

Harris 5K, 1K set for Nov. 6

The South Belt 5K run and 1K walk, benefiting the Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund, returns to El Franco Lee Park Saturday, Nov. 6. Those who want to participate may register at runsignup.com/Race/TX/Houston/SouthBelt5K. The event is in honor of Harris, the former longtime Dobie High School educator and PISD athletics support staff member who died after a cancer battle in 2018. Previous honorees of the scholarship award include Dobie graduates Camille Smith (2019), Eli Donaho (2020) and Cadie Masterson (2021). To donate to the fund, call 713-740-0370. Those who wish may also register via the Harris Facebook page at Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund.

COVID cases continue

As of Wednesday, Oct. 27, there were 228 reported South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up four from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 7,676 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 181 remain active, down 79 from the previous week. To date, 93 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up three from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 210 of the 5,836 confirmed cases remain active, down 69 from the previous week. A total of 65 from the ZIP code have died. (The county published 66 deaths the previous week.)

Of the 5,920 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 212 remain active, down 61 from the previous week. To date, 70 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

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

Countywide, there have been 573,925 total confirmed cases. Of those, 550,733 have recovered from the disease, while 17,039 cases remain active. A total of 6,119 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Re-sources/2019-Nov-1-Coronavirus.

Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Fairmont Parkway to Red Bluff nightly from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (excluding weekends) through Friday, Oct. 29.

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

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Kirby Drive to Bellfort daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Monday, Nov. 22.

At least one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed at SH 288 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31.

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound main lane and one southbound Gulf Freeway frontage lane will be closed from FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM 528/NASA Parkway nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Oct. 29.

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

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

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

At least one northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022.

At least one northbound lane and one southbound lane on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022.

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

Highway 3 closure planned

At least one northbound lane on SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed from FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard to El Dorado Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Nov. 26.

Sharpless blood drive set

A blood drive for Wendy Sharpless will be held Friday, Oct. 29, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wendy Sharpless, the daughter of Jim and Fran Sharpless, who is undergoing cancer treatment at MD Anderson Hospital, is scheduled for surgery the end of October and in need of blood donors. To make an appointment, visit tinyurl.com/sltecc1021. To donate in Sharpless' name, mention her patient number 2397964. For additional information, call or text Larry Calp at 832-920-4772.

Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Nov. 11 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Nov. 12 (second Friday of the month). November is for tree waste only. Due to a larger amount of debris being discarded during the COVID-19 pandemic, pickups may be delayed. For additional information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

Leaders draw new state, federal and county maps

State and county leaders have been working diligently on the decennial redistricting process as of late to create new political maps, ideally to reflect the state's growing and changing population over the last decade.

Drawn every 10 years following the U.S. Cen-

sus, the maps will outline the state's new congressional districts, legislative districts and State Board of Education districts, as well as Harris County's commissioner precincts.

Congressional districts

The Republican-led Legislature approved new

congressional districts that shored up GOP influence and diminished the voting power of people of color, which fueled most of the state's growth over the last decade.

The state Senate approved the map on a 18-13 vote, while the House passed the measure with an 84-59 vote.

The new map incorporates two additional House seats the state gained following the Census count, more than any other state. While minorities accounted for approximately 95 percent of the new growth, the two new seats – located in Houston and Austin – will effectively be controlled by white voters.

In the final map, the number of districts in

which whites make up the majority of eligible voters increased from 22 to 23; the number of districts in which Hispanics make up the majority of eligible voters decreased from eight to seven; and the number of districts in which blacks make up the majority of eligible voters decreased from one to zero.

According to the 2020 Census, the state's white population and Hispanic population were roughly the same size. The state's Hispanic population increased by more around 2 million over the last 10 years, while the state's white population only grew by around 187,000 during the same time period.

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South Belt to keep Taylor

Despite widespread rumors to the contrary, the South Belt community will retain Sen. Larry Taylor as its state senator, as his District 11 will continue to represent the area following the recent redistricting process. While preliminary maps showed much of the South Belt area being absorbed into Carol Alvarado's District 6, the final maps leave most of the local District 11 lines unchanged. Taylor, who has served the area since 2013, is shown to the left at the recent opening of the San Jacinto College EDGE Center at the Houston Spaceport at Ellington Field.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

South Belt celebrates Halloween

Many traditional fall events canceled due to COVID

Most of the traditional Halloween and fall festivities in the South Belt Community have once again been canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Events still planned to take place include the following:

St. Luke the Evangelist

St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall, will hold its annual Trunk-or-Treat event Friday Oct. 29, in the rear parking lot from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Trunk-or-Treat is a Halloween tradition in which cars get just as decked out as the candy-seekers and candy-givers. This yearly event began in the mid-1990s as a safer alternative to trick-or-treating door to door. Participants decorate the trunks of their vehicles and hand out candy to costumed children.

Participants must sign up to include their vehicles. For additional information, visit stlukecatholic.com/trunk-or-treat-information.

Stuchbery Elementary

Stuchbery Elementary, 11210 Hughes Road, will host its annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the front parking lot of the school.

The function will feature activities, games and candy. The event is free and open to the public. Children are encouraged to wear costumes.

For additional information, call the school at 713-740-0752.

San Jacinto College

San Jacinto College will host its Spooktacular safety day and trick-or-treat event Friday, Oct. 29, at the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy & Technology, located at 7901 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The event will feature more than a dozen activities for kids of all ages.

From water balloon fights to virtual-reality

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5 arrested following Fuqua disturbance

A weapons disturbance call at the House of Pies in the 11300 block of Fuqua near the Gulf Freeway led to five arrests Sunday, Oct. 10.

Precinct 8 Deputy P. Garcia was dispatched around 2:30 a.m. to assist at the above address.

Upon arrival to the area, Garcia heard multiple gunshots coming from the 12500 block of the Gulf Freeway, which is an area known for high crime activity. Garcia observed a white Dodge

Charger quickly exit the parking lot and head north on the Gulf Freeway.

The vehicle entered the main lanes traveling at speeds exceeding 116 mph weaving in and out of traffic. Garcia activated his emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle.

All five occupants of the vehicle were directed to step out of the vehicle and were detained. The

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Virtual meeting set on flood projects

Houston District E City Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin would like to make Arlington Heights and Freeway manor residents aware of an upcoming virtual meeting to update the public on ongoing flood projects.

Harris County Flood Control District and Houston Public Works will host a virtual community meeting Thursday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 p.m.

to discuss the Arlington Heights Area Drainage Improvements and the Crenshaw Stormwater Detention Basin Project.

During the virtual meeting, residents will have the opportunity to meet the project team and learn more about the projects.

There will be a question-and-answer session

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U.S. Rep. Nehls introduces B.L.U.E. Act

U.S. Rep. Troy Nehls, whose U.S. House District 22, represents much of the South Belt community, recently introduced the B.L.U.E. Act (blocking lawlessness from undermining enforcement).

If passed, the B.L.U.E. Act would prevent local and state governments that have defunded their police departments from using National Highway Traffic Safety Administration program grants to fill in the gaps of their depleted law enforcement budgets.

"These grants are important for keeping drivers safe on the road and should not be used to bailout city council's far left agendas," said Nehls, a former Fort Bend County Sheriff.

NHTSA grants are used for a variety of roadway safety activities, including developing safety plans and safety priorities, undertaking initiatives to reduce risky driving and awarding sub-grants to law enforcement for traffic enforcement activities.

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Man fatally shot near Edgebrook

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a male found around 8:10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, in the 9800 block of Ledger Street near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

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

According to police, patrol officers responded to a shooting at the above address and found the victim lying on the sidewalk suffering from mul-

tiples gunshot wounds.

Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the incident and pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

At press time, there was no known motive or suspect(s).

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Online rumors spark school scares

Rumors of possible threats to local Pasadena ISD campuses once again circulated online through social media, according to school officials.

The threats involved Beverly Hills Intermediate and Dobie High School.

On Thursday, Oct. 21, rumors about a possible threat at Beverly Hills began to spread online among students and parents. That night, school

administrators sent electronic messages to students and parents notifying them of the threat and to assure them it was being seriously investigated.

"I want to let you know that our administration and Pasadena ISD Police Department are aware of the posts that have been circulating on social media," Beverly Hills Principal Stacey

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Massage parlor busted for prostitution

Deputies with the Harris County Precinct 2 Special Operations Unit recently made a prostitution arrest at a business posing as a massage parlor in the 10900 block of Scarsdale.

Police were alerted to the business, located in a strip center at Beamer, by an area resident who noticed suspicious activity at the storefront while dining at the nearby Papagayo's Mexican Bar & Grill.

The tip proved accurate, as undercover deputies were able to verify the claims.

Officials from the Clear Brook City MUD, which provides utilities for the Scarsdale strip center, said such illegal businesses are a blight to the surrounding legitimate ones.

"The MUD takes great pride in keeping our

community a safe place to live," said Clear Brook City MUD Manager Cecelia Ganje. "We spend over \$1.2 million dollars a year on a constable contract to ensure residents safety. Residents honor the reputable businesses in this strip center, along with dialysis patients for medical care."

Ganje has reached out to the company that serves as the strip center's landlord, notifying it of the situation, and officials signaled the problem will be rectified.

"We don't want this kind of illegal activity at our centers and plan to take care of it," said ACoM Property Manager Alisha Santos, adding that she had forwarded the police report to her company's legal team.

Man killed in drive-by shooting

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man that took place Sunday, Oct. 17, in the 9900 block of Bessemer Drive near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

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

According to police, officers were dispatched to a drive-by shooting at a strip center parking lot at the above address and found

the victim inside a white four-door vehicle that had crashed into a pole in the parking lot.

The victim had been shot multiple times. Paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene.

A vehicle was seen fleeing the scene.

At press time, there was no known motive or suspect(s). Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Gunfight ends with shooting, arrest

Charges have been filed against one male shot, who was shot by another male during an exchange of gunfire between the two Monday, Oct. 18, in the 14400 block of Ellington Park near FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road and the Gulf Freeway.

Bryan Barrett, 53, is charged with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the 337th State District Court.

The other male shooter, 33, was not injured.

According to police, officers were dispatched to a trailer park at the above address and found Barrett with multiple gunshot wounds and a female, 61, with a minor head injury.

During the investigation, it was learned there was an argument between Barrett, the woman

and a male. The argument escalated when Barrett produced a pistol and threatened to kill the male and physically assault the woman.

The male went back to his trailer to arm himself with a pistol. When he came back outside, the male heard a gunshot and returned fire at Barrett, striking him several times.

Barrett fired his pistol at the woman, the man and an occupied trailer. Paramedics were called and transported Barrett to an area hospital.

Detectives consulted with Harris County District Attorney's Office, which filed charges on Barrett and declined to file charges on the second male. The investigation is continuing and the incident might be referred to a Harris County grand jury.

Dobie names homecoming court



J. Frank Dobie High School recently named its 2021 homecoming court. Members of the homecoming court shown to the left are, left to right, (front row) Analaura Elizarraras, Michael Garza, (middle row) Maya Scott, Ashley Pham, (back row) Trajan Davis and Michael Garza. The 2021 Dobie High School homecoming king and queen will be named at the homecoming football game against Sam Rayburn High School on Friday, Oct. 29. See next week's Leader for winners.

Leaders draw new state, federal, education, county maps

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The state's current congressional delegation consists of 23 Republicans and 13 Democrats. The new map increases the number of districts that would have voted for Donald Trump in 2020 from 22 to 25. Statewide, Trump got 52 percent of the vote.

This year marks the first time in nearly 50 years, state lawmakers will redraw the new maps without federal oversight ensuring people of color are free from discrimination, as guaranteed in the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Since that law's enactment, Texas has not made it a single decade without a federal court ruling it violated protections for minority voters. Nevertheless, the U.S. Supreme Court in 2013

essentially did away with a provision in the Voting Rights Act that required states like Texas with a history of racial discrimination to gain approval from the federal government before making changes to election laws or political maps.

The new maps are expected to encounter multiple legal challenges moving forward.

Legislative districts

The state Legislature also recently drew new legislative maps. The House approved the new Senate districts, while the state Senate approved the new House districts. The House passed the new Senate districts with a 81-60 vote, while the Senate passed the new House districts with a 18-13 vote.

As with the new congressional maps, opponents of the

new maps contend the new districts disproportionately favor whites and Republicans.

The new Senate map creates 20 districts where the majority of eligible voters are white; seven districts where Hispanics make up the majority of voters; one district where the majority of eligible voters are black; and three districts where no racial group makes up the majority. While the number of districts representing each group is roughly equivalent to that under the present maps, the redistricting failed to boost the representation of people of color, which accounted for nearly all of the 4 million new residents in the state since the last census.

The new House map brings the number of districts where

Hispanics make up the majority of eligible voters from 33 to 30; the number of districts where blacks make up the majority will drop from seven to six; and the number of districts where whites make up the majority of eligible voters will increase from 83 to 89.

The map creates 85 districts that would have favored Trump in 2020 and 65 that would have voted for Biden.

The new legislative maps are also expected to face numerous legal challenges.

State Board of Education

The Legislature also approved new maps for the State Board of Education.

Again, Democrats and civil rights groups accuse Republican lawmakers of not fairly changing the districts to ap-

propriately reflect the state's growing minority population.

The new maps create seven districts where the majority of eligible voters are white; four districts where the majority of voters are Hispanic; and four districts that have no majority – or roughly the same representation as under the old maps. Again, multiple lawsuits are expected to challenge the new districts in court.

Harris County

Harris County commissioners are responsible for approving their own new precinct maps each 10 years.

Commissioners Court is currently composed of four members – two Democrats and two Republicans. Democratic Judge Lina Hidalgo, however, traditionally cast the tie-breaking vote, giving Democrats an advantage on most major issues before the court.

Eight maps have been proposed from within house at the county (most from commissioners), while more than two dozen proposed maps have been submitted by the public. A series of public meetings were also held to receive input from the community.

While the South Belt area has been in Commissioner Precinct 1 for decades, all but one of the map proposals show the area under new leadership. Under the remaining proposals, the South Belt community would shift from Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis' district to either Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's district or Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle's district.

Ellis' own map proposal, which places the South Belt in Precinct 2, is expected to gain approval from the Democratic-led court. Republican opponents of the plan accuse Democrats of a power grab, while Democrats contend they are merely reversing moves made by Republicans the last redistricting process.

"Our plan seeks to keep communities of interest together and brings together areas that have been split apart for years," Ellis said. "For too long this county has been intentionally divided by precinct boundaries that deny people the opportunity to elect representation that accurately reflects the views of the majority of our communities. The boundaries proposed cease that continued suppression and allows the voices and views of the people to be reflected by those who represent them."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey feels services would suffer under Ellis' map, as well as most of the other ones proposed.

"Commissioner Ellis is determined to push a map through as quickly as possible," Ramsey said. "The additional proposals mentioned, and pictured here, are variations of Ellis' disruptive map. While they sound great and feel good, they do not take into consideration the services we, as county commissioners, are responsible for providing you. The majority of unincorporated Harris County still ends up in one commissioner precinct (Cagle's Precinct 4), which puts that region at a greater disadvantage financially and logistically. The proposals set up the county for a future 4-1 Democrat-run court, which provides you no protection from tax hikes. Maintenance and services will suffer. For example, Precinct 3 includes the Addicks and Barker Reservoirs. With the boundaries as they are today, my team is able to address and improve the drainage that flows to them. If that northern portion is taken from us, as it's being proposed, we can no longer address drainage effectively. Other than my and Commissioner Cagle's proposals, services to you will be disrupted and suffer under the others that were brought to the table. Hundreds upon thousands of residents will be impacted negatively."

A final round of discussion was planned for Thursday, Oct. 28, with a vote to follow. See next week's *Leader* for additional information.

Deaths

Harold Lloyd Holmes



Harold Lloyd Holmes, 90, born in Port Arthur, passed away Oct. 18, 2021. Harold was preceded in death by eight siblings and his loving wife of 55 wonderful years, Juanita Thompson Holmes, who passed away Oct. 28, 2011.

He is survived by his daughters and their spouses, Susie and Fred Holt, Sharon and William Privett, and Carolyn and Steve Murphy. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and their spouses; seven great-grandchildren; and his sisters Juanita Ellison and Yvonne Zonana.

Harold loved life. He was an eternal optimist and usually had a wonderful smile on that handsome face of his. He was a wonderful husband to his wife and their marriage was a testimony of love and devotion to each other throughout their marriage. He was a father like no other, a great friend to many, a loving brother and uncle, and being a grandfather was the light and inspiration of his later years.

He was an outdoorsman who loved flea markets and garage sales. He couldn't get enough of his western shows, country music and his game shows. He stayed healthy into his elder years by going on his daily walks, waving and speaking to his neighbors and passersby, smiling as he went. He was a great example to all his family and will be missed dearly.

A visitation was held Friday, Oct. 22, with a funeral service following immediately. Services and interment were held at Forest Park East

Michael Louis Simon



Michael Louis Simon, 59, died Sept. 21, 2021. He was born in San Antonio to Gilbert A. Simon and Virginia L. Simon July 22, 1962, and raised in Houston.

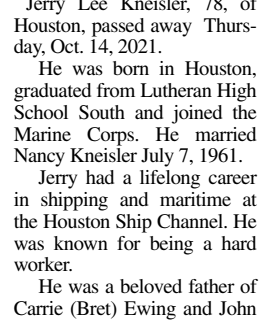
Michael is survived by his children Jennifer Grizzaffi, Erica Simon, Stephen Simon, and Mathew Parker; his mother; siblings Gilbert Simon, Gilinda Sterns, Paul Simon, Sandra Simon, Nicholas Simon, Lorie Fortson and Melissa Simon; numerous family members; and all his friends.

At 12, Michael started playing the violin and was immediately noticed as a remarkable, talented musician. His musical career took off shortly after. He graduated from South Houston High where he made lifelong friends, most who were also involved with music as are his children. He played the acoustic while sitting on the floor surrounded by kids during family gatherings over the years. Mike played with several famous musicians as Willie Nelson, the Allman Brothers Band and a few others. He also worked on Keanu Reeves' guitars.

He traveled the United States as a musician. Mike sacrificed many holidays because he volunteered to feed, serve and perform for the homeless. He cared for those in need. Mike must have done more than 150 benefits to raise money for people in need. Mike's whole life was about music so when the family sees a guitar, they think of Mike.

A visitation was held Saturday, Oct. 16, at Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel on Alameda Genoa Road.

Jerry Lee Kneisler



Jerry Lee Kneisler, 78, of Houston, passed away Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021.

He was born in Houston, graduated from Lutheran High School South and joined the Marine Corps. He married Nancy Kneisler July 7, 1961.

Jerry had a lifelong career in shipping and maritime at the Houston Ship Channel. He was known for being a hard worker.

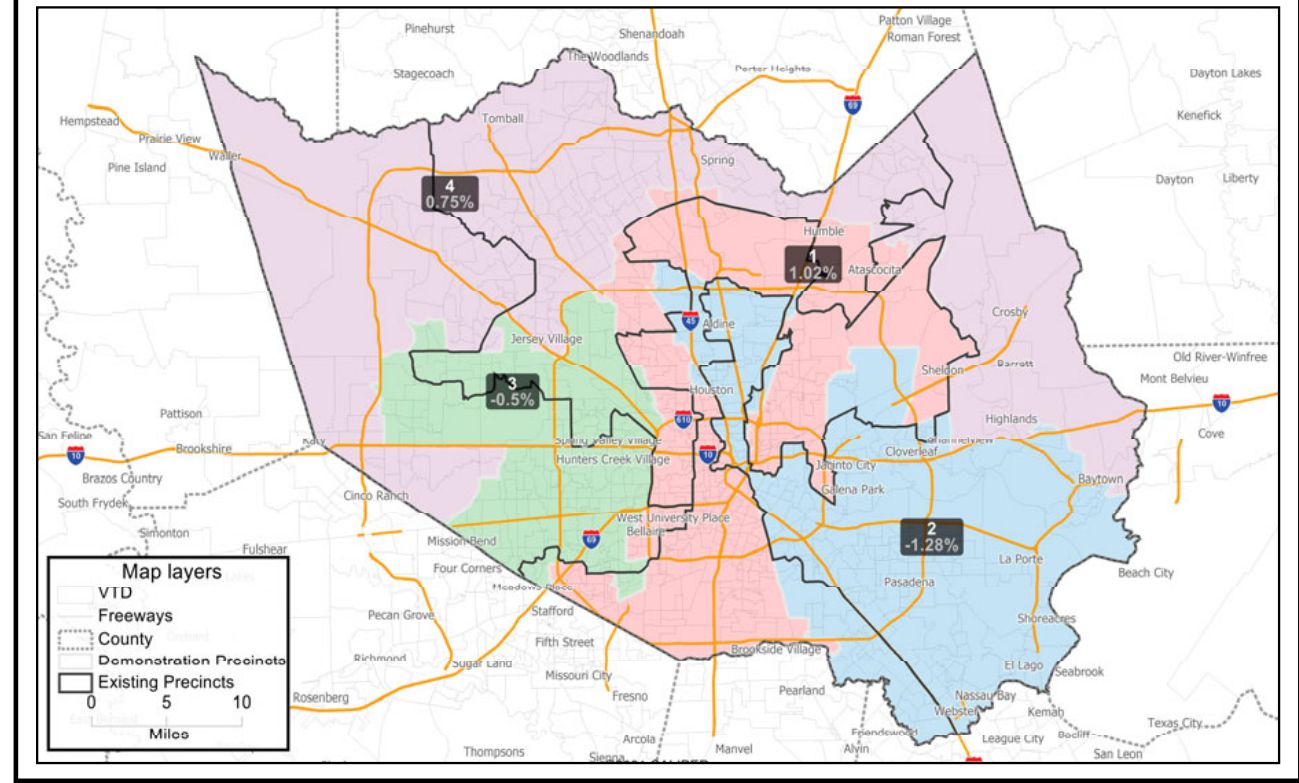
He was a beloved father of Carrie (Bret) Ewing and John Earl (Roxie) Kneisler; loving grandfather "Pop" of John Paul Ewing, Lucas Ewing, Ben Ewing, Emily Kneisler, Elyana Kneisler, Elyssa Kneisler, Rex Kneisler, and Jillian Kneisler; and dedicated brother of Jake Kneisler.

Jerry was preceded in death by his devoted wife, and adored sister Eileen Kneisler.

A celebration of life memorial service for Jerry was held Tuesday, Oct. 26, at Forest Park Lawndale, with an inurnment immediately afterward. A reception followed at the same location.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.ForestParkLawndaleFH.com for the Kneisler family.

Commissioner Ellis' proposed new district map



Online rumors stoke Dobie school fears

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"The district police will continue to investigate any current and future threats. We ask that the post not be shared, but if you have any information, please contact the Pasadena ISD Police."

The student was subsequently charged for making a terroristic threat, a felony.

That afternoon, Barber sent a third message, thanking students and parents for their role in identifying the suspect student.

"I want to commend all parents and students who reported the social media threats through our Anonymous Alerts system," Barber's message read. "Your help assisted our Pasadena ISD police in the investigation. Any threat made against our school is treated with the highest level of concern. We ask that you talk to your student about the importance of reporting threats. Posting and reposting threats can result in serious consequences up to and including felony terroristic threat charges. We all have a role in keeping BHI a safe learning environment."

That day, a similar rumor about a possible threat to Dobie High School circulated online through social media sites.

According to Dobie Principal Franklin Moses, the incident began that morning and was limited to a vague threat from one student against another and never involved the entire campus. By that night, however, Moses said the Dobie rumor had been conflated with the Beverly Hills rumor, concerning parents and prompting numerous messages to school officials.

The following morning on Friday, Oct. 22, Moses was compelled to leave a voice message for parents, letting them know it was safe for children to attend school. Despite the call, many students opted to not attend class, Moses said.

According to Moses, the child responsible for making the threat was visited by police and appropriately disciplined by the school district.

The recent threats come fresh on the heels of other similar ones made to Pasadena Memorial, Sam Rayburn and South Houston high schools.

As with the most recent scares, all of the possible threats were thoroughly investigated and determined to be untrue. In an abundance of caution, additional police officers were on campuses.

At that time, Pasadena ISD officials urged students not to share online messages about the threat – even if to warn other students for their own safety.

Although being well-intended, the sharing of such information as a warning can cause unnecessary panic, school officials said.

"Most, if not all posts, are screenshots of messages warning people to be safe," a statement on the Pasadena ISD website said at the time. "Therefore, we ask that the post not be shared."

Rather than sharing warnings online, Pasadena ISD students and parents are encouraged to notify school officials, who will in turn share reliable information in an official capacity.

"We are stressing the 'if you see something, say something, and don't post something,'" said Pasadena ISD Assistant Superintendent Troy McCarley.

To report such threats or any suspicious activity, students and parents are urged to call the Pasadena ISD Police at 713-740-0200 or utilize the district's Anonymous Alert App, available for download on the PISD website.

District officials ask parents to talk with their children about the seriousness of making such threats, even if intended as a joke.

"Please know the safety of our students and our staff is our primary concern, and we will relentlessly investigate these occurrences to keep our students and staff safe," Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell said in a recent letter to parents. "We will continue to treat every threat as

a legitimate danger to students and employees. Unfortunately, however, many threats turn out to be hoaxes, or the student making the threat intended it as a joke. We have repeatedly stressed to our students that student safety is not a joking matter, and there will be severe consequences for those who make threats against our schools."

In the letter, Powell asked parents for their assistance in two ways.

"Please have conversations with your child about the seriousness of the threats and the need to notify a trusted adult," the letter read. "Ask your child to refrain from reposting, retweeting or sending the threat through text, email or other social media outlets. This hampers the investigation and slows the process down for our administration and police."

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16-year-old juvenile male; and a 16-year-old juvenile female.

Deputies proceeded to conduct a probable cause based search of the vehicle and located a small baggie containing powdered cocaine, 1.7 grams of marijuana and two loaded handguns.

Upon further investigation, deputies learned one of the handguns was reported stolen through South Houston Police Department. Garcia stated the stolen handgun belonged to him and he had previously purchased it on the "streets."

The male juvenile took ownership of the cocaine and the second handgun.

Deputies proceeded to conduct a more thorough search of the vehicle and located a black bag containing 4.9 grams of methamphetamine, 11.8 grams of marijuana, a scale and drug paraphernalia. Deputies also observed a gunshot hole on the

fender of the vehicle.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted felony charges for possession of a controlled substance on Nino with a bond set at \$15,000. Unlawful carry of a weapon charges were accepted on Garcia with a bond set at \$100.

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By Natalie Abarca

A member of the *People of Sagemont* 2 Facebook page is alerting community members to be on the lookout for a young black male who was at the McDonald's on I-45 and Astoria Friday, Oct. 22. The member stated that the suspect ran toward her fiancée, but her fiancée jumped into the car and the suspect quickly ran off. The member also stated that they did not know what the suspect's intentions were, but the suspect had a gun.

A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook group is alerting neighbors to stay vigilant since her elderly mother reported that she had been harassed by an individual during her morning walks at 8 – 8:30 a.m. in the Sagepark Lane and Sagerock Road area. The member's mother provided the

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NARFE set Nov. 16

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J. Frank Dobie High School officials announced its first six-weeks honor roll.

Ninth grade

Leslie Acosta Hernandez, Evangeline Adam, Fernando Aguilar, Diego Aguilera, Juliana Aguirre, Juliana Aguirre, Rigoberto Alanis, Ariana Alaniz and Ayla Albert.

Azeneth Aleman, Casey Aleman, Jonathan Alexander, Rachel Alonso, Sophia Alonso, Yulissa Alvarado, Khnum Amos, Aysjha Anderson and Bryan Anderson.

Gian Andrade, Emma Arizmendi, Malynia Armelin, Julian Arredondo, Kalle Arredondo, Madeline Arredondo, Grace Arriola, Itzayana Auriolos and Tristan Avalos.

Adrianna Avila, Alexa Avila, Zavannah Ayala, Krystal Balderas, Yecson Barahona, Oscar Barajas, Karyme Barba, Perla Bazan and A'nyia Beasley.

Christopher Bellamy, Neave Ben-Smith, Joselyn Benitez, Odalys Bermudez, Lorenzo Betancourt Mejia, Josue Betancourt, Didiane Boisseau, David Bonilla and McKenzie Bonner.

Juan Booker, Jaylon Broussard, Jimmy Bui, Kaylie Bui, Nathan Bui, Stephanie Bui, Hector Calles, Rosette Calvillo and Eliazar Campos Quintana.

Kailee Canales, Emily Cano, Miranda Cano, Donny Cantu, Sydney Cao, Mikera Carraway, Edward Carter,

Jada Castaneda and Thomas Castelan.

Noah Cazarez, Paris Cervantes, Victor Chapa, Alexandra Chavez, Danielle Chenier, Arianna Cid, Jasmine Clark, Michael Collins and Kobi Conway.

Davia Constantino, Amaya Corona, Jitsel Cortez Wences, Avangeline Cosse, Adriel Cruz, Kimberly Cumpian, Santiago Cuya, Huy Dang and Alexis Davis.

Asia Davis, Ulani Davis, Miranda De La Rosa, Emely De Leon Benavides, Ashley Delagarza, Johan Delapaz, Anthony Dinh, Kristin Do and Vyvy Do.

Jocelyn Dominguez, Abril Dosal, Tyree Drumgo, Kirsten Duong, Skylar Edokpa, Emily Edwards, Angelo Elizondo, Samuel Errasti and Fabricio Escobar Mejia.

Sarah Espinal, Bethany Espinoza, Burke Feil, Alexa Fernandez, Viviana Fernandez, Diego Flores Tejada, Benjamin Flores, David Flores and Joel Flores.

Jose Flores, Lindsey Flores, Peyton Fontenot, Madison Ford, Gabriel Fulgado, Jenny Gallardo, Freddy Gallegos, Jayla Gantt and Andrea Garcia.

Andrew Garcia, Angel Garcia, Elizabeth Garcia, Michala Garcia, Noah Garcia, Richard Garcia, Brianna Garza, Lauren Garza and Max Garza.

Pedro Garza, Jesus Gomez, Victoria Gomez, Valerie

Gonzales, Alfonso Gonzales-Adame, Antonio Gonzalez Pineda, Abel Gonzalez, Christian Gonzalez and Damian Gonzalez.

Diego Gonzalez, Dimas Gonzalez, Eduardo Gonzalez, Gabriella Gonzalez, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Jakeline Gonzalez, Javier Gonzalez, Lavon Graham and Ke'Myra Green.

Emily Grimaldo, Isabella Guajardo, Erik Guerrero, Valerie Guajardo, Priscilla Gutierrez, Jacob Guzman, Andrea Harris, Kianna Harris and Stacie Harris.

Johnathan Hatton, Patience Hayes, Camille Haynes, Emily Henriquez, Ashley Hernandez, Isabella Hernandez, Kevin Hernandez, Leonel Hernandez and Lillian Herte.

Juan Hinojosa Vasquez, Ruben Hinojosa, Sophia Ho, Lena Hoang, Shalaci Hollis, Olivia Hunt, Quang Huynh, Jerry Ibarra and Arianna Jackson.

Heaven Jackson, Nia Jackson, Joelle Jagdeo, Isaiah Jasmine, Alicia Jasso, Eucir Javier Hernandez, Marvin Jerezano, Willard Joiner and Kenneth Jones.

Jake Joslin, Genesis Joya Sanchez, Cathy Kaisler, Samantha Kaisler, Zain Khan, Reigne Knoxon, Jakovos-Panagiotis Kostikoglou, Maher Kothiya and Jaylon Lasker.

Nathan Le, Morgan Leach, Karyme Leal, Dominick Leija, Isabella Liceaga, Chris-

topher Lopez, Emma Lopez, Gabriel Lopez and Sebastian Lopez.

Valeria Lopez, Alexa Loreda, Mia Lozano, Tatiana Luna, Yamila Luna, Khang Ly, Daniela Maldonado Marquez, Bobby Maldonado and Shyla Marcano.

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Yazmin Mata-Garcia, Cameron Mathews, Chloey Mathews, Aeriona McCann, Zaniya McClain, Kianna McCombs, Alexander Medina, Wendy Mejia Espinoza and Kevin Mejia.

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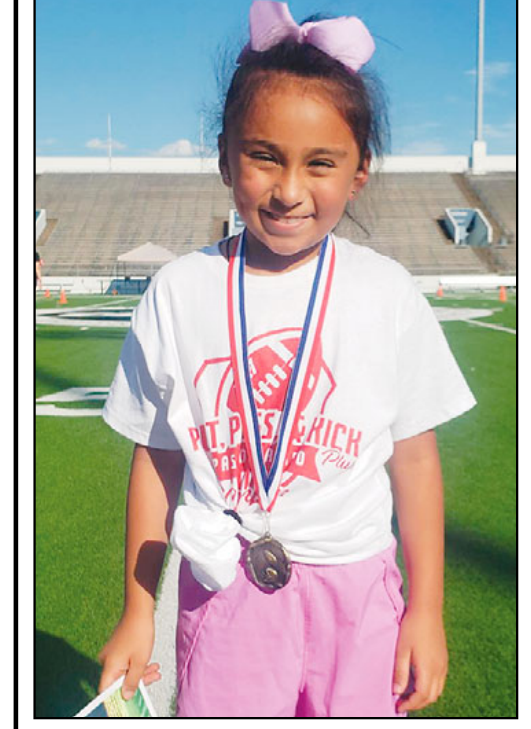
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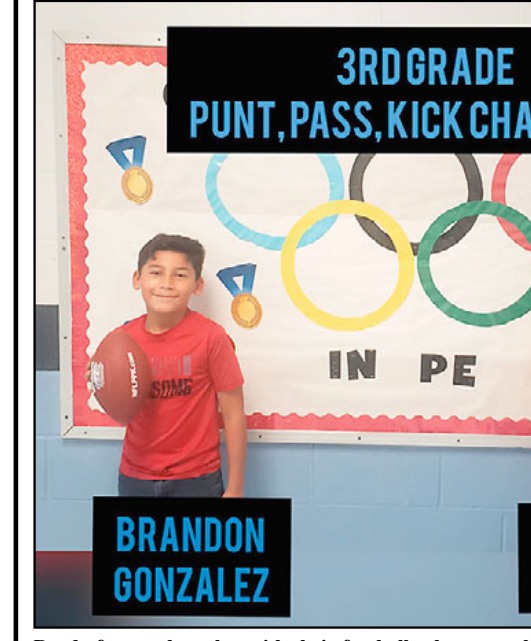
Genoa students participate in Punt, Pass and Kick



Shown is Scarlett Vega with her medal.



Fourth-grade winners Mateo Ariza (left) and Evelyn Salazar are shown with footballs.



Ready for another play with their footballs above are third-grade winners Brandon Gonzalez (left) and Scarlett Vega.



Above is Coach Summer Bradley (right) awarding a medal to third-grade champ Scarlett Vega.

Meador celebrates National Custodian Appreciation Day



Meador Elementary School officials honored their custodians for National Custodian Appreciation Day which took place Oct. 2. The school staff appreciate their wonderful custodial staff for their hard work and dedication. Shown above, left to right, enjoying the moment of recognition are Laura Alvarez, Felipe Saucedo, Sabina Torres and Maria Medina.

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CCISD students win Grand Champion



Anthony Jorgensen won Grand Champion in the turkey hen competition.

Clear Creek ISD high school students competed in the 71st annual Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo. Out of 18 students, 10 received top honors and were named as Reserve Champions or Grand Champions for their livestock or Ag Mechanic projects.
 "These students committed to raising animals throughout the summer, mostly forgoing summer vacations to tend to their dai-



Brianna Lopez won Grand Champion in Swine Showmanship.

ly chores of livestock showing," said CCISD Career and Technical Education Program Manager JT Buford. "The students who show at Pasadena usually have committed to showing year-round."
 The Reserve and Grand Champions brought in \$21,000 for their projects. A combined total of \$55,000 was raised for all 18 CCISD entries. This was the first in-person event of the semester.
 "The in-person experience is most effective for the auction that our students were fortunate to participate in," said Buford. "Seeing the comradery of students and the buyer excitement over the hard work and success of each entry helps fuel students to compete in future livestock and Ag Mechanic competitions."
 The 40th Annual Clear Creek ISD Livestock Show and Auction will be held on

Jan. 18-20, 2022.
 Below is the list of Grand Champions and Reserve Champions from the PLSR for Clear Creek High School:
 - Grand Champion Turkey Hen: Anthony Jorgensen.
 - Grand Champion Swine Showmanship: Brianna Lopez.
 - Reserve Champion Exotic Heifer: Naomi Browning.

Atkinson announces honor and merit rolls

Atkinson Elementary officials announced their first nine weeks honor and merit roll.
Honor roll
Able
 Jayden Cevallos, Rogelio Gonzales, Ethan Pineda and Roy Thomas.
Third grade
 Valerie Hernandez, Lyla Resendez, Sofia Vega and Maylen Zambrano.
Fourth grade
 Tatiana Gamboa, Bethany Gonzalez, Jaythan Guzman, Aria Holcomb, Emily Martinez and Minh Duy Nguyen.

SJC ranks Top 100 for Hispanic Outlook

Once again, San Jacinto College was ranked in the Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics list found in the *Hispanic Outlook on Education* magazine. San Jac was ranked third on the science technologies/technicians degree list and ninth on both the 2019-2020 total enrollment four-year schools and total associate degrees granted lists.
 "San Jacinto College continues to strive and improve in its efforts to serve the ethnically diverse communities of East Harris County," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jac Chancellor. "Landing in the top 10 of all three of these national lists validates our efforts and highlights the need for continual support and outreach."
 According to data presented in the Oct. 11 issue of the magazine, San Jac had 25,106 Hispanic/Latino students enrolled during the 2019-2020 academic year, or 58 percent of the entire student enrollment. The college also had 2,568 Hispanic/Latino students - or 56 percent of the total students enrolled - graduate with an associate degree that same academic year.
 San Jac also had 128 Hispanic/Latino students enrolled in the science technologies/technicians degree, making up 50 percent of the total number of students enrolled in the degrees. Data for the rankings is from the NCES IPEDS database for community colleges granting the most degrees in the 2019-2020 academic year.
 San Jac is a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution as defined by the U.S. Department of Education. An HSI must have a full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollment of at least 25 percent Hispanic origin at the end of the award year.

Griffin receives ICON award from Houston Port

to excellence in the industry and now secures its future through training the next generation of workforce."
 Griffin has more than 30 years of experience in the petrochemical manufacturing industry. He has experienced the many changes in workforce demands of the petrochemical industry and the increased need for workers with degrees and certificates. As associate vice chancellor/senior vice president at the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy & Technology, with the prestigious ICON Award last month at the 2021 Gulf Coast Industry Forum.
 "Jim is an outstanding partner with the Alliance in driving the economy in our region," said Chad Burke, president of the Economic Alliance. "He is someone who has shown vision and leadership, and has a great heart for the petrochemical industry in Southeast Texas. He has displayed a lifelong commitment
 past chairman of the board for the East Harris County Manufacturer's Association (EHCM), and has served in a variety of key roles at chemical plants including corporate director and plant manager. Before joining San Jac, he was vice president of manufacturing for Dial America, a Mitsubishi chemical company.
 Griffin has also served as manufacturing director and in a variety of leadership positions with PolyOne Corp.
 The LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy & Technology at San Jac is the region's training leader for the petrochemical, energy and technology workforce. The Center was developed with industry partners at the table designing the space, the equipment and the curriculum for the credit and incumbent worker training that takes place in the facility. He holds a bachelor's degree in industrial education and a master's degree in safety and environmental study from the University of Wisconsin-Stout.
 "We are proud of Jim for his lifelong work in the petrochemical industry, which is so deserving of this ICON Award," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor. "His commitment to the industry and his understanding of what our industry partners need is what makes him so valuable to the college and this region. He is helping to ensure that tomorrow's workforce has the skills to continue to make the petrochemical and energy industry sustainable."
Economic Alliance Houston Port Region
 With a mission of growing the regional economy over the past 36 years, the Economic Alliance has met its charge through economic development supporting the petrochemical, transportation and logistics industries. The Gulf Coast has seen unprecedented growth over the last eleven years and is now the global epicenter of the petrochemical industry.

South Belt celebrates Halloween

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 welding, kids can show off their Halloween costumes and gather treats while parents enjoy the golf chipping challenge and informational demonstrations on safety and the CPET offerings such as the glycol unit.
 This is a trick-or-treat event like no other. Kids will participate in a blacklight scavenger hunt, use their deductive reasoning skills to solve mysteries, and chuck water balloons at a hazmat suit to better understand its durability.
 For additional information, call 281-998-6107.
Parker Williams Library
 The Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer, will hold its fourth annual Page Fright outdoor community event Friday, Oct. 29, from 7 to 8 p.m.
 The free event will include various outdoor activities, crafts, pumpkin walk, trick or treating and photo booths. Costumes are optional.
 al. For details, call 832-927-7870.
 Traditional events known by the *Leader* to be canceled this year include the following:
 - Southeast Volunteer Fire Department party.
 - San Jacinto College South Fall Fest.
 - Dobie High School haunted house.
 - Jessup Elementary fall carnival.
 - South Belt Elementary Trunk-or-Treat.
 - Faith Missionary Baptist Church fall festival.

Home Grown lecture set Nov. 4

The Home Grown lecture "Citrus Trees for Your Landscape," will be presented by Brandi Keller, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent-Horticulture, Thursday, Nov. 4, at 10 a.m. Although this is a free virtual lecture, registration is required. Visit <https://homegrown2021Q4.eventbrite.com/> and click "Select a date" for more information and to register.

Remember When

45 years ago (1976)
 Several items were on the agenda at a Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees meeting. Included were artificial turf, a new starting time for some high school students, setting up of election procedures, a shortage of textbooks and the approval of \$5 million in school bonds.
 Citizens United for Better Schools (CUBS) formed in the South Belt area.
 A meeting of the Scarsdale Civic Association resulted in many actions to be undertaken in the near future. One item included letters of intent to sue being sent to property owners not in compliance with deed restrictions.
40 years ago (1981)
 Houston arson investigators said a fire at a Sagemont residence was deliberately set. Six people were asleep in the house at the time, and were awakened by a smoke alarm.
 The city's decision to turn down Harris County Flood Control's request to remove the bridge at Beamer and Sageorchard was rescinded for further study.
35 years ago (1986)
 The suspended director of Pasadena Independent School District Food Services, Charles Ketchum, received a letter of intent to terminate his contract.
 Attorney Bill Morgan was named president of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber.
30 years ago (1991)
 The PISD school board tried to bridge differences between angered parents and innovative administrators. Residents expressed concerns over the elimination of honors classes at the intermediate level and the controversial report cards for elementary students.
 Holiday Foods grocery store on Scarsdale at Beamer closed its doors after a decade of operation.
 Prudential McCarver Realtors announced the closing of their South Belt office after nearly two decades of service.
25 years ago (1996)
 Dobie was the first and, at that time, the only PISD school to have a webpage.
 Holocaust survivor Chaja Verver spoke at San Jacinto College. She survived the

A South Belt man died Wednesday, Oct. 26, when the experimental plane he was piloting crashed during takeoff at Pearlland Regional Airport. Jared Baxter Ryan, 36, was pronounced dead at the scene. Ryan had reportedly just purchased the Wittman Tailwind aircraft, and this marked the first time he had flown it alone.
1 year ago (2020)
 A fatal auto-pedestrian crash took place Thursday, Oct. 22, in the 10600 block of Highway 3/Old Galveston Road near Beltway 8. According to police, the victim was walking north in a moving lane of traffic when he was struck by a maroon GMC Sierra. The male driver, 56, stopped, called police and attempted to administer CPR on the victim. Houston Fire Department paramedics arrived and pronounced the victim dead at the scene. The driver did not show signs of intoxication and consented to a blood draw. He was subsequently released.
5 years ago (2016)
 Precinct 2 deputy constables reported two arrests made as a result of three incidents of family violence.
10 years ago (2011)
 The South Belt area was invaded by mosquitoes. A combination of drought, a heavy rain and warm temperatures provided the perfect conditions for the pests to thrive. According to Harris County Mosquito Control officials, the blood-sucking insects were floodwater mosquitoes, not the disease-carrying culex variety.
5 years ago (2016)
 camps at Bergen-Belzen, Germany, and Theresienstadt, located in what is now the Czech Republic.
20 years ago (2001)
 The *Leader* contained a four-page pullout election section for the upcoming city and county elections.
 The recently formed South Belt-Ellington Super Neighborhood completed a draft of goals to submit to city officials.
 A first-ever exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency was earned by Frazier Elementary, Moore Elementary was again named exemplary. Atkinson, Burnett, Freeman, Meador and Stuchbery elementary schools along with Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediates received recognized ratings. Jessup Elementary and Dobie High school received district commendations.
15 years ago (2006)
 Harris County jurors found Howard Joseph Holmes, 47, guilty of capital murder in the death of Sher-

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

TYLER CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
 Happy birthday wishes are sent to Tyler Scarberry who enjoys a birthday Oct. 28. Lots of love is sent from parents Jannie and Robert Scarberry (former longtime South Belt residents); sister Jenny (Hayes) Laney, husband Josh and children Brayden, Baylee and Olivia; sister Stacey (Hayes) Flowers, husband Stephen and children Kennedy, Owen and Evie; brother Joey Hayes; and brother Austin Scarberry and daughters Jade and Lily. Tyler is a 2010 Dobie High School graduate.
SCHOOL DAZE
 The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 28 through Nov. 3.
Burnett Elementary
 Rebecca Wells is wished a happy birthday Nov. 1. Sing a chorus of a birthday song Nov. 3 to Isabel Camarillo.
Frazier Elementary
 Send a birthday greeting Oct. 28 to Maria Martinez. Light the birthday candles for Gracie Puente Oct. 30. Give a birthday shout-out Nov. 1 to Jacqueline Cuello.
Meador Elementary
 Remember to wish Donna Huemme a happy birthday Oct. 29. The day for Heidi

Grizewsky and Kacie Hedge to celebrate with ice cream and a double-layer birthday cake is Nov. 3.
Moore Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for Kathy Young Nov. 2.
South Belt Elementary
 The day for a party for Tiffani Thomason is Oct. 28. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 2 to Lisa Dupla-Barboza.
Roberts Middle School
 Stefanie Purucker celebrates a birthday Oct. 29. Light the birthday candles Nov. 1 for Gesina Martin. Sing a chorus of a birthday song Nov. 3 to Ivan Solorzano.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Dominique Thomas enjoys a birthday Oct. 28. The day for cake and ice cream for Cindy Burton and Melissa Diaz is Nov. 3.
Thompson Intermediate
 Blow out the birthday candles Nov. 3 on a cake for Prudencio Reyna.
Dobie High
 Joshua Lyons enjoys a birthday Oct. 28. Break out the balloons and birthday cake Oct. 30 for Leslie Barcelona. Enjoy a triple-layer birthday cake with Lauren Calderaro, Santiago Sepeda and William Yarbery on Oct. 31. Sara Gokey is wished a happy birthday Nov. 1.
FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
 Thursday, Oct. 28: Steve Barbosa, Lynda Lake and Joanne Juren; Friday, Oct. 29: Dolores Garcia, Mary Ortiz, Jackie Aguilar, Tracey Nance, Rosie Hernandez, Louis Schumann, Lauren Simpson, Laura King, Judy Cole and William Scott IV; Saturday, Oct. 30: Carmen Cantu, Patricia Goforth-Rakes, Sara Peters-Wiggins, Greg Chavez, Jennifer Miller, Jennie Minter, Bo Bolan and Olyn Taylor; Sunday, Oct. 31: Carmen Cantu, Patricia Goforth-Rakes, Sara Peters-Wiggins, Greg Chavez, Jennifer Miller, Jennie Minter, Bo Bolan and Olyn Taylor; Monday, Nov. 1: Earl Sword, Dawn McDonald, Sean Connors, Sherry Rightmer, Randy Read, Richard Veltman, and Susan Quintana; Tuesday, Nov. 2: Debbie Davis, and Kathy Young; and Wednesday, Nov. 3: Brett Waltz, Gabriel Estrella, Randi Whitney, Tricia Porter, Laura Armer, Kevin Duckworth, and Phillip Jackson.
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Clear Brook's Matthew Trevino advances to 6A state cross-country

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
Athletes dream of delivering their best-ever performances on the biggest of stages, in front of adoring crowds. That being the case, count Clear Brook High School cross-country runner Matthew Trevino with delivering a dream of a performance at the Class 6A Region III Championships Oct. 25 at Kate Barr Ross Memorial Park in Huntsville.

Bettering his own school record, Trevino covered the 5k course at 15 minutes, 54.4 seconds, finishing fifth overall among Region III boys and automatically qualifying for the University Interscholastic League's State Championships at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

The 6A state boys' meet, complete with a 5k course, is set for Saturday, Nov. 6, at 12:10 p.m. Trevino, competing in

his second consecutive Region III race, was clearly at the top of his game as he made his way to state for the first time in his illustrious career.

Stratford's Emanuel Galdino and Dawson's Noah Haileab went stride-for-stride for the 6A Region III top overall medalist spot, with Galdino winning at 15:09.2. Haileab, a four-time state meet qualifier, was in at 15:09.5 for second place. Considerably off the lead pace, Seven Lakes' Ruben Rojas was third at 15:40.5, with Adrian Hahn Vadstein of Cinco Ranch fourth in a time of 15:44.0. Trevino's clocking of 15:54.4 placed him fifth.

The future of Clear Brook boys' cross-country is in good hands as Trevino's brother, sophomore Joseph Trevino, also qualified for regionals and wound up 61st overall at 17:31.6.

Atascocita was the runaway boys' team champion, with Strake Jesuit second and Brazoswood third.

The Dobie girls' team, two-time champions of District 22-6A, saw their season come to a close with a strong regional run. Senior Izzy Padilla was the Lady Longhorns' top overall finisher as her time of 21:16.1 was good for 48th place on the 5k course.

Junior Isela Munoz, set to be one of the Lady Longhorns' top returnees in 2022, was 53rd as she

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Dobie's Natali Onozie (6) and Ariana Garza (8) rise on a block attempt against Memorial hitter Kaely Richardson (13) during the Lady Longhorns' four-set win (21-25, 25-22, 25-16, 25-23) that secured the No. 2 playoff seed out of District 22-6A behind champion Deer Park. Dobie, which went for its 25th overall win of the season against South Houston Oct. 26 after press time, will play in the bidistrict playoffs early next month against the third seed out of District 21-6A.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Beltway series trophy in house

JFD secures Division I playoff berth

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
Dobie's 12th win in the annual Battle of the Beltway series, a 57-3 rout Oct. 22 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, kept the commemorative trophy in the Longhorns' case for the fourth straight season.

It all assured the Longhorns of a fourth straight Class 6A Division I playoff berth as Memorial was eliminated from contention with the loss, joining Rayburn and Pasadena in the lower portion of the

22-6A standings. While Deer Park defeated Rayburn on the same night to lock up the Division I top playoff seeding and no worse than a share of the 22-6A crown, the Longhorns quickly rebounded from their own loss to Deer Park a week earlier to crush the Mavericks.

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Dobie quarterback Cameron Gray (9) wowed the JFD fan base as he hurdled Memorial defensive back C.J. Tucker (7) on his way to an 11-yard touchdown run in the second quarter as his team secured a Class 6A Division I playoff berth and kept possession of the Battle of the Beltway series trophy with a 57-3 rout of the Mavericks Oct. 22 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium. At left is Dobie tight end Kyrie Sherman (40).

Photo by Robert Salinas

Second Baptist powers past Lutheran South

Second Baptist again had its prowess on display as the defending state semifinalists handed Lutheran South a 47-14 defeat in Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II District 6 action Oct. 22.

Running back Eli Smith, a Villanova University football commit, had 111 yards rushing and three touchdowns as Second Baptist won the battle between the league's top two programs, improving to 7-1 along the way.

Lutheran South quarterback Rowdy Sowers had a 12-yard touchdown run and passed for 133 yards, but a big chunk of that came late on a 79-yard scoring pass to Joel Hutchins with Second Baptist already in control.

Colin Fox and Cade Goldstraw had quarterback sacks for the Pioneers, and Hutchins finished with seven catches for 120 yards. Lutheran South, now 6-2, will host Fort Bend Christian Academy Oct. 29.

Lutheran South hosts Fort Bend Christian

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Matthew Trevino of Clear Brook is headed to the Class 6A State Cross-Country Championships Nov. 6 at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock after his fifth place overall finish at regionals.

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SoHo's Horton advances to regionals

At right, South Houston's Jeremiah Horton (right) advanced to the Region III meet as he was ninth overall in the varsity boys' division. A junior, Horton is also the starting quarterback for the Trojans' junior varsity football team. He is the son of former longtime Dobie High School faculty member Joseph Horton (left), who is an assistant principal at South Houston. Jeremiah Horton competed in the Class 6A Region III meet Oct. 25 at Kate Barr Ross Memorial Park in Huntsville, ultimately finishing his standout junior season by taking 123rd place in a time of 19 minutes, 12.5 seconds over the 5k course.



South Belt football predictions

Dobie vs. Sam Rayburn	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
South Houston at Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	South Houston	South Houston	Channelview
Beaumont West Brook at C.E. King	CEK	CEK	CEK	CEK	CEK
Clear Creek vs. Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls
Clear Springs at Dickinson	Dickinson	Clear Springs	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Shadow Creek at Pearland	Pearland	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Clear Lake at Brazoswood	Clear Lake	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood
North Shore at Atascocita	Atascocita	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Alief Hastings vs. Alief Taylor	Alief Taylor	Alief Taylor	Alief Taylor	Alief Taylor	Alief Taylor
La Porte at GC Memorial	La Porte	GCM	GCM	La Porte	La Porte
This week's record	10-0	8-2	6-4	9-1	8-2
Season record	70-19	63-26	56-33	69-20	67-22

Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn



Several members of the Dobie varsity football program gathered postgame to celebrate maintaining possession of the Battle of the Beltway trophy following an easy 57-3 victory over the Memorial Mavericks Oct. 22 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The win also ensured the locals of a fourth straight Class 6A Division I playoff berth. Those celebrating after the win included, left

to right, (front row) Jalen Baldwin (4), Alejandro Garza (36), Dekarey Ramsey (66), (middle row) Trevon Johnson (1), Anorny Lee (45), Nigel Hill (28), Isaac Gonzales (62), Jordan Barrett (50), Erick Nguyen, Mohamed Elghawi (63), (back row) Emmanuel Drain (7), Kyle Wallace (6), Jolin Oliver (41) and Joshua Rodriguez (11).

Photo by Gloria Wallace

Dobie wins fourth straight Beltway

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The stars for the Longhorns were many as the team won its 15th straight game over a Pasadena ISD foe, tying a district record heading into a Homecoming matchup Oct. 29 against the Sam Rayburn Texans.

It was largely the Jalen Baldwin show in the first half as the junior runner/receiver scored three touchdowns to push his team out to a 36-3 lead at the break.

Baldwin's 43-yard reception and subsequent 4-yard touchdown run put the Longhorns up 6-0 early, and he then victimized the Mavericks with a 68-yard scoring burst with 52 seconds left in the opening quarter for a 14-3 lead.

Dobie quarterback Cameron Gray got in on the fun at the 8:07 point of the second quarter as he hurdled a Memorial defender at the 3-yard line on his way to a brilliant 11-yard scoring effort, and Baldwin went 77 yards down the right sideline for another big play as the Longhorns began to cruise at 27-3.

Freshman Cameron Mathews, a likely candidate to be in the Longhorns' starting 2022 backfield with Baldwin, had his first varsity level touchdown, a 43-yard dash, and Daniel Campero ended the first half with a 35-yard field goal for a 36-3 lead.

The Longhorns took things a bit easier in the second half. Terrand Booker had a 22-yard touchdown run, and Raynard Hall went 37 yards for a score with 5:24 left in the third quarter for a 50-7 lead.

Mathews, winding up his memorable night, went

72 yards to the end zone to give himself a triple-digit rushing night.

As a Division I playoff qualifier, the Longhorns will face either North

Shore or Atascocita in the bidistrict playoffs as those two teams will meet to decide 21-6A championship Oct. 29.

With 425 total points

this season, the Longhorns are a big game against Rayburn from tying last season's program best-ever mark of 484, set over just 10 games.



Dobie defensive back Trevon Johnson (1) comes up with a pass breakup while working against Mavericks' receiver Malakai Martinez (10) during the Longhorns' 57-3 Battle of the Beltway victory Oct. 22 in Pasadena.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Bay Area Football League Week 11 Results

	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.	PWs
Cowboys	51	36	32	31	1
Dolphins	7	12	12	0	0 (forfeit)
Playoff Slate	Cowboys' seniors vs. Magnolia Park, 1 p.m., Alvin				
Round One	Cowboys' juniors vs. Pas. Panthers, 11 a.m., S. Shaver				
Sat., Oct. 30	Cowboys' sophomores vs. LPTX Elite, 9 a.m., Santa Fe				
	Cowboys' freshmen vs. LPTX Elite, 1 p.m., Pearland				

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Dobie's Karen Martinez, a senior, and junior Ashlee Garcia went back-to-back for 65th and 66th place, with Martinez in at 21:52.6 and Garcia posting a time of 21:52.9.

Victoria Ramirez of Dobie was in at 22:35.4 for 88th place, and freshman Lauren Garza was 114th with a time of 23:48.3. The 118th spot went to Dobie sophomore Kyla Lobo in a time of 24:00.2.

Pioneer cross-country runs at district

The Lutheran South varsity boys' cross-country team advanced to regionals with an exceptional showing at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A District 6 Championships Oct. 21 at Woodlands Christians' 5,000-meter course at Jones State Forest.

Sophomores Matthew Gaitan (17 minutes, 02.04 seconds) and Marcus Gaitan (17:03.29) followed top overall medalist Christian Hobbs (16:46.30) of Second Baptist to the finish line as they went 2-3 while guiding the Pioneers to a second-place team finish.

Host Woodlands Christian posted a low of 38 points to edge LSA's 40 for the team championship.

Elsewhere in the individual results, Pioneer freshman Easton Betcher was 10th with a time of 18:32.05, and junior Layton Thacker crossed the finish line with a time of 18:38.67.

The Pioneers' fifth official scorer as he was 14th in a time of 19:06.92 to join his teammates.

The Pioneers also got tremendous efforts from junior Nathan Mendoza (20th at 19:48.30), senior Max Mcghee (23rd at 20:05.60), junior Lucas Wells (26th at 20:37.32), senior Luke Andrade (28th at 20:43.80), freshman Ryan Jackson (29th at 20:52.32) and senior Jace Windom (30th at 20:56.24).

The LSA varsity girls' team saw their season end with a fourth-place finish at district, but sophomore Lydia Ward qualified for regionals as she covered the 3,200-meter course in a time of 13:19.27.

Freshman Cassidy Pfeiffer was 20th in a time of 14:38.21, with senior Catherine Hergenra 21st in a time of 14:44.45.

Lady Longhorn JV girls' cross-country takes 22-6A title



The Dobie junior varsity girls' cross-country team captured the District 22-6A championship to cap a terrific 2021 season. The Lady Longhorns scored a league-low of 34 points for the team crown. The group included, left to right, Dasia Ram, Nicole Jasso (seventh overall), Ashley Dunn (third overall), Jenifer Gonzalez (ninth overall), Jesalyn Moreno (11th overall), Valerie Salazar (fourth overall), Jasmine Mooney, Madison Puente and Mariah Medina.

Lions' 7B, 8B football topple South Houston

The Thompson Intermediate seventh- and eighth-grade B division football squads scored easy wins over South Houston to continue what has been a terrific season for both.

In an eventual 41-19 win over South Houston, the Lions got early 3- and 25-yard scoring runs from Eric Canales to build a 13-0 lead.

running for the conversion and a 20-6 Thompson lead.

The Lions extended their lead to 27-6 as Dakari Parker scored on a 15-yard run and added the conversion run.

lead as the Lions took complete control.

Mikkel Gonzalez threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Tristan McKissick, with Gonzalez running for the conversion.

Thompson capped its big win with a special teams gem as Salinas returned a punt 55 yards for touchdown. De Paz's two-point kick ended the scoring.

The Lions' Randy Obah followed with a 26-yard run, and the De Paz conversion boot made it 16-0.

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NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club - now open. Activities daily. Visit <https://clearlakebridgeclub.org/> for face-to-face and virtual games. Email jpochsner@aol.com for information.
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The Humpday Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573, is now open. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate Wednesday sessions 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. for casual ballroom dancing (not dance lessons). Volunteers Jerry and Edith Sanford teach lessons Mondays, 1:30 - 3 p.m., with a different dance rhythm each month. Anyone with a park activity card can attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.

NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 for details.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.
Bay Area Genealogical Society - online or at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Diahn Southard with "4 Next Steps for your DNA Test" Virtual attendees must register for each session. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles and discover choices. Call 281-484-9243.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - meets at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For details, Call Grant at 281-814-4750.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for information.
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Mondays (in person) at <https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/>. Visit the website for additional information.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617.
AA - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open meeting, education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or for details.
NA - Vigilance Group, See 10/29 notice.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28
7 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 713-686-6300 (247) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/> for details.
7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays either at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St. or online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Details on the chamber website under calendar.

8 p.m.
Sunday School - 8 p.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill", See 10/21 notice.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, drop in or visit <https://www.houstonalanon.org/>.
St. Paul's Anglican Church - knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill", See Oct. 28 notice.
11:30 a.m.
St. Paul's Anglican Church - has worship services Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Revelation, 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of medical/retail community). Call 281-479-7285 and leave a message.
Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program at 7 p.m. Visit Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild or call Carol at 713-253-2521 for details. Visitors may attend two meetings free.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for information. Meets Mondays - Thursdays.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church. Call 713-661-4200 or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous - Vigilance Group of

6:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details.
8 p.m.
AA - CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church (in back), 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Call 409-454-5720 or visit <https://www.houstonalanon.org/>.
6 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Age 55 and older

7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill", See Oct. 28 notice.
9:30 a.m.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group (55+) meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake. Day trips and extended trips available. Call Marilyn at 713-444-6744. See Page 2 for details.

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Meador celebrates Boss's Day

Meador Elementary School officials celebrated their amazing school leaders on Boss's Day with a cruise theme and schoolwide fun activities. The month of October is also Principal Appreciation Month so the staff members also expressed their appreciation for the leadership and support of their principal.



Shown above, are Amy Clowers, assistant principal, (left) and Beverly Bolton, principal.



Beverly Bolton, principal.



Amy Clowers, assistant principal.

South Belt VIP students for October



South Belt Elementary School staff members congratulated their VIPs for the month of October. The pictured students were chosen by their teachers, based on their ability to display the character trait of the month *Kindness*. Shown above, left to right, are (first row) El-eanora Calzada, Malachi Santos, Ashlyn Segovia, Tatum Toomer, Jasmine Guevara, Belinda Franklin, Aarilee Rivas, Avery Pavlock, Jocelyn Melendez, Parva Zabihpour, (second row) Mia Meza, Roy-anna Montoya, Jaslene Valencia, Isabelle Didlott, Miguel Bedolla, Mason Linder, Carlos Rivera, (third row) Madelyn Rangel, Zoey Rodriguez, Jacoby Yanez, Dominic Mendoza, Nevaeh Thomas, (fourth row) Angel Davila, Aubrey Barajas, Kristine La, Claudette Reyna, Daniel Patterson, Israel Luna, Isabella Cruz, (fifth row) Audrey Sanchez, Yvette Castillo, Simone Jones, Aaron Grau, Isabella Rembert and Jayden Richardson. Not shown are Aria Banda, Diamond Lopez and Arianna Correa.

Photo by Lakitha Thomas

UHCL announces upcoming November events

University of Houston-Clear Lake announced the November events that will take place on campus.

CLASP speaker
The Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs at University of Houston-Clear Lake will meet Thursday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. at the Bayou Building, Forest Room and also online via Zoom. Join participants in a discussion on the effect disasters have on the health of the banking industry, which in turn affects our everyday lives.

Kenny Koncaba, CEO of Texan Bank, and co-founder, director and CEO of Friendswood Capital Corporation Global, will lead the discussion of how national disasters like the Great Recession, Hurricane Harvey, and the COVID-19 pandemic have affected the nation and the local community. Learn how Texan Bank is tackling these challenges to continue supporting the community.

To find out more and to register, visit www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/clasp.

Free COVID testing
COVID-19 PCR testing is available to the public at University of Houston-Clear Lake Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Testing is available at both the outdoor kiosk near the Delta Building or inside the Bayou Building, Room 1636 (near the Patio Cafe). There is no charge for services.

The test involves a self-collected swab, with results in one or two days. Testing is open to the public, with free parking provided in the "Curative Services" parking spots near the Delta Building.

To preregister, visit www.uhcl.edu/health-alert/health-safety/covid-testing.

Teachable moments talks
November's topic for University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities' (CADD) Community Speaker Series will focus on helping individuals on the autism spectrum take advantage of learning opportunities.

Brianna Banks' presentation, titled "Teachable Moments: Ways to Capture Learning Opportunities During Your Everyday Life" takes place Saturday, Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Autism Speaker Series is a free, monthly lecture provided by third-year graduate students in UH-Clear Lake's Behavior Analysis program. Lectures are open to the public.

To learn more about CADD and the speaker series, visit the CADD Speaker Series at www.uhcl.edu/autism-center/speaker-series/.

Blood drive
Giving the gift of life is especially critical during a pandemic. That's why University of Houston-Clear Lake's Health Services is teaming up with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to offer a blood drive on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 9 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bayou Building, Atrium II.

For more information, contact Donor Services at 713-791-6608 or medops@blood.org.

Bayou theater musical
If one ever lost themselves in a ballad from Joan Baez or Emmylou Harris, they'll be right at home with Bettman and Halpin as they bring their unique brand of musical storytelling to University of Houston-Clear Lake's Bayou Theater on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

"Our music pulls on heart strings, and we play strings," said Stephanie Bettman, the duo's songwriter, vocalist and fiddler. "It's heartfelt, acoustic, a bit of bluegrass, a country influence, and overall, it's Americana and folk music. How's that for description?"

She believes that the music defies a single category because it's continually evolving, based on her life experiences and feelings at any given time. "We started out with a country vibe early on, and then gradually shifted to folksier tunes, and now we have an eclectic collection, from boot stomping to reflective," she said.

Bettman and multi-instrumentalist Luke Halpin have been a musical team for the past 15 years. Their paths crossed in Los Angeles, where Bettman's lyrics and Halpin's harmonies meshed with a range of instruments including fiddle, guitar, mandolin and banjo.

Since those beginnings, they've created six albums, with a seventh in the works. As with many other performers, the COVID-19 pandemic brought their touring to a halt, and they've only returned to the stage since August.

"Nothing beats performing for a live audience," Bettman said. "The energy drives our performance, and I love hearing comments from people who have connected with our music."

To purchase tickets for the Nov. 11 show, and to learn more about upcoming events at the Bayou Theater, visit <https://www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater/>.

Morris honors crossing guards



The faculty and staff from Morris Middle School gave a big shoutout to their crossing guards on Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. The guards always have a smile on their faces and keep the students safe. The school staff members are thankful for all that they do. Shown above are Amalia Galvan (left) and Glenda Pineda.

CHN awarded a two-year grant

On September 16, the Department of Health and Human Services awarded over \$48 Million to various HRSA-supported health centers nationwide. The grant funding is directed toward ending the HIV epidemic by expanding HIV prevention and treatment services. With Texas only receiving five of these grants, Community Health Network received the second-largest grant in the state.

The two-year funding enables CHN to purchase a mobile van for outreach purposes to provide free HIV testing and education, establish Opt-Out HIV testing for patients and hire two HIV case managers who improve patient access to PrEP. The primary goal is to prevent new infections and link newly identified individuals with HIV into primary care for treatment.

"Community Health Network is pleased to provide increased efforts to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in our communities. Our work to address HIV disease will focus on prevention measures that will integrate into our current care system," said Mark Young, Community Health Network's chief executive officer.

"CHN is grateful for the opportunity the funding affords us to serve the community and improve linkage to

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