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Daylight saving time ends

Once again, it's time for South Belt residents to "fall back," as daylight saving time officially ends 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. Residents are reminded to turn their clocks back one hour to gain an extra hour of sleep. Daylight saving time will resume 2 a.m. Sunday, March 9, 2025.

Church holds Trunk or Treat

Kirkwood South Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 10811 Klirkfair, will celebrate Halloween Thursday, Oct. 31, by hosting a Trunk or Treat event in the church's east parking lot from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Sagemont meeting canceled

There will be no November Sagemont Civic Club meeting due to the date falling on Election Day. Sagemont residents are urged to vote in the 2024 General Election.

The Sagemont Club will not meet in December either. Monthly meetings will resume in January 2025. Contact Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour with any questions.

Holiday markets set

The third of six holiday markets in South Belt will be Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event features local vendor and yard sale booths and is open to the public. Vendor space and yard sale spaces are available. Booths start at \$10 each. Future market dates are Nov. 17, Dec. 1 and Dec. 15. For additional information, call or text Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Hughes/Sabo closure set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice. The closure is associated with an ongoing Houston Public Works project to replace a force water main at the intersection.

Telephone closure planned

At least one northbound and one southbound lane on Telephone Road will close from Airport Boulevard to Bellfort Avenue daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (excluding Sundays) until further notice.

SeAM seeks donations

Southeast Area Ministries (SeAM) is currently accepting donations for its Operation Christmas Blessing 2024, which will provide Christmas gifts for area children up to 14 years old. Cost of sponsoring a child is \$65 per child. A SeAM representative can be reached via phone at 713-944-0093 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Nov. 15.

COVID cases reported

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in the South Belt community is roughly on par with the previous several weeks, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, Oct. 29, there were 295 active cases in 77089, no change from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

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

Kirkmont III, IV to meet

Kirkmont III and IV will hold their annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. All homeowners/residents of Kirkmont Sections III and IV are encouraged to attend. The 2023 annual maintenance fees and deed restrictions will be discussed, and board members will be elected. Homeowners attending the annual meeting may be eligible for a discount on their 2025 maintenance fees. For more information, call Alfredo Huerta at 832-283-4895.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay in League City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Deats Road in Dickinson to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access in Texas City from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice.

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

General election scheduled for Nov. 5

Voters to decide county, state, federal contests; County tax increase also on ballot

The 2024 general elections are scheduled to take place Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Voters will decide who will fill multiple key positions at the county, state and federal levels, as well as whether or not to approve a county flood control tax increase.

In the highly publicized presidential race, Democratic candidate, Vice President Kamala Harris, will face Republican opponent, former President Donald Trump. Also appearing on the ballot are Libertarian Candidate Chase Oliver and Green Party candidate Jill Stein.

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz is being challenged by Democratic candidate, former professional football player Colin Allred. Libertarian candidate

Chase Oliver is also on the ballot.

Competing to fill the U.S. House District 18 seat formerly held by U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee are former Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner on the Democratic side and Lana Centonze on the Republican side.

Republican incumbent Troy Nehls will try to maintain his U.S. House District 22 seat, facing Democratic challenger Marquette Greene-Scott.

In the contest for the U.S. House District 29 seat, Democratic incumbent Sylvia Garcia is being challenged by Republican candidate Alan Garza.

U.S. House District 36 incumbent, Republi-

can Brian Babin, is facing Democratic challenger Dayna Steele, a former well-known radio host in Houston.

At the state level, Democratic incumbent Carol Alvarado is being challenged by Republican candidate Martha Fierro for her District 6 senate seat.

Republican incumbent Dennis Paul is facing Democratic challenger Doug Peterson for his state House District 129 seat.

Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado (Democrat); Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia (Democrat); and Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin (Republican) are all running unopposed.

Voters will also decide on whether or not to approve a new Harris County Flood Control District tax increase. If approved by county voters, Proposition A would increase the HCFCFD tax rate by nearly 60 percent to 4.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value, costing the average homeowner approximately \$60 per year.

County officials said the proposal, which has broad bipartisan support, is necessary to maintain the district's aging flood infrastructure.

Nearby Election Day voting locations include the following:

- Frazier Elementary (Gym)
- 10503 Hughes Road.
- Harris County Scarsdale Annex (Library)
- 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

- Stuchbery Elementary (Gym)
- 11210 Hughes Road.
- Weber Elementary (Gym)
- 11955 Blackhawk Blvd.
- SJC South Campus (Fine Arts Building S15)
- 13735 Beamer Road.
- Beverly Hills Intermediate (Cafeteria)
- 11111 Beamer Road.
- Burnett Elementary (Gym)
- 11825 Teaneck Drive.
- South Belt Elementary (Gym)
- 1801 Riverstone Ranch Road.
- El Franco Lee Community Center
- 9500 Hall Road.
- Beverly Hills Community Center
- 10201 Kingspoint Road.
- Laura Welch Bush Elementary (Front foyer)
- 9100 Blackhawk Blvd.
- Genoa Staff Development Center (Gym)
- 12900 Alameda Genoa Road.
- Lone Star Flight Museum - Event Center
- 11551 Aerospace Ave.
- Garfield Elementary (Main hallway)
- 10301 Hartscock Street.
- Clear Brook High School (Gym)
- 4607 FM 2351 in Friendswood.
- Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Approximately 450 voting locations will be open on Election Day.
- To see a complete list of polling locations and a sample ballot, visit www.harrisvotes.com.

County allows Diwali fireworks



Many South Belt residents may have noticed fireworks were being sold at a time other than the Fourth of July or New Year's Eve. No, it's not in observance of Halloween but rather Diwali, or the "Festival of Lights" holiday celebrated by many Indian communities and religious groups, including Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists. Last month, Harris County Commissioners Court approved the fireworks sales from Oct. 25 to Nov. 1. The booth shown above is located on Beamer near Dixie Farm Road across the street from San Jacinto College.

State announces \$50 million in relief

Storm-relief funds in addition to existing federal aid

Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Speaker Dade Phelan, Comptroller Glenn Hegar, Senate Finance Committee Chair Joan Huffman, and House Appropriations Chair Dr. Greg Bonnen recently announced the approval of \$50 million to help Texas communities with debris removal across disaster-declared counties impacted by Hurricane Beryl and the derecho storm that hit Houston in May 2024.

Working with Comptroller Glenn Hegar, this emergency funding is made available from the General Revenue (GR) Account 549, the Waste Management Account, to be used for previous and current debris removal costs and similar activities.

"As Southeast Texas recovers from devastating severe weather this summer, Texas continues working to support local communities as they rebuild and move forward from Hurricane Beryl and the derecho storm," said Abbott. "As many across the country experience a lack of and delayed funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Texas is providing \$50 million in emergency funds to assist impacted communities in their ongoing efforts to remove debris. I

thank my legislative and state partners for helping to quickly make these funds available for our fellow Texans. Working together, Texas will ensure that our communities have the necessary resources to prepare, respond, and recover from severe weather."

"Hurricane Beryl and the derecho left several counties with extensive debris removal costs, so as legislative budget board co-chair, I fully support making funds available to help pay these costs," said Patrick. "In the wake of natural disasters, Texans know best how to help Texans. This money will ease the burden for our neighbors across the affected areas in East and Southeast Texas, and the Houston area."

"The State of Texas is stepping up in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl and the derecho to provide meaningful support as Houston and other impacted communities, including some within my district in Southeast Texas, continue to recover," said Phelan. "Texans affected by these recent natural disasters face overwhelming challenges as they remove debris from their communities, and this funding will go a long way to help

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County addresses domestic violence

October marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October marked Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness about the prevalence of domestic violence, promoting prevention efforts, and providing support to survivors and those affected.

Domestic violence, also referred to as intimate partner violence (IPV), continues to impact millions of people across the U.S. Harris County Public Health (HCPH) is committed to increasing public understanding of the issue and encouraging survivors to access available resources.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), intimate partner violence includes physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, and psychological aggression by a current or former intimate partner. Nationally, about one in four women and one in 10 men have experienced some form of IPV in their lifetime. The physical, mental, and emotional toll of domestic violence is profound, with survivors often experiencing chronic health issues, depression,

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City expands pumpkin compost program

Now in 4th year, program reduces waste at landfills

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department, in partnership with At-Large Position 5 City Council Member Sallie Alcorn, is excited to announce the return of the fourth annual pumpkin composting drop-off program, now with expanded locations and extended hours.

This program offers a convenient way for Houston residents to compost their holiday pumpkins, reducing waste that would otherwise

end up in landfills. From Nov. 1 to Dec. 6, residents can drop off their retired jack-o-lanterns, whole pumpkins, seeds and pumpkin pulp at the following locations:

- City of Houston Reuse Warehouse
- 9003 N. Main St.
- Westpark Recycling Center
- 5900 Westpark Drive in Kingwood.

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County approves Diwali fireworks sales

Also known as Festival of Lights, holiday has fireworks history

In a move that caught many South Belt residents off guard, Harris County became the first county in the region to legalize the sale of fireworks to celebrate the Diwali holiday season.

Harris County Commissioners Court on Thursday, Oct. 24, unanimously voted 4-0 in favor of allowing the sales, displaying a rare sign of bipartisanship in the court. County Judge Lina Hidalgo abstained from voting, citing safety concerns.

The vote follows the passage of a bill last year by the state Legislature, which permitted counties to allow fireworks sales on Diwali, should they choose to do so.

The county vote allowed the sales from midnight Friday, Oct. 25, through midnight Friday, Nov. 1. The *Leader*, however, received reports of stands already being open Thursday night.

The *Leader* was inundated by calls from readers inquiring about the unexpected sales, as the fireworks sales in the state have traditionally been limited to just July 4 and New Year's Eve. Once they were told why the fireworks were on sale in October, most residents remained just as confused as they were when they called, pleading ignorance to the holiday, which is primarily celebrated by those

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Play based on Brio debuts at SJC

Immersive production "The Pits" to run through Nov. 2

A play loosely based on the local Brio controversy of the 1980s called "The Pits" recently made its debut San Jacinto College South.

Live performances of the play began Thursday, Oct. 24, and will continue through Saturday, Nov. 2.

The production is a joint venture between the San Jacinto College South Theatre and Film Department and the South Campus Art Gallery. The production is designed in a 360-degree, immersive environment.

The play was written by Sarah Welch, who also serves as the production's creative director. Also an artist and comic book writer, Welch designed the set to envelop the audience and blend reality and fiction.

The production is directed by SJC theater and film professor Dr. Jonelle Walker.

Known for her immersive productions and her dark sense of humor, Walker received her PhD in theater and performance studies from the University of Maryland. The Washington Post has called her work "vivid, artfully unnerving" and

"ingeniously crafted."

Welch is joined in the production by sound designer Robert Leslie Meek. A resident of Clear Lake in the 1990s, Meek had friends who were directly affected by the Brio tragedy.

"The Pits" is a fictional account of a family who resided in the former South Bend subdivision located adjacent to the Brio Superfund site near Dixie Farm Road and Beamer - directly across the street from where the play's performance is taking place.

The play follows the challenges the family faces in the past, present and future.

"The Pits" features a cameo by San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Chair and *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger, who led the charge in '80s as an anti-Brio advocate.

Performances will take place in the Black Box Theatre - aptly located in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center (Building 15) at San Jacinto College South campus, 13735 Beamer Road.

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Meador celebrates Halloween



Meador Elementary's staff participated in an after-school staff pumpkin smashing contest. Nine teams of four staff members competed taking turns to see who could smash their pumpkin with a baseball bat the quickest. Winning team members shown above are, left to right, Nathie Aviles (special education teacher), Malorie Ehrlich (P.E. teacher), Connie Daumas (math instructional coach) and John Holder (librarian).

County OKs Diwali fireworks sales

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In the Indian community. Celebrated by more than 1 billion people worldwide including Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists, Diwali is a seasonal religious holiday that celebrates the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.

For centuries, fireworks have been used in the celebration of Diwali – also known as the Festival of Lights. The recent measure to allow fireworks sales adds another layer of confusion to an area of the law that was already murky in the South Belt community.

Fireworks have long been forbidden within the city limits, and both Clear

Brook City and Sagemeadow MUDs have entered into strategic partnership agreements with the city of Houston, prohibiting the practice.

Despite the partnerships, however, fireworks vendors have consistently popped up in recent years on the outskirts of the MUDs.

The boundaries of the MUDs are so unclear that precise maps of the districts would have to be obtained from the fire marshal or fire department, according to Clear Brook City MUD Manager Chris Clark.

The Houston Fire Department released the following statement regarding the sale/use of fireworks during Diwali:

“It is illegal to use fireworks in the city of Houston any time of year. Especially in these drought conditions we are currently facing, we encourage everyone to practice fire safety and celebrate carefully and please do not use fireworks in the city.”

Local subdivisions located within the city of Houston include Sagemont, Sagemont Park, Kirkwood, Genoa, Beverly Hills, Rainbow Valley, Eastridge Terrace, Sycamore Valley, Scarsdale and King’s Place.

Subdivisions not within Houston city limits and under Harris County’s control include Clear Brook Meadows, College Place, Riverstone Ranch, Woodmeadow I and II, Highland Meadow, Ashley Pointe, Blackhawk, Meadows of Clear Creek, Sagemeadow, Estates of Green Tee, Sageglen, Kirkmont and Kirkwood South.

The Bella Vita, Villa D’Este and Villa Verde subdivisions are located within the city of Pearland, which also prohibits fireworks.

In My Opinion

Doug Peterson seeks election

Voting has begun!

And I hope everyone has a plan to vote, either now during the early voting period or on November 5.

Of course, I hope most of you will vote for me, Doug Peterson, as I am determined to represent you as a CANDIDATE FOR THE PEOPLE if elected to be your voice of our local House district 129 for the State of Texas.

Campaigning has been a wonderful experience and while I am a Democrat seeking to unseat the incumbent, pro-business-pro-pollution-anti-reproductive-rights-anti-public-education candidate, Dennis Paul,

I think I can honestly say that most people I have met simply want a representative that will represent them. Most people I have met want a candidate who will listen and fight for their rights in Austin.

And I’ve heard you. You want change to a representative who listens and is transparent.

I’ve heard you want a power grid that doesn’t fail, a state government that doesn’t step into your homes and make decisions for you and your family,

you want reproductive rights, public education that is fully funded, a neighborhood that is safe and free from toxic air and water pollution and you want community improvements like safe bridges and improved streets and amenities like Exploration Green and city center communities.

I am ready, I am able, and I will work for you. Because, after all, democracy is SUPPOSED to be representative.

And because I believe in democracy, I will represent you. Having helped introduce Commissioner Adrian Garcia’s pro-active Precinct 2, I want to thank the South Belt communities and the South Belt Leader for giving me the opportunity to get to know you.

I value your priorities and appreciate the opportunity to convince you that I am the candidate that will get the state legislature back-on-track and working for you.

In the meantime, I will begin my strategy for representing you in Austin, hoping it will be a well-worn document and not a pipe dream gathering dust in my desk drawer.

I wish you all the best,

Doug Peterson
Candidate for House District 129

Atkinson names students of the month

Below are the Atkinson Elementary October students of the month, along with comments from their teachers.



Carter Thomas is kind to all those around him. When a new student joined the class, he made an effort to make sure that his new friend was included in everything and never left out. He is always the first to extend his help. He includes all of those around him and never makes anyone feel like they are left out.



Luis Lopez is always kind and helpful in the classroom. He volunteers for many things and is always smiling and has a good heart.



Jessenia Silva is always being kind to others throughout the day and cares about her friends’ interests. She makes sure nobody is left behind anytime they transition and loves to compliment others.



Mia Saucedo is always helping others. She is kind, positive and encouraging.

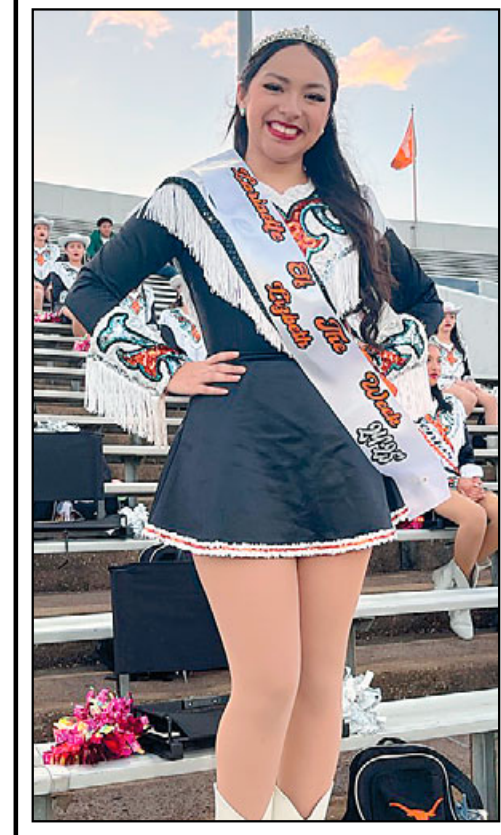


Zabdriel Olivos is a great helper to his teacher and classmates. He is always very friendly with everyone and greets one with a smile.



Trang Hoang is a kind and thoughtful student who goes above and beyond for her teachers and classmates and is always willing to lend a helping hand to her classmates who need a positive boost or reminder to make good choices in class.

Lariaette of the Week, Oct. 25



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week of Oct. 25 is senior Lizbeth Serrano, a third-year line member.

Genoa celebrates Western Heritage Day

On Sept. 20 Genoa Elementary welcomed the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Speakers Committee as the school celebrated Western Heritage Day. The volunteers spent time with individual grade levels to share their knowledge regarding rodeo events, cowboy gear, country western dancing, and the culture and life of cowboys and ranchers during the 1800s. The sights and smells of Western heritage filled the classrooms during the presentations. This event was coordinated through an initiative with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Speakers Committee to educate students across the Houston area on the mission of the HLSR. Students of all ages were treated to a day full of learning as committee members rotated throughout the school in their best western attire. The stations, which were led by HLSR volunteers, included western dancing, cowgirl history, toys of the 1800s, six flags over Texas and more.

Photos by Portia Alvaro



HSLR volunteers, Elizabeth Shipsey (left) and Ray Schmidt



Alessandra Morua, second-grader



Royce De Leon, kindergartener



Kendall Green, third-grader

County attacks violence

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post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders. Key statistics – Forty-one percent of women and 14 percent of men who experience intimate partner violence report sustaining physical injuries. – Survivors of intimate partner violence are at greater risk for conditions such as heart disease, gastrointestinal disorders and mental health challenges.

– More than 15 million children are exposed to intimate partner violence in the home each year, which can lead to long-term emotional and behavioral issues. With appropriate intervention and sup-

port, many children can heal and build resilience.

CDC stresses the key to reducing domestic violence lies in education, early intervention, and creating supportive environments. Community programs that promote healthy relationships, teach conflict resolution, and challenge harmful societal norms are essential in addressing the root causes of domestic violence.

If one or someone they know is experiencing domestic violence, they should call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE. For more resources, visit CDC’s page at www.cdc.gov/intimate-partner-violence/about/index.html.

At San Jac Play based on Brio debuts

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Tickets to “The Pits” are \$1 for San Jacinto College students faculty, and staff; and \$5 for the rest of the community. Due to the nature of this performance, late ticketholders will not be admitted entry. Attendees should plan to arrive 10 minutes prior to entry time.

Showtimes for “The Pits” are as follows:

- Thursday, Oct. 24, and Friday, Oct. 25: 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26: 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 31: 7 p.m. (special Halloween performance)

– Friday, Nov. 1: 7 p.m. – Saturday, Nov. 2: 1:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/arts/theatre-film/south. While live performances of the play end Nov. 2, the scenic installation and audio version of the play will remain open to the public through Friday, Nov. 22.

For additional information, visit sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/arts/theatre-film/south or email Jonelle Walker at jonelle.walker@sjcd.edu.

Pumpkin compost collection

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Hours are Monday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Residents should ensure all costumes and decorations are removed from pumpkins before drop-off to allow for proper composting.

“Pumpkin composting is one of my favorite traditions in Houston,” said Sallie Alcorn. “This year’s pumpkin

composting program marks another milestone in our city’s journey toward a more sustainable future. I encourage all Houstonians to take advantage of the program this year.”

Last year, the program collected and composted more than 16,000 pounds of pumpkins.

With expanded drop-off locations and extended hours this year, Solid Waste Management

Abbott announces \$50M funds

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rebuild their homes and businesses. I want to thank Governor Abbott, Texas emergency management officials, and local and state partners for their tireless work addressing needs of those impacted. We stand ready to ensure all affected communities have access to these funds in an expeditious manner.”

“In the aftermath of storms like these, questions about funding can lead to significant delays in recovery efforts and timelines,” said Hegar. “These delays can have disastrous long-term ramifications for local and regional economies. I am proud to work with Governor Abbott and legislative leadership to ensure these communities have the resources they

need to navigate the difficult road to full recovery and get Texans, their families, and their businesses back on their feet.”

“The State of Texas is stepping up to provide immediate financial assistance to our communities recovering from Hurricane Beryl and the derecho storm,” said Huffman. “Our state will continue to maintain a balanced budget and conservative fiscal policies to ensure that we can support our communities when they need it most.”

“As a representative of a coastal community that has faced the devastation of hurricanes firsthand, I know how critical immediate recovery efforts are for local families and businesses,” said Bonnen. “Once again, Texas is stepping up to fill the void left by the federal’s delays, ensuring our citizens get the help they need to rebuild and move forward.”

In most cases, cities and counties in impacted areas are responsible for costs associated with debris removal until federal aid is available to reimburse a portion of those expenses.

With a lack of available funding at the Federal Emergency Management Agency and delayed reimbursements for eligible expenses, the state of Texas has taken immediate action to provide critical assistance to impacted communities across 122 counties and help alleviate the burden as they continue to rebuild.

The funds for debris removal will be administered by Texas Division of Emergency Management.

For more info, visit gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-texas-state-leadership-announce-50-million-for-hurricane-beryl-derecho-debris-removal.

Sageglen to meet

Sageglen Community Association will have their November homeowners meeting, Monday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. in the community room, 11610 Sageglen. The guest speaker will be Christopher Allen of the Bracewell Library. Homeowners are invited to join the meeting and bring questions. Refreshments served.

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Delgado swears in Burnett students

Burnett Elementary is hosting its student council induction ceremony Thursday, Nov. 7, at 5 p.m. at 11825 Teaneck. The purpose is to develop good citizens and leaders through experience in government. Judge Jo Ann Delgado will do the swearing in the 2024-2025 student council.

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Dennis is very active in our community with the Knights of Columbus, Space Center Rotary and both the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership and the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

Robert and Kay celebrate marriage



Robert Talton Sr. and Kay Simpson were married at Sagemont Church Chapel Sept. 28, 2024. Kay was given away in marriage to Robert by her son, Bailey Simpson. Rex Forsyth performed the ceremony with many family members and friends attending. Kay's bridal dress was baby blue, Robert's favorite color, and the entire room was decorated in white and blue. A reception and cutting of the cake followed in the chapel. Robert and Kay plan to live in their favorite community, BellaVita and spend their honeymoon cruising in December.

Escobedo helps San Jacinto college students



By Neesha Hosein
Silvia Escobedo has been part of San Jacinto College's athletics and physical education departments for almost a decade, providing valuable support to both coaching staff and student athletes.

Escobedo helps ensure smooth office operations while helping student athletes navigate their academic journey. She enjoys assisting students from the ApplyTexas application to graduation and everything in between. She started as a federal work-study in the veteran success center at the North campus while working on her Associate of Arts in business. After graduating in 2015, Escobedo was hired into her current position. Her experience helps her understand things from students' perspective. "Many of our student athletes are away from home for the first time, and they need extra support with things like the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, tech support, Blackboard, the SOS system, and more," Escobedo said. "I'm here to help them or refer them to the appropriate person or department to get their issues resolved as quickly as possible so they can focus on their studies and the field." Best part of the job, Escobedo feels lucky to work with an "amazing team" of coaches and student athletes. "Year after year it gives me great joy to know that by taking care of the office

operations, the coaches can fully focus on coaching our Ravens baseball players to be successful on the field and chart a brighter future on their baseball careers beyond San Jac," she said. Escobedo believes San Jac is a great place to work because student success is at the heart of everything the College does. "That is what keeps me here," she said. "Each employee, faculty, or administrator contributes in their own way, and collectively we complete the pathway to student success. As one of the Top 10 colleges in the nation, San Jac is making a big impact on our community, with graduation and accreditation rates showing it is the best place to work and pursue higher education." Escobedo feels a great sense of accomplishment and plans to continue helping students achieve their goals toward graduation and beyond, whether they enter the workforce or transfer. Some student athletes have gone on to play at four-year universities such as Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns, Indiana State Sycamores and the New Mexico University Lobos. "Most of our players get drafted in the minor leagues and work their way up to the major leagues," she said. "We've had a few lucky

Thompson Intermediate announces first six-weeks honor roll

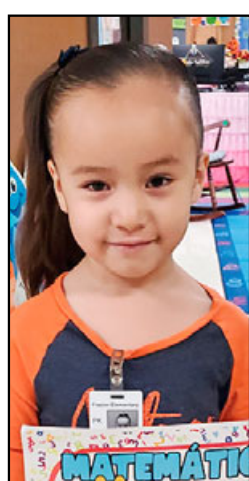
Officials of Thompson Intermediate have announced the first six-weeks honor roll for the 2024-2025 school year. **Seventh grade**
Avaian Alexander Aguilar, Jay Addison Alanis, Isabella Ancheta Ruiz, Jeanine Gualupe Armenta, Alex Benavides, Eliana Marie Benavides, Cecilia Scottie-Marie Bogany, Adam Ras Bowman, Hannah Linh Bui, Kyle Elizabeth Burley, Carlos Gabriel Cabrera, Altia Miamor Caldwell, Dora Danielle Campos and Robert William Capers. **Eighth grade**
Chau, Blakely Star Chavez, Camila Cobos, Miguel Compean, Mina Berlin Crake, Rachel Lynn Cummings, Jazlyn Jrew Daniels, Abigail Dalilah De Hoyos, Peyton Brook-Lynn Deleon, Jaselyn Danna Enriquez, Zuriel Mariano Erquiza and Viviana Gamez. **Ninth grade**
Levi Brayden Garcia, Christian Aldo Garza, Sophia Marie Garza, Nicholas Lino Gomez, Daniella Reyna Gonzales, Emily D-Ann Gonzales, Alejandro Manuel Gonzalez, Aaron Grau, Edson Tadeo Guevara, Lillian Mai Hayden, Bella Alessandria Renee Hernandez, Jesse Michael Hernandez, Max Emiliano Hernandez, Ethan Tyler Ho, Son Duc Hoang and Tristan Noel James. **Tenth grade**
Ilyas Fahad Javid, Joshua Oluwadamilare Jegede, Christian Jayden Jimenez, Tripp Vader Edward Jodway, Simone Elise Jones, Silas James Kelch, Anayah Ali Khan, Jayleen Bao-Chau Lam, Sophia Isabella Landaverde, Roland Alexander Lee, Yarixa Lopez, Emilee Nicole Lugo, Hannah Nguyen Luu, Kylie Rae Marshall, Bryan Clifton Martin, Andrew Martinez, Damian Martinez, Emily Alexa Martinez and Matthew Ismael Martinez. **Eleventh grade**
Mia Pilar Martinez, Jordan Alexander McCombs, Jayden Christian Miko, Nyla Elizabeth Mitchell, Katalina Aracely Morales, Braden Todd Motley, Aryan Nepal, David King Nguyen, Drake Khuongtrieu Nguyen, Hau Xuan Trung Nguyen, Nina Anh Nguyen, Sharon Nguyen, Suri Ngoc Nguyen, Y Thien Nguyen, Xara Rose Oddo, Skye Andrei Buan Orsua and Maite Ortega. **Twelfth grade**
Camila Andrea Pena, Anyssa Cali Perez, Victoria Perez, Fernanda Pineda, Maria De Jesus Ramirez Gloria, Kyle Gabriel Dimalanta Ramos, Michael Andres Rentas, Brooklynn Sofia Reyes, Alejandro Daniel Rodriguez, Alcegaier Jay Rodriguez, Georgia Grey Rodriguez, Kobee Madisyn Rodriguez, Viviana Rose Salazar, Dahlia Salinas, Jocelyn Eliana Santos, David Xavier Sepulveda, Mallory Athleen Serrano Aquino, Zandaley D'mari Serrano, Hailey Han Sichanh and Isabella Marie Squier. **Thirteenth grade**
Noah Joseph Stone, Zoie Gervacio Sudario, Jadee Quynh Anh Tran, Tate Phat Tran, Carney Truong, Alessandra Vasquez, Haylie Elizabeth Villalta, Jacqueline Le Vo, Evan Naofel Zaman, Andy Zamora and Christian Gerard Zelaya Juarez. **Fourteenth grade**
Osama Emad Abdallah, Salma Emad Abdallah, Oluwatomilola Ayomikun Adeyinka, Zayden Ray Aguilar, Me'shai Adeen Alexander, Kamalia Allah-Miliaripova, Christ Emmanuel Eyrann Anaglate, Crystal Antunez Vargas, Alexandria Gabrielle Anne Arnes, Violet Marie Ashe, Nathalia Baca Cepeda, Fernando Javier Balanta and Jaiela Alana Bandy. **Fifteenth grade**
Samuel Alexander Barahona, Jonathan Joe Harris Barber, Samantha Barraza, Vince Marcelino Barron, Alexandra Adamari Betancourt, Aiden Lee Brantley, Edmundo Ezekiel Bravo, Alexis Taylor Brown, Nevaeh Mackenzie Bumgarner, Alexander Chai Buntaer, Brianna Bustos, Emily Olivia Campos and

Maddison Campos. **Sixteenth grade**
Xavier Joel Cantu, Ashton Lemond Carter, Giselle Marie Casas, Addison Marie Castorena, Brandon Isaiiah Castro, Li-Na Isabella Castro-White, Sabrina Xitlaly Cavazos, Matthew Jacob Cenobio, Felix Abraham Cervantes, Francine Desideria Borja Cooley, Carissa Soleil Cortez, Minh Duc Dang, Layla Isabella Davila and Keirah Joi Davis. **Seventeenth grade**
Emilio De La Garza, Delilah Aryana Deleon, Jesse Gabriel Deleon, Rebecca Deleon, Gael Diaz, Ashley Yolet Dominguez Gonzalez, Peyton Carly Dowell, Shaikh Ashhar Faizan, Myla Jazzy Figueroa, Bryan Alexander Flores, Jayvon Edward Fortson, Baelen Allen Fox, Gabriella Edith Franklin, Makayla Donielle Franklin and London Lashelle Freeman. **Eighteenth grade**
Kimberly Maria Fuentes, Olivia Jaisel Gaitan-Williams, Nathaniel Aiden Cruzado Gansit, Angel Daniel Garcia Herrera, Khloe Adazelle Garcia, Myla Cassidy Garcia, Matteo Ason Garcia-cuenas, Chelsea Denise Garza, Jonathan Garza, Mia Alejandra Gonzalez, Mikayla Astrid Gonzalez, Howard Earl Green, Carlee Guerrero, Isabella Mia Guerrero, Pedro Guillen, Carmelo Gutierrez, Javier Alexander Guy and Mya Selene Hall. **Nineteenth grade**
Waad Y. Harmouch, Hannah Jihad Harmouch, David Andres Harris, Alexander Carlos Hernandez, Daniella Bellalupa Hernandez, Elijah Lee Hernandez, Santiago Hernandez, Sophia Isabella Hernandez, Durrriyah Monae Hill, Prince Ellis Hubbard, Ngoc My Le Huynh, Daveyn Cartel Jackson Little, Ava Marie Jackson and Jordan Oluvasemilore Jegede. **Twentieth grade**
Bradley Zane Jones, Alice Hong Lam, Jayda Rayne Lasker, Van Thanh Tai Le, Camila Andrea Leyva, Kimberly Isabella Lopez, Lola Penelope Scarlett Lopez, Darwin Enrique Lossada Hernandez, Melahny Meilin Machado, Marlon Geovany Machuca Cedillo, Phuwat De Maingot, Aylinn Yarezi Maldonado, Andrew Malone, Alexander Josue Maravilla Cabrera, Emmanuel Martinez and Hiba Mateen. **Twenty-first grade**
Chloe Isabella Maycott, Danica Kasey McDonough, Nathaniel Domingo Medina, Michelle Medrano, Kaynat Mian, Aliana Mondragon, Erick Jesus Montejano, Demeco De'yon Maurice Moses, Nathaniel Angel Musquiz, Angel Chau Nguyen, Annie Nguyen, Ethan Hoang Nguyen, Hillary Hien Vy Nguyen, Kate Ngoc Nguyen, Simon Ngoc Nguyen, Thu Hoang Anh Nguyen, Troy Thien Nguyen, Ava Giselle Orellana, Aracely Evette Ortiz and Artemio Vidal Ortiz. **Twenty-second grade**
Ava Justine Ortiz, Rhema Abigail Palma, Riley Dee Perez, Korbyn Alexander Perry, Robert Edward Peister, Joy Elizabeth Premanand, Melody Jazlyn Ramirez, Yarelie Rangel, Christopher Said Reyes, Grayson Elijah Riley, Amber Marie Rodriguez, Ethan David Rodriguez, Jade Marlene Rodriguez, Victoria Marie Rodriguez, Zoey Ruth Rogers and Stephanie Daniela Romero Romero. **Twenty-third grade**
Brianna Jaelyn Scott, Julius Valentin Segura, Mateo Rafael Serna, Madison Michelle Silva, Malachi Steven Starks-Glispie, Maryum Tariq, Jakob Dylan Tellez, Jocelyn Thanhlin Thach, Zoey Jael Torres, Jayden Trihao Tran, Lauren Toquyen Tran, Thinh Nguyen Tran, Kaisen Dwight Troxlar, Luca Matthew B. Tulud, Blake Walker Turnipseed, Ethan Eli Vega, Rey Jeremiah Vega, Noah Isaiiah Vela and Brenda Esmeralda Villarreal. **Twenty-fourth grade**
Emily Aime Villarreal, Jocelyn Villarreal, Reese Benjamin Villegas, Maximus Jedidiah Vilella, Christina Ngoc Vu, Scott Ly Vu, Emmanuel James Webb, Kelvin James Wiley, Joidan Lee'elle Kearih Wyatt, Liany Sharde Zarazua and Zaire Alexander Zavala.

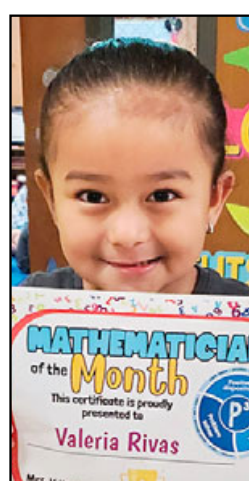
Frazier mathematicians named for September



Frazier Elementary has announced its September mathematicians. (Left to right) Uriah Mason, Gianna Aranda and Jair Guox



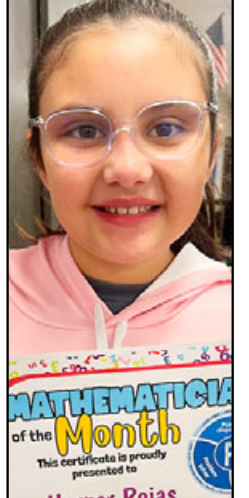
Anna Paola Ramirez



Valeria Rivas



Victor Ramirez Tufino



Harper Rojas



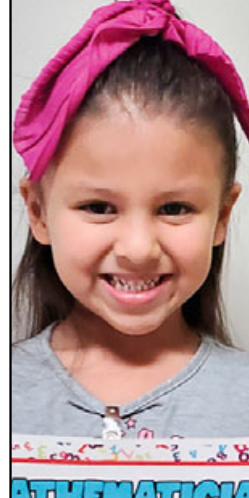
Benjamin Guzman



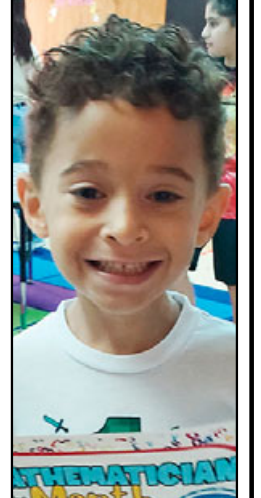
Cheyenne Mijares



Noah De Hoyos



Adeline Rocha



Travis Campbell



(Left to right) Santiago Moreno, Adam Aguilar and Noah Martinez



(Left to right) Sarah Diaz, Victoria Trevino, Kevin Garrido and Chloe Perez



(Left to right, front row) Edwin Cavazos, Eli Monnat, Aqsa Shaikh, (back row) Abner Yzaguirre, A'mani Riles and Ivan Rascon



(Left to right, front row) Kobe Bonilla, Allison Guox, (back row) Noah Pharms and Jayden Saldivar

CCART sets November meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its November meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. There will be a business meeting featuring Carla Meuth representing the TRTA Foundation and Juana Glavan from Crime Stoppers discussing Home Security and Situational Awareness. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The program will be followed by a Thanksgiving potluck dinner. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. The meat dish will be provided. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$50.

Early Voting through Fri. Nov. 1
Election Day is Tues. Nov. 5
Visit [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.HarrisVotes.com)
for locations

**NASA Public Affairs
Astronaut Corps**

**Exploration Green
Lead Advocate**

I'm running because Dennis Paul has been in the position with GOP majority for far too long, adopting extreme laws like vigilante-enforced abortion ban regardless of rape or incest. Paul votes for every extreme GOP law and tries to hide it. Call his office now to ask him for transparency about extreme laws. Campaign finance reform is required to STOP billionaires setting extreme state laws, against regular Texans.

DOUG WILL FIGHT TO:

- Secure reproductive rights for women
- Increase, protect public school funds
- Accept federal funds, expand Medicaid
- Improve state leadership of energy
- Supports equality for all
- Led Exploration Green already stops floods
- Advocate common sense gun laws
- Improve & develop streets and city center

Incumbent Against us!

- Banned right to choose enforced by vigilantes
- Failed to pass public education funds
- Voted against Medicaid \$billions
- Failed to improve ineffective TCEQ
- Voted against equality and diversity
- Claims support for flood mitigation
- No solutions for mass murders like Uvalde
- Not helping create new amenities in our area

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South Houston High School announces first six-weeks honor roll

Officials of South Houston High School have announced the first six-weeks honor roll for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ninth grade

Kailyn Marie Aceves, Yvanece Aguirre Mejia, Isis Sagrario Almaguer, Kaylee Danahy Arceo, Aletha Sharbel Auguste, Bruce Avila, Chloe Marie Barnes, Ashley Bernal, Harmony Giselle Blakeley, Zaykawon Deon Bonner, Samantha Briagdas, Cerenity Ken'zyah Brown, Nicole Bustamante, Andrew Isaiah Castellero, Ashley Giselle Calderon, Eduardo Calderon and Jason Manuel Cantillano.

Alessa Juliet Cantu, Arturo Carrillo, Kevin Alexander Chaires, Hailey Marlyne Chavero, Adriana Marlene Chavez, Elaina Lisette Chavez, D'andre Malik Coleman, Priscilla Janet Corona, Joseph Cortez, Alexander Angel Cruz, Ma'kyah Averil Davis, Imieriah Michelle Delacruz, Emily Judith Dominguez Zavala and Maggie Isela Duran.

Jose Fernando Escobar Escobar, Moises Escobar, Adriana Yaelin Espericueta, Mercedes Da'starr Evans, Daniel Roberto Fernandez, Kayla Aubri Fitzpatrick, Yureyberson Deelinger Flores Garcia, Kamila Franco, Christian Alberto Garcia Ortega, Adrian Geovannie Garcia, Hennesi Maryem Garcia, Jancarlo Garcia and Jazlyn Skye Garcia.

Marioantonio Garcia, Yarexy Garza Santos, Lorenzo Garza, Albert Adiel Gonzales, Josias Aldahir Gonzalez Flores, Danna Paola Gonzalez, Julian Gonzalez, Julio Xavier Guerrero, Kimberly Guerrero, Karla Gutierrez Reyes, Desiree Lee Hamblin, Karla Selena Henriquez Trejo, Giselle Hernandez, Michelle Hernandez and Natalia Nevaeh Herrera.

Mia Sky Hinojosa, Victor Manuel Hinojosa, Karen Infante Guzman, Jaden Xavier Johnston Ramos, Faith E' mari Jenai Jordan-Owens, Allison Rubi Jubarez, Miranda Juarez, Sariah Aurez Juarez, Julissa Leah Jurado, Bella Isabel Ivan, Catherine An-Vui' Le, Liran Claudio Lemus, Analy Lira, Juan Alberto Lopez, Jordan Maddox Lorenz, Alexandra Loyola, Jayden Madrigal, Fabian Alejandro Marcano Pineda and Isabella Marquez.

Alisson Michell Martinez Vasquez, Neyra Alisse Martinez, Aaron Dewayne Masters, Rubi Esmeralda Mejia Aguilar, Jose Maria Mejia, Jose David Mendoza, Saosire Reina Molina, Alexa Montemayor, Natalie Eileen Morales, Angel Moreno, Sa'myra Janae Mourland, Anna T. Nguyen and Nicholas Bao-Tristan Nguyen.

Jasmin Sofia Nunez Xiloj, Elisha Abigail Olivares, Raylene Renee Osborne, Hailey Brianna Owens, Kevin Eduardo Paz Arevalo, Jacqueline Penaloza, Jancery Patricia Perdomo Rivera, Aaron Josue Perez, Arnez Raydon Perry, Britney Perry, Oscar Angel Peterson, Nathan Pickney, Thomas Felipe Pino Garcia, Gabriella Savannah Pritchett, Dairaly Pruneda, Irasema Ramirez and Rebecca Fallon Ramirez.

Tania Ramirez, Zachary Baldeamar Ramirez, Christopher Gael Rangel, Elias Jose Realejo Morayta, Nazil Dupree Richardson, Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez Zuniga, Augusto Nahim Rodriguez, Brytzia Rodriguez, Joahan Alexander Rodriguez, Samantha Rodriguez, Samuel Valeriano Rodriguez, Yaritza Rodriguez, Azul Nicole Roman Pina, Kristen Rosales Vazquez, Miguel Ruiz, Angel Xavier Salas, Rey Arturo Salgado and Anthony Daniel Sanchez-Lopez.

Ulises Santos, Donnese Rozau'n Shaw-Brown, Ethan Ernesto Silva, Giselle Rachel Smith, Jesus Daniel Solis, Johana Sosa Miranda, Lexie Marie Suarez, Kaleb Jesus Sustaita, Daira Naomi Tamayo Argueta, Jerroni Charlie James Taylor, Joshua Tejada, Alexander Benito Torres, Ifechukwudeni Amechi Uwaka, Isabella Marie Vara, Aliza Sughey Vazquez Venegas, Ermisar Zaraid Vega Zapata, Paulo Asael Velasquez Bonilla, Ashley Vilchis and Adam Villacorta.

Alexander Bryan Vivier, Hayson Tinh Vu, Lilynhu Vu, London Mavis Williams, Aubrii Isabella Yanez, Sofia Yepez Almanza, Henry Leo Oziel Zelaya Hernandez and Lilian Idaly Zermeno.

10th grade

Gustavo Adrian Acosta, Marissa Guadalupe Acosta, Jesus Alejandro Aguilera Arana, Sariah Jane Albert Motley, Josmin Fernando Alberto Sabillon, Azul Stephania Alfonso, Alexis Michelle Allen, Gerardo Ian Alonso De La Cruz, Ariana Alvarado, Melany Mishell Alvarez Borraro, Emanuel Elizandro Amaya-Urias, Marelina Andrade, Gabriella Ngozi Anodre, Jocelyn Lynette Arevalo and Yeison Joel Argueta Carranza.

Cherish Ifunanya Armstrong-Ekezie, Jordana Maryelie Avila, Yorlaine Carolina Avila, Josiah Alexander Aviles, Delilah Sannise Bailey, Sergio Jeronimo Barreto Ramirez, Delilah Giselle Barrios, Eric Oswaldo Beltran, Josue Enrique Benavidez, Brianna Berrones, Oscar Antonio Berumen and Kevin Arnel Binguimai.

Ricardo Antonio Bravo, Sebastian Bravo, Jadon Mck-

ennely-Joesph Buckner, Angelica Buenrostro, Alina Marie Campos, Judith Marisol Campuzano Chacon, Elizabeth Campuzano, Alexa Cantu, Jazzelle Nevaeh Cardona, Natalie Angelyn Castillo, Allison Marieth Castro Bonilla, Britany Cerritos, Diana Guadalupe Chavez Casillas, Damian Angel Chave and Jonathan Chavez.

Leah Chavez, Marlen Milagros Colmenero, Daniela Sarai Cores Rivas, Adamaris Cruz, Ivan Cruz, William Julian Cruz, Madeson Ann Davis, Camila Victoria Del Villar Ramirez, Jeisel Jhoany Deras Salinas, Evanie Ruby Diaz, Anthony Michael Durant, Samantha Elias, Jared Sebastian Enriquez, Abigail Aniah Escobar, Jose Jonathan Falcon Cardenas, Ana Jazmin Flores, Hector Ivan Flores, Natalie Victoria Flores, Makayla Danielle Flowers, De Aiziah Nicole Foster and Aiden Seth Garcia.

Mario Humberto Garcia, Sergio Garcia, Wendy Garcia, Rafael Garza, Jazlyn Rose Geraman, Alyssa Nicole Gonzalez Rodriguez, Destiny Gonzalez, Karen Haydee Gonzalez, Mariarose Gonzalez, Melissa Alejandra Gonzalez-Moz, Jesus Granados, Marcus J'wan Green and Rafael Angel Guerra.

Diego Alexis Guillen, Gracie Leeanne Gusman, Daniel Rene Gutierrez, Joshua Gutierrez, Marilyn Bianca Gutierrez-Lopez, Alessandra Guzman, Alan Michael Haskins, Ruben Isaías Hernandez Zavala, Cynthia Hernandez, Haniel Hernandez, Laysha Sidney Hernandez, Stephanie Ann Hernandez, Juan Daniel Hinojosa, Anne Tresor Hounmetin and Giselle Alessandra Ibarra.

Enrique Izaguirre, Johana Iveth Jaime Fraga, Kyrianna Cynthel Jefferson, Dion Jerome Johnson, Yasmine Simone Joseph, Alexander Juarez, Luis Guillermo Labrador Lucena, Karla Azucena Leiva Torres, Oscar Alexander Lemus, Keilani Lion, Christian Daniel Lopez Fuentes, Priscilla Lopez Monjaraz and Adamari Edith Lopez.

Diana Lopez, Jonathan Lopez, Sara Lopez, Rey David Lorenzo, Nicholas Anthony Majano, Roman Dario Mar, Emily Lizeth Mares, Gladis Yosselin Marquez Rodriguez, Juan Antonio Martinez Cardenas, Jesus Antonio Martinez Delgado, Andrea Aalizah Martinez, Esteban Mendietta, Arturo Mendoza, Chelsea Menezes, Jan Carlos Menivar Murillo and Mario Rene Menivar.

Francisco Manuel Meza, Jose Angel Meza, Jeremiah Lee Micheaux, Osiel Mojica Zeferino, Vanessa Montenegro, Andrea Regina Mizhelle Montero Avila, Belen Mo-

rales, Maria Jose Morales, Abril Moreno, Priscilla Moreno, Xavier Alexander Muhammad and Sonia Gabriela Murcia Reyes.

Dabaris Dayana Navarrete Fonseca, Jahir Alexis Nazario, Valeria Michelle Ocasio, Enrique Olguin, Emely Rose Orduño, Divanny Alexandra Orellana, Cleidy Lisbet Ortiz Gomez, Angelli Jasmin Padilla Enamorado, Elmer Alexander Padilla, Jesus Javier Palomec, Ernesto Alexander Palomo Medina, Jacob Abraham Pena and Erasmo Perez, Jasmin Estefania Perez, Ricardo Andrez Perla, Alexander Portillo, Veronica Magdalena Puerta, Judah Jacob Nathaniel Quesada, Andrea Ramirez Soto, Abigail Lynn Ramirez, Mariana Rebolloso, Samuel David Reyes, Yamilet Reyes, Amy Belen Rivera Jimenez, Jaime Alejandro Rivera, Mario Alberto Rivera, Mauricio Robles, Dante Maximiliano Rocha and Cecilia Rodriguez.

Christian Jaime Rodriguez, Nancy Carolina Ruano, Julisa Alexandra Ruiz Ayala, Anthony Alexander Ruiz, Ashley Ruiz, My'shayla Denise Russell, Alis Yuleysy Sagastume Fernandez, Marilyn Diana Salazar, Aaron Guadalupe Salinas, Monica Ruby Sanchez, Alexander Julian Sandoval, Azul Serrato, Stephanie Michelle Soto and Aniya Liana Spacke.

Alexia Tamez, Marshall David Tanner, Kate Xochitl Tello, Carolina Torres Barron, Sofia Torres, Dahlilah Helen Turner, Reecanna Chardae' Torner, Merary Abigail Umanal Rivera, Augustine Alfredo Valles, Ricardo Dario Vargas, Hanna Vazquez and Dimas Villarreal.

Jayleen Ximena Villarreal, Cynthia Villeda, Lyndon B. Warner, Brayden Louis Watkins, Aaliyah Rasiqie Williams, Vivian Zamarripa, Uriah Amari Zamora, Jacqueline Katherine Zapata, Somary Itzel Zavala and Melanie Aide Zendejo.

11th grade

Melody Ajanae Acosta, Za'niyah Jerschelle Agege, Mariely Isabel Aguirre, Adaliz Alejandro, Katelyn Justice Alejandro, Jozeph Andrew Alejo, Ludvin Alejandro Aleman Retana, Annabelle Almaguer, Judit Elizabeth Almaguer, Mario Almaguer, Osias Jalet Alvarado Suazo, Jocelyn Desiree Alvarez and Jose Alberto Angulo.

Erik Josue Arana, Audei Arellano Duarte, Yeferson Eliseo Argueta Argueta, Naotochukwu Great Armstrong-Ekezie, Manuel Arredondo Garcia, Christopher Harold Avila, Jayra Ivonne Avila, Ruby Ayala, Sara Noemi Baldaras, Devon Ameena Barnwell, David Bartolo, Alan Jael Bello, Kenia

Jamileth Beltran Chevez and Liliana Crzytal Benavides.

Isaac Cameron Berrospez, Jaime Betancourt, Zaid Betancourt, Christiani Ronaldo Bonilla, Jayneria Knire Brown, Kimberly Michelle Calderon, Jesse Camacho, Ricardo Cano, Alejandro Castillo, Arelyn Castillo, Keisy Juliza Castro, Luis Fernando Castro, Angeleyne Cervantes, Sonia Chavez Ortega, Katia Chavez, Tyrek Marquise Cooper, Tiana Nicole Costa, Emanuel Cruz Mont, Andres Cruz, Efrén Cruz, Lyannet Carolina De La Torre, Kristal Anahi Delacruz, Melanie Yathzir Diaz Tamayo, Kenia Yakeiline Diaz-Rivas, Henesis Elena Duarte Luna and Nicole Escobar.

David Joshua Flores, Guillermo Edmilson Flores, Kimberly Flores, Gideon Mekhi Fowler, Diego Alejandro Franco Morales, Maria Guadalupe Frausto, Anthony Dario Funez, Alejandro Galindo, Andy Garcia, Angel Edrian Garcia, Ayleene Marie Garcia, Dayana Guadalupe Garcia, Gianna Maria Garcia, Jasmine Briana Garcia, Litzzy Garcia, Juan Gerardo Garcia-Turrubiates and Vanessa Garza Gutierrez.

Jaslynn Lineth Garza, Lizeth Garza, Mia Janelle Garza, Chloe Anese Gillespie, Ladarius Lamont Glover, Jose Rodrigo Godoy, Carlos Elias Gomez, George Jesus Gonzalez Agulla, Angelique Alexa Gonzalez, Antonio Gonzalez, Joel Gonzalez, Raul Ivan Gonzalez, Meagan Danielle Grays, Brianna Gisel Grimaldo, Sumayah Alure Guadalupe and Stephanie Elise Guzman.

Joe Israel Gutierrez, Moises Hernandez, Saleste Faith Hernandez, Dayanis Araceli Hinojosa, Ann Precieuse Hounmetin, Roman Huerta, Janette Hurtado, Danette Ibarra, Mariela Angelica Ico Ojom, Anthony Bryan Jaime Fraga, Mayra Jaime Jaime, Teyana La'ny Jenkins, Joyce Faith Jimenez, Marcus Anthony Kern, Averie Renae Lasalle and Anahi Ledesma.

Axel Javier Lopez Carbajal, Ivan Lopez, Jennifer Lopez, Anahi Lue, Jayden Isaiiah Luna, Maria Adriana Lux Velasquez, Maggie Macias, Evonny Madrigal, Yeferson Marisol Maradiaga Munoz, Dylan Alessandro Marquez, Diego Guadalupe Martinez, Dylan Martinez, Gerardo Martinez, Mariana Martinez, Yair Martinez, Amanda Marie Medina, Maximo Christopher Mendoza, Kinereth Grissel Meraz Zelaya and Beatriz Victoria Meza.

Valeria Montenegro, Sophia Paola Morales Rodriguez, Isai Emanuel Morales, Juan Jesus Morales, Nahum

Jose Morales, Obed Julian Morales, Nelsy Jackelin Munoz Quintanilla, Jordy Santiaago Orellana, Arianda Madejis Ortiz, Ra'tavia Leacann Osborne, Lia Otero Cuza, Madeleine Samantha Palma, Ria T. Pandya, Noelia Berence Pardo, Andrea Veronica Patino and Alexa Paulin.

Jayden Alexander Pena, Annaly Itzel Perez, Alexa Paola Pineda, Olivia Nicole Pittman, Gabriela Estefany Portillo, Michel Azucena Prado Cabrera, Ernesto Quiroz, Alejandro Ramirez, Johana Ramirez, Vyanka Camylla Ramirez, Reggie Habib Rangel Quinones, Alexis Omar Rangel, Ceasar Gerardo Rasso, German Daniel Realejo Morataya, Yasmine Reyes, Martha Julia Reyes-Lechado, Stefany Valeria Rivera Valdez and Israel Rivera.

Antonio Eduardo Rodriguez, Brianna Giselle Rodriguez, Valerie Romero, Melani Romero, Jade Ruiz, Sundos Ibrahim Mohamad Saad Aldin, Evelyn Faith Sainz, Yamilette Salinas, Freddy David Sanchez Lopez, Sheryl Fernandez Sanchez Ortiz, Ricardo Alexis Sanchez, Scott Blake Santana, Alexandra Santiago and Sophia Saucedo.

Gabriel Serrato, Shannon Dominique Shaw, Vanessa Sierra, Andrea Nicole Silva, Eric Silva, Julio Alberto Soledad Rivera, Grace Elizabeth Sonnier, Edgar Moises Sorto Sorto, Jhonatan Elias Sorto Sorto, Marisol Edith Sosa, Kayla Marie Suarez, Sarah Suarez, Filiberto Isaias Tamayo, Erendira Dayanara Torres, Hayden Tinh Tran, Valery Trevino and Joseph Anthony Urdiales.

Vanessa Vargas, Isabel Celeste Vasquez, Jayden Adonias Vasquez, Xander Ray Vasquez, Bryan Steve Vasquez Chavez, Jayden Alexander Victoria, Jamarion Titan Darryl Williams, Markavia D'nea Willis, Annette Valle-ria Zacarias Trevizo, Luis Gerardo Zacarias Trevizo and Estrella Zavala.

12th grade

Benjamin Josue Acosta, Dalilah Acosta, Agustín Jaime Aguilar, Isabela Monique Aguilar, Elijah Rey Aguilar-Zamorá, Jazlyn Angel Aguilón, Ghisell Danae Agerto Toapanta, Imelda Isali Aleman, Omar Alfaro, Brisbane Leilani Almazan, Angel Alvarado Cardial, Jose Jared Alvarez Escobar, Ashley Yamileth Alvarez, Carolina Alvarez, Kevin Excel Alvarez, Anderson Jose Amaya Urias, Leslie Irene Amaya Rauda and Emilio Anaya.

Anastasia Chiamaka Anowey, Jose Guadalupe Aragon, Gabriela Alexis Aranda, Jocelyn Maree Aranda, Johnny Enrique Argueta, Amiah

Marie B. Atkinson, Cynthia Avalos, Maria Fernanda Barboza Castro, Yamilet Becerril, Jazmin Bocanegra, Suany Jissel Bonilla Acosta, Alyssa Ann Bowshier, Tre'sean D'marqus Braziel, Reginald T'andre Brooks, Ronald Brown Toirac, Jordan Corey Buckner, Carlos Rodery Burgos Reyes, Terrell Burroughs and Reynaldo Cabrera.

Benito Cadena, Christopher Eduardo Calderon, Michelle Cano, Ramiro Alejandro Cardenas, Cinthya Michelle Cardoza Garcia, Kimberly Bethel Carrizales, Gabriella Alize Castaneda, Emiliano Castilleja, Adamari Castillo, Natalia Castillo, Jackieine Castro, Julio Cesar Castro, Angel Edwin Centeno, Eladio Cervantes, Selina Marisol Chamorro and Melanie Estrella Chaverria.

Cesar Gabriel Chavez, Da'jonae Latrice Citizen, Ronyiha La'shay Coleman, Zylarh Mattie-Ann Coleman, Perla Elizabeth Colmenero, Rosa Contreras, Victoria Raengel Contreras, Ivan Eleazar Coronel, Nataly Co-to-Chong, Kevin Charles Cox, Jeady Cruz, Mayra America De La Torre, Valerie Del Valle, Isaac Isaiiah Delacruz, Krystal Delgado, Lorenzo Delgado, Luis Santos Diaz, Valeria Danahe Duran Iracheta, Ailen Sarahi Duran, Elizabeth Marie Erwin and Kayleen Lupe Erwin.

Sharon Milhuska Escalante, Aaron Alexander Escareno, Kevin Jared Espinal Lemus, Erick Javier Estrada Guity, Edna Michelle Fernandez, Alyssa Arianna Flores, Andres Flores, Jennifer Flores, Ariana Franco, Kylie Kamoura Gale, Joheli Emmanuel Garcia Gonzalez, Isbery Abigail Garcia Romero, Cesia Marai Garcia Velasquez and Briahna Lynkepher Sherrie Garcia.

Brittany Yamileth Garcia, Carla Andrea Garcia, Carlos Ivan Garcia, Joey Lopez Garcia, Lupita Garcia, Marc Anthony Garcia, Rigoberto Garcia, Xzavarian Garcia, Tania Garza De Leon, Aldemy Joselin Garza, Alinna Zenett Garza, Brizeida Yaris Garza, Giselle Alexis Garza, Isabel Marie Garza, Isabella Garza and Mia Jazmin Gaytan.

Deborah Debusch Getu, Andres Gomez, Cecilia Regina Gomez, Christopher Joel Gomez, Freddie Gonzales, Daniel Gonzalez, Diana Lee Gracia, Yenny Granados, Aldo Guajardo, Amy Marie Guerra, Cynthia Azul Guerrero, David Emmanuel Guevara, Debanhy Alizedy Guillen, Karina Loraine Guillen, David Daniel Guzman, Jade Marie Guzman, Rayne Marie Hale, Brian Hernandez Guerrero, Perla Berenice Hernandez Luna, Alexia Hernandez, Idania

Nohemi Hernandez and Jason Hernandez.

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Remember When

45 years ago (1979)
Hundreds of local residents, politicians and other dignitaries turned out for ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Texas Commerce Bank-South Belt.

Lisa Lybarger, Jeff Brannen, Teri McKown, Erin Kennedy and Kaye Miller were chosen as citizens of the week at Stuchbery Elementary School.

40 years ago (1984)
Longtime Thompson Intermediate School band director Jimmy Foster returned to Pasadena after a brief teaching stint at Grapeland High School.

The Sagement Civic Club members decided to draft a letter to the city of Houston opposing the extension of any road in Sagement through to Scarsdale Boulevard.

35 Years ago (1989)
Beverly Hills Intermediate School celebrated its 25th anniversary.

South Belt area voters approved a \$45 million Clear Creek Independent School District bond.

30 years ago (1994)
A record number of voters resoundingly defeated all five bond propositions by nearly a two-to-one margin in the Clear Creek Independent School District referendum.

Nearly a quarter of a million dollars' worth of new parking lot lighting was being installed at Alameda Mall. Area resident Elida Perez, a bilingual teacher at Bonner Elementary, was named one of six Guiding Stars elementary teachers in the Houston/Galveston area.

25 years ago (1999)
Police charged Leonard Sutton II with murder in the death of Patric Thomas, 21. Mika and Dusty Rogers were grand champion winners in the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo.

20 years ago (2004)
Voters approved the \$299.86 million bond with about 64.5 percent of the vote. Rep. Tom DeLay won

re-election to his 11th term. Local elected officials Sen. Mario Gallegos, Constable Gary Freeman, Sen. Mike Jackson, Rep. Robert Talton, Judge Jo Ann Delgado and Commissioner El Franco Lee also won re-election.

A Weber Elementary School bus driver was assaulted by a parent after she would not release the parent's children to him. After the bus driver explained that she must deposit children to their assigned stops, the parent physically attacked her by hitting her in the chest.

The Dobie High School band took Sweepstakes honors at the Region 19 University Interscholastic League marching contest. The Sweepstakes honor is the highest possible honor in the UIL competition.

PSD Principal Nancy Teichelman was named the District 4 TEPSAN of the year by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department received a \$100,102 grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The money was used to upgrade the department's communication system.

15 years ago (2009)
The results from the Nov. 3 city of Houston and state elections were tallied. The mayoral race to replace term-limited Bill White headed to a Dec. 12 runoff between Houston City Controller Annise Parker and former City Attorney Gene Locke. Incumbent Mike Sullivan maintained his District E City Council seat, handily defeating challenger Phillip "Wayne" Garrison II.

A joint task force raided a home in the 9200 block of Majave Cove Court in Riverstone Ranch after Colorado authorities alleged the homeowner had attempted to solicit a minor online. Kent Thom-

as Johnson, 53, was arrested on charges of online child solicitation and possession of child pornography. A search of Johnson's home yielded a hard drive with several pornographic images of children.

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett spoke at a luncheon sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. The one-time state representative spoke on a number of items but focused primarily on transportation and infrastructure issues affecting the county's future.

Dobie celebrated its annual homecoming football game at Newcomb Field playing against the Sam Rayburn Texans. Yancy Moreno was crowned queen and Irving Garza was king. Dobie won the game 34-14.

10 years ago (2014)
Voters approved the Pasadena Independent School District's \$175.5 million bond issue to provide three

replacement campuses, three new campuses, program-based campus additions and renovations and new technology. According to Harris County reports, 74 percent of voters were in favor of the measure.

In the race to fill the state District 129 seat being vacated by longtime Rep. John Davis, Republican Dennis Paul easily defeated his opponent.

In the contest for the U.S. House District 22 seat, incumbent Pete Olson would maintain his position.

Thousands flocked to Grace Community Church Nov. 2 for its 1 Stand Sunday event to protest Mayor Anise Parker's now-withdrawn plan to subpoena the sermons of local pastors who opposed the controversial Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO). Estimates place the crowd at between 6,000 and 7,000, with tens of thousands more watching a livestream of the event online.

According to police, Raul Aguirre, 19, was traveling west on a motorcycle on Fuqua at a high rate of speed when an eastbound truck turned in front of him, making a left-hand turn north near Clearwood Crossing. Aguirre struck the vehicle head on and died on impact. The driver of the truck, a 23-year-old woman, was questioned and released without charges.

Police said alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

Dog attack victim and avid runner Monica Garza returned to the track, participating in the Pearland Area Running Club's annual 10K Monster Dash in Silverlake. Family and friends gathered at the finish line to cheer Garza on as she finished the race with an official time of 1:03:40. Charles Jordan, whom Garza credits for saving her life, and his wife Sharon were also in attendance. Garza was attacked by two pit bulls while jogging on

the hike and bike trail near Blackhawk. She suffered 52 lacerations in the attack and has since undergone multiple surgeries and hundreds of hours of physical therapy.

A shooting that took place in the 10800 block of Sage-meadow sent the victim to the hospital in critical condition. According to police, the 33-year-old male victim was returning home with a friend around 11 p.m. when he was approached in his driveway by an unknown male, who shot him several times. A witness said the shooter then fled the scene in a vehicle driven by a second person who was waiting on Hall Road. There was no known motive in the case, but police said narcotics were found at the scene. The victim was expected to survive. No immediate arrests were made.

5 years ago (2019)
A man was fatally shot Thursday, Oct. 24, in the 7900 block of Glenheath. Brandon Savoie was found dead in the front yard of the aforementioned address when police arrived. He had been shot several times. No immediate arrests were made.

1 year ago (2023)
South Belt resident Sami Khaleeq was appointed by Mayor Sylvester Turner to serve as commissioner of the city's Planning and Airport Commission. A managing partner at Houston Young Professionals, Khaleeq is the chairman of Stark Industries, CEO of CG Studio, co-founder of Independent Gameware Studio and chairman of technology of Rotary District 5890. An expert in cybersecurity, Khaleeq specializes in using technology to combat human trafficking. Khaleeq has consulted for numerous organizations and sat on multiple boards and advisory commissions for groups such as RSA House, OPEN Houston, World Chamber of Commerce Texas, San Jacinto College and the Houston Area Women's Center.

Over The Back Fence by Natalie

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 31 through Nov. 6.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Gladys Elizondo Nov. 1.

Burnett Elementary
Rebecca Wells is wished a happy birthday Nov. 1. Sing a chorus of a birthday song Nov. 4 to Jabria Stephens.

Bush Elementary
Maralda Isaac celebrates a birthday Nov. 4.

Frazier Elementary
Give a birthday shoutout Nov. 1 to Jacqueline Rojas.

Hancock Elementary
Amanda Mora celebrates a memorable birthday Nov. 4. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 5 to Sindy Guevara.

Guevar Elementary
Blow out the candles Nov. 2 for Elvia Montes. Send a humorous birthday card Nov. 3 to Kacie Hedge. Rachelle Lopez cele-

brates a birthday Nov. 6.

Moore Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Kathy Young Nov. 2.

South Belt Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Nov. 2 to Lisa Dupla. Break out the ice cream for Mirasol Fitzgerald and Linda Moreno Nov. 5.

Stuchbery Elementary
Best wishes for a special birthday Nov. 3 are sent to Maria Guerrero. Nov. 4 is a day of celebration for Karla Rosales. Birthday greetings go out to Michelle Tijerina Nov. 6.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
The day for cake and ice cream for Cindy Burton and Melissa Diaz is Nov. 3. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 6 to Jessica Jackson.

Thompson Intermediate
Prudencio Reyna celebrates a birthday Nov. 3. Remember to wish Doug Sawyer a happy birthday Nov. 5.

Dobie High
Send a birthday greeting Oct. 31 to Lauren Calderaro. Sara Gokey is wished a happy

birthday Nov. 1. Maria Samford marks a birthday Nov. 2. Remember to wish Michael Rogers a happy birthday Oct. 26. Sing a happy birthday song to Mark Webber Nov. 4.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Oct. 31: Carmen Cantu, Patricia Goforth-Rakes, Sara Peters-Wiggins, Greg Chavez, Jennifer Miller, Jennie Minter, Bo Bolar and Olyn Taylor; Friday, Nov. 1: Earl Sword, Dawn McDonald, Sean Connors, Sherry Rightmer, Randy Read, Richard Veltman and Susan Quintana; Saturday, Nov. 2: Debbie Davis and Kathy Young; Sunday, Nov. 3: Brett Waltz, Gabriel Estrella, Randi Whitney, Tricia Porter, Laura Armer, Kevin Duckworth and Phillip Jackson; and Monday, Nov. 4: John Salinas and Kandy Ger.

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Methodist Clear Lake welcomes Samuel



Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital welcomed Dr. Ronald Samuel, board-certified and fellowship-trained gastroenterologist, to its team. He joins the leading specialists at Houston Methodist Gastroenterology Associates in Clear Lake, bringing specialized care tailored to meet the diverse needs of patients in Clear Lake area and surrounding communities.

"I am committed to providing compassionate, patient-centered care that focuses on my patients' well-being," he said. "I believe in a collaborative approach, in which open communication and education empower my patients to make informed decisions about their health. My goal is to deliver the highest evidence-based care, tailored to each individual's unique needs."

Samuel completed his medical degree and residency at The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and his gastroenterology fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

His clinical interests include colorectal cancer screening, disorders of the esophagus, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), gastrointestinal bleeding, inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome and liver disease.

His professional activities include the American College of Gastroenterology, American Gastroenterological Association and Texas Medical Association.

Samuel is now seeing patients at 18123 Upper Bay Road, Medical Office Building 4, Ste. 400, Houston, 77058. To schedule an appointment or learn more, call Houston Methodist Gastroenterology Associates.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Longhorns pummel Rayburn, get to even with two key games to go

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Count the Dobie Longhorns as very much a team with plenty to play for as the current varsity football season has been trimmed to two weeks.

Now at 3-3 overall in district play, the Longhorns will make a trip to Alvin to take on the Yellowjackets as the locals aim to keep their postseason hopes alive.

While Alvin has been eliminated from playoff contention, the Jackets would love to add a third overall win to their ledger when they host the Longhorns Nov. 1 at Alvin ISD's Veterans Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Just three weeks ago, the Longhorns stood at 1-3 in league play and looked to be in a tough spot as it relates to the playoffs. There is still work to be done, but after putting a 63-7 defeat on the Sam Rayburn Texans Oct. 25 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena as part of Senior Night, Dobie has won two straight overall and will look to keep things going against an Alvin team that is out of playoff contention.

The Dobie offense has gotten healthy with a couple of 60-plus point performances against South

Houston and Sam Rayburn in consecutive weeks.

Despite playing without leading rusher Cameron Mathews for the vast majority of the game against South Houston and then the entire game against the Texans, the Longhorns got big nights from De'Marcus Hodges and Bryce Evans in the running game to keep things going in the absence of their team leader.

As it stands within the 22-6A varsity football standings, Shadow Creek defeated Pearland and has positioned itself to claim the championship.

Pearland, meanwhile, is in a great position despite the loss to the Sharks and will advance to the post-season as well. Dawson, which already owns a victory over the Longhorns, is set for a Nov. 1 matchup against Manvel.

Should the Longhorns reach the playoffs, they would be a No. 2 seed in the 6A Division I bracket. The Longhorns could use some help from the Eagles against the Mavericks while chasing Manvel for a playoff seed within the district.

Not to look past Alvin, but the Longhorns hope to get to the season finale Nov. 7 against Manvel at home with a chance

to make the playoffs. As expected, the 22-6A race has been very competitive each week.

Shadow Creek and Pearland rose to the top of the standings, and so far Dawson and Manvel have managed to stay a step ahead of the Longhorns.

With a win over Alvin, Dobie can get over the .500 mark for the first time since an opening week win against Clear Brook. Most importantly, the locals need to win over Alvin heading into what could be a winner-take-all regular season finale against Manvel.

As expected, the Longhorns had little trouble dispatching the Texans to highlight Senior Night at Veterans Stadium.

Evans made it 13-0 at the 1:40 mark of the opening quarter on a 4-yard touchdown run as the locals took advantage of a short field to take a two-score lead.

The fun continued in the second quarter as the Longhorns' Marcus Jones juggled a punt but recovered to return the ball 78 yards for a touchdown at 9:38 of the second quarter.

De'Marcus Hodges ran into the end zone with the two-point conversion as the Longhorns led 21-0.

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The Dobie defense kept the pressure on Sam Rayburn throughout the night Oct. 25 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena during a 63-7 victory over the Texans. On this play, Dobie junior linebacker Julius Sanchez (42) chases Texan quarterback Malachi Rivas (15).



The Longhorns' Marcus Jones (3) burned the Texans for a 78-yard punt return in the second quarter of his team's eventual 63-7 victory over Sam Rayburn Oct. 25 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

JFD volleyball celebrates its seniors during home finale win



The Dobie varsity volleyball team toppled Alvin in five sets, 25-15, 12-25, 22-25, 25-20, 15-12 as the Longhorns' senior class led the program to a win in its final home match at Dobie main Oct. 25. Those seniors included, left to right,

Mia Campos (9), Julianna Aguirre (12), Hope Ortiz (6), Miah Hypolite (20), Jocelyn Stringer (3), Kaylie Bui (14), Aracely Torres (13) and Adalee Garcia (10). Dobie closed out the 2024 season at Manvel Oct. 29 after press time.

Dobie (3-8) at Alvin (1-5)

Nov. 1, 7 p.m. AISD Stadium

While Alvin is out of playoff contention, the Dobie Longhorns have squared their district record at 3-3 and need a win over the Yellowjackets to keep their postseason hopes alive. The Longhorns currently sit fifth in the league standings with two weeks to go in the regular season.

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Dobie cross-country turns in remarkable run in 2024

The high school cross-country season's version of the postseason, otherwise known as 32 district and four regional competitions preceding the University Interscholastic League's state meet, featured a heavy dose of the Dobie Longhorns, and there very well could be more to come for the boys' program.

The blueprint for success within the current framework of the Class 6A ranks was developed by head coach Mo Hickman's girls' program, which advanced to regionals as the District 22-6A champion from 2020 through 2022.

The 2023 team was second to the Deer Park Deer

program. In the 22-6A race, but junior Lauren Garza became Dobie's first-ever class 6A state qualifier with a 19th-place overall finish at regionals.

For 2024, Garza solidified her status as a legend within the Dobie program and she claimed her second straight gold medal at the district level, easily winning the 22-6A race.

As luck would have it, Garza was 20th overall at this year's Region III race at 19 minutes, 19.86 seconds, only to miss out on a return to state by a mere 1.4 seconds.

Garza's pending graduation in 2025 figures to signal the beginning of a rebuild within the girls' program at a time when the Dobie boys appear to

be hitting their stride after several seasons of pumping both numbers and talent into the program.

Dobie head coach Kevin Cross knew all about

Cruz Jasso well before the gifted freshman walked through the doors of the school's freshman campus on Monroe Road with freshmen Jordan Roman and Angel Montiel also joining the mix, the Long-

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Dobie junior Johan Villavicencio took 53rd at the Region III Cross-Country Championships in Huntsville with a time of 16 minutes, 59.67 seconds to help his team to a 12th-place overall finish.

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BAFL Weekly Standings

Peewee Division

Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	10	0	0
Pear. Patriots	9	1	0
Manvel Texans	9	1	0
49ers	8	2	0
Stingrays	8	2	0
Ang. Wildcats	6	4	0
Red Raiders	5	5	0
S.E. Wildcats	5	5	0
Pear. Texans	5	5	0
Buccaneers	5	5	0
Gators	4	5	0
Panthers	5	5	0
Eagles	2	8	0
Longhorns	2	8	0
La Porte Texans	1	9	0
Raiders	1	9	0
Sharks	0	10	0

Freshman Division

Team	W	L	T
Manvel Texans	9	1	0
49ers	9	1	0
Buccaneers	9	1	0
Panthers	9	1	0
Pear. Patriots	9	1	0
Gators	6	4	0
Red Raiders	6	4	0
Cowboys	5	5	0
Stingrays	5	5	0
Sharks	4	6	0
Ang. Wildcats	4	6	0
S.E. Wildcats	4	6	0
Eagles	2	8	0
Pear. Texans	2	8	0
Longhorns	2	8	0
Raiders	1	9	0
La Porte Texans	1	9	0

Sophomore Division

Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	10	0	0
La Porte Texans	9	1	0
Ang. Wildcats	9	1	1
Red Raiders	8	2	0
Cowboys	6	3	0
Pear. Patriots	6	3	0
S.E. Wildcats	6	4	0
49ers	6	4	0
Gators	5	5	0
Manvel Texans	5	5	0
Panthers	3	7	0
Stingrays	3	7	0
Pear. Texans	3	7	0
Longhorns	2	8	0
Raiders	2	8	0
Sharks	1	9	0
Eagles	0	10	0

Junior Division

Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	9	1	0
Red Raiders	9	1	0
Ang. Wildcats	9	1	0
Pear. Texans	8	2	0
S.E. Wildcats	8	2	0
Pear. Patriots	6	3	0
49ers	6	3	0
Gators	5	5	0
Eagles	5	5	0
Manvel Texans	5	5	0
La Porte Texans	3	7	0
Longhorns	3	7	0
Raiders	3	7	0
Sharks	3	7	0
Cowboys	1	9	0
Panthers	1	9	0
Stingrays	0	10	0

Senior Division

Team	W	L	T
Stingrays	10	0	0
49ers	9	1	0
Red Raiders	9	1	0
Manvel Texans	8	2	0
Cowboys	7	3	0
Panthers	7	3	0
Pear. Texans	7	4	0
Sharks	6	4	0
Gators	6	4	0
Longhorns	5	5	0
Ang. Wildcats	5	5	0
Eagles	3	7	0
Pear. Patriots	2	8	0
S.E. Wildcats	2	8	0
Buccaneers	1	9	0
La Porte Texans	1	9	0
Raiders	1	9	0

BAFL Week 11
Sat., Oct. 26 Results

Cowboys' Peewee 24 Patriots 21

Patriots 29 Cowboys' Freshmen 0

Cowboys' Sophomores 26, Patriots 21

Patriots 46 Cowboys' Juniors 0

Cowboys' Seniors 49 Patriots 6

Playoff Schedule
Sat., Nov. 2

Cowboys' Peewee vs. TBA, at Hitchcock, 8 a.m.

Cowboys' Sophomores vs. Hitchcock at Patriots, 1 p.m.

Cowboys' Seniors vs. Hitchcock, 1 p.m. at Magnolia Park

South Belt football predictions

	John Bechtle	Emory Gadd	Troy Leland	Stephen Sutton	Debbie Vaughn
Dobie at Alvin	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Sam Rayburn vs. Pasadena Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial
Dawson at Manvel	Manvel	Dawson	Dawson	Manvel	Dawson
Clear Springs at Deer Park	Springs	Springs	Springs	Deer Park	Deer Park
Lutheran South at Woodlands Christian	LSA	LSA	Woodlands	LSA	Woodlands
Clear Brook vs. Clear Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake
Dickinson at Clear Falls	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Hightower at Ridgepoint	Ridgepoint	Hightower	Ridgepoint	Hightower	Ridgepoint
La Porte at Angleton	Angleton	La Porte	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton
Crosby at Porter	Crosby	Crosby	Crosby	Porter	Crosby
Last Week's Results	6-4	7-3	4-6	6-4	5-5
Season record	66-24	71-19	70-20	67-23	74-16

Springs downs Dickinson; Deer also perfect

And then there were two. Both Clear Springs and Deer Park were the big winners Oct. 25, getting key wins to improve to 5-0 each within the District 24-6A varsity football race.

The action is sure to intensify Nov. 1 as Deer Park hosts Clear Springs in a 7 p.m. game at Absher Stadium in Deer Park.

Clear Springs, which has qualified for the postseason, broke the ice among the district leaders with its huge victory over defending league champion and previously unbeaten Dickinson, staying undefeated to join Deer Park at the top of the standings with just two weeks to go in the regular season.

The Deer improved to 7-1 overall and 5-0 in league play with a 49-21 win at Brazoswood Oct. 25. Deer Park, which

boasts the largest enrollment in the 24-6A ranks, is assured of a Division 1 postseason berth.

The Chargers, now winners of seven straight games, can secure the 24-6A title with a win over the Deer. In the final week of the regular season, the Chargers will go against Clear Creek while Deer Park travels to Dickinson to take on the Gators.

In a back-and-forth all-time series between the two programs, Clear Springs took a 9-8 lead over Dickinson with its 34-28 victory over the Gators Oct. 25 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

Clear Springs led 20-7 at halftime and extended the advantage to 27-7 to open the third quarter as Charger quarterback Julian Salazar hooked up with Mu'izz Tounkara for a 16-yard scoring pass.

Tounkara burned the Gators for 94 yards receiving and a pair of touchdowns.

The Chargers eventually led 34-14 following a 65-yard kickoff return by Austin Ware, but the Gators made it 34-28 entering the final 12 minutes as running back Malachi Gamble had a 16-yard touchdown run and quarterback Joshua Arthur punched into the end zone from two yards out.

From there, though, the Charger defense took charge, stopping the Gators on fourth down and short yardage situations on two separate drives in the fourth quarter to come away with the win.

Dickinson came up with more than 500 yards of offense as Gamble had 209 yards rushing. Gamble now leads all 24-6A rushers with 1,046 yards on 115 carries and 14 touch-

downs. Although the Gators suffered a big loss as it relates to the pursuit of the league championship, head coach John Snelson's team still controls its own destiny.

Dickinson (5-3, 4-1), which would compete in the 6A Division 1 playoff bracket, can secure a play-off berth with a win over Clear Falls. The two teams will go head to head back at Challenger Stadium Nov. 1.

As for Clear Falls, the Knights currently sit fourth in the standings but have the clearest path to a 6A Division 2 postseason spot among the rest of the league.

The Knights crushed Clear Brook 70-14 Oct. 25 at Clear Creek ISD's Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City. The 70 points is a single-season, all-time record for the Knights

Caden Hisatake set a program record with third career kickoff return for a touchdown as he took the opening kickoff back for a score from 79 yards out. Clear Springs proceeded to score touchdowns on

each of its next six possessions in cruising to the victory.

Clear Creek stayed in the hunt for a playoff berth following a 27-17 win over Clear Lake Oct. 24, but at 2-3 in league play, can only advance

to the postseason with a pair of wins in the final two weeks combined with a pair of losses by Clear Falls.

At present, the 24-6A postseason picture has developed fairly clearly with Dickinson and Deer Park

set to advance to the Division 1 bracket, while Clear Springs and Clear Falls are headed to Division 2.

The D1 playoff qualifiers from 24-6A will go against either North Shore or Atascocita in the bidistrict round.

Nov. 7 for what it hopes will be a postseason play-in game against Manvel at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

As advertised, the 22-6A race has been a doozie all the way. The Longhorns got themselves behind the sticks with losses first to Dawson to kick off league action and then to Shadow Creek and Pearland in consecutive weeks.

Since that 1-3 start, the Longhorns have bounced back with a pair of wins and hope to keep the good times rolling over the final two weeks of the regular season.

Team 56, thus named to recognize this group in the 56th season in program history, plans to play beyond the first week of November.

District 24-6A Varsity Football Standings

Team	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Deer Park	5	0	0	7	1	0
Clear Springs	5	0	0	7	1	0
Dickinson	4	1	0	5	3	0
Clear Falls	3	2	0	5	3	0
Clear Creek	1	4	0	2	6	0
Clear Lake	2	3	0	3	5	0
Clear Brook	0	5	0	1	7	0
Brazoswood	0	5	0	0	8	0

District 22-6A Varsity Football Standings

Team	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Shadow Creek	6	0	0	7	1	0
Pearland	5	1	0	7	2	0
Dawson	5	2	0	6	3	0
Manvel	4	2	0	4	4	0
Dobie	3	3	0	4	4	0
S. Houston	3	3	0	3	5	0
Alvin	1	5	0	2	6	0
Rayburn	0	6	0	2	6	0
Memorial	0	6	0	2	6	0

Dobie girls place fourth at Pearland golf tourney; Duong third individually

At right, Dobie varsity girls' golfer Kirsten Duong fired a single-round 102 to place third overall Oct. 21 at the Pearland Golf Club Invitational as she led the Longhorns to fourth pace in the team standings.

Below, the Dobie varsity girls' golf team placed fourth at the Pearland Golf Club Invitational Oct. 21. Individually, Kirsten Duong captured third overall with a single-round 102. Members of the Dobie team are, left to right, Hailey Cubos, Olivia Tamez, Kirsten Duong, Elizabeth Dinh, Ryleigh Rodriguez and Summer Zuniga.



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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
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.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.

1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4
5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for details.
7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.
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 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org. In-person address 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 for

information.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland. For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.

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7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
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Longhorn runners finish 2024 strong

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horns quickly rose in the ranks at the varsity level.

Senior Chris Lopez and Johan Villavicencio, a junior, were the Longhorns' top returnees from a 2023 team that reached regionals courtesy of a second-place district finish behind state qualifier Deer Park. Still, the Longhorns needed more depth with meet scores requiring five qualifying times.

The arrival of the three freshmen played a large role in that, and the Longhorns also got a solid season from senior Carlos Salazar.

Lopez, a team leader as a 4-year varsity letterman, admitted during a conversation with the *Leader* that the arrival of the freshman group delivered both plenty of competition and expectation to go along with it.

Team training sessions were energized by the influx of newcomers, and Lopez quickly found several guys willing and able to run with him in an effort to get the Longhorns where they wanted to be.

District opponents don't always see each other frequently during the regular season, but Dobie boys' head coach Stephen Cross felt as though Pearlman would represent the Longhorns' biggest challenge at the 22-6A Championships.

With the Longhorns' home course at Dobie main serving as the site for the district championships Oct. 10, the locals delivered in a big way.

Jasso, the Pasadena ISD seventh- and eighth-grade record holder at the two-mile distance while running for the Beverly Hills Bears,

While the Longhorns' 2024 season came to a conclusion at the Region III championships Oct. 21 in Huntsville, it was easy to see why there is plenty of excitement heading into 2025 and beyond.

Lopez, who was 86th at regionals in a time of 17:29.39, will graduate. Ditto for Salazar, who placed 162nd at 19:03.39.

The seniors will be missed, but Jasso, Roman and Villavicencio plan to lead the program from this point forward with the idea of coming up with the same sort of success seen by the Dobie girls' program, or perhaps more.

Jasso was 41st at regionals with a time of 16:45.74, with Roman not far behind, taking 44th at 16:49.67. Villavicencio took 53rd in Huntsville with a time of 16:59.67.

At 18:13.69, Montiel completed his debut with the Longhorns by placing 128th at regionals, and a

time of 19:42.39 rounded out junior Orlando De Paz's final season.

Garza attended Thompson Intermediate, and as she headed to Dobie for her freshman year, it was a far from sure thing that Garza would get involved with cross-country.

Garza credits her close friend, Kyla Lobo, with encouraging her to get involved with distance running.

Lobo, a 2024 Dobie graduate, made quite a mark on the Dobie program herself as a key contributor to the three district championship runs in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

In 2023, Garza was the District 22-6A individual gold medalist, while Lobo finished second. Now that Garza has had a little bit of time to reflect on her accomplishments with the Longhorns, she's very proud of what she was able to achieve.

"The workouts can be hard, and it can be a long season, but I've always tried to have fun with it and just do the very best that I can," Garza said. "I never felt like it was something that I didn't want to do despite the tough schedule sometimes, and I've always enjoyed being part of the team with the other girls and going out there as a group and having as much success as we can have."

As for narrowly missing out on a return trip to state, there's no doubt that Garza was initially disappointed at not being able to make her way back to Round Rock, however, she ran a personal best time and put herself in position at the end to have a shot of getting back to state before the luck of the draw just didn't work out in her favor.

Earlier this month, Garza began touring some collegiate opportunities as she plans to continue her running career.

With as much success as she has delivered in both in cross-country and distance running during the track and field seasons each spring, Garza has earned the opportunity to continue to compete at the next level.

"Definitely", she said. "I'm looking at some colleges right now, and I look forward to being able to run next season and beyond and just see where my career takes me. I've had some good success at Dobie, and I owe coach (Mo) Hickman credit for pushing me and trying to get the best out of me. It's always tough to see your season end, but I know it's all part of it and I'm looking forward to the future."

Thompson seventh-grade A football cruises to district championship win



The Thompson Intermediate seventh-grade A football team captured the Pasadena ISD championship with a win over the Beverly Hills Bears at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Members of the team are, left to right, (first row) Isaac Reyna, Denim Holman, David Gonzalez, (second row) Miguel Compean, Aaden Howard, Levi Sanchez, Kyle Williams,

Jesse Hernandez, Ricardo Barrera, (third row) coach Robert Boyes, Tyrell Sinclair, Liam Thomas, Vincent Castoreno, Kingston Adkins, Alejandro Cavasos, Arian Guerrero, Jacob Katz, (fourth row) coach Doug Sawyer, Major Anderson, Jaden Richardson, Jason Vargas, Sunia Kefu, coach Daniel Sawyer and Tristan James.

Lions' eighth-grade B football program claims Pasadena ISD championship



Thompson Intermediate's eighth-grade B football team won the Pasadena ISD crown following a win over the Beverly Hills Bears. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Austin Dao, Anthony Ferrufino, Ivan Hernandez, Lloyd Hinton, Jonathan Ripple, Juan Rodriguez, Tate Tran, Jordan Ripple, Alexander Olivares, Joshua Hernandez, (middle row) Lezhon Gill, Alejandro Gonzalez, Jordan McCombs, Reid Hughes, Winston

Blackmon, Emmanuel Hernandez, (back row) coach Travarus Ansley, Noah St. Ange, Joshua Jagede, Broderick Braggs, Alex De La Rosa, Devonte Brown, Isaac Ortiz, Camden Ware, Aaron Leyva, Jacob Miniell, Tristan Barlow, Karrington Brown and coach Aaron Kutra. The Lions' eighth-grade A team also won the district title. See the Nov. 7 *Leader* issue for more news.

JFD baseball hosts golf

The Dobie Diamond Club, the official booster club of the Dobie baseball program, has finalized plans for the Longhorns' annual fundraising golf tournament. The 2024 event is set to be held at the Pasadena Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, Nov. 16. Foursome teams are encouraged to enter at \$500 per team, while individual player registration will also be accepted at \$125 per player.

Tent sponsorships are available for \$250 each, and hole sponsors are \$125 each. Registration includes a light breakfast as well as lunch. Check-in is at 7 a.m., and the tournament will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Proceeds from the event will be utilized to cover a variety of costs associated within the baseball program throughout the school year. For more information, direct email to jfdobiediamondclub@gmail.com.

Atkinson honors its PPK winners

Valentina Tran, a third-grade student at Atkinson Elementary, placed third in the girls' division at the Pasadena ISD Punt, Pass and Kick Championships earlier this month at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.



At right, Atkinson Elementary third-grade student Max Ramirez was crowned the Pasadena ISD Punt, Pass and Kick champion at the districtwide competition earlier this month at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.



Atkinson Elementary honored its annual Punt, Pass and Kick champions, who went on to participate in the Pasadena ISD competition Oct. 7 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The Eagles' winners included, left to right, Max Ramirez (third grade), Valentina Tran (third grade), Harmony Galloway (fourth grade) and Andrew Araujo (fourth grade). Ramirez went on to win the PISD third-grade boys' championship, while Tran placed third in the PISD third-grade girls' competition. Competitors' scores are tabulated based on both the accuracy and distance of a punt, kick off a tee and a pass.

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