant gets up-close experience during Astros' late-season push

**By John Bechtle
Sports Editor**

There's been no mistaking the energy and enthusiasm being shown across the city first as the Houston Astros dominated the American League West Division en route to 101 regular season wins and a division title, then an American League Divisional Series triumph over the Boston Red Sox.

With only the New York Yankees standing in the way of the Astros reaching their second-ever World Series, and perhaps either the Los Angeles Dodgers or the Chicago Cubs the lone road block to a first-ever World Series crown, fans everywhere are hyped.

Perhaps no one is more excited about the way the Astros' season has gone than 2013 Dobie High School graduate Will Grant, who spent some up-close and personal time with the organization this summer as an intern working as a clubhouse attendant.

Grant first began his dugout life at Dobie, where he became a team manager for the Longhorns' baseball program, handling pre-game, in-game and post-game duties for much of his four-year stay.

Dobie varsity baseball head coach Miguel Torres went so far as to rename the team's annual Heart Award in Grant's honor.

The younger of two sons born to Kathy and former Dobie varsity baseball head coach Roy Grant, Will has always been around sports.

His father previously coached other sports in

addition to baseball as part of a long career in high school athletics.

Will's older brother, Sam, also graduated from Dobie after pitching at the varsity level for parts

of three seasons with the Longhorns.

Sam went on to pitch collegiately and is now an intermediate school educator and coach in the Comal ISD, according to

Will.

After graduating from Dobie, Will effectively sought out college programs that would extend an opportunity in one of its athletic programs, preferably baseball.

He found that chance at Texas State University, where he spent the previous four seasons working with the Bobcats' program under the direction of head

coach Ty Harrington and his staff.

As he approached his collegiate graduation, Grant again began to seek out possible opportunities to further his skills and

abilities in athletics.

Grant just might have created his own chance when he ran across Astros' President Reid Ryan earlier this year at a Texas State function.

Harrington and Ryan are pals, so Ryan was in San Marcos for a pre-season speaking engagement he delivered to the Bobcats' baseball program.

Interestingly enough, Grant spoke at the same function, then sought out Ryan after. The two spoke about a possible internship with the Astros following Grant's graduation.

Earlier this summer, Harrington phoned Grant to tell him he had been chosen for a summer internship with the Astros. Wash uniforms, restock the bubble gum or sunflower seeds in dugout, clean cleats, reload the bat rack, whatever it takes, just do it.

That's really what has gotten Grant to this point. He's not the star player or the next big thing on the field of play, but he's perfectly happy helping others who might be.

"I've just always been around athletics and hope to be able to do so for my career," said Grant, who now has his college degree in general studies from Texas State University.

"I love it. In reality, it's hard to imagine that you actually get paid to do something like this, but I'll take it."

Grant joined the Astros in August and was with them through the end of the regular season.

He was in the clubhouse when the team celebrated winning the American League West Division title.

Per league rules, Grant's internship ended when the Astros' regular season did, but he has been told to get back in contact with the

team in January, and that his chances of joining the Astros for Spring Training in Florida are certainly favorable.

In the interim, he plans to return to the San Marcos area to land a job of some sort. He is hopeful the Astros' situation pans out for him but can also see himself as a full-time head equipment manager perhaps at the collegiate ranks.

"Yes, staying with the Astros would be a dream come true," Grant said. "It already has been an unbelievable experience. You still have to focus on doing your job and getting things done is the priority, but to be around the Astros' clubhouse on a daily basis is special."

For now, Grant is not unlike most other Astros' fans, watching from a distance as the 2017 squad tries to go farther than any other Astros' team in the history of the organization.

And there's one more goal Grant still has in mind for later this year.

Should the Astros win the American League pennant or go on to claim the team's first World Series title, he will have the opportunity to purchase a commemorative ring — yes, the real McCoy.

Grant has been told the price will be \$5,000, but he'll find a way.

"That's a lot of money, but it's also possibly a once-in-a-lifetime chance," Grant said. "I'll find the money. That's something I have to have. This is something that you never know when or if is going to come around again. It's special."



Dobie High School graduate Will Grant (left) shares a celebratory moment with the Astros' Carlos Beltran in the Houston clubhouse after the team clinched the American League Western Division title earlier this month at Minute Maid Park. Grant, who graduated from Texas State University in August, landed an internship with the Astros and hopes to rejoin the team in Florida next February for spring training.



During the Houston Astros' American League West Division championship celebration, Dobie graduate and Astros clubhouse attendant Will Grant shared a few moments with Houston star pitcher Dallas Keuchel. Grant worked with the Astros during an internship with the team following his Texas State University graduation.

Bidistrict playoffs – Atascocita ends Dobie team tennis season

Taking control of the match in the doubles segment with a crucial super tiebreaker win, the visiting Atascocita Eagles handed Dobie a 10-4 setback in the bidistrict round of the team tennis playoffs Oct. 17, at Longhorn courts.

Just like that, Dobie, 10-12 overall during the regular

season, has seen things come to an end. Atascocita, the third-place team out of District 21-5A, advanced to take on District 23-6A champion Dawson in the area round.

Dobie had hoped to build an advantage through the seven doubles matches that precede the singles, but the Eagles

prevailed in a No. 2 girls' doubles match that went to a supertiebreaker. Dobie lost it 10-8, and Atascocita had the slight edge it needed.

Although Dobie was winning four of the five singles matches that were being contested at the time, play was halted as soon as Atascocita

secured its decisive 10th win.

As he has done for much of the season, Dobie varsity tennis head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. rued the loss of yet another supertiebreaker.

In team tennis, if a match does to a third set, the winner is decided by reaching 10 total points first with an advantage of two or more against the opponent.

"We certainly are not blaming any one or two players for a loss in team tennis," Moreno said. "That's why it is team tennis. You win and lose as a team. But we struggled all season in the supertiebreakers. It's something we emphasized getting better at each week, and we just couldn't turn the corner."

Moreno was also disappointed in the fact that the Longhorns actually played a tight match against the Eagles, yet the final score did

not indicate that. Had Dobie, for instance, led the doubles 4-3 instead of trailing, then perhaps the outcome would have been different.

"I'm always bummed out when the season comes to an end because it's so final," Moreno said. "I truly like the bracket format that we are

playing in now for team tennis, but it's also the first time we have lost in the first round in a long, long time."

Now, Moreno will brace for the loss of at least eight key senior players, including four boys and four girls. For a season recap, see the Oct. 26 Leader.

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Dobie's Bao Nguyen sends a backhand return at her Atascocita opponents during the doubles portion of her team's eventual 10-4 loss to Atascocita in the bidistrict playoffs Oct. 17, at Dobie. Photo by John Bechtle

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