

Friendsgiving event planned

A Friendsgiving event will take place at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road, Tuesday, Nov. 25, beginning at noon. This year's event will also include bingo. Attendees may come alone or with others. Individual tickets are \$10, and to host a table is \$35 (up to seven people). Each attendee must bring a food item (turkey and ham will be provided). Suggestions include fruit/vegetable trays and side dishes and desserts. All proceeds will go toward the *Leader's* annual Christmas toy drive. See related story on this page. For additional information, call or text Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Sageglen to meet Nov. 17

Sageglen Community Association will hold a homeowner meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork. Guest speaker to be announced. Light refreshments will be served. All Sageglen residents are encouraged to attend. Meetings typically take place the third Monday of every other month. For more information, call 281-481-2160.

Knights hold blood drive

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive Sunday, Nov. 16, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, located at 11011 Hall Road, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. Donors must bring identification. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/geo.

HPD's PIP to meet Nov. 17

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway Classroom No. 103. Guest speaker to be announced. Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. PIP meetings typically take place the third Monday of each month. For additional information, contact HPD Officer C. Castillo at castillo@houstonpolice.org or 832-395-1777.

City composts pumpkins

City of Houston residents are urged to compost their discarded pumpkins rather than just throwing them away. The city's fifth annual Pumpkin Compost Drop-Off Program, currently underway through Nov. 29, will reduce waste while also helping to make a greener Houston. Pumpkins may be dropped off at the city of Houston Reuse Warehouse, 9003 N. Main St.; and at the Westpark Recycling Center, 5900 Westpark Drive in Kingwood. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

New Covenant feeds needy

Each month, New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will have food distribution events the first and third Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies last. The purpose of the events is to provide food to people in need. For additional information, contact the church at 281-484-4230.

Kirkmont III, IV to meet

Kirkmont III and IV will hold their annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. All homeowners/residents of Kirkmont Sections III and IV are encouraged to attend. The 2026 annual maintenance fees and deed restrictions will be discussed, and board members will be elected. Homeowners attending the annual meeting may be eligible for a discount on their 2026 maintenance fees. For additional information, call Alfredo Huerta at 832-283-4895.

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes Road at Beamer, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Hughes/Sabo closures set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice due to a city water repair.

Westbound Beltway 8 frontage roads may also be intermittently closed at Hughes/Sabo until further notice.

Beltway closures planned

Two northbound and two southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, March 31. Significant delays are expected.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

Howery named U.S. ambassador to Denmark

Dobie grad and PayPal co-founder previously served as Swedish ambassador

Dobie graduate Kenneth A. Howery has just been posted to Copenhagen where he will serve as the U.S. ambassador to Denmark.

The ambassador's post had been vacant since President Donald Trump took office as president in January.

Howery was unanimously approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in April but was just approved by the full Senate earlier this month.

Howery spent his K-12 years in the Pasadena

ISD and was a 1994 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School. Howery was valedictorian, drum major and president of his senior class at Dobie High School before graduating from Stanford University four years later with a degree in economics.

His first job after college led him and his colleagues to co-found PayPal. When PayPal was acquired by eBay, Howery left PayPal to co-found Founders Fund, a Silicon Valley venture capital firm.

Partly because of his work with several Swedish high technology firms like Spotify, he served as the U.S. ambassador to Sweden during Trump's first term.

Howery was inducted into Dobie High School's Hall of Honor in 2013 and delivered the event's main address.

A statement from the U.S. State Department praised Howery's accomplishments and voiced confidence in him as



Ken Howery

the selection.

"Kenneth A. Howery is a respected diplomat, accomplished venture capitalist, and entrepreneur with a proven record of creating and funding transformative technology companies," the statement read. "Ambassador Howery's success as a diplomat, his acumen as a business leader, his skill in guiding diverse multidisciplinary teams in the rapidly changing international technology sector, and his ability to foster commercial and cultural relationships that benefit communities worldwide are qualities that will serve him well as the U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark."

In October 2024, Howery hired Soul Asylum and The Toadies to perform at the Dobie Class of 1994's 30th reunion.

Howery sworn in as ambassador



Ken Howery (left), co-founder of PayPal and valedictorian of Dobie Class of 1994, was recently approved by the U.S. Senate to serve as U.S. ambassador to Denmark. A 2013 Dobie Hall of Honor inductee, Howery previously served as U.S. ambassador to Sweden. Howery is shown above being sworn in by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Chris Landau. Also shown above are Howery's parents Karen and Charles Howery. See related photo on Page 4.

HPD seeks help IDing robbery suspect

Man accused of assaulting employee during Baybrook robbery

The Houston Police Department Robbery Division is seeking the public's assistance in identifying a suspect involved in a robbery at Baybrook Mall this past September.

According to HPD investigators, the unidentified male suspect entered a department store in the 500 block of Baybrook Mall around 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, walked around the store picking out several items, then left the business without attempting to pay for the items.

Investigators said a store employee followed the suspect out of the store and confronted him.

At this time, the suspect allegedly assaulted the store employee, causing serious bodily injury, and then fled the location.

The suspect is described as being a Hispanic male with a mustache, 25 to 35 years old, standing 5 feet 5 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall, and wearing a black shirt, black shorts and white shoes.

Anyone with information about this suspect's identity is contact the HPD Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).



Surveillance footage courtesy of HPD Robbery Division

Burke appointed to SJC board of trustees

Economic Alliance CEO will fill unexpired term of late John Moon Jr.

Chad Burke has been appointed by the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees to fill Trustee Position 5. The Board of Trustees voted on Monday, Nov. 3, to appoint Burke to fill the unexpired portion of the current term for the position vacated by the late John Moon Jr.

Burke is currently president and CEO of the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region, a position he has held since 2009. In his role, he and the team provide professional economic development services for the businesses and communities surrounding the 25-mile Houston Ship Channel. Since 2009, Burke has directed growth of

the organization, tripled the annual budget, and grown membership from 64 to more than 250. He is also responsible for leading public policy, workforce development, and business growth for the organization.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as a San Jacinto College trustee," said Burke. "San Jacinto College is a cornerstone in our community, helping students build their futures and training the workforce that drive's our region's success. I look forward to working with my fellow board members and San Jacinto College leadership to advance the institution's mis-

sion while supporting our students."

Burke is active in the region, serving on the boards of the Harris County - Houston Sports Authority and the Greater Houston Freight Committee. He has past experience serving on the Texas Regional Pathways Network Steering Committee, Southeast Harris County Subregional Study Steering Committee, several TXDOT corridor steering committees, the Gulf Coast Economic Development District, and was a member of the Coastal Texas Study Team.

In 2025, Burke received the Latino Learning Center Humanitarian Award. In 2019, he was recognized as one of the Houston Business



Chad Burke

Journal's Most Admired CEOs, and received the Associated Chemical Industries of Texas Leadership Award and the Texas Economic Development Council Workforce Excellence Award.

Prior to joining the Economic Alliance, Burke was a project manager with the Texas Engineering Extension Service and held similar positions with AgriLogic and Reliant Energy/HL&P.

Burke fills the unexpired term of Position 5, which expires at the June 2027 Board meeting, when the candidate winning the May 2027 election for Position 5 will be sworn in to begin a new six-year term.

Burke holds a Bachelor of Science in economics from Texas A&M University. He and his wife, Shannon, live in La Porte. The couple have two adult children. Campbell and his wife Liane have two boys, Bradley and Beauden, and reside in La Porte. Jolie is married to Taylor Gade and they reside in College Station.

See related photo on Page 3.

Dobie artist earns \$11K



Dobie High School art student Victoria Isabella Caballero recently sold her artwork "Shadows of Leather" for \$3,000 at the 59th annual Cowboy Artists of America Exhibition and Sale in Fort Worth. Caballero had already been named the exhibition's Reserve Grand Champion, earning her \$8,000 in scholarship funds, bringing her total earnings up to \$11,000.

Leader to begin annual Christmas drive

Now in 43rd year, drive seeks donations for local families

The holiday season is here, and once again it's time for the annual *South Belt-Ellington Leader* Christmas program.

Now in its 43rd year, the program is aimed at helping local families in need, by providing toys and food.

The annual Christmas drive was a pet project of *Leader* founder Marie Flickinger. This will mark the second drive since her passing last year.

Charitable organizations in the South Belt area are encouraged to donate to the *Leader* program. The drive is different from others in that all donations will go directly to families in the immediate South Belt area, with all applicants going through a screening process to determine their residence.

Past participants included local schools (South Belt and Frazier elementaries; Mellilo Middle School; Beverly Hills Intermediate; and Dobie High School), Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia, Pasadena ISD Police Department, American Legion Post 490, Memo-

rial Hermann Southeast Hospital and he South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

The *Leader* will begin accepting toy donations Monday, Nov. 17. Food donations will not be accepted until Monday, Dec. 8.

Desired items include toys for children of all ages, nonperishable food items, paper products and cash. There is a particular need for gifts appropriate for older children and teens, such as clothing, sporting goods, makeup kits and gift cards. All gifts should be new and unwrapped.

Past recipients include single-parent families and families suffering from illness, unemployment or incarceration. Many past beneficiaries have reciprocated and later donated items themselves.

Anyone who knows of local families who are experiencing special circumstances are asked to contact the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 or mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Applications for assistance are not currently being accepted. See future editions of the *Leader* for additional information on applying for help.

BHI cheer supports JFD Longhorns



Beverly Hills cheerleaders joined the J. Frank Dobie cheerleaders Friday, Oct. 25, in support of Dobie's varsity football game against Sam Rayburn. Beverly Hills cheerleaders shown above are, left to right, (front row) Aubrey White, Isabella Villalobos, Liliana Bo-

nilla, Sofia Guzman, Makayla Laurie, Arleth Garcia, Daiera Brown, (back row) Alani Bravo, Alaina King, Emily Garza, Alayna Rice, Skylar Glayzer, Alayah Holmes, Melany Ybarra, Myrion Davis and Kynneddy Dickerson.

Photo by Kelvin Lopez

Deaths

Michael Wayne Keener



Michael Wayne Keener, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died on Oct. 26, 2025, of complications from brain trauma and Alzheimer's. Mike was born on Nov. 20, 1951, to Harvey J. and Bonnie Spindle Keener. He is survived by his sister, Betty Childers; his beloved wife, Brenda Keener; children, Jennifer Lisbony and John Dies (Michelle); grandchildren, Austin Dies (Mariah), Haley Bailey (Jake), Madison Dies, Kate Dies, Tristan Lisbony; bonus grandchildren, Luis Rodriguez, Emma Lisbony; great-grandson, Parker Ray Bailey; sister-in-law, Margie Townsend; and brothers-in-law, Barry Mackebon (Paulette) and Fred Mackebon. He is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews, and his black cat, Ebony Marie.

Mike is preceded in death

by his beloved parents; brother and sister-in-law, Billy J. and Davlyn Keener; sister and brother-in-law, Frankie and Dennis Cordray; sister, Jane Ramsey; brother-in-law LeGuin Childers; nephew Gregory Keener; and niece, Michelle Mackebon. Mike retired from Occidental Petroleum (formerly Diamond Shamrock) after 38 years of service, and he would proudly say, "with perfect attendance and no letters in my file!" The family will host a Celebration of Life on Saturday, Nov. 15, at CrossRoads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., and the service will start at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served in the Family Life Center immediately following the service. The family will depart at 2:30 p.m. for a private interment at South Park Cemetery. Pallbearers include John Dies, Austin Dies, David Townsend, Tristan Lisbony, Luis Rodriguez and Sanders Sam. Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P. O. Box 96011, Washington, DC, 20090-6011, or Skin Cancer Foundation, ATTN: Development, 205 Lexington Ave., 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016.

He had a fierce love for his wife. Despite some tumultuous years and the ups and downs that marriage often provides, his dedication never waned. For 41 years he remained steadfastly in love. When cancer took her away in 2006, he was never quite able to heal the missing piece her death created.

He always tried to treat people with fairness and kindness, and it was never surprising when friends, family, and co-workers would remark, "You know, your father is a good, good, man!" He was always well-liked and cared for by those he got to know.

He had a deep love for God and a deep commitment to his church and service. He initially felt called to priesthood; however, after spending a short time in the seminary, his desire for a human relationship and a family proved more important. Never quite losing that calling, he volunteered as an acolyte for many years at Mary Queen Catholic church in Friendswood. He was loved and will be missed by the many people whose lives he touched in his 81 years. He was such a great example of a loving and dedicated husband, father, friend, co-worker, brother and son.

The viewing was held on Nov. 11 and the funeral service was held on Nov. 12.

Richard Glennon "Rich" Wiedner

Longtime South Belt resident, Richard Glennon "Rich" Wiedner passed away peacefully on Monday, Nov. 3, 2025, in Cypress. He was born to Charles and Eileen Wiedner in St. Louis, Mo. He is survived by his four children, Anne Wiedner Tortorice; Michael Morton-Wiedner; Margaret Wiedner and Mary Wiedner Black; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his loving wife Judith Ann Hempen Wiedner and his son Richard Lawrence Wiedner.

Rich was a loving and dedicated husband and father, always putting the wants and needs of his family before his own. His dreams of college and becoming a chemical

Leader obituary policy

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

Fundraiser for Mata

The Mata family will be hosting a neighborhood fundraiser to benefit longtime Sageglen resident Willie Mata. The fundraiser is to help with the family's medical expenses. The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Beamer's Bar, at 12057 Beamer Road. Barbecue plates (brisket, pulled pork and chicken) will be available for \$15. There will also be a silent auction and live music. Payments accepted are Cash App and Zelle.

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Chamber holds inaugural tote, bingo event



The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Toast & Tote-ally Bingo event was a great success Thursday, Oct. 23, raising thousands of dollars for the local organization. "Celebrity waiters" shown above at the event are, left to right, Gabriel Cordova (Frost Bank), Mark Mitchell (Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership), Mike Kritzier (Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's of-

rice), Jerry Garcia (Precinct 2 constable), Kenny Fernandez (North American Shipping Agencies, Pasadena ISD), Brandon Brooks (Coastal Community Federal Credit Union), Max Garcia (Community Health Network), Derek Duckett (Pasadena ISD), Christian Bionat (San Jacinto College) and Kevin Venable (AMOCO Federal Credit Union).

Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

Thursday, Nov. 13, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Weekly English language classes. Registration required. Saturday, Nov. 15, 3 - 4 p.m. Board games at the library. Registration required. Monday, Nov. 17, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Toddler playtime. Registration required. Monday, Nov. 17, 11 a.m. - noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 4 - 5 p.m. Family craft adventure. Registration required. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 4 - 5 p.m. Get creative at craft lab. Registration required. Wednesday, Nov. 19, 6 - 7 p.m. Pajama storytime. Registration required. Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is open. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Saturday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. - noon. Tai Chi. Monday, Nov. 17, 1 - 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required. Monday, Nov. 17, 4 - 5:30 p.m. 3D printer orientation. Registration required. Monday, Nov. 17, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Personas que corren con libros: club de lectura en Espanol. Registration required. Wednesday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Adult literacy open house: teacher appreciation. Wednesday, Nov. 19, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Pathways to citizenship class. Registration required.

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
 - Have a library card number and PIN handy.
 - A pickup time and instructions will be given.
 - Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
 - Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
- Hours are Monday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

Online services

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 - Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
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Kenny and Kristi Koncaba



Ashley Byrd, Kasie Fernandez, Rachael Adcock and Angela Stallings (Pasadena ISD)

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce hosted its inaugural Toast & Tote-ally Bingo event Thursday, Oct. 23, raising thousands of dollars for the area organization. Held at the Hope Village Event Center in Friendswood, the event featured an array of designer handbags and bingo games in addition to the group's traditional dinner and networking. Organizers are hoping the Toast & Tote-ally Bingo event will become an annual fundraising function for the chamber.

Burke sworn onto SJC board



Chad Burke (right) was recently appointed to serve as San Jacinto College Position 5 trustee, filling the unexpired term of John Moon Jr. who died this past July 4. Burke is shown above being sworn in by his father Jimmy Burke, who formerly served as mayor of Deer Park. See related story on Page 1.

NASA Aglow Lighthouse invites public Nov. 15

NASA Aglow Lighthouse invites all to its meeting Saturday, Nov. 15, beginning at 10 a.m. at Praise Chapel, 18516 SH 3 in Webster.

The meeting will feature ministering by Pastor Carolyn Sissom, of Eastgate Church in Katy.

Sissom has traveled as a prophetic minister to Israel, Italy, India, Germany, Belize, Wales, the Caribbean, Mexico and within the United States.

Also, she is a participating intercessor in the National Day of Prayer in Washington, D.C. through Capitol Hill Prayer Group.

She is an elder in the Gospel Ministerial Alliance in Brady. She serves as overseer of the Houston City-Region for the Alliance under Bishop Halford of Brady.

Sissom has served the Houston community as Pastor since 1999. She continues to minister as a guest speaker in conferences and retreats; as well as at many churches, Aglow Lighthouses, para-church groups and small groups.

Frazier announces October mathematicians of the month



Thiago Liz Barrios of ECSE received his award.



Jasper Passaron of Able 1 earned his certificate.



Benjamin Guzman of Able 1 was presented with his math award.



Aston Nix of BSS received a math certificate.



Left to right, are pre-K mathematicians Theodore Capelo, Evelyn Tran and Paula Rodriguez.



Left to right, kindergarten students who earned math certificates are (front row) Justin Morales, Charlotte Grina, (back row) Tatum Thomas and Grayson Rodriguez.



First-graders, left to right, (front row) Carlos Martinez, Adrian Aldaba-Acosta, (back row) Gianna Aranda and Kacen Jefferson received math certificates.



Second-grade mathematicians, left to right, are (front row) Oliver Dominguez, Aniyah Melchor, (back row) Chloe Perez and Catalina Casas.



Left to right, third-graders (front row) Michelle Rivas, Athan Garcia, (back row) Ivan Rascon Romero and Edwin Cavazos were October mathematicians.



Left to right, are fourth-grade October mathematicians (front row) Alan Avita, Santiago Moreno, (back row) Ali Ben hajg Salem and Emma Dominguez.

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Dobie FFA advances to area competition

Dobie High School FFA chapter conducting team traveled to Lubbock to compete in the Texas Tech University Invitational Leadership event to perform a mock chapter meeting to demonstrate its knowledge of parliamentary procedure. They placed among the top eight teams and third in district competition to advance to area competition. Left to right, are (front row) Thalia Oddo, Tiffany Contreras, Rebekah Hale, Lyla Crane, (back row) Xavier Martinez and Valentin Flores.



Sofia Solórzano (left) recently won Beverly Hills Intermediate's spelling bee, defeating Alvaro Marrón (right) by correctly spelling the word "conciierge."

Howery greets king



Dobie graduate Ken Howery was recently named U.S. ambassador to Denmark. A 1994 graduate, Howery is shown above with King Frederik X of Denmark. Howery previously served as U.S. ambassador to Sweden. See related story and photo on Page 1.

St. Luke the Evangelist honors veterans at Mass



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church honored its local veterans, including the Rev. Douglas Guthrie (rear center in priest alb), at a special Veterans Day Mass Sunday, Nov. 9. Shown above at the celebration are, left to right, (front row) Don Graham, Paul Manriquez, Larrol Borleigh, Gregory Fotorney, Baron Bunch, Joe Tristan, Joe Carrion, Paul Foreman, Joe

Dominguez, John Tornapene, Denny Mulcahy, (middle row) Jim Towey, Eusebio Cedillo, Jimmy De Los Santos, Matias Gonzalez, Marlon Hulin, Victor Castaneda, Gilbert Ramos, Filiberto Fernandez, (back row) Gilbert Hernandez, Guthrie, Ivan Capetillo, Fabian Hernandez, Robert Alvarez, Harris Beyer, Juan Deleon and Raul Zepeda.

Lariaette of week



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week of Nov. 7 is junior Zoe Castelan, a first-year line member.

Remember When

45 years ago (1980)

Following the theft of his 5-by-8 American flag Saturday, Kirkmont's Odie Asscherick became determined no one would steal his new flag which he secured to a 24-foot pole with a lock and mounted a spotlight to shine on it all night. Asscherick said his original flag, which he purchased from Sears for \$35, was probably stolen the prior Saturday morning from his residence on Sagetral.

40 years ago (1985)

The Dobie High School football team finished the regular season undefeated in 10 starts and won its first 5A playoff game in six tries, 9-7 over La Marque. Dobie would face the Aldine Mustangs in area playoff action among Region III participants in the Astrodome the next weekend. The team's latest win over the Cougars marked the school's 100th varsity football win in its 17-year history.

Work was set to begin on the upgrading, widening and lengthening, of the Gulf Freeway's Fuqua and Scarsdale overpasses during the next year.

The postal contract station at Holiday Foods opened its window for business. The station offered all postal services except the mailing of international packages.

The Sagemont Cowgirls earned the top ranking at a Bay Area Football League drill team competition in League City after competing against nine other teams. Katinka See, 5-year-old daughter of Richard and Norma See and dance student of Sonja Isham, was selected to appear in Houston Grand Opera's production of Faust at Jones Hall. She was one of eight children chosen to appear as supernumeraries.

35 Years ago (1990)

The Texas Air National Guard started a donation collection project for all-around supplies to send to military personnel in the Middle East.

While crossing the street in the 13000 block of Beamer, a 46-year-old woman was struck by a car traveling south on Beamer. The woman was transported to Memorial Southeast Hospi-

tal by Houston Fire Department Ambulance 70.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner rejected pleadings on behalf of Municipal Utility District 13 to intervene legally to prevent the signing of the Brio Superfund Consent Decree.

Dobie's varsity football team, co-champions of District 23-5A, were headed to the bidistrict playoff game against the Kempner Cougars.

Genoa Elementary students Robert Flores and Laurie Chandler were third-grade winners in the school's Punt, Pass and Kick competition.

30 years ago (1995)

Kirkwood's Ralph Ehntholt Sr. and son Ralph Jr., a Dobie High and University of Houston graduate, teamed up to present a melodrama at the Strand Theatre during Dickens on the Strand. Ralph Sr. wrote the play, and Ralph Jr. directed it.

Sageglen's Sal Boridy was elected president of the South Belt Youth Soccer Club board. He was one of the founders of the Sagemont Youth Soccer Club, which later became the SBYSC.

Selena Thomas was

crowned South Houston High School's homecoming queen, and Drishna Ougrah was king.

The Clear Brook Wolverine varsity football team defeated El Campo to earn a place in the playoffs in the Astrodome.

25 years ago (2000)

A storm hit the South Belt area and destroyed Central Ace Hardware's outside greenhouse.

Cynthia Pacely, 43, Daphney Babin, 24, Evelyn Terrell, 43, Joseph Ruffin, 39, Jammie Lusk, 26, and Antoinette Washington, 25, were indicted by a federal grand jury for stealing, forging, and cashing checks stolen from mail boxes throughout the greater Houston area. Over \$60,000 in South Belt checks were involved.

Dobie made its fourth consecutive appearance in the 5A state football playoffs opposing Nimitz.

Dr. B.J. Garner was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the 147th Medical Squadron of the Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field.

20 years ago (2005)

Houston Police Chief Harold Hurtt was the guest speaker at the South Belt monthly Positive Interaction

Program meeting. Among his comments, Hurtt said the influx of approximately 200,000 victims of Hurricane Katrina from Louisiana had severely depleted the normal ratio of 2.3 officers per one thousand residents.

High grass was mowed along the Beamer ditch after Council Member Addie Wiseman was told of the traffic hazard it caused.

15 years ago (2010)

Jeffery Holmes died in a motorcycle accident that took place in the 9400 block of Alameda Genoa. According to police, Holmes, 50, lost control of his motorcycle, struck a curb and a mailbox and rolled several times. Holmes was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital, where he died.

After organizing the annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff for nine years, the mother-daughter team of Linda and Shelley Arnone officially stepped down. The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department would be responsible for organizing the yearly event, the sole fundraiser for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at El Franco Lee Park.

Dean Jerome Wood, 50, the man charged with the sexual assault that left

92-year-old South Belt resident Flora Ryan dead at her apartment in the 1300 block of Redford, had his charges upgraded to murder.

10 years ago (2015)

A mother was accused of stabbing her 2-month-old son to death early Nov. 17 at her apartment in the 10100 block of Windmill Lakes Boulevard near Stover. Rochelle Brown, 28, was charged with capital murder in the death of her infant son Levi Thornton-Smith. According to police, officers responded to a call on the third story of the Longboat Key Apartments around 2:30 a.m. to find the infant stabbed several times in the torso, while Brown was surrounded by multiple knives and covered in blood. Brown's two other children, ages 5 and 8, and Brown's adult sister were also in the apartment at the time of the stabbing. The family had recently moved to the area from Nebraska after Brown separated from the father of the baby boy. Brown's sister told investigators she was awakened in the middle of the night by Brown, who was acting erratically and holding the child in an inappropriate manner. Brown's sister said she was assaulted

by Brown after telling her to go back to bed. Brown reportedly threw the baby onto the bed and returned with a knife. Brown's sister attempted to fight her sister off but was overpowered. The original knife was reportedly broken during the struggle, and Brown returned to the bedroom with a second one. Brown's sister then went to a neighbor's apartment for help. When Brown's sister and the neighbor returned to the apartment, they saw Brown allegedly stabbing the baby as he screamed. Following the stabbing, Brown was reportedly pacing around the bedroom repeating, "I need Jesus, I need Jesus." Paramedics took Brown to Ben Taub Hospital for a mental and physical evaluation. After her release from the hospital, Brown was charged with capital murder. Her other two children were placed with an aunt under the supervision of Child Protective Services.

The Houston Airport System (HAS) and NASA entered into an agreement that would allow the new commercial spaceport developing at Ellington Airport to tap into the federal space agency's assets and

expertise, expanding the possibilities for the growing commercial spaceflight industry. Under the agreement, HAS and NASA will collaborate, providing access to a number of the unique capabilities at the Johnson Space Center, including things like safety-specific training, facilities and technology capabilities to support suborbital operations and commercial spaceflight endeavors.

5 years ago (2020)

A grand jury indicted the suspect accused of fatally shooting former Dobie student Marquis Branch Monday, Oct. 19, in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. Keith Dwayne Watson, 20, was charged with felony murder. According to the Harris County Sheriff's Office, deputies with the Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to shooting at a residence in the 11400 block of Bandera Valley at approximately 7:30 a.m. Upon their arrival, deputies discovered the victim, a 21-year-old black male, unresponsive from an apparent gunshot wound. EMS transported the male by ambulance

to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Deputies spoke with several occupants who were present inside the residence at the time of the incident and learned the victim, who is the estranged husband of a female occupant inside the home, along with two other suspects, forced their way into the residence and assaulted the wife and her new boyfriend. During the assault, a male occupant, who was visiting and sleeping in an adjoining bedroom, retrieved a rifle and shot the victim. The two male suspects, one adult and one juvenile, were detained at the scene for

questioning. Homicide investigators interviewed both suspects and upon completion, all known facts were presented to the Harris County District Attorney's Office. After review, the HCDA Office advised the investigation would be referred to a Harris County Grand Jury. The grand jury subsequently chose to indict Watson, who was subsequently booked into the Harris County Jail.

1 year ago (2024)

Leader co-founder and longtime South Belt community activist Marie Flickinger died unexpectedly at her home Monday, Nov. 11, at the age of 82.



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SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 13 through Nov. 19.

Atkinson Elementary
Remember to wish **Ashley Riley** a happy birthday Nov. 13. **Amber Watson** celebrates a happy birthday Nov. 15. Sing a triple chorus of a birthday song to **Lisa Byron, Elizabeth Cecil and Nancy Vazquez** Nov. 18.

Burnett Elementary
Nov. 16 is the day for a party for **Andrea Hansen and Sharon Sharif**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Victoria Dominguez and Nohemi Garcia** Nov. 17. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 18 to **Margaret Sanchez**.

Bush Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Adriana Blanco** Nov. 13. Send a humorous birthday card Nov. 14 to **Theresa Pardo**.

Genoa Elementary
Ruby De La Cruz enjoys a birthday Nov. 14.

Meador Elementary
The day for a celebration for **Ruth Osuna** is Nov. 17. **Shatira Miller** celebrates a birthday Nov. 19.

Moore Elementary
Light the birthday candles Nov. 19 for **Elisa Castro**.

South Belt Elementary
Send a nice birthday greeting Nov. 15 to **Francelli Montreal**.

Stuchbery Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song Nov. 16 to **Perla Montemayor**.

Melillo Middle School
Nov. 16 is the day for a cake for **Cassie Padgett**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Sing a happy birthday song to **Brandy Knust** Nov. 18.

Thompson Intermediate
Send a nice birthday greeting Nov. 14 to **Arel Casarrubias**. Light the birthday candles Nov. 15 for **Andrea Lerma**.

Dobie High

Send a humorous birthday card Nov. 13 to **Kelley Finley**. Enjoy a triple-layer birthday cake with **Ashley Martinez, Norman McIntyre and Rosalind Russell** on Nov. 15.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Nov. 13: **Jane Tillery, Vicki Brinkley, Chris Herpin and Edgar Whorton**; Friday, Nov. 14: **Gene Sockwell, Justin Sims, Kat Kiel, Valerie McCoy and Tracey Harnamji**; Saturday, Nov. 15: **Larry Soto and Silvia Serna**; Sunday, Nov. 16: **Stephanie Hallmark and Bobby Taylor**; Monday, Nov. 17: **Cynthia McGowen, Donna LaRoche, Blake Robinson and Joe Jasso**; Tuesday, Nov. 18: **Patrick Patterson and David Rendon**; and Wednesday, Nov. 19: **Jennifer Cook and Albert Craft**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Gators finish 10-0 to lead 24-6A FB

Finishing off an absolutely dominant regular season, unbeaten Dickinson will roll into the first round of the playoffs in Class 6A Division 1 as the Gators will host Atascocita Nov. 14 at Sam Vianza Stadium.

Dickinson finished undefeated for the first time since the 2014 season and has now won outright or shared five 24-6A championships in the past seven years.

Sharing the title a season ago with both Deer Park and Clear Springs, Dickinson left no doubt as to who has been the best program in 24-6A and, for that matter, in the Houston area this season.

Visiting Deer Park Nov. 7 to close out the regular season, the Gators once again put together a terrific performance in all three phases of the game while handling the Deer a 66-27 loss.

Deer Park, finishing 6-4 overall and 5-2 in league play, will play in the 6A Division 1 playoffs and will travel to North Shore Nov. 14.

Jayse Washington had an early 62-yard scoring run for the Gators, and quarterback Lorenzo Aguirre threw for 300 yards in the game.

Receiver Kaileb Peterson, easily the district's leading receiver in passing completion yardage, reeled in four passes for 200 yards and three touchdowns.

With the 62-point point outing against the Deer, Dickinson finished its 10-game regular season with 534 total points scored.

Aguirre wound up with nearly 2,600 yards passing to go with a league-high 33 scoring passes. Peterson finished

second in the district with 1,448 yards receiving and 17 touchdowns. Only Zach Greer of Clear Falls surpassed the numbers of Peterson.

Dickinson will now go up against an Atascocita program that had trouble on the defensive side of things en route to a 4-3 finish in 23-6A action.

Should the Gators get past the Eagles, a second round matchup could be against a Pearland team that is also undefeated at 10-0. The Oilers host Fort Bend Travis in the first round, also Nov. 14 at The Rig in Pearland.

While Dickinson and Deer Park will represent the 24-6A ranks in the Division 1 postseason bracket, Clear Springs and Clear Falls will begin postseason action in the Division 2 bracket.

The Chargers will have plenty of momentum heading into what will be a tough challenge against a 9-1 Summer Creek team.

That first round matchup is set for Nov. 14 at Turner Stadium in Humble. Summer Creek played in the state finals a season ago and has subsequently continued to roll this season under head coach Kenny Harrison.

Clear Springs wound up at 7-3 overall this season after pounding Clear Creek 51-8 to complete the regular season.

Clear Falls actually earned the top seed out of 24-6A in the Division 2 bracket after defeating the Chargers 49-35 earlier this season.

Clear Falls, also 7-3 this season, will host a dangerous 8-2 C.E. King program Nov. 14 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster.

24-6A Varsity Football Final Standings

Dickinson (Div. 1, 1st)	7-0, 10-0
Clear Springs (Div. 2, 1st)	5-2, 7-3
Deer Park (Div. 1, 2nd)	5-2, 6-4
Clear Falls (Div. 2, 2nd)	5-2, 7-3
Brazoswood	3-4, 4-6
Clear Creek	2-5 3-7
Clear Lake	1-6 1-9
Clear Brook	0-7, 0-10

Bidistrict Playoffs

Dickinson hosts Atascocita (4-3, 6-4)
Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Vianza Stadium

Clear Falls hosts C.E. King (6-1, 8-2)
Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Challenger Stadium

Deer Park at North Shore (6-1, 8-2)
Nov. 14, 7 p.m., GPISD Stadium

Clear Springs at Summer Creek (6-1, 9-1)
Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Turner Stadium

Lutheran South VB team reaches state semifinals

The Lutheran South Academy varsity volleyball team continued its steady march through the postseason, improving to 30-7 overall with a sweep of St. Joseph.

The Pioneers dominated the first set to the tune of 25-3 and went on to close out the match 25-19, 25-13 to advance. St

Joseph won 43 matches during the regular season but proved to be of little match to Lutheran South.

With the win, Lutheran South will now advance to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 5A State Final Four. The Pioneers will go up against Cypress Christian in the final four.

Manvel victory ends JFD's playoff streak

Dobie's string of seven consecutive Class 6A playoff berths ended after host Manvel came away with a 31-18 victory in a winner-take-all varsity football clash Nov. 7 at Maverick Field on the campus of Manvel High School.

Cam Renfro led the way for the Mavericks, who will now advance to take on Hightower in the

6A Division 2 postseason bracket.

A year after the Longhorns handled the Mavericks at home and ultimately claimed a playoff invite in the final minute of the game, the Mavericks built a 21-3 lead in this one and went on to qualify for the postseason for the second straight time.

A season ago, Manvel

advanced to the second round of the Division 2 playoffs before a loss to Summer Creek.

With the loss to Manvel, the Longhorns finished fifth in district play and wound up at 5-5 overall. Senior running back Da'Marcus Hodges rushed for more than 1,300 yards in his final season and teamed with Marcus Jones

to give the locals a couple of big-play performers.

This season mirrored the 2024 campaign quite a bit, with the difference being the Longhorns' victory over the Mavericks a season ago. This time, it wasn't meant to be as the Mavericks won their fifth straight game overall to enter the postseason on a roll ahead of the big matchup

against Hightower.

So the offseason has begun a tad early for the Longhorns this go-around, and head coach Danny Fitzmorris told the *Leader* last week that, primarily due to the graduation of several key senior performers, the 2026 roster very well will feature a vastly different look.

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At left, Da'Marcus Hodges (1) needed to be the go-to guy on the offensive side of the football this season for the Longhorns, and certainly came through with a tremendous performance. Hodges finished with 1,380 total rushing yards and 15 touchdowns, with his rushing total pushing him to the top spot in the district. His 1,484 all-purpose yards were also a league-high as he helped Dobie rush for 2,731 yards, which was second in the district behind only Pearland. Hodges, the Newcomer of the Year in the district as a sophomore in 2023, was a huge part of what the Longhorns did offensively this season as the program will now look to find answers in the running game in the offseason. Current sophomore Adrian Taylor carried for 507 yards and nine touchdowns as a complement to Hodges and figures to enter the 2026 season as a key performer on offense. Dobie passed for just 764 yards in their 10 games this season, ranking second lowest in the district and just may look to improve that mark by a big margin next season.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

At right, former Dobie varsity girls' basketball star Karima Christmas-Kelly will return to the court on which she once dazzled fans for a banner reveal in her honor Nov. 14 prior to the Dobie basketball doubleheader featuring the JFD girls hosting Channelview at 5:30 p.m. and the boys hosting Clear Lake at 7 p.m.



Dobie girls' hoops drop opener

The Dobie varsity girls' basketball team opened the regular season Nov. 7 at home against Baytown Sterling, ultimately falling to the Rangers 69-52.

The Longhorns hosted Clear Lake Nov. 11 after press time and will also host Channelview Nov. 14 as part of a special evening at Dobie main as the JFD program honors all-time program great Karima Christmas-Kelly with a banner reveal prior to the start of play at 5 p.m.

The Dobie girls will host Channelview at 5:30 p.m., and the nightcap will feature the Dobie boys opening the regular season against the Clear Lake Falcons at 7 p.m.

Christmas-Kelly, currently an assistant coach with the Indiana Fever of the WNBA, was a four-

year varsity standout with the Longhorns from 2004 through 2007 and went on to enjoy successful careers both at Duke University and with several teams as part of a nine-year run in

the WNBA.

Christmas-Kelly helped the Longhorns reach the state semifinals at the end of the 2003-2004 season for Dobie's first-ever state appearance.

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McDonald's Texas hoops start Nov. 20

The McDonald's Texas Invitational will tip off Nov. 20 across 10 locations in the area, and plenty of storylines will begin to take shape as the high school basketball season gets off to a rousing start at the state's premiere boys' and girls' extravaganza.

In the Division 1 boys' bracket, can defending champion San Antonio Brennan repeat and therefore solidify itself as a bonafide state tournament contender as the 2025-2026 season unfolds?

Brennan is ranked as high as No. 1 in state pre-season polls, while 2024 tournament runner-up Fort Bend Marshall is also highly ranked in class 5A. The Buffs also return to the McDonald's event focused on setting the tone for a solid season.

Atascocita last won the

gold bracket championship in 2019 and has had as much overall success as any other program in the history of the tournament.

The Eagles are also highly ranked in several state polls and should have a great deal of success at this year's event.

The MTI annually boasts that the road to state begins in the Pasadena area at the big event, and whether it be a chance to catch up with some of the state's very best varsity boys' and varsity girls' teams or to witness some of the very best individual talent in the state, the McDonald's Texas Invitational will be the place to be Nov. 20-22.

Fans will also get an early-season glimpse of their favorite local programs as each of the five Pasadena ISD varsity boys' and varsity girls'

programs will be in action as part of the respective Division 2 fields.

Nov. 20 action at Dobie main gets going as the Longhorn varsity boys' program goes against Stratford at 9 a.m.

The Dobie girls will open play at the event by first going against Deer Park at Phillips Field House, beginning at noon.

The JFD boys return to the court at Dobie main at 1:30 p.m. for a matchup against Klein Cain, and the Longhorn girls will be back at Dobie main at 4:30 p.m. against Klein Oak.

The Clear Brook boys will play at noon and 6 p.m. at Pasadena Memorial.

Who will be the next McDonald's alum to reach the NBA? Quentin Grimes was a junior at College Park in The Woodlands when he was an All-Tour-

namment selection at the event in 2017.

Grimes originally signed with Kansas, transferred to the University of Houston and is now in his fourth season professionally. Grimes is currently a sharpshooting guard with the Philadelphia 76ers.

A year later, in 2018, Drew Timme was an All-Tournament selection out of J.J. Pearce High School before playing collegiately at Gonzaga. He is with the Brooklyn Nets.

Cason Wallace was the McDonald's tournament Most Valuable Player in 2021 after leading his Richardson team to the Division 1 gold bracket championship following a victory over Clear Brook in a dazzling finale.

Wallace played a season at Kentucky before being drafted by the Oklahoma City Thunder. Just a couple of weeks ago, Wallace and his teammates collected their gold rings to commemorate the Thunder's NBA championship a season ago.

For those who cannot attend the tournament, each of the 80 first day games will be available via stream by visiting www.texasinvitational.com. See the full tournament pool play schedule on Page 6.

McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 20 Pool Play – Dobie and Brook

Dobie hosts Stratford
Nov. 20, 9 a.m.
Dobie main

Dobie girls host Klein Oak
Nov. 20, 4:30 p.m.
Dobie main

Dobie hosts Klein Cain
Nov. 20, 1:30 p.m.
Dobie main

Clear Brook vs. Pasadena Memorial
Nov. 20, 1:30 p.m.
Pas. Memorial

Dobie girls vs. Deer Park
Nov. 20, noon
Phillips F. H.

Clear Brook vs. Cypress Ridge
Nov. 20, 6 p.m.
Pas. Memorial

Note: The Dobie varsity boys' and girls' basketball teams are part of the Division 2 fields at the McDonald's event. The Clear Brook boys are also part of the Division 2 field. The Wolverines will be in action twice as part of Nov. 20 action at Pasadena Memorial High School.

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Adam Boyd (5) returns as a key performer for the Atascocita varsity boys’ basketball program as the Eagles take aim at the Division 1 gold bracket at the 2025 McDonald’s Texas Invitational. Atascocita has historically had as much success at the event as any program ever.

South Belt football predictions	 John Bechtle	 Emory Gadd	 Troy Leland	 Stephen Sutton	 Debbie Vaughn
Manvel hosts Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Manvel
Clear Brook hosts Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood
Dickinson at Deer Park	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Atascocita at GC Memorial	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Summer Creek at North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Pasadena Memorial at Alvin	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Alvin	Memorial
Porter at Kingwood Park	Kingwood Park	Kingwood Park	Kingwood Park	Kingwood Park	Kingwood Park
Barbers Hill at Beaumont West Brook	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	West Brook	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill
Beaumont United at Baytown Sterling	Sterling	Beaumont United	Beaumont United	Beaumont United	Beaumont United
Lutheran South hosts KIPP Sunnyside	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA
Last Week’s Results	7-3	6-4	6-4	8-2	8-2
Final season record	81-29	74-26	79-31	85-25	86-24

2025 McDonald’s Texas Invitational Basketball Nov. 20-22

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Pool Play and Trophy Bracket Results Up-to-the-Minute Games
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Locations	Thursday, Nov. 20 Div. 1 boys pool play	Atascocita vs. Randle <i>Phillips F.H., 6 p.m.</i>	Clear Brook vs. Pasadena Memorial <i>Pasadena Memorial, 1:30 p.m.</i>	Thursday, Nov. 20 Div. 1 girls pool play	Thursday, Nov. 20 Div. 2 girls pool play	Friday, Nov. 21 Div. 1 girls pool play
Dobie H.S. 10220 Blackhawk	Randle vs. Lewisville Hebron <i>Phillips F.H., 9 a.m.</i>	Dickinson vs. Grand Oaks <i>Phillips F.H., 7:30 p.m.</i>	Klein Cain vs. Dobie <i>Dobie main, 1:30 p.m.</i>	Alief Taylor vs. Cy-Creek <i>Dobie9, 9 a.m.</i>	Dobie vs. Deer Park <i>Phillips F.H., noon</i>	Alief Taylor vs. Aledo <i>D.P. Watkins, noon</i>
Bev. Hills Int. 11111 Beamer	North Shore vs. Plano East <i>Phillips F.H., 10:30 a.m.</i>	S. Grand Prairie vs. Cy-Fair <i>Pasadena Memorial, 7:30 p.m.</i>	S.B. Memorial vs. South Houston <i>South Houston, 1:30 p.m.</i>	Aledo vs. Converse Judson <i>Beverly Hills, 9 a.m.</i>	Pasadena Memorial vs. Clear Springs <i>Pasadena Memorial, noon</i>	Barbers Hill vs. S.A. Brandeis <i>D.P. Auxiliary, noon</i>
So. Houston H.S. 3820 S. Shaver	Cy-Fair vs. Friendswood <i>Pasadena Memorial, 10:30 a.m.</i>	George Ranch vs. Elkins <i>Dobie main, 7:30 p.m.</i>	Katy Taylor vs. Sam Rayburn <i>Sam Rayburn, 1:30 p.m.</i>	Pearland Dawson vs. Barbers Hill <i>Dobie9, 10:30 a.m.</i>	C.C. Veterans vs. South Houston <i>South Houston, noon</i>	Dawson vs. Hardin Jefferson <i>D.P. Auxiliary, 1:30 p.m.</i>
Pas. Mem. H.S. 4410 Crenshaw	S.A. Brennan vs. George Ranch <i>Dobie main, 10:30 a.m.</i>	Iowa Colony vs. North Crowley <i>South Houston, 7:30 p.m.</i>	La Porte vs. Pasadena <i>Pasadena, 1:30 p.m.</i>	Hardin Jefferson vs. S.A. Brandeis <i>Beverly Hills, 10:30 a.m.</i>	Sam Rayburn vs. Houston Westside <i>Sam Rayburn, noon</i>	Summer Creek vs. S.A. Clark <i>Dobie9, 1:30 p.m.</i>
Rayburn H.S. 2121 Cherrybrook	Cy-Creek vs. Iowa Colony <i>South Houston, 10:30 a.m.</i>	Katy Paetow vs. F.B. Marshall <i>Sam Rayburn, 7:30 p.m.</i>	F.B. Dulles vs. Deer Park <i>D.P. Watkins, 1:30 p.m.</i>	Seven Lakes vs. Summer Creek <i>Dobie main, noon</i>	Pasadena vs. Cy-Lakes <i>Pasadena, noon</i>	Pearland vs. Seven Lakes <i>Beverly Hills, 1:30 p.m.</i>
D.P. Watkins & D.P. Auxiliary 710 W. San Augustine	Wylie vs. Katy Paetow <i>Sam Rayburn, 10:30 a.m.</i>	Richardson vs. Clear Falls <i>Pasadena, 7:30 p.m.</i>	Baytown Sterling vs. Dawson <i>D.P. Auxiliary, 1:30 p.m.</i>	Pearland vs. S.A. Clark <i>D.P. Watkins, noon</i>	Kempner vs. Klein Oak <i>Auxiliary, noon</i>	Iowa Colony vs. S.B. Memorial <i>Phillips F.H., 1:30 p.m.</i>
Dobie 9 10811 Monroe	Clear Falls vs. Summer Creek <i>Pasadena, 10:30 a.m.</i>	Katy Jordan vs. North Shore <i>D.P. Watkins, 7:30 p.m.</i>	F.B. Austin vs. Angleton <i>D.P. Auxiliary, 3 p.m.</i>	S.B. Memorial vs. S.A. Brennan <i>Dobie9, 1:30 p.m.</i>	Clear Lake vs. Katy Taylor <i>Dobie9, noon</i>	Cy-Creek vs. Converse Judson <i>Rayburn, 3 p.m.</i>
Phillips F.H. 2906 Dabney	J.J. Pearce vs. Dickinson <i>D.P. Watkins, 10:30 a.m.</i>	Thursday, Nov. 20 Div. 2 boys pool play	Cy-Ridge vs. Clear Brook <i>Pasadena Memorial, 6 p.m.</i>	Iowa Colony vs. Boswell <i>Beverly Hills, 1:30 p.m.</i>	Friendswood vs. George Ranch <i>Beverly Hills, noon</i>	Boswell vs. S.A. Brennan <i>D.P. Watkins, 3 p.m.</i>
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	Plano East vs. Katy Jordan <i>Phillips F.H., 3 p.m.</i>	Dobie vs. Stratford <i>Dobie main, 9 a.m.</i>	G.C. Memorial vs. S.B. Memorial <i>South Houston, 6 p.m.</i>	Converse Judson vs. Alief Taylor <i>Dobie9, 3 p.m.</i>	George Ranch vs. Pasadena Memorial <i>Pasadena Memorial, 4:30 p.m.</i>	George Ranch vs. Clear Springs <i>D.P. Auxiliary, 10:30 a.m.</i>
	Friendswood vs. S. Grand Prairie <i>Pasadena Memorial, 3 p.m.</i>	South Houston vs. G. C. Memorial <i>South Houston, 9 a.m.</i>	Crosby vs. Dulles <i>Sam Rayburn, 6 p.m.</i>	Barbers Hill vs. Hardin Jefferson <i>South Houston, 4:30 p.m.</i>	Klein Oak vs. Dobie <i>Dobie main, 4:30 p.m.</i>	Katy Taylor vs. Houston Westside <i>Beverly Hills, 10:30 a.m.</i>
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	F.B. Elkins vs. S.A. Brennan <i>Beverly Hills, 3 p.m.</i>	Barbers Hill vs. F.B. Austin <i>D.P. Auxiliary, 10:30 a.m.</i>		Boswell vs. S.B. Memorial <i>Beverly Hills, 7:30 p.m.</i>	Houston Westside vs. Clear Lake <i>Beverly Hills, 4:30 p.m.</i>	C.C. Veterans Memorial vs. Pasadena <i>Pasadena, 1:30 p.m.</i>
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - **Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the rabbi, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or <https://nastuff.com/>. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - meets at Cross Roads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - **Imperfect Nooners Group**. See Friday's notice.
5 p.m. **New Directions Singles Social Group** is a singles group for those 55+. Meetings are the first and third Monday held in the community room at Maplewood Crossing, 600 Hobbs Road, League City. There will a potluck dinner and may include group activities. For further information, call Carol at 281-508-1663. See Facebook page: New Directions Singles Social Group.

6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for info.
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourtau at 713-875-8820.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.
7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
6 p.m./7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - **Imperfect Nooners Group**. See Friday's notice.
Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from noon to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, ask at the front desk or call 832-554-1180.

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

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous**. See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA**. See Friday's notice.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
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Thompson 8A football tops Bears, finishing unbeaten title run



Thompson Intermediate's eighth-grade A football team polished off a 7-0 season by blanking Beverly Hills 28-0 in the Pasadena ISD championship game. Members of the unbeaten squad are, left to right, (front row) Liam Thomas, Jacob Miniel, Arian Guerrero, Denim Holman, Tyrell Sinclair, Aaden Howard, Julian

Herrera, (backrow) coach Robert Boyes, Xavier Brown, Levi Sanchez, Major Anderson, Rickey Ricardo, Tristian James, David Gonzalez, Jayden Richardson, Sunia Kefu, coach Daniel Sawyer, Markius Richardson, Jesse Hernandez, Jacob Katz, Alejandro Cavazos, Kingston Adkins and coach Doug Sawyer.

Undefeated season delivers Lions 7A football championship



Thompson's seventh-grade A football team defeated Bondy 22-6 to win the Pasadena ISD football championship at a perfect 7-0. Members of the trophy-hoisting squad are, left to right, (front row) Emmanuel Osizugbo, Kamron Parker, Kevin Richardson, Paul Hernandez. Jordan Madrigal, Jayden Hernandez,

Tyler Ragin (back row) coach Robert Boyes, Ahmad Conaway, Tyler Bowers, Edwardo Acosta, Julian Herrera, Daniel Sawyer, Kameron Mitchell, Matthew Mooney, Johnathan Shaw, Bryce Dixon, Damian Lopez, Jayden Hinojosa, Kayden Leal and coach Doug Sawyer.

Thompson 7B football goes unbeaten, takes PISD crown



The Thompson Intermediate seventh-grade B team went undefeated this season at 7-0 overall, toppling Bondy 38-0 to claim the Pasadena ISD championship. Members of the championship squad are, left to right, (front row) Mason Aguirre, Max Ochoa, Jovani Cisneros, Anh Hao Ho, Rene Guajardo, Josiah Salazar, Benedict Duncan, Thomas Richardson, Jordan Bland, Levi Sarmiento, Ethan Hernandez, Michael Aguirre, Dominick Baines, Shawn Monarez, Jacob Arreola, Delano Oliver,

Mason Escobedo, Isaiah Andrade, Tommy Hill, Grayson Duncan, Victor Hernandez, Cason Adkins, Liam Goffney, Elijah Cruzado, Jaycion Kelly, Keitlyn Davis, Dylan Guy, Faith Herrera, (back row) Christopher Hayes, Lewis Adams, Colin Miles, Damien Pena, Benedict Duncan, Davian Torres, Julius Diaz, Nolan Liscano, Devin Haywood, coach Aaron Kutra, William Jones, coach David Saenz, Cheryl Harvick and E'mani Austin.



Thompson quarterback Aaden Howard looks for running room during the eighth-grade A division championship game between the Lions and Beverly Hills. Howard and the Lions defeated the Bears 28-0 to finish off an unbeaten season for the league championship.

Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Thompson defensive players Jacob Miniel (53), Liam Thomas (28), Julian Herrera (10), Arian Guerrero (56) and Aaden Howard (2) swarm a Beverly Hills ballcarrier during the eighth-grade A division championship game. The Lions finished off an unbeaten season with a 28-0 victory.

Pasadena ISD 8A Championship

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Pasadena ISD 8B Championship

Bondy 16 Thompson 6

Pasadena ISD 7A Championship

Thompson 22 Bondy 6

Pasadena ISD 7B Championship

Thompson 38 Bondy 0



Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris and his staff figure to have a busy offseason ahead as the football program ushers in a new era of performers with the graduation of several key performers from both the 2024 and now the 2025 seasons.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

Manvel loss leaves JFD at 5-5

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Dobie is now 11-10 over two seasons under the guidance of Fitzmorris and his staff. Coming into the season, the offense figured to lean on Hodges quite a bit and did.

Hodges responded with a big season as he led the district in rushing to give the Longhorns the league rushing champion three years running. But in many ways, this season always figured to boil down to Dobie going up against Manvel in the regular season finale for a playoff berth.

There's no getting around the fact that district champion Pearland, Shadow Creek and Dawson are loaded with talent this season and certainly performed as such on the field. Manvel won five straight games to advance.

As for the Longhorns, their margin of error was much smaller. Quite simply, there were opportunities in games for the offense or the defense to make a big play that simply wasn't made.

"I'm very proud of this group," Fitzmorris said. "I think the best word to describe this group would be 'fight' in terms of they never gave up and always put up a good fight to stay in some of these games.

"There were a lot of times where we played solid football in one half or the other but had trouble putting it all together for 48 minutes. When you do that, particularly in this district with the strength of Pearland, Shadow Creek, Dawson and Manvel, a lot of times it is going to add up to a 5-5 record.

It's not quite time to look at 2026 in a broad spectrum, but Fitzmorris notes that 10 defensive starters will need to be replaced, and there are

plenty of vacancies upcoming at key spots on the offensive side. Fitzmorris did not shy away from the word rebuild, and says the athletes in the program are taking a break before getting back at it at Dec. 1.

"A big focus for us this all season will be commitment," Fitzmorris said. "I've played football and now coached the game for quite a while in my career, and really it boils down to a 42-week commitment when you're talking about football. Our numbers are projected to be a bit down

next season, but we will put guys on the field who are bought in and believe in what we're doing. From there, we will move forward and make a good solid run at it."

Realignment will come next February. It is not possible to predict just which programs will surround Dobie in its football district for the next two seasons. Regardless, there are no easy paths to the postseason, and Fitzmorris promises the Longhorns will be ready for the challenge.

22-6A Varsity Football Final Standings

Pearland (Div. 1, 1st) 8-0 10-0

Dawson (Div. 1, 2nd) 6-2 7-3

Summer Creek (Div.2, 1st) 6-2 7-3

Manvel (Div. 2, 2nd) 6-2 7-3

Dobie 4-4, 5-5

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