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Ashley Pointe to meet

Ashley Pointe HOA will meet Monday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room F at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale.

Kirkmont to meet

The Kirkmont 1 Homeowners Association meeting has been changed to Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Kirkmont MUD Building at 10102 Blackhawk.

Kirkmont 3, 4

Kirkmont Sections 3 and 4 Community Association will hold its annual meeting Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Kirkmont MUD Building. All homeowners/residents are urged to attend. The 2017 annual maintenance fees and deed restrictions will be discussed, and board members elected. Homeowners attending the meeting may be eligible for a discount on their 2017 maintenance fees.

Thanksgiving food drive set

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church is holding a Thanksgiving food drive to assist South Belt families. Donations of nonperishable food can be taken to the church office, 11011 Hall Road Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donations may also be dropped off at the church entrance before Mass Saturday or Sunday. The drive continues through Nov. 13. Call St. Luke's at 281-481-6816 with questions about the Thanksgiving drive.

Post 490 hosts blood drive

American Legion Post 490 (across from Ellington Field) will hold a blood drive Sunday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be free T-shirts and coupons for Raising Cane's.

CBCMUD sewer work begins

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District authorized AAA Flexible Pipe Cleaning to begin televising and cleaning of Wood Meadow I and Wood Meadow II sewer lines. Residents should leave gates unlocked for the times stated on notices put on home doors. Pets need to be restrained. Should a manhole be in the backyard, anything on top must be removed. Workers need access to sewer lines and manholes. Work will continue through December. For information, call CBCMUD General Manager of Operations Dean Baier at 281-484-1562.

Veterans Day programs set

Thompson Intermediate and Roberts Middle School will both host Veterans Day programs with breakfast Friday, Nov. 11. Veterans are welcome to attend. The Thompson program is from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. The Roberts program is 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., with breakfast from 8 to 8:35 a.m.

Sageglen to meet Nov. 14

The Sageglen Community Association will meet Monday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork. For more information, call 281-481-2160.

Sagemont Civic Club meets

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sagemont Community Center, 10511 Hughes Road. Following a brief business meeting, the group will kick off its support of the *Leader's* annual toy and food drive. Attendees are urged to bring an unwrapped toy, teen gift or nonperishable food item.

PIP meeting Nov. 15

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the first floor staff meeting room. Guest speaker will be Justin Scott and Elizabeth Gemmill of the Houston Police Department's Gang Unit, who will speak on identifying gang members. PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

Genoa UMC sells dinners

Genoa United Methodist Church, 12501 Palmsprings, is accepting orders for its annual turkey dinner sales. Orders are currently being accepted for Friday, Nov. 18, deliveries or pickup. Meals include turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, mashed sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls and cake. Dinners are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. Friday orders must be received by Nov. 16. Call 713-946-2312 or email genoaumc@att.net to place order. On Saturday, Nov. 19, dinner will be served for dine-in or pickup from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gulflhaven hosts dinner

Gulflhaven Seventh-day Adventist Church, 10716 Sabo, invites the community to its Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, Nov. 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission is free, but RSVP by Nov. 16 at 713-562-4580. For information, visit www.gulflhavensdchurch.org.

St. Luke's to bless pets

St. Luke's Catholic church will host its community blessing of the pets event Saturday, Nov. 19, in the parking lot near the tennis court, beginning at 10 a.m. Attendees are urged to arrive by 9:45 a.m.

2016 general election results tallied

Following several months of one of the most contentious campaign seasons in recent memory, the 2016 general election results have finally been tallied.

In one of the biggest upsets in U.S. history, Republican Donald Trump was victorious over Democrat Hillary Clinton, whom the vast majority of polls had favored in the contest.

While Clinton appeared to lead the popular vote at press time Wednesday, the Electoral College afforded Trump an overall victory, with multiple battleground states deciding in his favor.

On a local level, Harris County voters chose Clinton by a wide margin, as she received 54 percent of the vote (702,569 total votes) to Trump's 42 percent (543,227 total votes).

Libertarian Gary Johnson received 3 percent

of the vote (39,425 total votes), and Green Party candidate Jill Stein received 1 percent of the vote (11,686 total votes).

Several local races were also met with surprising results, as multiple Republican incumbents were defeated.

In one of the more hotly contested local races, Republican incumbent Devon Anderson was defeated by Democratic challenger Kim Ogg for the position of Harris County district attorney. Ogg received 54 percent of the vote (694,901 total votes) to Anderson's 46 percent (586,945 total votes).

Republican incumbent Ron Hickman was defeated by Democratic challenger Ed Gonzalez for the position of Harris County sheriff. Hickman received 47 percent of the vote (606,570 total votes) to Gonzalez's 53 percent (679,232 total

votes).

Republican incumbent Mike Sullivan was narrowly defeated by Democratic challenger Ann Harris Bennett for the position of Harris County tax assessor-collector. Sullivan received 49.69 percent of the vote (639,527 total votes) to Bennett's 50.31 percent (647,382 total votes).

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz (Democratic incumbent) will maintain his position, easily defeating Republican challenger Daniel Vela. Diaz received 65 percent of the vote (46,167 total votes) to Vela's 35 percent (24,758 total votes).

In the U.S. House District 22 race, Republican incumbent Pete Olson handily defeated Democratic challenger Mark Gibson. Olson received 55 percent of the vote (18,806 total votes) to Gibson's 45 percent (15,085 total votes).

Democratic incumbent Gene Green easily won the four-candidate contest for the U.S. House District 29. Green received 73 percent of the vote (95,508 total votes) to Republican challenger Julio Garza's 24 percent (31,619 total votes). Libertarian candidate N. Ruben Perez received 2 percent of the vote (3,229 total votes), and Green Party candidate James Patsch-Galvan received 1 percent of the vote (1,453 total votes).

In the state House District 128 race, Republican Briscoe Cain handily defeated Libertarian Ken Lowder. Cain received 86 percent of the vote (42,264 total votes) to Lowder's 14 percent (6,649 total votes).

Republican incumbent Gilbert Pena was defeated by Democratic challenger Mary Ann Perez for the state House District 144 seat. Pena received 40 percent of the vote (10,736 total votes) to Perez's 60 percent (16,258 total votes).

In the state House District 147 contest, Democratic incumbent Garnet Coleman easily won the three-candidate race. Coleman received 76 percent of the vote (43,834 total votes), while Republican challenger Matt Murphy received 21 percent of the vote (11,968 total votes), and Green Party candidate Brian M. Harrison 3 percent of the vote (1,673 total votes).

Democratic incumbent Vince Ryan handily defeated Republican challenger Jim Leitner for the position of Harris County attorney. Ryan received 54 percent of the vote (684,173 total votes) to Leitner's 46 percent (589,601 total votes).

The positions of state Senate District 6, state Senate District 11, state House District 129, Harris County Precinct 1 commissioner and Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1 justice of the peace all went unchallenged.

State Senate District 6 is currently served by Sen. Sylvia Garcia; Larry Taylor currently holds the state Senate District 11 seat; the state House District 129 seat is currently held by Rep. Dennis Paul; and Jo Ann Delgado currently serves as justice of the peace for Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1.

For a complete list of results, visit www.harrisvotes.org.

Diaz wins constable election



Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz (second from left) easily defeated Republican challenger Daniel Vela Tuesday, Nov. 8, taking home 65 percent of the vote. This marked the second time Diaz has defeated Vela for the position. Pictured above with Diaz at his victory party are, left to right, Precinct 2 Capt. Jerry Luman, former Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman and Precinct 2 Lt. Mike Kritzer. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Police arrest serial groping suspect

A suspect is in custody after allegedly groping multiple women at area stores.

A Nov. 2 incident that took place at the Foodarama on Fuqua at Sabo received significant media coverage after appearing on the Channel 2 news.

In that incident, a female shopper was grabbed inappropriately around 8 a.m. while she was in the store's deli section.

Surveillance footage from that case led to the suspect's arrest later that night.

Christopher Mathews, of Friendswood, was initially charged with assault before having his

charge upgraded to attempted sexual assault. He was also charged with possession of a controlled substance, as he also had Kush on him at the time of his arrest.

Mathews, 32, is also accused of similar incidents that took place at Sam's Club on El Dorado, Exxon on El Dorado and Target on Bay Area Boulevard, as well as incidents in Kemah, Texas City and Harris County Precinct 8.

The investigation was ongoing at press time, and additional charges are expected, according to Houston Police Department spokeswoman Jodi Silva.

Cause of Blocker death still pending

More than two months after a dead body was found floating in a lake at an apartment complex located in the 10200 block of Windmill Lakes, Harris County medical examiners have yet to determine what caused the man's death.

The body of Gordon Scott Blocker, 42, was discovered early Thursday, Sept. 1. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to police, Blocker's body was discovered around 4:45 a.m. by a jogger, who then

notified authorities.

A dive team from the Houston Police Department was called in to retrieve the body.

It was unclear how long Blocker had been dead before being found.

A preliminary investigation indicated no obvious signs of foul play.

Autopsy results from the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences were still pending at press time.

PISD dedicates Hancock Elementary

By Melissa Trevizo, Pasadena ISD

Known as a passionate teacher, administrator and community ambassador, the late Thomas Hancock officially became the namesake to a new school, Thursday, Nov. 3, during a dedication ceremony for Thomas Hancock Elementary School, located at 9604 Minnesota, near Alameda Genoa and the Gulf Freeway.

"Mr. Hancock was my school principal at Pasadena High School. If he were here today, he might be surprised that I am the superintendent of schools," joked Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell. "From the perspective of a student and later an employee, I can tell you that Mr. Hancock made an incredibly positive impact on this district."

Hancock dedicated his entire 39-year career to

PISD, starting as a Latin teacher at South Houston High School in 1962 and retiring as deputy superintendent of curriculum and instruction in 2001. Hancock also attended district schools, including Kruse Elementary, Jackson Intermediate and Pasadena High School, where he graduated in 1958.

"As a campus family, we are looking forward to honoring Mr. Hancock tonight by coming together and celebrating his legacy," said Hancock Principal Veronica Sandoval. "At Hancock, we value the idea of exploration. We take pride in finding the balance between tradition and innovation and recognize that in an ever-changing global society anything is possible."

The exploration-themed ceremony welcomed hundreds of guests including Hancock's wife, Charlsie, and many other family members, colleagues from his time at Pasadena High and other Pasadena ISD campuses and a host of other friends and community supporters.

The dedication included performances by the South Houston High choir and Hancock's second-grade class and the presentation of colors by the

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Local woman shot at residence

A South Belt woman was shot at her home in the 11100 block of Kirkwell early Tuesday, Nov. 8.

According to Sgt. Robert Sanchez of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the incident occurred around 1 a.m. when the resident heard an unexpected knock on her front door.

Upon answering the door, the woman saw two males who were looking for her son. When the woman told the men her son was not home, one of the men produced a shotgun. As the woman slammed the door shut, the man fired a shot through the door, striking the resident in the fore-

arm.

The victim was taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, before being transferred to the Memorial Hermann - Texas Medical Center.

Her condition was unknown at press time, but responding officers said her arm suffered extensive damage.

The suspects are described as being Hispanic males. One was described as being heavyset and wearing a gray hoodie, while the second suspect was merely described as wearing all black.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to contact the constable's office at 281-481-9189.

Houston police seek burglary suspects

Houston police are searching for three burglary suspects who are wanted for allegedly breaking into the AutoNation Chevrolet dealership at 13800 Gulf Freeway near Sagedowne on the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 6.

According to Houston Police Department spokesman Keese Smith, the men forced their way into the closed dealership at roughly 11:40 a.m. Upon gaining entry to the building, the suspects unsuccessfully tried to break into the dealership's safe.

After failing to gain access to the safe, the suspects were witnessed fleeing on foot to the west.

A manhunt for the men ensued through the Sagemont subdivision involving helicopter and K-9 units, prompting numerous inquiries to the *Leader* from concerned residents.

The three men remained at large at press time. Witnesses described the suspects as merely being black males. Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

The *Leader* received several calls the following day about a second manhunt that took place around Beltway 8 and Sabo. At press time, it was unclear what that incident involved.

Juvenile suspect arrested for theft

A juvenile suspect was arrested on theft charges the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 7, after targeting the wrong house - one that was occupied by two law enforcement officers.

According to Precinct 2 Sgt. Robert Sanchez, a retired sheriff's deputy was alerted by his barking dogs around 4 p.m. to find the 16-year-old suspect on his driveway in the 11300 block of

Sagetrail.

Noticing his Chevy truck's center caps were missing, the resident questioned the teen as to their whereabouts. The teen reportedly admitted to taking the items and placing them in his backpack. The resident's son, an off-duty sheriff's deputy, then called the authorities while his father detained the suspect.

Hancock visits new campus



The Pasadena Independent School District officially dedicated Hancock Elementary School Thursday, Nov. 3. Located at 9604 Minnesota near Alameda Genoa and the Gulf Freeway, the school was named in honor of longtime PISD administrator Thomas Hancock. Hancock Principal Veronica Sandoval is pictured above at the event with Hancock's widow, Charlsie Hancock. (See related photos Page 6A.) Photo by Bruce Stone, PISD

In My Opinion

State Rep. Dennis Paul says "thanks"

It is my privilege to represent the Bay Area as your State Representative and I want to thank you, and the South Belt Ellington Leader, for all of the support over the years.

As your State Rep., I've been working hard in the District and Austin to represent you and your values. I sit on the Insurance and Pensions Committees and also started the Aerospace Legislative Caucus and became House Chairman of that caucus.

This Caucus was formed to promote initiatives that will secure Texas' ranking as a world leader – advancing space exploration, science and security.

In the last legislative session, I was proud to receive an A+ rating from Americans For Prosperity for promoting economic freedom as well as being recognized by the Texas Association of Business as a "Champion for Free Enterprise".

I also received the top score of any Greater Houston Area Rep. from the Texas Eagle Forum just to name a few. For a complete list, please go to www.dennis-paul.com.

I bring up these accolades, not as a means of to pat myself on the back, but as a report to you regarding how I am representing you.

Additionally, as we move into the next Session early next year, I will be sending out e-mail newsletters to update you on what's happening.

If you would like to be added to my e-mail distribution list, please e-mail me at paulford129@gmail.com. I am committed to serving you by continuing to defend the constitution, reduce our property tax burden, support education and fight for less government regulation. It's a great time to be a Bay Area resident.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for those who attended our recent BBQ Fundraiser. In my view, the event was a success and on behalf of our team, I would like to thank you for spending the evening with us. Those that could not make it – we hope to see you next year.

Dennis Paul
State Representative, District 129

Varghese requests Leader to shed light

I have been living in Houston, TX-77089 close the Blackhawk Blvd. since 2009.

Blackhawk Blvd. is in bad shape for a long time, ride on the Blackhawk Blvd. is so horrible since there are a lot of broken areas, very rough & bumpy, not leveled.

The damaged areas that have been patched up in the past are also in bad shape, the patched up areas are broken, very rough & bumpy, not leveled.

Yesterday, 11/02/2016 repair work's were going on Blackhawk Blvd., the work that's being done is not to the expectation, and the repaired areas will be back to the old shape soon.

These temporary fix won't help Blackhawk Blvd., a complete repair is required to make it smooth and leveled.

There is no street lighting on Blackhawk Blvd. from Weber Elementary School (South Side) to Dixie Farm Road.

Proper street lighting would help the night time traffic and residential community in this area.

I need your help to look into the bad condition of Blackhawk Blvd, and inform the responsible authorities to do the needful for complete repair of Blackhawk Blvd. Thanks.

George Varghese

Semler: Freedom of Religion

I first sent this letter to the Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court, online, in November 2014. I sent it through the US postal system, certified, a few times after that. Still I have not received any reply or acknowledgment from the Court.

Over the years, using the Establishment Clause in the Constitution, we have removed prayer from schools, athletic events, restricted prayer in the military; to name a few. We even have a protest to not allow the steel cross beam, found in the rubble of the World Trade Center, to be placed at the site in New York City.

I believe the Constitution was written in simple terms; no hidden meanings or intentions. I believe it is the interpretation and meaning of the words in the First Amendment which have allowed such actions to come to pass. The First Amendment states:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; of the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Merriam-Webster defines Established Church as a church recognized by law as the official church of a nation or state and supported by civil authority. It is to make a religion a national or state institution. Separation of Church and State prevents the government from attempting to establish an official church for America.

When the people assemble to pray or place religious objects in public view they are not attempting to establish religion. They are acknowledging their religious beliefs. This activity can take various forms, from worship services to asking God for special intentions. Public displays are also a form of acknowledgment of religious beliefs. No one is forced to participate or view any of this activity. Such public activity is not a violation of the Constitution. No attempt to "establish religion" is being made.

America was founded based on Christian values. Approximately 85% of the US population professes to be Christian. With the fast majority of Americans being Christian how have we allowed the minority of non-believers to use the words of the First Amendment to cause our courts to render opinions which have removed God from just about every public venue and even restricted prayer in some areas.

If you find my analysis to be incorrect or incomplete I respectfully request a reply detailing where my logic has failed. On the other hand, if my analysis is correct then I respectfully request the U.S. Supreme Court to publicly render its opinion on this issue and allow this Country to freely express the Christian values upon which it was founded and has been sustained for over 230 years. God Bless America!

Sincerely,
Robert J. Semler
Note: I sent this letter through the US postal system, certified, a few times after that. Still I have not received any reply or acknowledgment from the Court. I have heard that they expect Freedom of Religion to be their next major issue. In making their decisions they need to set politics aside and analyze and interpret the First Amendment as it was intended when drafted by our founding fathers. We need action now! They need to hear from those they serve; directly as I have or through your representatives in congress.

We as Christians have been silent too long. Don't be afraid to speak out.

Robert Semler

Blackhawk repairs cause concern



The condition of Blackhawk has long been a concern of area residents, prompting recent repair work along the area thoroughfare. Some residents, however, feel the repair work, intended to be temporary, is still unsatisfactory.

Photo by George Varghese

AARP 199 meets Nov. 11

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the 10 a.m. meeting. Each month, the group has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch.

Entertainment for the Friday, Nov. 11, holiday meeting will be the choir from Seabrook Intermediate School. The November meeting is the Holiday Pot Luck Lunch so members and visitors are asked to bring a dish to share.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017, to the Dickinson National Weather Service Office. Lunch will be at Willie's Grill and Icehouse, before a visit to the Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum.

For those who are interested in joining, annual dues are \$6 per year/per person. One must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. For more information, contact Liz Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

Blood drive at St. Francis Cabrini

St. Francis Cabrini will host a blood drive on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Francesca Hall. For more information, call Richard Perales at 713-946-1223 or José Peña at 832-638-8391.

Volunteers needed for Dickens on The Strand

Each year, the dedicated volunteer force of Galveston Historical Foundation welcomes more than 30,000 people to Dickens on The Strand. The annual event is the largest fundraiser for the foundation and volunteers are still needed. There are a variety of different volunteer opportunities available and each come with free admission to the festival. If interested, contact Brian Mitchell at 409-765-3431 or email brian.mitchell@galvestonhistory.org.

Publisher's Opinion

Sad day for athletics at San Jacinto College

Many have asked why the board of trustees at San Jacinto College, of which I am a member, cut out four of our six athletic programs. This has been the most difficult decision made by this board in decades. Those questioning the decision were not at the board meeting so they did not hear some of the explanations given last Monday night. First of all, it has nothing to do with the coaches, staff or players. They are all first class and that is clear from the success they have demonstrated over the years. I can only speak for myself, not the board. In my opinion, there are a few basic reasons that our board came to this conclusion. These are in no special order.

The state has removed the requirement of physical education credits for graduation. This has resulted in many less students using the campus gyms.

We have one gymnasium that is 50 years old. It would take approximately \$15,000,000 to rehab the facility and we would still have a 50-year-old gym. Replacing the gym, which is what would probably need to be done, would cost much more. We would also need to rehab a gym on the North campus.

When I first got on the board, 21 years ago, the state was supplementing, through an agreement that had been in place for years, operating costs by approximately 70 percent. Today that percentage has dropped to the mid 20 percent.

Add to that the deep decline in support for athletics. The college has a tremendous history of national championships. It used to be that standing room only was available at our basketball games.

However, over the years, attendance has dropped tremendously. So much that years ago, to try and improve attendance fees for admittance into events were eliminated. Unfortunately, this did not improve attendance. This is partially due to the change in the student body where nearly three-fourths attend part-time and have families and jobs.

Interest dropped so much that the *Houston Chronicle* refused to print information on the outcomes of our games. They did not even have to send a reporter. Our reporters were willing to send in the stories, the *Chronicle* would only have to "cut and paste" the information. I believe the games were newsworthy, but the lack of reporting also added to lack of interest

and attendance.

We have produced many athletic stars at San Jacinto College. During my time on the board, the only one I remember that has helped "pay back" has been Andy Pettitte, who has been very generous.

Another concern was that so many of the students in athletics are not from our taxing district. Currently 138 students in San Jac athletics do not come from our taxing district. In fact, 24 come from foreign countries, including Russia, Senegal, Nigeria, Bahamas, Turkey, Angola, Portugal, Hungary, Canada, France, Brazil and Germany. This fact has many positives. But is it fair to local taxpayers?

One other change in the last couple of decades has also added to the situation.

Twenty years ago, a large majority of our students loved hanging around school and attending athletic events.

Many of today's students have to rush to a job, or rush to daycare to pick up young ones and then head for home to cook supper.

Life has really changed for many of our students. In fact, our student body today is different in every way from the student body 20 years ago.

If the athletics were not losing 7 figures annually, if some of those who benefited took time and effort to "pay it back," if the state would keep to their agreement to properly fund community colleges, and if our communities supported the athletic programs, this week's vote would not have taken place.

Although I can only speak for myself, it is a fact that our entire board is very committed to the success of all students, while at the same time being responsible to our taxpayers.

Our board made a very hard decision after many hours of learning and analyzing during the past number of years.

Our college is doing a fantastic job. Our employees are doing so much more with less support from the state.

We recently were named one of the top 10 community colleges in the nation!

We are very sad to see the end of what was a fantastic era, but unfortunately, it was the right decision and I am proud of my fellow board members for not being political and having the courage to make the right decision for all 30,000 students and our success agenda.

—Marie Flickinger

Nerds Day at Stuchbery



Stuchbery Elementary School recently participated in Red Ribbon Week. Wednesday during that week was "Nerd Day." Dressed up for the celebration are, left to right, student Nicholas Sepulveda, third-grade teacher Dylan Richter and student Carlos Salgado. *Photo by Angelica Silva*

Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan
The *South belt & Sagemont area crime alert* Facebook page are having a group meeting Sunday, Nov. 13, at 4 p.m. in front of the Sagemont cross.

Members will discuss current events within the neighborhood and ways to help make the community a safer place, such as addressing the crime being committed at Kroger on Beltway 8 and Sabo and at H-E-B near Blackhawk. For more information, visit the *South belt & Sagemont area crime alert* Facebook page.

A member of the *South belt & Sagemont area crime alert* Facebook page has reportedly witnessed a solid orange Dodge Challenger with paper plates circling the Kroger parking lot at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Sabo on Thursday, Nov. 3, at about 6:45 p.m.

The member allegedly heard a woman directly

behind her scream as the man in the Challenger grabbed her purse from her grocery cart.

The driver took off towards the feeder of Beltway 8. For additional information on the vehicle, the member has uploaded a visible description of the color of the Challenger on the *South belt & Sagemont area crime alert* Facebook page.

A member of the *South belt & Sagemont area crime alert* Facebook page warns the community to watch their surroundings when exercising alone. As the member went for a morning bike ride down Hughes, the member noticed a black pick-up truck driving down the street following the member for more than four turns.

The Clear Brook City MUD residents have been receiving slips with their water bill, notifying the residents that the Clear Brook MUD officials are working with the South

Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce to address the influx of homeless individuals in the community. Special Assistant to the City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner Homeless Initiatives, Marc Eichenbaum, recommends residents to avoid giving money, food or clothing to individuals begging on street corners. For additional information, a photograph of the slip has been uploaded by members of the *South belt & Sagemont area crime alert* Facebook page.

Dobie High School's Band is hosting a Kids Day in the Band Hall on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 2-6 p.m.

There will be movies, games and food provided. Spots are limited. Reservations may be made by emailing jfdobiepo@gmail.com.

For more information, visit the *J. Frank Dobie Longhorn Band* Facebook page.

Deaths

Scott Thomas Evans



Scott Thomas Evans, 54, died suddenly on Oct. 27, 2016, in Houston. He was born on Sept. 2, 1962, in Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., to Ann Dillard and Kenneth Barton Evans.

Scott graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 1980 where he excelled in track and drafting. He also studied at San Jacinto Community College. He served as a United States Marine. Afterward, Scott married, started his family and moved to Truth or Consequences, N.M. He served in the U.S. National Guard and worked with the police department as a guard and an animal control officer.

He moved to Houston and began working as a painting contractor. He loved playing classic blues guitar, cooking and motorcycles.

Scott is preceded in death by grandparents Walter Wilson Dillard, Ellen Thomas Dillard, Clyde Barton Evans, and Linda Sexton Evans; niece Abigail Rene Evans; and other family members.

He is survived by his mother, Ann Dillard Evans; father Kenneth Barton Evans; brothers Kenneth Barton Evans Jr. and John Michael Evans; sister Kimberly Evans Johnson; daughters Kirstie Ann Evans and Leah Anastasia Wells; sons Bruin Thomas Evans and London Adley Alish; nieces Samantha Ann Jordan, Morgan Elizabeth Evans, Mary Ann Evans, Kayla Kay Evans; and nephews Andrew Charles Evans, Blake Allen Evans, Michael Thomas New and William Bennett New. He is also survived by his cousins, Jean Dillard and Thomas Dillard of Mississippi; Jason Evans, Leah Evans, Jeana Evans, Meggan Evans, all attended J. Frank Dobie; Malinda, Mark, Marcy and Mason Evans, all from South Houston High School; Allison and Bill Stuart from Virginia; and Lisa Watson from Spring, Texas.

A memorial service will be held for Scott on Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, at 2 p.m. at Crowder Funeral Home, 851 FM 517, in Dickinson.

Michael Joseph



Michael Joseph, 86, died on Wednesday, Nov. 02, 2016, in Webster. He was born on Sept. 19, 1930, in Dominica, West Indies, to Percy and Rosalie Joseph (both deceased).

Michael is survived by his wife of 54 years, Agnes Joseph; children Eral Joseph, Egbert Joseph, Linton Joseph, Dawn Marie Joseph-Knight, Linwall Joseph and Vernel Joseph; grandchildren Claude Joseph, Sheniencia Edwards, Shonda Joseph, Melissa Knight, Charity Knight, Deon Benjamin, Kadeem Joseph, Brandon Benjamin, Josiah Knight, Laquencia Joseph, Shamanece Joseph, Joyelle Knight, Jalen Joseph and Natalia Knight; and great-grandchildren Alexis Joseph, Jermaine O'Neal, Cameron Joseph, Harleigh Joseph and Cayden O'Neal.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, at Easthaven Baptist Church, 13100 Beamer Road in Houston. Viewing will be at 9 a.m., and the service is at 10 a.m.

Interment will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 8601 Alameda Genoa Road in Houston. Services are provided by Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 8706 Alameda Genoa Road.

Thomas Claude DeHart



Thomas Claude DeHart, 73, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016.

Tom was born in 1942 to Claude and Helen DeHart in Tulsa, Okla. They moved to Houston, when Tom was two.

Tom graduated from Austin High School and attended

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

Lariaettes host Winter Dance Clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Winter Dance Clinic on Saturday Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dobie, with a parent show at 3 p.m. in the gym.

The dance clinic is open to Pre-K through 12th grade and is a great opportunity to let a daughter or son spend a day dancing, playing games and doing crafts with the Lariaettes while parents get some Christmas shopping done.

Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is \$40, or at the door is \$50, cash or money order only.

Participants of the clinic will also have the opportunity to perform in the Lariaette Spring Show April 6-8, 2017.

For more information, contact Myrna Alanis at myrnaalanis@yahoo.com.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

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

The following computer class is offered in November: Internet Security - Nov. 16. Class begins at 2:30 p.m. Ask at the reference desk or phone the library for registration details.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 5 p.m. Hour of Code-Robo Maze. Recommended for ages 8 years and older.

Friday, Nov. 11, 4:30 p.m. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them - Make a Beast. Recommended for ages 8 years and older.

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 4:30 p.m. Name That Book Read Aloud. Share in the reading of Holly Black's *The Iron Trial: Magisterium Book 1*.

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 3 to 5 p.m. Citizenship Application Help. Get help filling out the N400 form for applying for U.S. citizenship. Meet one-on-one with Board of Immigration Appeals - certified representative of Boat People S.O.S. Pick up a questionnaire at the library to help you know what information to bring to this session.

Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m.

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

For more information on all programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, Nov. 10, 4 p.m. Kids Craft

Friday, Nov. 11. Library is closed for Veterans Day.

Saturday, Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m. - noon. Spanish Computer class; 2:30-4:30 p.m. Manga/Anime Club

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m. Preschool storytime; 11:15 a.m. Storytime craft

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 10:30 a.m. Live animals storytime; 11 a.m. Toddler playtime

2 p.m. Computer Basics - Course covers the main parts of a computer. Common computer terminology is defined and features of different computers and types of productivity, communications, educational, and entertainment programs are explained.

3:15 p.m. Internet Basics - Course explains the purpose of the Internet, what is needed to connect to it and important terms. Learn how to use web browsers and search engines, with an introduction to English vocabulary for searching the Internet.

4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint - Students learn basic functions of this program to create presentations, including adding graphics and multimedia. Students learn to identify the printing options for presentations.

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

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday - noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sam Houston College. Shortly after he began work for Gulf Oil, he met and married Majol Smith in 1966. They had two boys, Thomas Claude DeHart Jr. and Michael Lee DeHart.

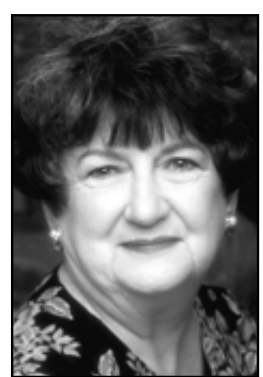
Tom retired from Gulf Oil/Chevron and the City of Houston. Majol's Buster Brown Shoes opened soon after his retirement. Tom and Majol owned and worked there until 1993.

Tom was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Margaret Kaiser DeHart, and father Claude Lester DeHart.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Majol Smith DeHart; son Thomas DeHart Jr. and girlfriend Beth Yager; son Michael DeHart and wife Anna DeHart; and sister Gwendolyn DeHart Gordon and husband Richard Gordon.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, at Niday Funeral Home.

Jane LaRue Mansell



Jane LaRue Mansell, 89, died on Monday, Nov. 7, 2016, in Pearland.

She was born May 9, 1927 in Keokuk, Iowa, and moved with her family to Corpus Christi, early in her life. Jane worked at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi and moved to Houston when she married her husband Robert E. Mansell in 1950. In 1967 they settled in Sagement, one of the original residents, where they raised their family. Jane was a long time member of the Beta Sigma Phi Pasadena Chapter. Jane loved to travel and lived abroad in Mexico and Saudi Arabia.

Jane is preceded in death by her parents, Hugh and Arlene Anderson; her husband, Robert "Bob" Mansell; and daughter Arlene Mansell.

She is survived by her son, Robert Mansell Jr. and wife Laurie, grandchildren Christina and husband Chad Cheshire, Kelley Mansell, Kyle Mansell and Clay Mansell; daughter Mary Jane Mansell Caskey and husband Lynn Caskey, grandchildren Connor and Katie Caskey; and grandson Lorne Naff.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home. Graveside service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m. at the Houston National Cemetery.

Roberts thanks Mosher, Seifert & Company



Left to right are Counselor Emily Cruz, Fred Roberts, Ken Seifert and Assistant Principal Rebecca Dietz.

Fred Roberts Middle School Assistant Principal Rebecca Dietz and Counselor Emily Cruz dropped by Mosher, Seifert & Company recently to give a gift of thanks.

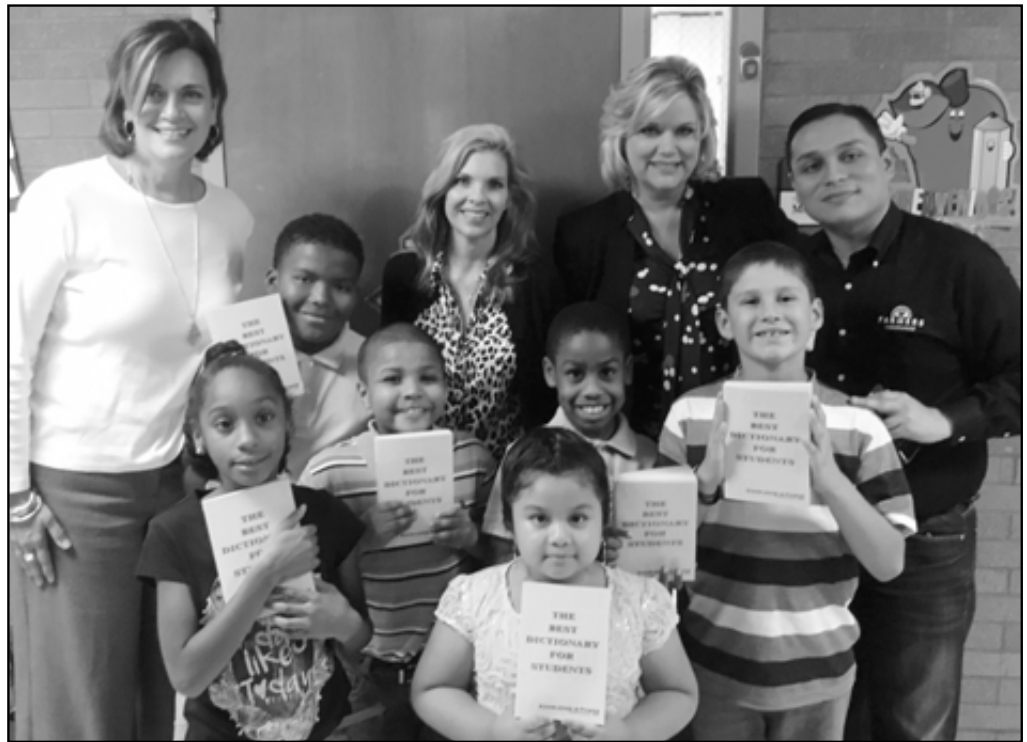
They delivered a framed picture and handwritten letters to Ken Seifert, Fred Roberts, and to the staff to say "thank you" for generously sponsoring 15 Roberts students.

The sponsorship went toward paying the insurance fee for the 1:1 program at Roberts Middle School. The program provides individual laptops, which are assigned to students during the school year, to assist and enhance individual learning.



Pictured are, left to right, Fred Roberts, Spencer Seifert, Emily Cruz, Katlin Bagwell, Debra Rogers, Jacque Stadler, Madeline Simpson, Donna Badgett, Liza Jenkins, Ruth Sandhu, Patrice Hinson, Ken Seifert, Debra Dexter, Derek Smith and Rebecca Dietz. Photos submitted

Dictionaries donated to Stuchbery

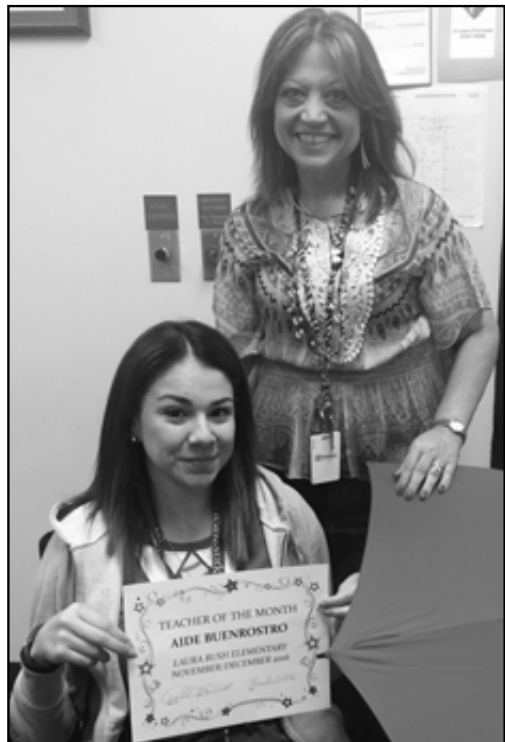


The Rotary Club of Pasadena delivered dictionaries to third graders at Stuchbery Elementary School. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Angie Munoz, (middle row) Kristin Madise, Dominic Vizcaino, Reece Davis, Anthony Delarosa, (back row) Associate Superintendent of Campus Development Dr. Angela Stallings, Jaydon Chilo, PISD Director of Community Relations Cindy Parmer, PISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. DeeAnn Powell and Rotary Club member Salvador Serrano. Photo submitted

Houston Bar Assoc. provides services for veterans year round

Harris County veterans can attend a free legal advice clinic on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Michael E. De-Bakey VA Medical Center, 2002 Holcombe in Houston, near the first-floor Emergency Room entrance. Volunteer attorneys will provide one-on-one legal advice to any veteran or spouse of a deceased veteran. Low-income veterans who need continued representation may apply for pro bono services through the Houston Bar Association's Houston Volunteer Lawyers. No appointment is necessary.

Buenrostro Teacher of the Month



Laura Bush Elementary recently announced Aide Buenrostro (seated) as this month's Teacher of the Month. Buenrostro has been teaching for three years and has spent the last two years teaching second grade. She specializes in mathematics and enjoys teaching her students to love math. If one were to walk in her classroom, he or she would see excitement and students using hands-on manipulatives to learn mathematical concepts. Pictured with Buenrostro is Bush Elementary Principal Debbie Barrett.

Photo submitted

Stuchbery announces first nine-weeks rolls

Stuchbery Elementary recently released its rolls for the first nine-weeks of the 2016-2017 school year.

Students earning status are:

SUCCESS
Perfect attendance
Shaira Balanta.

Kindergarten
Perfect attendance
Artlette Aguirre, Alexander Alfaro, Joel Arteta, Victoria Avina, Jonathan Barber, Zahria Barrera, Layla Chaney, Dylan Claudio-Maldonado, Steven Corporan, Caylee Cowart, Emilio Delagarza and Stephanie Delgado.

Emiliano Diaz, Bianca Elel, Madison Fleener, Lorraine Forgy, Sophia Galindo, Shaddy Garcia, Ariana Gibson, Damian Godinez, Luis Gomez, Allison Hua, Christian Jones, Khoi Le, Ronaldo Le and Nathan Mata.

Desiree Mejia Leon, Erick Montejano, Khang Nguyen, William Nnaji, Hunter Nordman, Blessing Nwaodu, Victoria Obregon, Ashley Orantes, Steffany Palomino, Allee Ramirez, Aaron Ramirez, Jade Rodriguez, Khloe Rodriguez, Landen Royal, Joseph Saenz, Cathy Sanchez, Lauren Soto, Bentley Starns, Ayden Sullivan, Dulce Tenorio, Jessica Tran, Elise Vara, Danna Vazquez, William Williams and Ashton Wilson.

First grade
Perfect attendance
Marahi Aguilar, Nicholas Aguilera, Kingston Auzenne, Emily Barrera, Cassidy Beaton, Branson Britton, Elijah Camerena, Kayden Charles, Zide(Jason) Chen, Anabel Constance, Rebecca Cruz, Brandon Davis and Santiago Del Villar Rodriguez.

Makaela Edward, Liliana Escudra, Sebastian Fernandez, Isaiiah Garcia, Sophia Gracia, Mia Hernandez, Tadeo Hernandez, Eden Inesta, Gisselle Jimenez, Lazhyri Joiner, Olivia Joiner, Christopher Jones, Andreus Knoxon, Jenny Lam and Linh Le.

Mallory Lewis, Camila Lopez, Ashley Ly, Makayla Mendez, Melanie Moreno, Nevaeh Moreno, Moises Nava, Sophie Nguyen, Petyon Nguyen, Aurelia Ochwila, Diego Ortiz, Esther Oti, Heidi Padron, Trinity Pafford and Elijah Ramirez.

Gabriel Rincon, Lason Rivera, Aliah Rivera, Kimberly Romero, Jaiden Samuraj, Haylise Sanchez, Shai Silva, Brianna Soto, Michael Spray, Addison Susko, Melayssia Sykes, Adrian Taylor and Alexander Tenorio.

Blanca Torres, Matheu Tran, Kahlan Tran, Bao Tran, Tammy Tran, Ca Tran, Nevaeh Trevino, Aalijah Trevino, Jay'Auna Turner, Jesus Valdez, Natalie Vazquez, Angel Vo, Kerri Ward, Kalia Woodard and Joi'Dan Wyatt.

Second grade
Perfect attendance
Deacon Akinloye, Tyler Albert, Ayden Arambul, Leonardo Ardon, Annabella Barrientos, Cordarus Bibbs, Adelle Bongfen, Alex Brock, Sheridan Brooks, Eric Canales, Adonnis Capell, Barbara Chapa and Jordyn Cooper.

Steve De La Rosa, Starr Delgado, Jayce Dunn, James Flores, Olyvia Forgy, Richard Garcia, Everett Garza, Zaria Gibson, Makailyn Gonzalez, Ethan Gordillo, Andrew Guzman, Victoria Hoang, Lauren Liscano and Edward Lyons.

Wesley Maciel-Rangel, Jesse Marfil, Stephanie Marquez, Dakarai Martin, Ashley Martinez, Jasmine McGee-Cooper, De Moses, Favour Nwaodu, Manuel Olvera, Ariel Ortiz and Nathaniel Padilla.

Jean Perez, Dylan Pham, Natahlia Pineda, Andrew Posey, Kailyn Quiroz, Jazalynn Randall, Devin Reed, Ana Reyes, Ja'Cari Rice, Tarren Roberson, Jonathan Rounds, Isael Saldaña and Isaac Salinas.

Damon Samuria, Rachel Sanchez, Arianna Serna, Asia Sullivan, Ashlyn Terry, Braedon Tezeno, Franchesco Torres, Anne Tran, Mariyah Usher, Alexis Vanhoutsen-Guerrero and Louis Yates.

Third grade
Perfect attendance
Abel Antony, Pailin Cheawchan, Kaden Dillard, Micheal Menchu, Aden Miranda, Natalie Quiroz and Bella Sanchez.

Merit roll
Kaden Dillard, Christian Glaspie, Abdal Helal, Sydney Hile, Valerie Ortiz and Jazmine Pineda.

Perfect attendance
Benita Abulu, Blessing Akinloye, Abel Antony, Avien Arredondo, Ja'Kaelah Brown, Liliana Cano, Tristian Castillo, Ramon Ceja, Taylor Chappell, Elena Charles, Rhiana Charles, Pailin Cheawchan and Jaydon Chilo.

James Constance, Devin Curry, Anthony De La Rosa, Ricardo Delgado, Victor Escudra, Roger Espinoza, Cheyenne Evans, Terrynce Felder, Anthony Flores, Lexi Galindo, Madison Garcia and Xavier Garcia.

Samari Garvin, Christian Glaspie, Louis Gonzales, Abdal Helal, Sydney Hile, Anthony Jimenez, Nathan Jimenez, Edsel Juarez, Tristan Liceaga, Rafael Lopez, Kristin Madise, Edgardo Mateo, Gabriela Matias and Isaac Mendez.

Linzi Miranda, Rosie Molina, Jada Moore, Angie Munoz, Diana Nguyen, Cordon Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen, Henry Nunez, Robyn Oba, Jordan Obregon, Valerie Ortiz and Jesús Pérez.

Jazmine Pineda, Bryan Quiteño, Sebastian Rincon, Nelson Rivera, Jorgen Rodriguez, James Saenz, Carlos Salgado, Nevyah Sanchez, Cielo Sanchez, Nicholas Sepulveda and Yvette Soloya.

Nicholi Soto, Jayden Summerlin, Gabriel Swann, John Tran, Nathan Tran, Keyli Vanhouten, Marissa Vasquez, Jocelyn Vega, Trae Vela, Alberto Villanueva, Dominic Vizcaino and Adam Williams.

Fourth grade
Perfect attendance
Kaden Dillard, Victoria Galvan, Aden Miranda, Angel Padilla, Annalise Pate, Natalie Quiroz, Milagros Regalado, Bella Sanchez and Tristan Tran.

Merit roll
Alphin Antony, Shaira Balanta, Desirae Charles, Abril Dosal, Coryn Harris, Jayren Hector, Joelle Jagdeo, Yocelyn Lagos, Micheal Menchu, Aiden Narcisse, Huy Nyugen, Josiah Pena, Carlos Perez and Katherine Sabillon-Velasquez.

Perfect attendance
Ayla Albert, Alphin Antony, Melanie Avalos, Aleyda Avalos, Tristen Baptiste, Evelyn Barrera, Bianca Barrera, Aaron Bennett, Linda Bongfen, McKenzie Bonner, Juan Booker, Desirae Charles and Kahlna Chayayden.

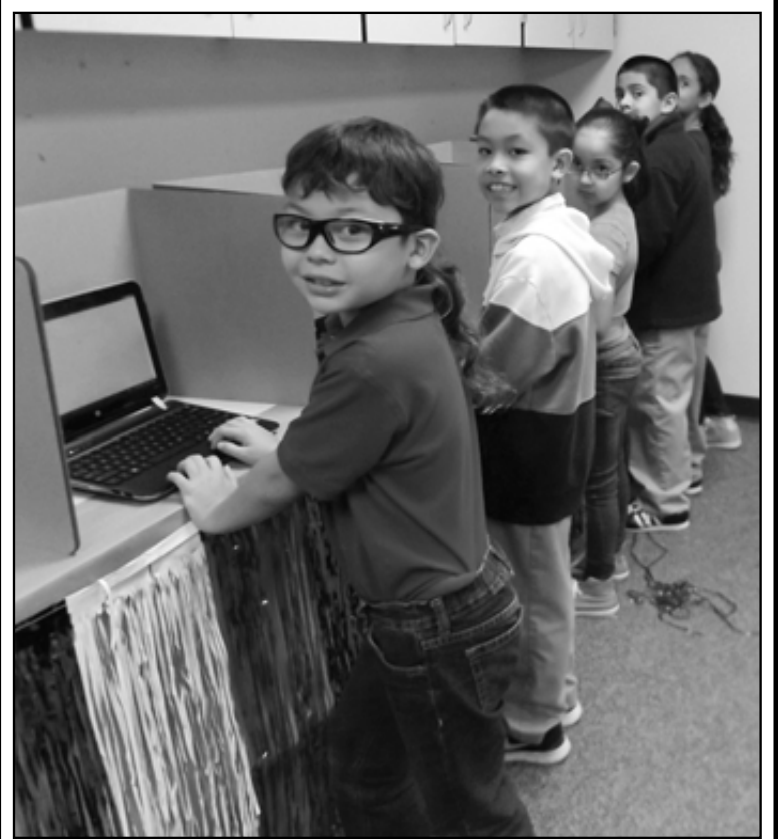
Diego Colon, Kobi Conaway, Asia Davis, Alejandro Del Villar, Kaden Dillard, Abril Dosal, Ashley Etienne, Viviana Fernandez, Victoria Galvan, Andrea Garcia, Raul Gutierrez, Coryn Harris and Jayren Hector.

Teboris Henry, Kevin Hernandez, Sabino Hernandez, Samantha Herrera, Joelle Jagdeo, Tanuli Jayawardene, Genesis Jimenez, Joseph Jones, Yocelyn Lagos, Ngan Le, Christopher Lopez, Shyla Marcano and Mayte Marfil.

Alejandro Marrero, Diego Martinez, Abraham Mayorga, Alex Medina, Giovanni Mendez, Angel Mena, Micheal Menchu, Aden Miranda, Valerie Moreno, Je'Kese Morris, Huong Nguyen, John Nwadu and Huy Nyugen.

Angel Padilla, Alexis Pafford, Josiah Pena, Carlos Perez, Tran Phan, Xandria Price, Natalie Quiroz, Jordan Reece, Milagros Regalado, Joshua Rios, Grettel Rivas, Christian Rummel, Katherine Sabillon-Velasquez, Bella Sanchez and Alan Saracho.

Mock election at Moore



Moore Elementary recently held mock presidential elections for all students. Students listened to speeches by "Donald Trump" and "Hillary Clinton," then voted for their candidate. Students from Ashley Evans' third-grade class shown are, left to right, Dominic Moya, David Le, Julissa Cantu, Keenan Llanes and Samantha Lopez. Photo submitted

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Pasadena Independent School District will hold a public meeting at:
7:00 pm, November 29, 2016
in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Pasadena Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

Lariaette of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Oct. 31 through Nov. 4 is senior Jazzalyne Garza. She is a three-year line member and is the daughter of Juvy Sudario and Carlos Garza.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

ARMANDO CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Everyone is creeping over to celebrate Armando L. Garcia's 8th birthday on Nov. 11. Happy Birthday Mandito! Love is sent from parents Toni and Armando Garcia, maternal grandparents Sandra and Enrique Mendoza, paternal grandparents Silvia and Juan Garcia, great-grandma Petra Moreno, aunts, uncles and cousins. Also wishing him a happy birthday from heaven are great-grandparents Antonia Calbillo and Raul Moreno.

CONGRATS TO CLAUDIA AND ERIK
Congratulations to Claudia and Erik Cubos and their children Brittney, Erik and Hailey Sunshine, for the Oct. 18 arrival of Bonnie Gail, weighing in at 10.5 lbs. and stretching 21.5 inches long.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 10 through Nov. 16.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a chorus of a birthday song to Debra Lambert Nov. 11.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the candles for Tammy Dayrit as she celebrates a birthday Nov. 14.

Bush Elementary
Adriana Blanco and Peggy Watts celebrate a double birthday Nov. 13. Sing a birthday song Nov. 14 to Emily Vega.

Frazier Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Maria Jarazo-Gonzalez Nov. 14.

Meador Elementary

Janet Flores enjoys a birthday Nov. 10. Join in the birthday fun Nov. 13 with Jeannie Gonzales.

Moore Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Kevin Morales Nov. 15.

South Belt Elementary
On Nov. 15, Tanya Hensley is wished a happy birthday. Nov. 16 is the day for a double birthday celebration for Cameron Dawson and Torrie Wilson.

Stuchbery Elementary
Moriah Matthews enjoys a happy birthday Nov. 12. The day for a cake for Demetrius Robinson is Nov. 15. Blow out the candles Nov. 16 for Perla Montemayor.

Meillo Middle School
Nov. 10 is the day for a cake for Kayne Schaefroth. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 16 to Cassie Troup.

Roberts Middle School
Sing a happy birthday song Nov. 10 to Sarah Robertson. Celebrating a birthday Nov. 12 is Laura Smith. Nov. 15 is the day for a cake for Kimberly Lidrbach.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Janet Hatch Nov. 11. On Nov. 12, light the birthday candles for Catherine Birch. Bryan Bradbury has a day of celebration on Nov. 14. Danielle Pitre enjoys a birthday Nov. 16.

Thompson Intermediate
Carol Waters enjoys a birthday Nov. 12.

Dobie High
The day for a party for Guadalupe Garcia and Raul Pineda is Nov. 10. Blow out the

candles on a birthday cake for Schuyler Morris Nov. 11. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 12 to Amanda Noyes. Light the birthday candles on a cake for Ruth Gonzales Nov. 13. Norman McIntyre enjoys a birthday Nov. 15. Nov. 16 is the day for a cake for Irvin Theodile.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, Nov. 10: Ernie Hinesley, Kevin Aguilar and John Gentry; Friday, Nov. 11: Kristi Donaho, Eleetra Meierhoff, Sandy Nichols, Charles Griffiths, Oliver Meili and Rodney Gersteman; Saturday, Nov. 12: Mark DeVries, Janie Clark and Robin Zacks Grosso; Sunday, Nov. 13: Jane Tillery, Vicki Brinkley, David Elam, Courtney Bigley, Russell Wiggins, Chris Herpin and Edgar Whorton; Monday, Nov. 14: Gene Sockwell, Justin Sims, Noel Aleman, Andrea Martinez, Kat Kiel, Valarie McCoy and Tracey Harnamji; Tuesday, Nov. 15: Dolores Servin, Larry Soto, Diana Jimenez and Silvia Serna; and Wednesday, Nov. 16: Crystal Batson, Randy Garcia, David Romere, Stephanie Hallmark and Bobby Taylor.

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

Lariaette Escort of the Week



The Dobie Lariaette Escort of the Week for Oct. 31 through Nov. 4 is senior Edgardo Feria. He is the son of Abisail Feria and Maria del Rosario Reyna.

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Stuchbery welcomes Dobie football players



Representatives from the Dobie High School Longhorns football team visited Stuchbery Elementary during Red Ribbon Week. These exemplary athletes serve as positive role models and helped recognize students with perfect attendance during a school pep rally. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) first-graders Moises Nava, Tammy Tran, Adrian Taylor and Sophia Garza, (back row) Dobie football players Jeremy Marcum, Jeremy Davis, Christopher Gutierrez and Roland Wilkins. Photo submitted

Remember When

40 years ago (1976)
Billy Burge of Ayrshire Fire Department made 16 responses to calls in the unincorporated areas of the county during October, 1976.

35 years ago (1981)
The Dobie High School band was selected as one of the top two 5A bands in the region at University Interscholastic League competition, advancing Dobie to participate in the state high school band competition in Austin.

The South Belt area became part of the newly created Precinct 1, which was composed of 64 percent minorities. The redistricting plan to create the first minority precinct in Harris County history was expected to be challenged in court.

30 years ago (1986)
Nicole Ard was named Dobie's homecoming queen during the Dobie and North Shore football game.

The Pasadena Independent School District released the results of teacher appraisals. Of 109 teachers evaluated, 48 received a "clearly outstanding" rating.

25 years ago (1991)
Clear Creek Independent School District officials were searching for legal assistance to recover the financial losses they expected when they closed Weber Elementary due to the Brio Toxic waste site.

A clerk at the Stop-N-Go located on Hall Road at Beamer was shot in the leg during a robbery.

20 years ago (1996)
Donald Scheiderman, 40, was arrested at his home an hour after a robbery of the Bank of America in Alameda Square. He was also a suspect in the recent Texas Commerce Bank-Alameda Genoa robbery.

Nearly a dozen South Belters went to Houston's City Council meeting to protest two proposed sexually-oriented businesses slated for the area.

15 years ago (2001)
County Commissioner El Franco Lee was honored at a reception at the Golfcrest Country Club.

Dobie senior Brian McKinstry won a gold medal at the 5A state cross country meet.

Cokesbury United Methodist Church celebrated its 40th anniversary.

10 years ago (2006)
Important seats were filled in the Nov. 7 general election with Democrat Nick Lampson winning Congressional District 22 and three local incumbents returning to office. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs won the special election and would serve in Congress until the new session convenes in January 2007, approximately 51 days.

A Clear Brook City MUD election to authorize \$42.4 million in bonds passed by more than a 4-to-1 margin.

Work began on a \$21,298,652.42 contract to widen Dixie Farm Road to four lanes. A later contract was to follow to widen the roadway from FM 518 to Highway 35.

An incident which began as a criminal mischief complaint resulted in a chase through Harris County and a local deputy constable being accidentally tased by a deputy sheriff during a scuffle with the suspect.

Former Beverly Hills Intermediate Orchestra Director Leigh Ledford died Nov. 7 of ovarian cancer in Boise, Idaho. Ledford's lifelong dream was to take her students to the Midwest Conference, an annual showcase of talent, and lead them in a performance. The students achieved her dream by performing in Chicago. The performance, dedicated in her honor, received a standing ovation lasting more than five minutes.

J. Frank Dobie agriculture science students won more than 20 auction spots at the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo and earned more than \$80,000 combined.

The J. Frank Dobie Choral Department presented its annual fall show and fundraiser, *Cabaret*.

Dobie seniors Jordan Simmons and Victoria Chavez were crowned Dobie High School's homecoming king and queen during a game against South Houston.

5 years ago (2011)
The Nov. 8 elections were held, with the Pasadena Independent School District bond easily passing and most City of Houston incumbents, including local councilmembers Mike Sullivan and Wanda Adams, maintaining their positions. The \$270.1 million bond would provide funding for several projects, including a new career and technical high school, three new middle schools and five replacement campuses for existing schools.

Former South Belt resident Jeff Larson, 43, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges involving misappropriation of funds from the Houston Police Officers' Union and was placed on deferred adjudication for 18 months and fined \$500. Larson, a 1986 Dobie graduate, and his former father-in-law, Ronald Martin, 51, were accused of bilking more than \$100,000 from the union, where they previously served on the board as treasurer and secretary, respectively.

1 year ago (2015)
Founder and publisher of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, Marie Flickinger, was selected to receive the Pasadena Independent School District 2015 Distinguished Citizen award.

Bay Area Singles Dance Nov. 19

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

Genealogy group to meet

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Nov. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

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CCISD high school students inducted into NTHS



CCISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith

More than 500 high school students in the Clear Creek Independent School District were honored by the National Technical Honor Society on Tuesday, Nov. 1. Outstanding Career and Technical Education (CTE) students from six CCISD high schools, who qualified for the honor, received certificates during a special induction ceremony.

"The CTE program prepares students for a wide range of careers such as health care and medical science, business and marketing, hospitality, engineering, logistics, metal manufacturing, construction technol-

ogy, automotive technology, computer science, digital, video and graphic communications and information technology," explained CTE Director Dana Morgan. "It is through the involvement and teamwork among members of the CCISD family, parents and our business and post-secondary partners that we are able to provide relevant real-world experience coupled with high academic standards which greatly enhance our students' future successes."

Clear Creek ISD's CTE program reinforces state and national academic standards by providing students train-

ing in career areas of interest to them. The goal is to ensure that students are prepared to succeed in post-secondary education and in a world that is increasingly oriented toward highly skilled jobs.

Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith told the crowd of students, "First impressions leave lasting results, and all of you being honored tonight have already positioned yourselves ahead of the competition in today's highly-competitive workforce. The district formed our six core values of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship with our students

at the forefront, and I hope you continue to follow these throughout your future endeavors."

The National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) is an organization that allows top CTE students to be recognized for their success in their various chosen career fields. The NTHS was established in 1984 to reward excellence in technical education, encourage students to reach for higher levels of achievement, promote business and industry's critical career-based values and help schools build and maintain effective partnerships with local business and industry.



CCISD students who were inducted into NTHS included, left to right, Timothy Robins (Clear Lake High School), Carter Rodriguez (Clear Brook High School), Brennan Butcher (Clear Brook High School), Cindy Tran (Clear Brook High School), Logan Kuecker (Clear Springs High School) and Jordan Colletti (Clear Springs High School). Photos submitted

2016 Thompson Region Choir members

On Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21 and 22, Thompson Intermediate School Choir members participated in the audition process for the Texas Music Educators Association Region 19 MS/JH Region Choir at Fairmont Junior High School. More

than 950 students auditioned from seven local school districts: Pasadena, Deer Park, La Porte, Pearland, Goose Creek, Barbers Hill and Channelview.

The students began preparing in August, learning five different pieces of music

for their audition. They had to sing selected cuts from this music before a panel of five judges in a blind audition. Students received points from each judge. The top 60 boys and top 90 girls in each section were selected as part of the

Treble Choir or the Tenor/Bass Choir.

The Thompson students proudly represented their school during the audition process, and seven of these students were selected to perform in the upcoming region choirs on Dec. 3.



Thompson's 2016 Region Choir members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Jeremiah Paige and Matthew Collins, seventh grade, Tenor Bass Choir; Madelyn Spray, eighth grade, Treble Choir; (back row) Enlai Yui, eighth grade, Tenor Bass Choir; Brooklyn Lathan and Marisa Soto, eighth grade, Treble Choir; and Haley Salinas, seventh grade, Treble Choir. These students will perform with the Region Choirs on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Deer Park High School's Performing Arts Center. Photo by Choir Director George Martin

Clear Brook debaters adding up state points

The Clear Brook debate team has competed in several tournaments. Members are accumulating points to advance to the state tournament.

Bellaire Tournament
The Clear Brook debate team performed exceptionally well at Bellaire High School on Oct. 14 and 15. In the Student Congress division, senior Ryan Williams made it all the way to finals and received 2 points which puts him at 9 of his needed 12 for the year.

In Public Forum Debate, all three teams advanced to out-rounds, an amazing accomplishment considering the high caliber nature, and six preliminary rounds, at this tournament. The three teams consisted of Anish Chotai and Vashti Singh, Heena Popatia and William Li, and Michael Villarreal and Syamantak Payra. The team of Li and Popatia made it all the way to triple octa-final round.

In Lincoln Douglas Debate, five team members advanced to out-rounds. The first and second seeded debaters for the tournament were Gabe Rivera and Keion

Rasti. Joining them in the initial break were fellow team members Anish Antony, Dhiren Wijesinghe and Adarsh Suresh.

Rasti and Wijesinghe made it to the octa-final round, a great accomplishment considering the large number of original entries. Wijesinghe now has 9 points and Rasti has 7.

Sophomore Suresh made it all the way to semifinals, receiving third place. This puts him at 8 points for the year.

Clear Lake Tournament
After many hard fought rounds at Clear Lake High School the weekend of Oct. 28 and 29, Clear Brook debaters returned home with three additional state qualifiers in their midst.

Public Forum debate members saw the greatest gains this weekend with the team of Payra and Villarreal realizing a third-place finish, which completes their initial qualification of 12 points. This ensures they will be headed to Plano West High School later in March to compete at the Texas Forensics Association State tournament.

Additionally, Payra came away with a first-place finish in Foreign Extemporaneous, earning him his second event qualification. His partner, Villarreal, placed sixth in its companion event, Domestic Extemporaneous, which brings his total for that event up to 5 points, almost halfway.

Lincoln Douglas debate members Rasti and Rivera also saw great gains, most notably Rasti's third-place finish that catapulted him to his state qualification as well. His team member, and team LD captain Rivera advanced to the quarter-final round which brings him to a total of 6 points for the year.

The team headed to South Houston High School the next weekend, continuing their march toward the state tournament.

South Houston Tournament
Fresh off of their successes at Clear Lake the last weekend of October found Clear Brook debaters hard at work once again Nov. 4 and 5 at nearby South Houston High School.

As the tournament drew to a close late Saturday eve-

ning, LD debate members Rivera and Sheri Naqvi faced off against Friendswood High School in two separate semi-final rounds. At the end of those rounds, both Naqvi and Rivera bested Friendswood to be the last two standing in a close-out for the event.

At the end of the tournament, Rivera took the first-place win home with Naqvi accompanying him with a second-place finish. These two finishes guarantee both debaters will be at the state tournament later in March.

Additional advancements in LD were made by Suresh, gaining 2 for a total of 10 for the year, and a quarter-final break for Ben Eappen, earning him 2 points, his first of the year.

In addition to those wins, however, team Student Congress Captain Ryan Williams placed third in Congress, insuring his second qualifica-

tion for state as well as other strong finishes in Domestic Extemporaneous (second) and Impromptu Speaking (third).

The Public Forum side of the team had their own accolades. The already-qualified team of Syamantak Payra and Michael Villarreal continued to garner more points to their already impressive total by placing third overall, losing to the A-team from Bellaire High School.

Additionally, newcomers Fizza Dhanani and Christa Westheimer earned another 2 points by making it to the quarter-final round, giving them 4 points for the year, 1/3 of their needed qualification.

Rounding out the weekend was Rivera, once again in finals for Impromptu Speaking where he placed fourth, and Villarreal who placed fifth in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking.

Bridge Club releases events for November

The Clear Lake Bridge Club, located at 16614 Sealar in Houston, will run a regular schedule of games for the month of November.

The club will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24. There are open games every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m.

On Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m., there will be games for players with less than 299 American Contract Bridge League points. On Saturday and Sunday, open games will be held at 1 p.m. Special games for begin-

ners are held Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Dave Glandorf, resident teacher, sponsors a Bridge Lab on Sunday at 2 p.m. and Tuesday at 2 p.m. These games are \$6 per person, and the teachers help with the bidding. No partner is necessary. Glandorf can be reached at 281-488-6318.

There will be several extra point games during the month. For more information, contact Jim Ochsner, president, at jpochsner@aol.com, or call the bridge club at 281-480-1911.

LSA hosts World Affairs Council

Lutheran South Academy hosted a World Affairs Council of Houston's event featuring world renowned photographer Bob Gomel.

Gomel is a former LIFE magazine photographer who covered the iconic decade of the '60s.

During his presentation, Gomel shared photographs and stories of many import-

ant events and people of the '60s and '70s, including Presidents John Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard Nixon, the Beatles, Marilyn Monroe, Moham-

med Ali, Arnold Palmer and many others.

Gomel's LIFE Magazine work is on display at the Monroe Gallery in Santa Fe.



Shown are, left to right, (front row) Archie Buchman, Bishoy Solian, Elaine Soliman, Serena Everett, Ann Chung, Bob Gomel, Jacqueline Sharples, Evan Buisson, Grace Psenick, (second row) Claire Marshall, Ashley Witson, Alexandra DeVita, Zach Guigliano, Paige Simpson, Alex Baldwin, (third row) Rachel Bivens, Allison May, Joseph Spencer, Katarina Straub, (fourth row) Jacob Stillwell, Mark Guigliano, Abi Beck, (back row) George Rockett, Paul LeBlanc and Cole Hanson. Photo submitted

Community Club meets Nov. 16

The Community Club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 16, at The Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Social time is at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting begins at 10 a.m.

The group meets the third Wednesday of each month, and is a social group of women who work toward helping the Salvation Army in its quest to feed and care for home-bound elderly and disabled people, children and the homeless, as well as providing a scholarship for a Bridge Over Troubled Waters client.

The group endeavors to take one-day trips each month to different places of interest to its membership.

After the meeting, there is usually a guest speaker or program and then a fellowship and lunch.

The Community Club is a charitable organization and new members and guests are invited. It is actively seeking new members in Pasadena and the surrounding areas. Current membership includes women from Pasadena, La Porte, Houston, Webster, Deer Park, League City, Pearland, South Houston, Seabrook and Humble.

Ballroom dancing practices set

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend ballroom dance practices every Wednesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Pkwy. in League City.

The dance lessons will continue through the upcoming holidays. About 40 to 60 people regularly attend. Current age range of attendees is from age 17 to 93.

Recorded music is played by Neva Schroder. All rhythms played at any ballroom dance are played at this practice dance. It's casual, comfortable and has a beautiful floating hardwood floor.

Teachers are available to assist, if asked, to teach a new move; or practice independently without interruption. For more information, call Schroder at 417-838-2204.

The Humpday Dance is free itself, but League City requires non-residents to purchase an activity card or a day pass. The park office can answer questions regarding an activity card at 281-554-1180.

Israeli Folk Dancing - November

Dancing is an excellent way to accomplish cardiovascular exercises while having fun. Israeli folk dance sessions at Congregation Shaar Hashalom are not built on one another, so if a few are missed or if one just wants to start, catching up is quick.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. November 2016 dates are Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

The cost, \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members; \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, will cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group - even with no previous attendance.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston, and is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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Locals on red carpet for Justin Timberlake *Trolls* movie LA premiere

By Reesha Brown berlake at his *Trolls* movie premiere was Dobie High School alum Javier Paredes and Pasadena Independent School District's Burnett Elementary teacher Jenny Gonzalez.



Javier Paredes (video director/producer), Esmeralda Paredes (Burnett assistant principal), Sam Gonzales (Jenny's husband), Jenny Gonzalez (submitted video to the contest), and Jae Lee (Burnett principal).

The duo experienced a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity recently. "The experience was so surreal," Paredes said. "When we got the call, I couldn't believe it. We booked the trip to California and it still seemed unbelievable. It wasn't until we made it to the red carpet that we knew it was real."

Through the artistic direction and production of Paredes and submittal assistance of Gonzalez, Burnett Elementary submitted a lip dub video for the JT Radio Contest using his summer song *Can't Stop the Feeling* back in May.

Their feature, which included the entire Burnett student body, was among four videos nationwide to be chosen by JT himself as a winner.

Paredes and Gonzalez were elated as they met JT for the first time and watched the *Trolls* premiere in Hollywood.

"He was such a good guy," Paredes said. "He was promoting the event on the red carpet while they set up the stage. With every media outlet there, he took the time to talk to us and take a picture. It felt awesome to get to introduce myself and shake his hand."

Gonzalez echoed Paredes' sentiments. "It was fabulous for him (Timberlake) to really take the time to listen to us," Gonzalez said.

The school-wide project started as a going-away video for the summer and eventually went viral, garnering more than 15,000 views from the public.

"I never in a million years expected to win because there were so many people who entered the competition," Gonzalez said. About a month ago, Burnett Principal Jae Lee was contacted by JT's record label and was informed that the campus was chosen to represent the Houston area at the red carpet premiere of *Trolls*.

"When I found out we won, I called a meeting," Lee said. "Everyone was wondering what was going on. I recapped what happened and the staff was excited."

Lee, who joined Burnett at the beginning of the school year, gave credit to Assistant Principal Esmeralda Paredes (Javier's mother) who orchestrated the video in conjunction with her son and Gonzalez.

After attending the premiere, Javier Paredes, also an aspiring filmmaker, expressed his desire to continue to pursue his dreams. "I always knew I had it in me," said the former Dobie High School student.

"Meeting Justin and walking the red carpet is more motivation for me to keep getting better and one day go back to L.A. to make films."



Dobie High School alumnus Javier Paredes (left) and Pasadena ISD's Burnett Elementary teacher Jenny Gonzalez (right) meet recording artist and actor Justin Timberlake at *Trolls* red carpet premiere.

PISD dedicates Hancock Elementary

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Pasadena High JROTC. Guests were also treated to speeches by Powell; Sandoval; Dr. Rhonda Parmer, the district's associate superintendent of campus development; and PISD Board President Nelda Sullivan, who shared a story about Hancock.

as saying that he didn't recall ever hearing his parents say a negative word to one another." Sullivan said. "If you think about Tom and the way he conducted himself, you could see that influence in him. He was always willing to serve in whatever capacity was required, and he was a delight to serve with."

Also present at the event were two former PISD superintendents Dr. Kirk Lewis and Dr. Rick Schneider, general contractors from Collier Construction and members of the Future Facilities Committee, which recommended the addition of the campus to the district.

"I speak for all of us when I say we truly appreciate the community and taxpayers for supporting the construction of this campus by the passage of the 2011 bond," Powell said. "An integral part of any successful bond campaign is the Facilities Committee."

Taking note of the school's mascot, the "Bison," Sandoval expressed her thoughts about the campus.

"At Hancock we remind ourselves daily that we are one bison and that together we charge forward and explore every possibility. Though he is no longer with us, Mr. Hancock's legacy will continue to live on for many years to come as students fill the hallways at this campus."



Former PISD Superintendent Rick Schneider is pictured above with PISD Assistant Secretary Vickie Morgan at the Hancock Elementary dedication.



The Pasadena Independent School District officially dedicated Hancock Elementary School at a ceremony Thursday, Nov. 3. The new campus is named in honor of the late Thomas Hancock, who served 39 years with the school district. During his tenure, Hancock served as both a Latin teacher and an administrator, retiring as deputy superintendent of curriculum and instruction in 2001.



Shown above at the Hancock dedication are, left to right, former Dobie teacher Richard Golenko, PISD Board President Nelda Sullivan, PISD Assistant Secretary Vickie Morgan and longtime PISD volunteer Emory Gadd.



Burnett Elementary Principal Jae Lee is pictured above dressed as a troll in support of the film's premier.

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Frazier's Solomon wins PPK

At right, Jarvis Solomon, a fourth-grade student at Frazier Elementary, participated in the Pasadena Independent School District's Punt, Pass and Kick competition late last month and qualified for the 2016 Houston Texans' NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Team Championship, to be held Sunday, November 27. Solomon first won the boys' 8 to 9-year-old division championship among his classmates at Frazier, and then advanced to the sectional championships at Auxiliary Stadium, where he pulled off another win. Now it's on to NRG Stadium for Solomon, and his Owl classmates will be rooting for him in the big event.



South Belt football predictions

	 Troy Leland	 John Bechtle	 Eli Tanksley	 Toni Muse	 Emory Gadd	 Debbie Vaughn
Clear Brook at Dawson	Dawson	Brook	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Dickinson at Alief Taylor	Alief Taylor	Dickinson	Alief Taylor	Alief Taylor	Dickinson	Alief Taylor
Pearland at Clear Springs	Springs	Pearland	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs
Pasadena Memorial at North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Atascocita at Deer Park	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
George Ranch at Friendswood	Friendswood	George Ranch	Friendswood	George Ranch	George Ranch	Friendswood
South Houston at Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood
Channelview at La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Longview at Beaumont West Brook	BWB	Longview	BWB	Longview	BWB	BWB
Stratford at Westfield	Westfield	Stratford	Westfield	Westfield	Westfield	Westfield
This week's record	7-3	8-2	7-3	7-3	5-5	7-3
Season record	80-29	73-36	84-25	74-55	82-27	75-34

Sports Calendar

FOOTBALL

Friday, Nov. 11

Brook varsity at Dawson, The Rig, 7:00

SOCCER

Monday, Nov. 14 to Saturday, Nov. 19

San Jacinto College soccer at NJCAAs, Tyler, TBA

BASKETBALL

Thursday, Nov. 10

Brook varsity girls vs. Galena Park, Baytown, 8 a.m.
 Dobie varsity girls vs. Tomball Mem., Baytown, 2:00
 Brook JV girls at Clear Springs tourn., TBA
 Dobie JV girls at Pasadena H.S. tourn., TBA
 Dobie freshman A girls at Pasadena H.S. tourn., TBA
 Brook freshman A girls at Clear Falls tourn., TBA

Friday, Nov. 11

Brook varsity girls at Baytown Tip-Off Classic, TBA
 Dobie varsity girls at Baytown Tip-Off Classic, TBA
 Brook JV girls at Clear Springs tourn., TBA
 Dobie JV girls at Pasadena H.S. tourn., TBA
 Dobie freshman A girls at Pasadena H.S. tourn., TBA
 Brook freshman A girls at Clear Falls tourn., TBA

Saturday, Nov. 12

Brook varsity girls at Baytown Tip-Off Classic, TBA
 Dobie varsity girls at Baytown Tip-Off Classic, TBA
 Dobie varsity boys host scrimmage, Dobie, 10 a.m.
 Brook JV girls at Clear Springs tourn., TBA
 Dobie JV girls at Pasadena H.S. tourn., TBA
 Dobie freshman A girls at Pasadena H.S. tourn., TBA
 Brook freshman A girls at Clear Falls tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Nov. 15

Brook varsity girls at La Porte, 7:00
 Dobie varsity girls at Alvin, 7:00
 Dobie JV girls at Alvin, 5:30
 Brook JV girls at La Porte, 5:30
 Brook freshman A girls at La Porte, 4:00
 Dobie freshman A girls at Alvin, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B girls at Alvin, 4:00

Thursday, Nov. 17

Dobie varsity boys vs. McKinney, Dobie, 9 a.m.
 Brook varsity boys vs. College Park, Phillips, 9 a.m.
 Dobie varsity girls vs. College Park, Dobie, noon
 Dobie varsity boys vs. Crosby, Dobie, 1:30
 Brook varsity boys vs. Lancaster, Phillips, 6:00
 Brook JV boys at Cy-Fair ISD tourn., TBA

Friday, Nov. 18

Brook varsity girls host Second Baptist, 6:00
 Dobie varsity boys at Texas Invitational, TBA
 Brook varsity boys at Texas Invitational, TBA
 Dobie varsity girls vs. C.C. Memorial, Dobie, 1:30
 Brook JV girls host Second Baptist, 4:30
 Brook JV boys at Cy-Fair ISD tourn., TBA

Saturday, Nov. 19

Dobie varsity boys at Texas Invitational, TBA
 Brook varsity boys at Texas Invitational, TBA
 Dobie varsity girls at Texas Invitational, TBA
 Brook JV boys at Cy-Fair ISD tourn., TBA

Monday, Nov. 21

Dobie varsity girls host Dulles, Dobie, 12:30
 Dobie JV girls host Dulles, Dobie, 11 a.m.
 Dobie freshman A girls host Dobie, Dobie, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 22

Brook varsity girls at Fort Bend Austin, 1:00
 Brook JV girls at Fort Bend Austin, 11:30 a.m.
 Brook freshman A girls at Fort Bend Austin, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 23

Dobie varsity boys vs. Clear Lake, TSU, 10 a.m.
 Dobie JV boys host Clear Lake, 2:30
 Dobie sophomore boys host Clear Lake, 2:30
 Dobie freshman A boys host Clear Lake, 1:00
 Dobie freshman B boys host Clear Lake, 1:00



Heiko Leinweber (7), one of the leading assist players for San Jacinto College's men's soccer team, had two more assists as the Coyotes advanced to nationals for the fourth time in program history with a 3-1 win over Hinds Community College of Mississippi.

SJC soccer to nationals

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 berth in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Championships, set for Nov. 16 through Nov. 21 at the Pat Hartley Complex on the campus of Tyler Junior College.

The Coyotes, 16-4-1 this season, have now defeated Hinds three times in the postseason en route to nationals. Hinds is out of Region XXIII.

At nationals, SJC very well could find itself going head-to-head against host

Tyler, which is undefeated this season and has held the nation's No. 1 ranking since the preseason.

The NJCAA Division I Championship tournament features many return customers, including San Jacinto College.

The field also includes each of the top seven-ranked teams nationally as of the final regular-season poll, including (1) Tyler (20-0-0), (2) Monroe, N.Y. (16-0-0), (3) Iowa Western (19-1-1), (4) Parkland, Ill. (20-1-0), (5) Cloud County, Kan. (18-0-2); (6) Ancilla, Ind. (16-1-1); and Daytona State, Fla. (16-2-1).

San Jacinto is ranked No. 13, and No. 9 Trinidad State, CO (17-4), No. 18 CCBC Essex, MD (15-5), Hill, Texas (12-6) and Southern Nevada (16-4-2) are also in the mix for the national crown.

As of press time, the NJCAA tourney pool play bracket had not been set. Pool play will run Nov. 14-16, with the semifinals Nov. 18 and the championship match Nov. 19.

Key playoff matchups ready to hit gridirons

While Dobie did not advance to the postseason this time around, there are a number of programs from local Region III districts ready to take to the field.

La Porte won the District 22-6A crown and is set to host Channelview in a 6A Division II battle Nov. 11, at La Porte.

Deer Park grabbed the 6A Division I top seed out of 22-6A and will host Alief Taylor Nov. 11, at Abshier Stadium in Deer Park. Pasadena Memorial, the 6A Division I No. 2 seed, is headed to Galena Park ISD Stadium to face

North Shore Nov. 11, and South Houston, the Division II No. 2 seed, will play at Kingwood's Turner Stadium Nov. 11.

Out of 24-6A, Div. I top seed Clear Springs will host Pearland Nov. 11 at Challenger Stadium, and Div. I No. 2 seed Dickinson is at Alief Taylor's Crump Stadium Nov. 12.

Friendswood, the Division II No. 1 seed from 24-6A, will host defending Class 5A state champion George Ranch Nov. 11.

Clear Brook is headed to The Rig in Pearland to face the Dawson Eagles Nov. 11.

Dobie softball to host Game of Throws event

The Dobie High School softball program will host its second annual Game of Throws Dodgeball tournament Sunday, Dec. 4, at the school.

Ten-person teams of high school-aged competitors, five boys and five girls per team, may register for \$10 per player. Each team will compete in a minimum of four games

in the tournament. Awards will be presented to the overall champion as well as the choice for Best Uniform.

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m., and run throughout much of the day. The school's concession stand will have a variety of food and refreshment options available for purchase.



San Jacinto College volleyball players Savannah Sheridan (22) and Kayden Thomas (1) team for a block attempt during a late-season match at Andersons Gymnasium in Pasadena. The locals entered play at the Region XIV tournament 14th-ranked in the nation but subsequently dropped matches to No. 1 ranked Panola as well as to Tyler, which was sitting at No. 20. San Jac's season ended at 26-9.

Tyler eliminates San Jac volleyball

The final two days of the Region XIV women's volleyball tournament featured a clash of three great teams, and San Jacinto College simply came up short.

San Jacinto, ranked 14th nationally entering tournament play at Baytown's Lee College, advanced to the championship final, where the National Junior College Athletic Association's No. 1 ranked team - Panola - awaited.

In perhaps the most thrilling match of the entire tournament, Panola scratched out a 25-21, 22-25, 29-27, 26-24 victory to win the first of two national tournament seedings.

That sent San Jac into the loser's bracket finale against nemesis Tyler, which entered play with a national ranking at No. 20.

The Apaches, just 17-14 during the season before the big match, defeated San Jacinto in four games, ending the locals' season at 26-9 overall.

Panola, 33-2 this sea-

son, is likely to land the top seed at the NJCAA's Division I National Championships later this month. The Ponies have won 26 consecutive matches entering the national finals.

San Jacinto opened the tournament with an easy 25-22, 25-17, 25-14 victory over Navarro.

In that sweep, SJC's Margarita Buvinic led the way with 10 kills, and Savannah Sheridan chipped in with nine.

Buvinic came up huge with 21 kills as San Jacin-

to win its second straight of the tournament, a 27-29, 25-22, 25-17, 25-22 win over Trinity Valley. In that one, Ines Bawedin also had 11 kills.

Madison Rhoder and Bawedin led the way with 12 kills in the team's loss against Panola.

San Jac had advanced to nationals in nine out of 10 seasons previously before 2016. The program will compete in its final season beginning next August (see Pages 1B and 6B).

Rage 14/16U wins DP Halloween Bash, costume contest



The South Belt Rage, an age 14 to 16-under softball team, captured first place on the field and also won the team costume contest for its Duck Dynasty theme at the Deer Park Halloween Bash Oct. 29, in Deer Park. The Rage scored victories in a pool play game and then swept their bracket for the championship.

Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Dejanee Dykes, Gigi Abrego, Isabel Perez, Nancy Rae Roman, Jasmine Pena, (back row) coach Mike Jimenez, Loren Garcia, Jessica Garcia, Jennifer Lopez, Ally Davis, Morgan Jefferson, Micaela Jimenez and coach Roderick Jefferson.

Texas Invitational includes individual talent, state contending teams

Continued from Page 1B ratings sources, a national championship season. It's all part of the fabric of the McDonald's Texas Invitational, a launching pad for state champions, state tournament contenders and some of the nation's most heralded high school players since the tourney's inception in 1999.

The tournament, considered one of the nation's premiere early-season high school events, will feature 48 boys' teams and 32 girls' teams. The lineup features many of the top squads in Texas. Those 80 teams will play nearly 200 combined games at the event's respective 10

venues. The Division I Gold bracket boys' championship game is set for Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., at Phillips Field House in Pasadena. The Division I girls' Gold bracket championship game will be decided that same day, at 3 p.m., also at Phillips. All 10 boys' and girls'

teams from Pasadena ISD will compete in Division II. A year ago, South Houston's boys' team became the first from the Pasadena ISD to compete in Division. While the Trojans went 1-4 at the tournament, they went on to finish second in District 22-6A competition.

Dobie's boys' team emerged as one of the region's surprise playoff teams last spring. The Longhorns raced all the way to the Region III Final Four semifinal game before losing to Cypress Lakes. Overall, the boys' field will feature six programs ranked in the Class 6A

preseason top 25 by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches – as well as four programs ranked in the Class 5A top 10. Among boys' teams competing in the McDonald's Texas Invitational, Lancaster is ranked No. 1 in Class 5A with Fort Bend Marshall at No. 3, Fort Bend Elkins at No. 9

and Manvel at No. 10. In Class 6A, Fort Bend Bush is ranked No. 2, North Crowley is No. 5 and Dickinson No. 8. In preseason rankings posted by MaxPreps.com, Atascocita is ranked fifth in the state. Duncanville's girls' carry the No. 1 preseason state ranking, according

to the coaches' poll, but other Texas Invitational participants were right behind: Clear Springs at No. 3, North Shore at No. 5, Cy-Ranch at No. 12 and Cy-Woods at No. 18. The Pantherettes, led by junior Zarielle Green, are the clear tournament favorites. Under the guidance of coach Cathy Self-Morgan, Duncanville won the Texas Invitational title in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

After failing to reach the title game in 2014, the Pantherettes came storming back last year, blistering 2015 tournament champion North Shore 75-49 for the title. Duncanville went on to a postseason sweep, beating seven opponents in the state playoffs by an average of 30 points per game. Green, rated the No. 14 prospect in her 2018 class, averaged 14 points per game as a sophomore.

Friday, Nov. 18

10:30 a.m. games

Cy-Ranch vs. North Shore at D.P. Watkins
Pearland vs. S.A. Brennan at D.P. South

Noon games

Manvel vs. Cy-Falls at D.P. Watkins
Barbers Hill vs. Mans. Summit at D.P. South

1:30 p.m. games

Cy-Fair vs. Cedar Ridge at D.P. South
S.A. Jay vs. Woodlands at D.P. North
E.P. Eastwood vs. Pasadena at Pasadena
N. Crowley vs. Deer Park at D.P. Watkins
Cy-Creek vs. Pas. Memorial at Memorial
St. Pius X vs. Sam Rayburn at Rayburn
C.C. Memorial vs. Dobie at Dobie
Seven Lakes vs. Clear Springs at Phillips F.H.
S.A. Madison vs. S. Houston at S. Houston
College Park vs. Mans. Lake Ridge at Beverly Hills
3 p.m. games
Duncanville vs. Cy-Woods at D.P. South

The Division I boys' Gold bracket title game will be televised live statewide by Fox Sports Southwest with prime time replays the following week. A live stream of the boys' and girls' Gold bracket title games will also be available on Fox Sports Southwest's website (www.foxsports.com/southwest). Streaming will also be available on the Fox Sports Go app.

Both Division I Gold Bracket championship games will also be carried live on the McDonald's Texas Invitational website: www.texasinvitational.com. The tournament also has an agreement with ABC-TV, through the local Channel 13 affiliate, to live stream select games on Nov. 18 and Nov. 19. Those selections will be made as the tournament progresses.

Event sponsors include the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation and the Deer Park Education Foundation. All proceeds are returned to those two education foundations.

Talented girls' field to highlight event

Right out of the gate, there will be no better collection of girls' basketball than will be seen at the McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 17-19. Certainly, the 48-boys' team field is one of the best the state will see this season, but it just might be the strongest field of girls' competition anywhere, anytime.

Duncanville, the defending Class 6A state champion, owner of a 39-0 overall record and four Texas Invitational girls' Gold Bracket championships in five years, is the clear favorite to repeat this season. But the remainder of the field is as deep as ever. Per the Houston Chronicle preseason team rankings, top-ranked Clear Springs, No. 2 North Shore, No. 4 Cy-Ranch, Cy-Woods at No. 5, Pearland at No. 7, eighth-ranked Manvel and Class 5A top-ranked Barbers Hill are all in the mix.

And the individual talent is unmatched. Clear Springs is led by Sierra Cheatham, while University of Texas commit Chasity Patterson paced the attack at North Shore. Manvel has high hopes this season with McKinzie Green in the mix, and Pearland has Cierra Lane as well as freshman De Yona Gaston, who once attended Beverly Hills Intermediate and is now viewed nationally as one of the top players in the 2020 class.

Charli Collier, a star at Barbers Hill, has yet to decide her collegiate future but is being heavily recruited by many of the nation's top programs. Cy-Ranch is led by the talents of Didi Richards, with Cate Reece guiding Cy-Woods from the post position.

Among the top games in pool play on the girls' side of things, opening day games include Barbers Hill versus Manvel at Deer Park's Watkins campus at 9 a.m.; Cy-Ranch against Pearland at 10:30 a.m., at Deer Park South. Later in the day, Pearland draws North Shore back at Deer Park South at 4:30 p.m.

On Nov. 18, Cy-Ranch is set to face North Shore, with Cy-Woods taking on tournament favorite Duncanville.

Thursday, Nov. 17 Pool Play Schedule & Locations

Locations	At Phillips	At Pas. Mem.	At Dobie	At S. Houston	At Rayburn
Dobie H.S. 10220 Blackhawk Bev. Hills Int. 11111 Beamer S. Houston H.S. 3820 S. Shaver Pas. Mem. H.S. 4410 Crenshaw Rayburn H.S. 2121 Cherrybrook DP Watkins & DP South 710 W. San Augustine DP North 402 Ivy Phillips F.H. 2906 Dabney Pasadena H.S. 206 S. Shaver Tickets All games pass \$20 on/before Nov. 17 \$15 on Nov. 18 \$10 on Nov. 19 One game ticket \$5 adults \$2 students Children under 7 admitted free/with adult All Nov. 18 pool play games are in girls' div.	9 a.m. B- College Park vs. Clear Brook 10:30 a.m. B- Westside vs. Elkins Noon G - S. Houston vs. Pas. Mem. 1:30 p.m. B- Lancaster vs. College Park 3 p.m. B- Plano East vs. Westside 4:30 p.m. G- Deer Park vs. Sam Rayburn 6 p.m. B-Clear Brook vs. Lancaster 7:30 p.m. B- Elkins vs. Plano East At Pasadena 9 a.m. B-Pasadena vs. F.B. Austin 10:30 a.m. B-Dawson vs. Katy Tompkins Noon G- Woodlands vs. Pasadena 1:30 p.m. B-Pasadena vs. Clear Falls 3 p.m. B- Dawson vs. Flower Mound 4:30 p.m. G- Pasadena vs. S.A. Jay 6 p.m. B- F.B. Austin vs. Clear Falls 7:30 p.m. B- Katy Tompkins vs. Flower Mound	9 a.m. B- Pas. Memorial vs. Mans. Summit 10:30 a.m. B- Atascocita vs. Westfield Noon G- Cy-Creek vs. S.A. Madison 1:30 p.m. B- Pas. Mem. vs. Ridge Point 3 p.m. B- Rich. Pearce vs. Atascocita 4:30 p.m. G- S.A. Madison vs. Pas. Memorial 6 p.m. B- Ridge Point vs. Mans. Summit 7:30 p.m. B- Westfield vs. Rich. Pearce At Bev. Hills 9 a.m. B- La Porte vs. Humble 10:30 a.m. B- C.E. King vs. Barbers Hill Noon G- C.C. Memorial vs. Mans. Lake Ridge 1:30 p.m. B- Hillcrest vs. La Porte 3 p.m. B-Hebron vs. Barbers Hill 4:30 p.m. G-Woodlands vs. E.P. Eastwood 6 p.m. B- Humble vs. Hillcrest 7:30 p.m. B- C.E. King vs. Hebron	9 a.m. B-Dobie vs. McKinney 10:30 a.m. B-Hightower vs. Dickinson Noon G-Dobie vs. College Park 1:30 p.m. B- Crosby vs. Dobie 3 p.m. B- Allen vs. Hightower 4:30 p.m. G- Dobie vs. Mans. Lake Ridge 6 p.m. B-McKinney vs. Crosby 7:30 p.m. B- Dickinson vs. Allen At DP-Watkins 9 a.m. G-Manvel vs. Barbers Hill 10:30 a.m. G- North Shore vs. S.A. Brennan Noon G- Duncanville vs. Dawson 1:30 p.m. B-Deer Park vs. Grapevine 3 p.m. G- Manvel vs. Mans. Summit 4:30 p.m. G-Cy-Ranch vs. S.A. Brennan 6 p.m. G-Cy-Woods vs. Dawson 7:30 p.m. G- Cy-Fair vs. Clear Springs	9 a.m. B-Langham Creek vs. S. Houston 10:30 a.m. B-Judson vs. Duncanville Noon G- S. A. Jay vs. E.P. Eastwood 1:30 p.m. B- S. Houston vs. Rockwall 3 p.m. B- F. B. Bush vs. Judson 4:30 p.m. G-Cy-Creek vs. S. Houston 6 p.m. B-Langham Creek vs. Rockwall 7:30 p.m. B- Duncanville vs. F.B. Bush At DP-South 9 a.m. G- Mans. Summit vs. Cy-Falls 10:30 a.m. G - Cy-Ranch vs. Pearland Noon G- Cy-Woods vs. Clear Falls 1:30 p.m. G- Cedar Ridge vs. Clear Springs 3 p.m. G- Cy-Falls vs. Barbers Hill 4:30 p.m. G- Pearland vs. North Shore 6 p.m. G- Clear Falls vs. Duncanville 7:30 p.m. G- Cedar Ridge vs. Seven Lakes	9 a.m. B- Rayburn vs. Manvel 10:30 a.m. B-Pearland vs. Kingwood Noon G- Rayburn vs. N. Crowley 1:30 p.m. B- Rayburn vs. Angleton 3 p.m. B- N. Crowley vs. Pearland 4:30 p.m. G- N. Crowley vs. St. Pius X 6 p.m. B-Manvel vs. Angleton 7:30 p.m. B- Kingwood vs. N. Crowley At DP-North 9 a.m. B-Katy Taylor vs. Deer Park 10:30 a.m. B- Richardson vs. S.A. Clark Noon G- St. Pius X vs. Deer Park 1:30 p.m. G- Seven Lakes vs. Cy-Fair 3 p.m. B- F.B. Marshall vs. Richardson 4:30 p.m. G- College Park vs. C.C. Memorial 6 p.m. B- Katy Taylor vs. Grapevine 7:30 p.m. B- S.A. Clark vs. F.B. Marshall

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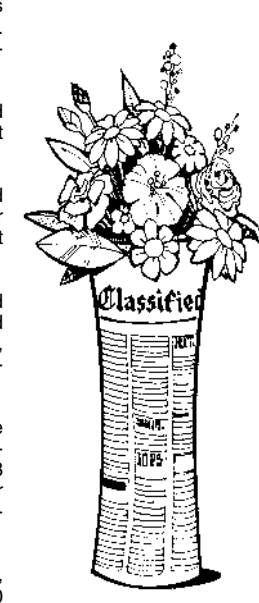
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse – There is no meeting in November for NASA Aglow. For questions, call 281-910-1971.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network – American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
6 - 8 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC – Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. Directly afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in both English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome to join! 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.
7 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom's – Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details,

contact the Synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
7 p.m.
Al-Anon (English) – Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
Alateen – Support for teens, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? Meets Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For more information, call 713-856-1611.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) – Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church,

Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
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10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
11:15 a.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom – Presents *Line by Line with the Prophets*, sessions by Rabbi Stuart Federow, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at 16020 El Camino Real, 77062, the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. Everyone is welcome. Previous classes are not required. Visit www.shaarhashalom.org or contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class – Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.
3 p.m.
Scleroderma Support Group – Do you know someone with scleroderma - a rare illness caused by collagen overproduction? Join a support group on the second Sunday, 3 to 5 p.m., at Pasadena Bayshore Hospital, 4000 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. Bring a friend. Call Jacob Davila at 281-706-6232, or email jdvavila@scleroderma.org.
5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.
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6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14
 10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
 11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
 3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.
 6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart patients and families meets the second Monday at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd., Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For information, call 713-856-1611.
Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365.
 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 9:30 a.m.
Hobby Area Travel Social (HATS) - meets for its Thanksgiving luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Glenbrook United Methodist Church, 8635 Glen Valley Dr. The fellowship hall opens at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and pastries. Tickets are \$10. For details, visit hatsocial.org.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.
 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nax@textcitizensbank.com.
 1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.
 2 p.m.
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
 6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
 6:30 p.m.
Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For details call 281-526-6840.
Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly on the third Tuesday

(except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend and make PIP the best in the city. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.
 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 9:30 a.m.
The Community Club - The Community Club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 16, at The Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Social time is at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting begins at 10 a.m. Meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday. The club is a social group of women who work toward helping the Salvation Army in its quest to feed and care for homebound elderly and disabled people, children and the homeless, as well as providing a scholarship for a Bridge Over Troubled Waters client. The group endeavors to take one-day trips a month to different places of interest to its membership. Subsequent to the meeting is a guest speaker/ program followed by fellowship and lunch. The Community Club is a charitable organization. New members and guests are invited from Pasadena and the surrounding areas. Current membership includes women from Pasadena, La Porte, Houston, Webster, Deer Park, League City, Pearland, Sageglen, South Houston, Seabrook and Humble. For more information, email jmopry@yahoo.com.
 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
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Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
 1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ball-room dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.
 5:30 p.m.
StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter - informational monthly meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. Public is welcome, 5:30 p.m., on the third Wednesday, Parker Williams Library, Room F, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., 77089. For details, call 281-229-1409.
 6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.
 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
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Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details.
CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. Directly afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in both English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome to join! 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.
 6:30 p.m.
Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For more information call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.
 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English) - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
Alateen - Support for teens, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
 8:30 p.m.
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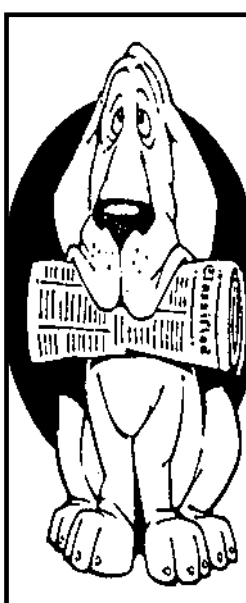
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Dobie football ends 2016 season; offseason decisions one the way

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ly. But it won't come without hard work. Six of Dobie's 10 opponents this season — including the nondistrict threesome of Clear Springs, Morton Ranch and Dawson — advanced. Summer Creek, which defeated Dobie in the season opener and eventually went to 6-0, simply faded late.

Next season, Dobie will open the season at Turner Stadium in Humble against Summer Creek but then will host Clear Springs, Morton Ranch and Dawson at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The 22-6A opener will come at Deer Park, but the finale will come at home against defending league champion La Porte.

The schedule for 2017 can wait. The Longhorns have plenty of business in-house to handle between now and then.

At the varsity level, more than 40 seniors will be lost to graduation.

Among those key losses are starting quarterback Jeremy Davis, key backup running back Broderick Martin and receivers Breon Simmons and Jacoby Davis.

Several offensive linemen, including multi-year starters Elijah Pearson, Chris Gutierrez, Ricky Curtis and Brandon Flores, will also move on, as will multi-year starter Sabino Lozano at kicker.

The losses on defense will be substantial as well, with starters Keith Armstead and Caleb Conerly, in addition to defensive backs Ke'montre Lowe, Westley Crooms and Daniel Williams all set to exit.

But Norman understands that is simply how high school football works. Players are in the

program for four years or less, but no more.

There are key returning players due back on both sides of the ball. But depth was an issue for Dobie this season due to injuries, etc., and it's one of the areas of address this offseason.

"We are losing multi-year starters up front on the offensive and defensive lines, and those are always areas where you are looking for more depth anyway," Norman said.

"Overall, we just hope to find depth at a variety of positions, especially in the trenches. You have to be able to win those battles up front to have any success.

The school's subvarsity teams enjoyed a strong season. The freshman White team went a perfect 10-0, with the freshman Orange team in at 5-4-1, including 4-1-1 in district play.

The junior varsity White team went 7-3, concluding the season with a terrific win over La Porte. The junior varsity Orange team was 6-3-1.

As for the offseason, it is a big one. Dobie has not hosted spring football during Norman's two-year stay, but the possibility of taking advantage of that special late spring session is now in play.

"Maybe this spring is where we find some of that depth and get them acclimated to being out there and getting after it rather than waiting until August," Norman said.

"You lose a scrimmage by doing that. Programs have really been getting away from the old school way, which has included spring football. But maybe Dobie needs to get back to the old school way. That's something we are looking

at. We are going to evaluate everything here as we go."

LP holds off Dobie
Yes, it was another loss, but Dobie really held its own against the 22-6A champion Bulldogs until fatigue set in late. The defense, in particular, was simply on the field too long.

The final was 41-23, but Dobie had many reasons to be proud.

Norman was thrilled with the way Jeremy Davis ended his high school career with a terrific 47-yard run for a score and, later, another 5-yard touchdown run.

Davis wound up with his finest game of the season on the ground against quality competition, with 130 yards on just 15 carries.

One week after hitting Simmons with a 66-yard touchdown pass, back-up quarterback Jacob Sulak sent another 15-yard out route to Simmons against La Porte, and Simmons turned it into a 53-yard touchdown pass.

Lozano ended his career by hitting a 42-yard field goal in his final game.

"We challenged the seniors to go out on a high note, and they did," Norman said. "We are proud of the effort shown against a great program."

At right (above), Dobie's Westly Crooms (7) is a multi-year starter on defense who will be lost to graduation, leaving the Longhorns with a gap in the secondary. Also at right, Breon Simmons (3) had two big touchdowns in the final two weeks to close out his career.



Hoops: JFD, CB girls win openers; Baytown Tip-Off Classic up next

Outscoring visiting Nimitz 19-7 in the opening eight minutes and then going on a 19-6 run in the third quarter helped lift Clear Brook's varsity girls' basketball team to a 61-30 victory over the Lady Vikings Nov. 8, at Lady Wolverines Gymnasium.

NaKayla Bell led the way for the Lady Wolverines with 17 points, and head coach Garrett Hilton was also happy to see balanced scoring coming from several others.

"He'll take the win, but a head coach is rarely thrilled in the season opener.

"We played well defensively but still have a lot of work to do on offense," Hilton said.

"It was a typical sloppy first game, but I would have liked to have seen better execution offensively. We had a lot of different players score, so that is obviously a plus."

Like Dobie, the Lady Wolverines are in the mix at the Lady Gander Tip-Off Classic Nov. 10-12 in Baytown. Clear Brook drew the short straw and will face Galena Park in an 8 a.m. contest at Goose Creek Memorial High School Nov. 10.

The following day, Brook will take on either South Houston or Dayton.

"Our focus in the Baytown tournament will be to get better offensive execution, but I am proud of the way we played in the opener," Hilton said. "The kids play incredibly hard and are very coachable, so I think that when the time comes for district play, we will be ready."

As for the 8 a.m. start in Baytown, well, it is what it is. "We open against Galena Park at 8 a.m., but it doesn't matter who

you play (that early), it is tough. Hopefully we can win a few (at the tournament) and get some confidence."

Dobie fends off F-Wood
Dobie's varsity girls' basketball team also had a successful debut, downing visiting Friendswood 39-36 Nov. 7, at Scott Talton Gymnasium.

Pasadena intermediates to tip-off basketball year

The Pasadena ISD is about to tip-off its intermediate basketball season, with all 10 of the district's teams in action beginning Monday, Nov. 14.

On that opening night, the Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh- and eighth-grade girls will host the Bondy Lady Patriots.

Dark team action comes first during the season, with tip-offs coming at 5 p.m. The Light team game follows the Dark division games after a brief warm-up.

The same night, the

Now at Baytown, Dobie will face a Tomball Memorial that was ranked in the top five in the Houston Chronicle's preseason poll among Class 5A/Other programs.

The Lady Longhorns will then go against either a talented Galveston Ball team in the next round, or perhaps Klein Forest.

Thompson Lady Lions will go up against the South Houston Lady Indians, at South Houston High School.

In the boys' division, Beverly Hills will play at Bondy Nov. 14, with the Thompson Lions hosting South Houston. The game times are the same.

Of note, the annual Beverly Hills versus Thompson series will play out Monday, Dec. 5. The girls' play will be at Beverly Hills, while the eighth-grade boys' games will be played at Dobie.

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San Jac board unanimously votes to cut four sports

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dreds of student-athletes have participated, transferring to four-year universities and colleges on athletic and academic scholarships, and moving into the ranks of professional athletes.

To date, San Jacinto College has won 12 national championships and has 17 national runner-up finishes.

"San Jacinto College will honor its commitment to the approximately 150 current student-athletes who are affected by this decision," said Dr. Allatia Harris, vice chancellor for strategic initiatives, who oversees the athletics programs at San Jacinto College.

"Student success remains our focus, and we want these student-athletes to complete the higher education credential they came here to achieve."

"This was a difficult and painful decision that in no way reflects on the success of the teams, our student-athletes, or the coaches," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, Chancellor, San

Jacinto College.

"We are continually monitoring and evaluating student success, and making decisions based on data and the needs of our entire student body.

This decision really came down to looking at the \$2.6 million in annual operating costs and a minimum of \$25 million in facilities needs.

"We have to weigh the total benefit to the full student body and to our goal of student success."

Athletic programs are not the only areas with facility needs and operational costs.

The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees and leadership have also made the following difficult decisions:

— Closing the San Jacinto College golf course. As announced earlier this year, the golf course will close effective Dec. 15, 2016.

— Combining the auto body collision repair program. As enrollment was declining between two training facilities, one on the North campus and

one on the South campus, the decision was made to combine the two programs into one that is currently housed on North campus.

— Custodial and bookstore services. As a cost-saving measure, the decision was made to outsource the custodial and bookstore services.

— Closing the child care center at the South Campus. The College evaluated options to bring the entire building up to today's building standards and determined that due to the age of the building and the condition of the infrastructure, it was cost prohibitive.

— Closing the dental assisting program. Due to a lack of enrollment, the College closed the dental assisting program located on Central campus. The College will no longer offer this program and has provided a teach-out for any student in the program.

— Redefining the core curriculum requirements. In order to meet the state of Texas requirement of moving all associate de-

grees to 60 credit hours, the College redefined the core curriculum and excluded several courses that would not readily transfer to a Texas university toward a bachelor's degree.

— Combining cosmetology and culinary programs. Due to facility needs identified in the current cosmetology and culinary programs at San Jacinto

College, the three separate campus cosmetology programs will be combined into two programs, one on the North campus and one on the South campus.

In like manner, the culinary programs on the North and Central campuses will be combined into one program housed on the North campus once the facilities are constructed.

"Higher education in general is going through transformational change," added Hellyer.

"At San Jacinto College we operate in a continuous improvement cycle where we look at data, operational costs, and facility needs. "Difficult decisions are part of the transformational change.

"This was a difficult and painful decision that in no way reflects on the success of the teams, our student-athletes, or the coaches. We are continually monitoring and evaluating student success, and making decisions based on data and the needs of our entire student body. This decision really came down to looking at the \$2.6 million in annual operating costs and a minimum of \$25 million in facilities needs. We have to weigh the total benefit to the full student body and to our goal of student success."

— Dr. Brenda Hellyer, Chancellor, San Jacinto College

Wolverines to tackle Dawson

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Now it's on to the big matchup between Dawson and Clear Brook. The players will play the game, but it also features a unique matchup on the opposing sidelines.

Head coaches Eric Wells of Dawson and Mike Allison of Clear Brook spent the majority of their coaching careers on the same staff, first at Pearland for a decade and then at Dawson.

Wells, having been hired away from Pearland to lead the newly-minted Dawson program, brought Allison with him as his defensive coordinator.

Allison, meanwhile, was hired as Clear Brook's varsity football head coach prior to the 2015 season and has the Wolverines in the postseason for the first time in five years.

Anything could happen when the two teams tee it up at The Rig, but the points figure to be flying. Dawson has been held

to fewer than 30 points in just one of its 10 games.

Dawson starting quarterback Zach Smith has thrown for 1,360 yards and 15 touchdowns this season with just four interceptions.

At running back, the Eagles' Darius Smith leads the way with 1,377 yards and 16 touchdowns. At receiver, Osby Mitchell, a former Southbelt Dolphin youth football player, has 55 receptions for 795 yards and eight scores.

And the Wolverines have their stars aligned as well. Garcia, also a former Southbelt Dolphin player, has thrown for 1,733 yards and 21 touchdowns with just five interceptions.

Smith, a junior, has 1,314 yards rushing, including 13 touchdowns. Mark Milton has 406 yards rushing with a pair of scores, and has had five receiving touchdowns as part of 342 yards in the air.

The Wolverines' lead-

ing receiver is Chapman, who has 773 yards worth of passes caught with 11 touchdowns.

Where the Wolverines might swing the game is on offense, where a ball-hawking defense is ready for the ball to come its way.

Brook's Drew Adams leads the way with four interceptions, and Darian Holmes and Braelon Hill have three each.

Two other Wolverines have two passes intercepted apiece.

Nine years ago Dawson brought Wells and Allison in to help the Eagles develop a playoff power on an annual basis. That has happened.

Brook, with a rich football history dating back to the late 80s and early 90s in tow, needed a boost two years ago and brought in Allison.


Now the Wolverines are looking to become the next playoff regular. It all starts now.



While four other sports at San Jacinto College will cease to exist as of 2018, the thriving baseball program under the direction of head coach Tom Arrington (left) will continue along with softball on the South campus. Last spring, Arrington guided the Gators to the brink of a national title before a loss in the finale. Following the season, seven of the teams played were selected in the June MLB First-Year Player Draft. Among those, left-handed pitcher Devin Smeltzer, who was the winner in the team's first championship series victory, reportedly received a \$500,000 signing bonus from the Los Angeles Dodgers. Other notable SJC signees included Brandon Montgomery, Cody Nesbit and Ryan January.

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