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### Kirkmont III, IV to meet

Kirkmont III and IV will hold their annual meeting Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. All homeowners/residents of Kirkmont Sections III and IV are urged to attend.

Annual maintenance fees and deed restrictions will be discussed, and board members will be elected. Homeowners attending this meeting may be eligible for a discount on their 2025 maintenance fees. For additional information, call Alfredo Huerta at 832-283-4895.

### St. Luke's blesses vets

St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall Road, will hold its annual veterans blessing on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m. at the campus rosary garden. All St. Luke parishioners who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces will be honored along with deceased veterans. For more information, contact Joe Tristan at 713-249-2662.

### CCISD to hold meeting

Clear Creek ISD will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, in the Board Room of the Education Support Center, located at 2425 E. Main St. in League City.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Clear Creek ISD's rating on the state financial accountability system.

### Holiday markets planned

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

### Kirkwood to meet Nov. 25

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held for the last Monday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

### Knights to host blood drive

The Knights of Columbus will host a blood drive Sunday, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Blood is needed for medical needs due to health and injuries. All are urged to donate. For more information, call Val Comeaux at 713-582-5358.

### 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. until further notice. Significant delays are expected.

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

### Sageglen to meet Nov. 18

Sageglen Community Association will hold a homeowner meeting Monday, Nov. 18, at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageglen, beginning at 7 p.m. Special guest speaker will be Christopher Allen of the Bracewell Library. All Sageglen residents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 281-481-2160.

### Hughes/Sabo closure set

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

### Telephone closure planned

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

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay in League City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until Tuesday, Dec. 31.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Deats Road in Dickinson to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access in Texas City from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Sunday, Nov. 17.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Tiki Drive in Galveston daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until Tuesday, Dec. 31.

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

# Leader publisher Marie Flickinger dies at 82

## Flickinger a longtime advocate for South Belt community, local causes

By James Bolen

Leader publisher and longtime South Belt community activist Marie Flickinger died unexpectedly at her home Monday, Nov. 11. She was 82.

Few names are as synonymous with the South Belt community as Flickinger. As publisher of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* newspaper, Flickinger is often referred to as the "Mayor of South Belt." While no such official position exists, few have done more than the honoree to promote the development and enrichment of the South Belt community.

Flickinger co-founded the newspaper — then known as the *South Belt Press* — in 1976 with fellow housewife Bobby Griffin. Though they had no formal journalistic training, the pair took on the job of reporting on the burgeoning Sagemont community, forging and cultivating longstanding bonds with elected officials, educators, law enforcement, youth sports organizations, local business leaders and area churches.

A transplant from St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, Flickinger was a founding member of St. Luke the Evangelist, jokingly referred to as St. George Thompson at the time, as the newly forming congregation would meet in the cafeteria of Thompson Intermediate.

Raised in a religious family, Flickinger attended Catholic school K-12. Her father had studied

to become a Benedictine priest but was asked to leave — for being too strict of all things.

Authorized by the Rev. Allen Ray Doga of St. Frances Cabrini, Flickinger made history in the 1970s by becoming one of the first two women in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston — along with Jennie Schubert — to administer communion, oddly of-fending many other female parishioners of the era, Flickinger recalled.

Last year, Flickinger was recognized at St. Luke's inaugural gala.

In the 1980s, Flickinger was a founding member of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, serving as the organization's first president.

The decade also proved eventful for the newspaper, as Flickinger's role in uncovering hazardous waste associated with the Brio Superfund site earned her a feature story in *Playboy Magazine*, in which she was dubbed the "Toxic Avenger." Flickinger continued to serve as the Environmental Protection Agency's community liaison for the site.



Marie Flickinger

Last month, Flickinger made a cameo in a San Jacinto College South Theatre Department production called "The Pits," which was loosely based on the infamous Brio controversy.

Flickinger has also been featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, *L.A. Times*, *Texas Monthly* and multiple books by authors such as Molly Ivins and Eddie Weller (a San Jacinto College professor who dedicated an entire chapter of his memoir to Flickinger).

Historic flooding associated with Hurricane Alicia and other torrential storms in the 1980s led to Flickinger's push for much-needed infrastructure in the community to improve drainage and combat area flooding. Flickinger's flood improvement work continued well into the next century, with Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner El Franco Lee approving her vision to construct the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin near Blackhawk and Dixie Farm Road as one of his last projects before his 2016 death.

Flickinger again made history in the 1990s when she was the first woman elected to the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees, later serving as its chair. The Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts building on the college's South campus is named in her honor.

In 2013, Flickinger earned the M. Dale En-

sign Trustee Leadership Award from the American Association of Community College Trustees, naming her the top community college board member in the nation. During Flickinger's tenure on the board, San Jacinto College has consistently been recognized by the prestigious Aspen Institute as one of the top 10 community colleges in the country.

Earlier this month, Flickinger announced she was stepping down from the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees after serving nearly 30 years. A retirement party for her was scheduled to take place at the college Dec. 3. (See related story on Page 1.)

Flickinger also worked closely with Pasadena ISD, and in 2015, was named the school district's Distinguished Citizen of the Year. The esteemed citizen was recognized for her efforts in piloting the Early College High School program, which allows participating students to earn an associate degree by the time they earn a diploma.

Dobie High School — the alma mater of her adult sons Fred and Davy — honored Flickinger in 2015, inducting her into the campus's Hall of Honor for her volunteer efforts in the community.

In 2018, Flickinger was recognized by Gov. **Continued on Page 2**

## Flickinger leaves San Jac legacy



Leader publisher Marie Flickinger died at her home Monday, Nov. 11, at the age of 82. Prior to her unexpected death, Flickinger announced Nov. 4 at the monthly San Jacinto College Board of Trustees meeting that she was retiring from the board after serving nearly 30 years, most recently as its chair. Shown above at Flickinger's final SJC meeting are, left to right, Dr. Michelle Cantú-Wilson, member; Larry Wilson, member; John Moon Jr., vice chair; Flickinger; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor; Keith Sinor, secretary; Dan Mims, member; and Erica Davis Rouse, assistant secretary.

## Flickinger leaves behind SJC legacy

### College thrived during Flickinger's 30 years on board

Prior to her unexpected death Monday, Nov. 11, *Leader* publisher and San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Chair Marie Flickinger announced at the monthly board meeting Nov. 4 that she was retiring from the board after serving nearly 30 years.

"I have been fortunate in my lifetime to do a lot of things, but what has given me the most satisfaction has been serving on the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees," said Flickinger. "When you serve alongside individuals who are passionate, dedicated, and focused on student success, it makes you feel good about the work you've done. I know that my fellow trustees will continue the important work and that this institution will continue to be a leader in higher education."

In 1995, Flickinger was elected as the first woman on the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees. She has championed San Jacinto College since day one, putting students and employees at the heart of every decision. During Flickinger's nearly three decades on the Board of Trustees, the college has grown its enrollment, added new campuses, unified as one college, increased its programs, simplified tuition and become one of the top 10 community colleges in the nation.

Flickinger helped implement policy that aligned processes for more seamless admissions and ensured college personnel could focus on student success strategies. As one of the first board members to attend the Achieving the Dream Trustee Institute, she encouraged the college to pursue and maintain designation as an Achieving the Dream Leader College. In addition, she helped pass bond referendums in 2008 and 2015 for infrastructure, security and facility upgrades collegewide.

"I thank Marie Flickinger for giving close to 30 years of service to San Jacinto College," said Dan Mims, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees member. "Marie's positive impact on our college is immeasurable and will continue to be felt for years to come. On a personal note, I thank

Marie for her mentorship and friendship. Her presence on this board will be sincerely missed and I thank her for her tireless service."

In May 2010, the Flickinger Scholarship was established with the San Jacinto College Foundation to help students attend college. To date, the scholarship has assisted 59 students. Flickinger and her husband, David, have supported the Foundation throughout her tenure on the board as gala sponsors and Promise Partners.

Flickinger has earned numerous awards over the years for her dedication to the community and local schools. In 2018, she received the Governor's Commission for Women Disaster Relief Award for her work following Hurricane Harvey. Dobie High School inducted her into its Hall of Fame, and in 2015, Pasadena Independent School District named her its Distinguished Citizen.

Statewide, Flickinger humbly accepted the Association of Community College Trustees' Trustee of the Year recognition in 2013. She is past chair of the Board of the Community College Association of Texas Trustees and the Two-Year College Stakeholder Committee with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

"Marie's dedication to San Jacinto College will leave a legacy," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor. "She genuinely cares about the welfare of our students and employees, and she has helped make this institution what it is today. On behalf of the entire college community, I applaud her commitment and thank her for her nearly 30 years of selfless service to our institution."

The Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building on the San Jacinto College South campus is named in her honor.

A retirement reception for Flickinger was scheduled to take place Tuesday, Dec. 3. At press time, college officials were in discussions about transitioning the event to now be a celebration of life. See future editions of the *Leader* for more information.

## County voters approve Proposition A

### Tax increase to provide flood control infrastructure

Voters in Harris County voted Nov. 5 to approve Proposition A, a small tax increase to provide additional flood control funding. (See related letter on Page 2.)

The ballot measure had been too close to call in last week's edition.

Unofficial final results show that 51.35 percent of voters approved of the measure, while 48.65 percent voted against the measure.

"I'm deeply grateful to the Harris County voters for their overwhelming approval of the Harris County Flood Control District maintenance proposition," said Precinct 2 County Commissioner Adrian Garcia. "This helps to affirm public confidence that the district is moving in the right direction. With the voters approval of Proposition A, we will be able to begin to address the neglect our system has endured for years. It will bring us closer to removing Houston/Harris County from the national spotlight as the most flood prone region in the country."

In a rare display of bipartisanship, County Commissioners Court unanimously approved the proposition in August but it first needed to be approved by voters before it could take effect.

According to Harris County officials, there have been more than a dozen major flooding events in the Greater Houston area over the past 25 years. Hurricane Harvey alone flooded more than 120,000 structures and caused around \$125 billion in damage to the region, officials said.

During this time period, the Harris County Flood Control District has made significant strides in reducing flood risk for thousands of residents. Its progress includes a \$5.2 billion investment in new projects and doubling the amount of infrastructure acreage it maintains.

Those projects have yielded real benefits with more to come, officials said. During Hurricane Beryl, hundreds of homes were spared from flooding because of projects completed in the past few years.

### Maintenance challenges

While the massive investments in infrastructure are helping flood prevention, these improvements must be maintained in order to remain effective.

vehicle, requires regular maintenance, officials said.

The Flood Control District operates a large amount of drainage infrastructure requiring maintenance, and much of the infrastructure is nearing the end of its useful life, when maintenance costs can be higher. Every year, with completion of 2018 Bond projects, more infrastructure is added.

In the past 25 years, maintenance investments have remained flat, while the size of flood control infrastructure portfolio has more than doubled. Lack of investments into maintenance funding has led to decades of deferred maintenance and aging systems across Harris County. Further, maintenance investments have lagged behind capital spending by as much as 9 to 1.

Additional maintenance funding provides resources for continued investments of reliable and stable flood infrastructure, according to county officials.

### Tax rate increase

Proposition A will increase the Flood Control tax rate to 4.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value, costing the average homeowner approximately \$60 per year. This is approximately a 60-percent increase from FY 2024.

Proposition A will create an additional \$100 million for the Harris County Flood Control District's maintenance budget. This will bring HCFCD's total maintenance budget to \$241 million.

### Infrastructure longevity

The purpose of Proposition A is to increase investment in the operation and maintenance of flood control infrastructure in Harris County. The county's mission is to plan, build and maintain flood risk reduction projects, helping infrastructure remain effective and reliable for the future. Maintenance investments will be spent on creating more frequent and responsive maintenance practices and relevant operational needs.

County officials held a series of public meeting in the weeks prior to the election to educate voters on the proposition.

For additional information on Proposition A, visit [www.hcfcd.org/Activity/Maintenance-Programs/Flood-Control-District-Proposition-A](http://www.hcfcd.org/Activity/Maintenance-Programs/Flood-Control-District-Proposition-A).

## Leader apologizes for Nov. 7 inaccuracy

By Marie Flickinger, publisher

The worst thing we can do in publishing a newspaper is give incorrect information.

We printed a picture of construction on Scarsdale Boulevard and announced it was the new McDonald's.

It is in fact, a new Discount Tire. The new McDonald's is not scheduled for construction for another two to three months. McDonald's will be adjacent to the Discount Tire.

The *Leader* apologizes for the incorrect information.

## Southeast VFD seeks volunteers

### Fire department meets weekly on Thursday nights

By Andrew Alkire

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, which has served the South Belt Community since 1972, has a problem: a lack of volunteers.

Two veteran volunteer firefighters, Chuck Tylka and Dean Baier, who together have more than 50 years of experience in the department, cite people's busy lives and a lack of contribution in the community among younger residents as two factors that has led to the shortage of volunteer personnel.

"It's a generational thing," said Baier, who serves as vice president. "People don't give back to the community (now)."

Tylka shared a similar sentiment, saying it often doesn't cross people's minds.

"It (lack of volunteers) is a serious problem," said Tylka. "Serving on a fire department doesn't cross people's mind."

According to Baier, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department has 40 volunteers, in addition to 25 paid off duty firefighters from other departments, with their primary mission being to pro-

vide fire and medical services to the Clear Brook City, Sagemeadow and Kirkmont MUDs.

Tylka, who retired as acting chief in 2020 and is now the Public Information Officer, states that nursing homes make up the majority of the department's calls.

"Everyone in the homes needs care," said Tylka. "They need to be transported to the non-emergency and emergency rooms."

Heart attacks and strokes are just two of the reasons people need to be transported, said Tylka.

According to SVFD officials, the department typically handles between seven to nine calls per day, with one of those being a fire-related call.

"Every fire department has a preponderance of EMS calls to fire calls," said Tylka.

According to the website National Library of Medicine, "Structure fires have become less common, more quickly contained, and often less severe."

Fires, state the website, comprise only 3 **Continued on Page 2**

# In My Opinion

## King: Houston bill rejected by voters

Voters decisively rejected Houston ISD's request to approve \$4.4 billion in bonds to rebuild and renovate some of its facilities. The proposal was the largest bond proposal in the state's history. For many years, it was unusual for voters to give the thumbs down to bonds for public schools. That trend began unwinding a few years ago, as taxpayers began to recoil from proposals that included lavish athletic facilities in particular. Also, a new Texas law in 2021, which required school districts to state that approving the bond would result in a tax increase, put a damper on new proposals. Nonetheless, a study done by the Texas Tribune found that in recent years, 70-80 percent of school bond proposals were approved by voters. But in most cases, even when bonds were rejected by the voters, the vote was close.

But not so in HISD's case. The final vote was 58-42 against. I could not find definitive statistics, but I suspect this is one of the worst school bond defeats in the State's history. So, why did voters so soundly reject this proposal?

I think there were two factors. First, rightly or not, for many the election became a referendum on Mike Miles' leadership of the District. It is clear that Miles is wildly unpopular. His accomplishments in raising test scores in historically low performing schools have been swamped by his imperious, tone-death leadership style, which has managed to offend almost everyone. One of his worst blunders in my estimation has been the personnel shake-ups in schools that were performing well. He has repeatedly broken the old adage - "if it's not broke, don't fix it."

But beyond the Miles factor, the bond proposal was ill-conceived. There is no doubt that many of HISD's schools are decrepit and badly in need of repair and renovation as was dramatically laid out in this Houston Chronicle story. But this proposal went far beyond that kind of triage. Those laying out this proposal seemed to be oblivious to HISD's declining enrollment. In the last decade, the District's enrollment has dropped from about 220,000 to under 180,000. HISD's own projections are that it will fall by about another 10,000 over the next few years. That loss of enrollment is costing the district about \$400 million annually in lost student allotments from the State. Also, apparently there was no consideration given to what effect voucher/school choice may have when it inevitably passes in the upcoming Legislature.

At least some of recent decline is likely the result of the state takeover

and Miles' controversial administration of the District. But far more consequential, especially in the long term, is that the District's population has stalled and is likely to drift lower. There has been little change in the population inside Loop 610, which makes up a large portion of HISD, for the last six years. Also, the U.S. birth hit a new low last year of 1.67. That means that, unless people suddenly decide to return to Houston's core or start having larger families, every generation of school-age children in HISD from now on will be smaller than the one before it.

This demographic reality is what made me scratch my head over the bond proposal's inclusion of about \$2.1 billion to completely rebuild thirteen elementary schools and eight middle schools. The coming demographic decline will first begin reducing enrollment in elementary schools, with middle schools not far behind.

The thirteen elementary schools that were to be rebuilt are currently at 108 percent of the design capacity. However, all of the excess enrollment was accounted for in just two schools, Bonham and McNamara. In six, the current enrollment is already below the design capacity. The enrollment in the eight middle schools to be rebuilt is only 86 percent of their design capacity. Only two are currently operating above their design capacity. But here's the real kicker, HISD is already projecting that the enrollment of twenty-one schools is going to decline by the 2028-2029 school year!

Building a school is a long-term investment, typically 50 years or longer. Given the demographic trends, what do you think the enrollment of HISD will be in 50 years? How many elementary schools will the District need in 2075? The reality is that HISD is in decline demographically and its plan for the future should focus on how to best manage that decline.

The logical thing for the district to do at this point would be to come back to the voters with a dramatically reduced bond proposal that focuses exclusively on the immediate needs. Ideally, the District also should develop a plan to begin reducing the number of schools. I know that closing schools is unpopular but that is the District's new reality.

However, the real conundrum for HISD is that even if it comes back to the voters with a downsized plan, I am not sure any plan can be passed as long as Miles is in charge. While I agree that Miles' accomplishments in raising test scores have been underappreciated, his personal style has become a serious distraction for the District and is now impeding the very reforms his supporters so desperately want. I am not sure HISD can pull out of its current tailspin with Miles in charge.

Bill King

## Leader publisher Marie Flickinger dies at 82

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Greg Abbott, receiving a Governor's Volunteer Award for her emergency efforts during Hurricane Harvey. When high waters left many South Belt residents homeless during the storm, Flickinger organized with Pasadena ISD officials to set up a temporary shelter at Dobie High School, feeding and housing more than 1,650 displaced residents. Flickinger coordinated more than 150 volunteers at the temporary shelter, including members from the American Red Cross.

Flickinger's involvement in the South Belt community also includes coordinating the annual Fourth of July parade and fireworks display.

play, the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off and the annual South Belt-Ellington Leader Christmas drive for needy families in the area.

Always a fighter, Flickinger died twice on the hospital bed shortly before her 80th birthday in 2022, before coming back to battle for two more years, working for the South Belt community right up until the end.

Services for Flickinger are tentatively scheduled to take place Wednesday, Nov. 20, and Thursday, Nov. 21. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Marie Flickinger Scholarship, per Flickinger's wishes.

Established by Flickinger

in coordination with the San Jacinto College Foundation in May 2010, the Marie Flickinger Scholarship provides financial assistance to students in need, covering both tuition and books.

To donate to the Marie Flickinger Scholarship, visit [host.nxt.blackbaud.com/donor-form?svcid=tcs&formId=3bfff4259-f0c7-4c12-9594-b3eddafab6&envid=p-donApixdR02VE-K2bYJdGA&zone=usa](http://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/donor-form?svcid=tcs&formId=3bfff4259-f0c7-4c12-9594-b3eddafab6&envid=p-donApixdR02VE-K2bYJdGA&zone=usa).

## Louis Alexander



Louis Alexander moved into his new life on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the age of 85.

Born in Henderson, N.C., he was the first child of Prentiss Louis Alexander and Lewell Maureen Warren Alexander. He grew up among loving family and friends in Selmer, Tenn., and El Paso. He graduated from Ysleta High School in 1957, and immediately began a four-year stint in the Air Force where he spent most of his time at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring. It was there that he met and married the love of his life, Sheri Lyn (Sheri) Webber on Aug. 19, 1960. They were married 65 years.

After his tour of duty ended, the couple moved to Austin where he earned a bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Texas. While at UT, an education professor pulled him aside to tell Louis that he had the makings of a master teacher and encouraged him to go into teaching. Soon the couple moved to Kingsville, where he received a master's degree in biology from then Texas A&I. He then spent 10 years teaching in the Bishop and Kingsville schools. While at Kingsville High School, he was voted the first Teacher of the Year by the student body.

The family, now increased with the birth of Clayton Louis, moved to Houston where Louis earned a second master's degree in public health administration from UT-School of Public Health. Afterward he worked two years on Federal DHEW regulatory projects before signing on with Harris County Health Department as the chief of Health Planning, a position he held for the next 25 years. At his retirement he was honored by the Harris County Commissioners Court, which not only gave him an opportunity to give a sincere farewell speech but also declared that day as Louis Alexander Day in Harris County.

In retirement Louis, always a man of faith noted for his Bible teaching at the churches he attended, turned his energy to helping those with a need. He and Sheri volunteered for three months at Southern Cross Bible College in Sydney. At Grace Church, which he attended since 1988, he led the visitation team for several years. He spent time visiting the sick and shut-ins in hospitals,

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nursing homes, retirement centers and private homes.

Louis had a unique sense of humor, an encyclopedic memory, an innate kindness and gentleness that drew people to him. He loved people, and enjoyed their company. He kept in contact with many of his high school and Air Force friends until his death. He was asked to be the Ysleta High School class of 1957 speaker at their 30th and 35th reunions. He loved to hunt and talk about shooting sports. He had a soft spot for cats, and always had them around in his later years.

Louis is survived by his wife; son, Clayton (Georgette) of Nashua, N.H.; and two nephews. Funeral arrangements are through Peevey Funeral Home. The viewing will be held Friday, Nov. 15, from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by the service at 11 a.m., at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway. Burial will be held Monday, Nov. 18, at 1:15 p.m., at Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive.

## Thomas Vancen Mixon



Thomas Vancen Mixon of Pearland passed away after a brief illness at the age of 93 on Oct. 28, 2024 in the VA Hospital at the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The fourth of five children, Tom was born on Sep. 25, 1931 in Bellaire to William J. and Bessie B. Mixon. As a young boy, Tom loved to ride his horse, Blue, and dreamed of becoming a jockey. He even ran away from home, jumping a freight train to West Texas where he found work on a horse ranch training race horses, until his father fetched him home. In 1946, he and his brother Dub, riding on horseback, drove several head of cattle and horses and four goats to the new family home in South Houston.

At the age of 17, with his mother's consent, Tom enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He went through boot camp at Camp Pendleton in Southern California. Two years later he saw action as a machine gunner in the Korean War and celebrated his 19th birthday in Seoul, South Korea. On Nov. 27, 1950, he survived the brutal Battle of the Chosin Reservoir and became one of the "Chosin Frozen," a distinction he was proud of for the

rest of his life. Suffering extreme frostbite in both his feet and hands, Tom spent the next year in rehab stateside before completing his service in Hawaii.

While in California, Tom entertained the idea of becoming a stuntman in cowboy movies and TV shows. He became an expert at fast draw, gun twirling and trick shooting.

Returning to the Houston area, Tom ran a shooting range for the Marines while in the Reserves, ending a decade-long military career.

Around 1955, Tom met Barbara Ann Darlene Switzer and the two were married in 1958. For the next 54 years they lived in South Houston raising four children: twin boys, Bret and Bart; a daughter, Melody; and a third son, Thomas Jr. In 2012, Tom and Barbara relocated to Pearland.

Inspired by his tenure running the Marine shooting range, in the early 1960s Tom built and operated the South Houston Indoor Shooting Range, one of the first indoor ranges in the Houston area, if not Texas.

Tom was a member of the Texas Iron Workers Union. Using those skills, he built and rented numerous commercial warehouses in South Houston over several decades.

For 40+ years, he and Barbara were active members of the First Baptist Church of South Houston, where he was baptized on Father's Day in 2008. During his later years, he would often carry a small picture of Jesus in his breast pocket, next to his heart.

Tom was active in South Houston city politics and ran for mayor several times in the 1970s and served as a city council member briefly in the 1990s. This earned him the title of "Unofficial Mayor of South Houston."

In 1999, Tom opened his "Mixon's Memories Museum," a 4,000 square-foot home for his large collection of guns, vintage cars, movie monsters (built by son Bart) and Korean War memorabilia.

On July 27, 2019, the Korean Consul General in Houston presented Tom with the Civil Merit Medal and Citation from the president of the Republic of Korea, Moon Jae-in.

Tom was preceded in death by wife Barbara, who died on April 1, 2023, and sister Jyrrildean "Jerry" Barry.

Tom is survived by his children, son Bret and wife Sue; son Bart and wife Laura and son Andrew; daughter Melody, and son Thomas Jr. and wife Cynthia and their daughters Harper and Grace; sisters Joey Womack and Mary Turnbow; and brother William "Dub" Mixon Jr.

Services will be held Thursday, Nov. 14, at Forest Park - Lawndale Funeral Home, 6900 Lawndale St., Houston, TX 77023. Viewing will be at 1 p.m. and service to follow.

## Elected officials share their words

### Precinct 2 Commissioner Garcia releases statement

Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia has issued the following statement on the approval of Proposition A:

"I'm deeply grateful to the Harris County voters for their overwhelming approval of the Harris County Flood Control District maintenance proposition. This helps to affirm public confidence that the dis-

trict is moving in the right direction. With the voters' approval of Prop A, we will be able to begin to address the neglect our system has endured for years. It will bring us closer to removing Houston/Harris County from the national spotlight as the most flood prone region in the country."

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### Council member Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz shares words

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we move from a fantastic homecoming season into the holiday season, I want to celebrate the spirit of togetherness that makes District D so special. We had an incredible time at Texas Southern University's homecoming festivities, highlighted by their thrilling victory on the football field—a true testament to our community's pride and resilience! The University of Houston also celebrated their own homecoming, bringing home a victory against Utah with a close score of 17-14. These exciting wins added to the festive spirit, drawing our community even closer as we cheered on our District D teams.

I encourage everyone to participate in one of the most impactful ways to support our community: by voting. This election is a crucial opportunity for all voices to be heard, and I hope each of you has taken the time to cast your ballot. Your vote holds real power in shaping our shared future, and I am grateful to everyone who has stepped up to fulfill this vital civic duty in the 2024 election.

With the holiday season upon us, let's all remember the importance of looking out for our neighbors, being kind to one another, and embracing this season of giving. This is a time to strengthen our bonds, share joy, and support those around us who may be in need. It is truly in these moments of unity that our community shines brightest.

October also brought the success of

National Night Out, where the entire District D team had the pleasure of meeting and connecting with civic clubs and super neighborhoods throughout the district. Our commitment to being present and active was felt in every corner of District D, and I am grateful to all who participated in making this a meaningful night.

We're also hard at work addressing ongoing community needs. Under the diligent direction of our Constituent Services Director, Ingram Mitchem, the District D HOT Team has been steadfast in handling community debris and maintenance concerns. Recently, the team assisted in tackling a significant concrete and grass overgrowth issue, furthering our efforts to keep District D safe, clean, and accessible for all.

As we head further into this season of togetherness, let's continue building on the momentum of community spirit and pride that we've seen in recent months. Whether it's lending a hand, volunteering, or simply sharing a kind word, every act of support makes a difference in building a brighter future for our district.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our shared vision for District D. My office remains here for you, and I look forward to working together as we make District D a place where everyone can thrive.

With warmest regards and heartfelt gratitude,

Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz  
Councilwoman, District D

## Sen. Middleton files bill to protect women's privacy

Sen. Mayes Middleton filed Senate Bill 240, the "Texas Women's Privacy Act," to protect Texas women and children's safety and privacy in dedicated spaces. The bill ensures that men cannot enter bathrooms, locker rooms, changing areas, family violence shelters, sleeping quarters, and other private places dedicated to women.

"I want my wife and daughter to be safe when using facilities designed for women's privacy," said Middleton. "Safety and privacy are common sense things we all should want for women and our families. I authored and passed the Save Women's Sports Act, prohibiting men from unfairly competing

against women in college sports. Now, we must protect women's safety from fringe radicals that are fighting to allow men in spaces dedicated to girls and women."

"No woman should be made to feel unsafe or uncomfortable in spaces dedicated for their sex," said Middleton. "Safety for women and children is common sense and certainly should not be sacrificed for the left's radical gender ideology. Women should not be forcibly exposed to men in private spaces, period."

Senate Bill 240 will be considered in the 89th Legislative Session, beginning Jan. 14, 2025.

## Genoa places second in "Walk for Sight"



Genoa Elementary took second place in the Pasadena ISD "Walk for Sight" fundraiser, raising more than \$5,000. Surpassing their goal and setting new records for the campus, Genoa Elementary strives to raise money each year for this cause that the Lions Club sponsors in the district. Money is raised to provide glasses for Pasadena ISD students at the "See to Succeed" event that will take place later in the spring. A huge thank you to all who contributed, and to Genoa Elementary PE teachers, Summer Bradley and Lisette Kearns, for spearheading this event for the campus. Pictured, left to right, are Lisette Kearns, PE teacher; Tiffany Bennett, principal; and Summer Bradley, PE teacher.

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Oscar Salazar Jr. is a South Belt resident, local business owner and aspires to be a Harris County Justice of the Peace.

## Southeast VFD seeks volunteers

Training held each Thursday at Station 1 on Scarsdale

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those (cat) calls," said Tylka. While some South Belt residents from newer generations may have other priorities, Tylka believes everyone should help if they can.

"Volunteering to help when your neighbor needs help is something

everyone should do but not everyone has that calling."

For those wishing to volunteer or receive more information, the department holds meetings each Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at SVFD Fire Station 1, 10510 Scarsdale Blvd.

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## New Covenant Church to host blood drive

On Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. New Covenant Christian Church is having its blood drive. All successful donors will receive a saving lives blanket. To sign up, visit [commitforlife.org](http://commitforlife.org).

## 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. 14, 3 - 4 p.m. Family storytime.

Thursday, Nov. 14, 3 - 4 p.m. Open lab - computer help.

Thursday, Nov. 14, 5 - 6 p.m. English language learning at the library.

Monday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. - noon Open lab - computer help.

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.: Thursday, Nov. 14, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Thursday, Nov. 14, 3 - 4 p.m. Adult Drone Class (age 21+).

Friday, Nov. 15, 1 - 2 p.m. Genealogy.

Friday, Nov. 15, 4 - 5:15 p.m. Lego club.

Monday, Nov. 18, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Conversation club.

Monday, Nov. 18, 2 - 4 p.m. Pathway to citizenship.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies & books.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. - noon Medicare 101 with Ann Jewett.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 11 a.m. - noon Adult literacy open house.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Kids dinosaur excavation.

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- 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, 11 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

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.

- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).

- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.

- Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.

- Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.

- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.

- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

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## CBHS speech, debate team awarded state qualifications



Clear Brook speech and debate team competed at Grand Oaks High School Nov. 1 and came back with more state qualifications and many more wins, state points and trophies. After competing in six debate rounds over two days, the World Schools debate team consisting of Elaina Joseph, Emily Joseph, Khang Ngo, Alim Merchant and Tiffany Tran finished second overall, earning each member an additional six state points. Additionally, Greg Stuart (team president) competed in Student Congress and finished eighth overall, earning him three state points. Stuart also placed first in Impromptu Speaking and second in the foreign division of Extemporaneous Speaking, the latter of which earning him an additional six state points and his second state qualification. He was joined by Ngo (secretary) who placed third overall in the domestic division, earning him four state points, and team novice Schylar Langdon who placed second in the novice division. Additionally, team novice Abhi Kommireddy advanced to semifinals in Impromptu Speaking and Novice Extemp Speaking, as well as Kelyn Tran, Kayanath Chowdhury and Sophia Merchant who all advanced to the semifinals round in Original Oratory. Next, the team will begin preparations to host their own tournament at Clear Brook High School before continuing on their quest for more state qualifiers at Clear Lake the weekend after. Left to right, are (front row) Langdon, Ngo, Emily Joseph, Tiffany Tran, (middle row) Kelyn Tran, Stuart, Sophia Merchant, Chowdhury, Hania Khan, (back row) Jonathan Kunjumon, Zaid Asad, Hammad Tariq, Luke Wills and Kendrick Toennies.

## "BoBo" musical cast pose for picture



The cast of "A Night in BoBo," an original musical was performed at San Jacinto South on Oct. 18 and 19. Cast members shown are, left to right, (front row) Colin Clark, (middle row) Andrea Barrios, Sarah Hunt, Teddi Gay, (back row) Addison Walraven, Reagan Dudley, Brady Carville and Glenna Bagby.

## Moore Elementary presents patriotic program



Moore Elementary third-graders recently performed a "Salute to America" program for students and families. Armed service members from the past and present were honored during the patriotic program. Leia Garcia (left) shared the meaning of loyalty as one of America's ideals.

## Lariaette of the Week, Nov. 7



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week of Nov. 7 is junior Mia Tovar, a second-year line member.

## Genoa receives instruments



Genoa Elementary received 50 new drums, more than 100 new recorders and new bongos from the Pasadena ISD Fine Arts Department. Above, left to right, are Richard "Michael" Holt, director of fine arts; Holly Lewallen, district fine arts specialist and Gabriel Flores, assistant director of fine arts. The students, under the direction of the art teacher, Linda Hernandez, created a "Thank you" banner to show their appreciation. Stephanie Toepoel, Genoa's new music teacher stated, "We are so excited to play our new instruments!" Photo by Stephanie Toepoel



Performing a plate routine to "Patriotic Medley" are, left to right, (front row) Canon Masone, Alivia Castro, Elizabeth Macias, Ella Lara, Priscilla Portillo, Mariana Anderson, (back row) Sophia Nguyen, Gabriella Guerra, David Priestley, Arie Marron, Lorelai Mayorga, Jacob Martinez and Zoey Deleon.



Performing a routine to "Stars and Stripes Forever," left to right, are (first row) Archer Marron, Zoey Hernandez, Lily Cardenas, Abel Martinez, (second row) Adrianna Portillo, Jacob Oviedo, Katalina Contreras, Alberto Flores, (third row) Memphis Alvarez, Emma Rodriguez, Jessica Tran, (fourth row) Brooke Noise, Lance Gilbert, Jenaya Perez and Jonathan Gutierrez.



Students performed a dance routine to "Yankee Doodle." Left to right, are (first row) Edric Samayoa, Allison Villarreal, Edwin Ortiz-Servin, Wendy Tamayo, Anthony Lagos, (second row) Brittany Nunez, Alfredo Hernandez, Dania Carreno, Alexis Cantu, (third row) Ramon Trevino, Leia Garcia, Aldo Gonzalez, Jose Luis Tovar, Dakota Fant, and Kayla Benitez, (fourth row) Isabella Salguero, Enmanuel Barcenas, Noelia Gutierrez and Joel Beteta.



Moore students performed a routine to a medley of patriotic songs. Left to right, are (front row) Lexxa Martinez, James Villanueva, Maximiliano Valles, Devyn Brown, Lina Garcia, (middle row) Karla Ramos, Noah Nguyen, Zoey Gonzalez, Landon Hinton, Diego Chacon, music teacher Sheryl Munn, (back row) teacher Marisol Salazar, Nikolas Villanueva, Alanzo Allison, Josiah Ayala, Aaron Rapalo, Aliyah Taylor, Maricela Garcia and student teacher Melissa Trevino.

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# Guerra, from Navy service to educational planner at San Jacinto College

**By Melissa Trevizo**  
 Arturo Guerra, educational planner for San Jacinto College's veterans services, grew up in Pasadena and Deer Park. Uncertain about his future after high school, he joined the U.S. Navy, a decision that would shape his career and approach to student guidance.  
 In his senior year at Deer Park High School, Guerra was introduced to military

service through a recruiter who promised college benefits and the opportunity to travel the world. He graduated in May 2010 and joined the Navy that November as a cryptologic technician.  
 "I didn't want my dad to pay for college if I wasn't sure what I wanted to do," he said. "The Navy gave me time to figure things out while working and getting paid."

After completing boot camp and training in Pensacola, Fla., Guerra was stationed in San Diego, where he served on the cruiser USS Antietam. The Navy expanded his worldview and instilled collaboration and responsibility.  
 "It became very apparent that I was not there as an individual but part of a team," he said. "I was late one morning in boot camp, and they made

an example of me by making the other recruits work even harder while I sat out. Teamwork and accountability are high on my priority lists because of those experiences."  
 One of Guerra's defining moments occurred during a leave in Oklahoma, where he, a friend, and his friend's dad responded to an EF5 tornado that struck a nearby elementary school. Guerra, alongside other first responders,

helped rescue children and staff from the rubble. His efforts earned him a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and an American Red Cross Real Heroes Military Award.  
 "I'll never forget that experience," he said. "My friend's dad was a master chief petty officer in the Navy, and he was all about mission action. He told us to hop in the car to go help these people, and we

never hesitated."  
 After four years of service, Guerra also earned a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for superior performance as his ship's signal exploitation space supervisor. In this role, he collected more than 120,000 signals of interest and disseminated more than 1,000 time-sensitive reports.  
 In 2014, Guerra transitioned to civilian life and

eventually returned to Texas, where his military benefits would be extended, combining the GI Bill and the Hazlewood Act. He enrolled at San Jac and earned his associate degree in 2017.  
 "The process when I got to the veteran center at San Jac was super easy," he said. "It was like a breath of fresh air because the staff knew about the veteran benefits and all the steps to take throughout the process."  
 Former San Jac veteran services manager Eugene Bernard mentored Guerra while he attended the college.  
 "Mr. Bernard would check in on me and let me know about work-study and applying for financial aid," he said. "Anytime he had a learning opportunity or there was an opportunity to grow, he was like, 'Check this out.'"  
 Guerra transferred to the University of Houston-Clear Lake and pursued a bachelor's degree in communication, studying public relations and graphic design. He also served as an audience engagement editor for the student newspaper, The Signal.  
 "Initially, I was called to



**Arturo Guerra, educational planner for San Jacinto College's veterans services, first served in the U.S. Navy.**  
 communication for graphic design, but public relations ended up being the meat and potatoes of the program for me," he said. "I realized it was a lot cooler than I thought. Crisis communication was almost exactly like what I did in the Navy."  
 After earning his bachelor's degree in 2019, Guerra returned to San Jac as a veter-

## Remember When

**45 years ago (1979)**  
 Bob Buchanan was elected president of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Pony-Colt Baseball Association.  
 More than 300 area residents packed the Thompson Intermediate School cafeteria for a flood meeting. The residents received more answers to their flooding questions than they had at a previous meeting.

**40 years ago (1984)**  
 The city of Houston postponed annexation of Sycamore Valley until the end of the year.  
 Dan Carlisle, a 1981 Dobbie High School graduate, was named Mr. University of Houston at the school's homecoming ceremony.

**35 Years ago (1989)**  
 Houston homicide detectives were investigating a robbery attempt of a Sagemont resident, which resulted in the deaths of three suspects.  
 Despite reservations from Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay concerning undercover drug busts by deputies under Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman, citizens had given their support to the constable's actions.

**30 years ago (1994)**  
 Houston police were investigating the robbery of the Citgo on Hughes Road.  
 A judicial ruling that prior testimony could be used in a slew of Brio trials was a victory for plaintiffs and the de-

fendant, Southbend developer Farm & Home.

**25 years ago (1999)**  
 A 4-year-old South Belt resident died after being struck by a motorist in Deer Park.

After two overtime periods, the Dobbie High School Longhorns defeated the Clear Brook High School Wolverines to advance to the area round of the 5A Division II football playoffs.

**20 years ago (2004)**  
 For the second time in 14 months, a fire swept through the Scarsdale Village shopping center on Scarsdale at Beamer. The center was heavily damaged by smoke from the Food Town to the CVS store.

A 37-acre tract of land was donated by Exxon/Mobil to the Veteran's Museum in Texas to house a 203,000 square-foot building on Scarsdale at the Gulf Freeway. At the time, the area was used as a golf driving range.

The City of Houston announced it was adopting a "zero tolerance" policy to address the improper placing of curbside heavy trash. Residents were told to place the trash out no earlier than the Friday before the scheduled heavy trash date. Violations could result in fines up to \$2,000 per day if convicted.

Plans for a traffic light at the intersection of Blackhawk and Kirkville had moved forward

and were in the hands of Harris County Precinct 1 officials.

Due to traffic problems surrounding Moore Elementary and Dobbie High School, PISD agreed to subsidize a portion of the design and cost of the light.

**15 years ago (2009)**  
 Representatives from several different local government entities came together at a meeting sponsored by Houston City Councilman Mike Sullivan to discuss possible solutions to flooding in the South Belt area for a follow-up meeting to a similar function held six months before.

The Leader received several calls and emails regarding the potential closure of the Genoa branch of the U.S. Postal Service. Many residents were concerned that if the branch were to close, the Windmill branch would become overcrowded.

New York Yankee pitcher Andy Pettitte helped kick off the 14th annual San Jacinto College Foundation Golf Tournament.

The official court-naming ceremony honoring former Dobbie High School varsity boys' basketball coach Scott Talton was set at Dobbie. The main gymnasium floor at Dobbie High School would be known as Scott Talton Court, honoring the longtime Longhorn coach who died earlier in the year. Talton had retired

from Dobbie after the 2007-2008 season.

**10 years ago (2014)**  
 A suspect was arrested after police said he was attempting to burglarize the Macy's at Alameda Mall after the store was closed. According to police, the suspect set off an alarm around 10:45 p.m. He had reportedly been inside the store before it closed, then hid and waited for employees to leave. Once alone, the suspect loaded up on merchandise but was unable to find a way out of the store. Police responded to the incident by releasing a K-9 unit into the store. The dog found the suspect hiding in a clothing rack and bit him on the leg. The suspect was subsequently apprehended and charged with burglary and theft.

**5 years ago (2019)**  
 Atkinson Elementary celebrated its 50th anniversary with a presentation at the area campus. The school first opened its doors in 1969, named after a father-and-son team of former Pasadena ISD board members, Delbert Ellsworth "D.E." Atkinson and Delbert Leroy Atkinson, respectively. Hollis Powell served as the school's first principal, holding the position for 26 years until current principal Lena Rohne assumed the position in 1995. Atkinson was one of the first three Pasadena ISD schools to have a media center in its school li-

brary and one of the first four elementary campuses in the district to have a gym.

San Jacinto College was named as one of the top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2021 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance in America's community colleges. Awarded every two years since 2011, the Aspen Prize recognizes institutions based on strong and improving student outcomes, including learning, completion rates, employment rates and earnings and equity. Only 15 percent of community colleges nationwide have been invited to apply for the prestigious honor.

**1 year ago (2023)**  
 A 10-year-old boy was killed during a gunfight Sunday, Nov. 12, at a Pearland flea market on SH 35 near Beltway 8. According to Pearland Police Department officials, the incident took place around 5:30 p.m. at Cole's Antique Village & Flea Market when an altercation involving Negrete escalated into gunfire. Investigators said at least two guns were discharged in the incident. Police said five victims were shot, three of whom were innocent bystanders. Francisco Vicente Duarte, 10, the son of a longtime flea market vendor, was taken to Memorial Her-

man Southeast but died. Other innocent bystanders shot in the incident included a 14-year-old girl and a 37-year-old man, both of whom were reportedly hospitalized in stable condition. Two additional teenage males were also shot during the altercation and hospitalized. David Negrete, 19, turned himself in to authorities Tuesday, Nov. 14, after Gov. Greg Abbott had offered a \$15,000 reward and ordered a statewide manhunt for his capture. He was subsequently charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

## Thompson eighth-graders visit Keystone



Monday, Oct. 21, Thompson Intermediate eighth-grade students traveled to Keystone Science School in Dillon, Co. The students focused on learning about watersheds and participated in water quality testing in a local river. They spent time hiking, team building, and participating in a mock Town Hall where students defended their position on an environmental issue of whether or not building a dam would be beneficial for a community in Colorado. Left to right, are (first row) Jesse Deleon, (second row) Nawak Sharif, Liany Zarazua, Neveah Bumgarner, Samantha Baraza, Mikayla Gonzalez, Chloe Maycott, (third row) Julian Cortez, Jocelynn Thach, Gael Diaz, Michelle Mediano, Chelsea Garza, (fourth row) Peyton Dowell, Alexander Buntaer, Melody Ramirez, Amber Nguyen, (fifth row) Noah Perales, David Ozlieh, Jordan Jegede, Grayson Riley and Gabriella Gaspar.



Pictured are the Thompson Intermediate trip sponsors, left to right, Arianna Ibarra, Kandace McMullin, Prudencio Reyna and Kevin Paul.

## Over The Back Fence by Natalie

**ARMANDO CELEBRATED 16TH BIRTHDAY!**  
 Armando L. Garcia celebrated their 16th birthday Nov. 11. Wishes for a wonderful day were sent from family and friends.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 14 through Nov. 20.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
 Remember to wish Amber Newman 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**  
 The day for parties for Andrea Hansen and Sharon Sharif is Nov. 16. Sing a happy birthday song to Victoria Dominguez and Nohemi Garcia Nov. 17. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 18 to Margaret Sanchez.

**Bush Elementary**  
 Send a humorous birthday card Nov. 16 to Veronica Garza. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 18 to Gloria Reza.

**Frazier Elementary**  
 Sing a happy birthday song to Destiny

Wilson Nov. 14.

**Genoa Elementary**  
 Ruby De La Cruz enjoys a birthday Nov. 14. Break out the birthday balloons Nov. 18 for Aizlyn Garza.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Dobbie High**

Ashley Martinez and Norman McIntyre celebrate a birthday Nov. 15. Join in the birthday fun Nov. 17 with Joshua Ogunlade. Blow out the candles for Kyle Jurek who enjoys a birthday Nov. 20.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
 Thursday, Nov. 14: Gene Sockwell, Justin Sims, Kat Kiel, Valarie McCoy and Tracey Harnamji; Friday, Nov. 15: Larry Soto and Silvia Serna; Saturday, Nov. 16: Stephanie Hallmark and Bobby Taylor; Sunday, Nov. 17: Cynthia McGowen, Donna LaRoche, Blake Robinson and Joe Jasso; Monday, Nov. 18: Patrick Patterson and David Rendon; Tuesday, Nov. 19: Jennifer Cook and Albert Craft; and Wednesday, Nov. 20: Thomas Marks, Tim Hasse and Sica Marcello.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## 24-6A football trio claims first place

Wins by Dickinson and Clear Springs during the final week of the regular season produced a three-way tie for first place in the District 24-6A varsity football standings, with Deer Park earning a piece of the crown as well despite a loss to the Gators.

The Gators (7-3, 6-1) will host Atascocita Nov. 15 at Sam Vitanza Stadium in Dickinson.

The Gators got the job done courtesy of a thorough 41-13 drubbing of the Deer at Vitanza Nov. 8, getting 148 yards rushing and a pair of touchdowns from running back Malachi Gamble, who finished the regular season as the 24-6A leading rusher with 1,394 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Lorenzo Aguirre passed for two touchdowns and Braden Glover caught two as the Gators

took a 28-6 lead into halftime and went on to win. For the Deer (8-2, 6-1), the loss means a trip to Galena Park ISD Stadium to take on North Shore Nov. 15 in a Division 1 playoff bracket clash. North Shore enters the postseason as the District 23-6A champion.

Clear Springs had already earned the top seed out of 24-6A in the Division 2 playoff bracket and overcame a lackluster first half against the Clear Creek Wildcats in the regular season finale to produce a 29-13 victory.

Trailing Clear Creek 13-7 at halftime, the Chargers (8-2, 6-1) got 134 yards and two touchdowns from Adam Hawkins in the win.

24-6A's Clear Springs will host Kingwood Nov. 15 at Challenger Stadium in Webster in a Division 2 bidistrict playoff contest.

Clear Falls defeated Clear Lake in the regular season finale, with the Knights (6-4, 4-3)

now set to take on Summer Creek Nov. 15 on the road in a Division 2 bidistrict playoff game.

### Kingwood at Clear Springs

Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Challenger Stadium

### Clear Falls at Summer Creek

Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Turner Stadium

### Atascocita at Dickinson

Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Sam Vitanza Stadium

### Deer Park at North Shore

Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

GPISD Stadium

## Clear Brook girls out to fast start

The big three of Chardel Terrell, Kamryn McLaurin and Rezia Castillo have led the way early on as the Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball team has gotten off to a strong start to begin the 2024-2025 season.

While the Wolverines did suffer a loss to state-ranked Pearland during the Clear Creek ISD/Peggy Whitley Invitational Nov. 7-9, the locals served notice that they are poised for a spot among the bright lights this season.

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## JFD girls' hoops shows promise

The Dobie varsity girls' basketball team had a single victory to show during the first week of the season, but the Longhorns have left little doubt that they will be extremely competitive under the direction of first-year head coach Rachel Flores.

The Longhorns were part of an impressive 24-program field at the

Clear Creek ISD/Peggy Whitley Invitational Nov. 7-9, beating Ridge Point 41-39.

The locals opened the event with a 43-25 loss to Atascocita before returning later in the day to defeat Ridge Point. Dobie also played well despite a 32-31 loss to Clear Springs and a 47-18 defeat against North Shore.

## Hightower tops Dobie

Hightower got the best of Dobie to begin the varsity boys' basketball season Nov. 8, handing the Longhorns a 55-34 loss. Dobie

will travel to Krueger Field House to take on the Clear Lake Falcons Nov. 15, then will host Clear Falls Nov. 19 at Dobie main.

Nov. 14 at Mercer

## Longhorns to test 21-6A's Ridge Point

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

Team 56 will now be remembered for delivering the most remarkable finish in the 56-year history of the Dobie varsity football program after the Longhorns stunned Manvel 54-34 on the final play of the regular season to win a district tiebreaker and qualify for the playoffs.

Just like that, Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris ditched his end-of-the-season speech in favor of a game plan aimed at taking down District 23-6A champion Ridge Point.

Dobie, in search of its first playoff win since the 2004 season, will take on the Panthers Nov. 14 at Fort Bend ISD's Mercer Stadium to kick off the 6A Division 1 bidistrict playoffs, with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

Not long after his hiring, Fitzmorris last summer began referring to the 2024 varsity group as Team 56, referencing the school's upcoming 56th season of varsity football competition.

Make no mistake, the Dobie football program has had its share of moments in the sun.

But Team 56 has now come through with the type of storybook moment that often leaves Tinseltown envious.

Fitzmorris even joked that he was waiting for the Hollywood execs to begin calling.

Getting a 38-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Will Joiner III to Tariq Riley as time expired, the Longhorns

earned the necessary 17-or-more-point victory over Manvel with a stunning 54-34 decision Nov. 7 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Up until the final play, the Longhorns had delivered their best overall performance of the entire season in building a 14-point lead over the Mavericks but still seemed destined to fall short of the postseason.

But with 19 ticks remaining in their season and 74 yards away from the Manvel end zone, the Longhorns kept believing.

A 21-yard completion from Joiner to James Spivey and a pass interference call against Manvel set the locals up at the Mav 38-yard line with just six seconds left.

Joiner dropped back in rhythm and fired a pass down the right side, with Riley and Manvel defensive back Anthony Morgan going up for the football in the end zone.

Riley came down with the catch for the touchdown, sending Dobie fans into a frenzy as the Longhorns, just like that, kept their season alive.

"Our guys did what they had to do in all three phases of the game, and I'm so happy and so proud for our coaching staff as those guys put the players in the best possible position to be successful," Fitzmorris said.

"It was the greatest victory in the history of our program when you consider everything that was at stake.

"I'm so proud of the entire team, and especially those 26 seniors that have stuck it out with us this season and have believed in the process.

"This is for all of them. But it's not over. We're going to go take on Ridge Point, and we fully intend to come away with a victory."

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Dobie's Tariq Riley (6) and Manvel's Anthony Morgan (4) went high on what would be the game's final play as Riley came down with the ball to complete a 38-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Will Joiner III. With the final margin of victory of 20 points over the Mavs, the Longhorns were able to secure a 6A Division 1 bidistrict playoff berth Nov. 7 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Photo by David Flickinger

## McDonald's Texas basketball tips Nov. 21

The state's largest single day of high school basketball, with a total of 80 games across 10 different sites, tips off Nov. 21 as the McDonald's Texas Invitational delivers year 21 at 10 different sites, including Dobie main, Dobie9 and Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Dobie varsity boys' basketball followers will get an early look at the Longhorns Nov. 21 at Dobie main as head coach Timir Patel leads his new-look roster into Division 2 pool play action against the Angleton Wildcats at 9 a.m.

The Longhorns return to action at Dobie main at 1:30 p.m., taking on Cy-Ridge.

The 32-team McDonald's field of varsity girls' teams is once again impressive, paced by Texas Association of Basketball Coaches preseason

second-ranked Summer Creek as well as Pearland, which was slotted at No. 7 to begin the season.

The McDonald's girls' field also includes state-ranked programs from Dawson (2023 Division 2 gold bracket champion), Barbers Hill, Iowa Colony, Desoto, Converse Judson, Klein Oak, Houston Memorial, Katy Seven Lakes and North Crowley.

In the gold medal championship girls' games last November, San Antonio Brandeis defeated Converse Judson for the Division 1 title, while Dawson defeated Humble for the Division 2 gold crown.

Dawson, which is back this season, is led by head coach Sharee Sheppard Griffin, a Dobie graduate and member of the Longhorns' 2003 state tournament qualifying team.

Summer Creek will take on Iowa Colony in the

tournament opener featuring a pair of state-ranked teams at Beverly Hills Intermediate Nov. 21 at 9 a.m.

Summer Creek transitions to Dobie9 Nov. 21 to go head-to-head with Seven Lakes at 3 p.m.

Pearland will be involved in a pair of pool play games at Beverly Hills Intermediate Nov. 21, facing Corpus Christi Veterans Memorial at 1:30 p.m., then tipping off against San Antonio Johnson at 7:30 p.m.

Dobie is part of the 16-team Division 2 field and will play a trio of pool play games, each at Dobie main, Nov. 21 and Nov. 22.

The Longhorns will host Hardin-Jefferson at noon before returning to the court at 4:30 p.m. to play Cy-Lakes.

Dobie's third and final pool play game is Nov. 22

at 1:30 p.m. against Galena Park.

Division 2 girls' bracket/ trophy round play will commence Nov. 23, with gold and bronze division championship games playing out at Dobie9.

The silver division championship game will be held at Pasadena High School. Teams will be allocated to bracket play based on pool play win/loss record.

Pre-tournament three-day passes are available for \$20 each prior to Nov. 21 at the Phillips Field House ticket office, 2906 Dabney in Pasadena.

Tournament three-day passes will also be available Nov. 21 at each event game site.

Single-game tickets are \$5 each for adults. High school student tickets are \$2. Tournament games will also be available via livestream by each of the Pasadena ISD's five high school campuses.

To get started on game days, visit [www.texasinvitational.com](http://www.texasinvitational.com), then follow the prompts.

For a full schedule of Nov. 21 pool play action, see Page 6.

### McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 21 Pool Play - Dobie and Brook

**Dobie boys vs. Angleton**  
9 a.m. tipoff

**Dobie girls vs. Cy-Lakes**  
4:30 p.m. tipoff

**Dobie girls vs. Hardin-Jeff.**  
noon tipoff

**Brook boys vs. Brennan**  
10:30 a.m. tipoff  
at S. Houston

**Dobie boys vs. Cy-Ridge**  
1:30 p.m. tipoff

**Brook boys vs. Grand Oaks**  
7:30 p.m. tipoff  
at S. Houston

Note: Listed games involving Dobie to be played at Dobie main. The Dobie girls will also host a pool play game Nov. 22 against Galena Park at 1:30 p.m.

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# Musgrove scores career marks

At right, Lutheran South Academy varsity volleyball star Kira Musgrove and her teammates saw their bid for a third straight trip to state come to an end following a four-set loss (24-26, 15-25, 25-16, 27-25) to Legacy Prep Nov. 9 at C.E. King High School. With the loss, the Pioneers saw their 2024 season finish at 31-7 overall under the guidance of head coach Geoff Stresman. Musgrove, a senior and Texas A&M University commit, was honored with a pair of gold volleyballs near the end of the regular season in recognition of reaching 300 career service aces and 2,000 career assists. A four-year varsity starter at Lutheran South Academy, Musgrove played in more than 500 career sets and delivered 2,030 assists, 304 service aces, more than 1,200 digs and more than 1,850 kills.



# South Belt football predictions

	 John Bechtle	 Emory Gadd	 Troy Leland	 Stephen Sutton	 Debbie Vaughn
Dobie at Ridge Point	Dobie	Dobie	Ridge point	Dobie	Ridge Point
Atascocita at Dickinson	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Deer Park at North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Kingwood at Clear Springs	Springs	Kingwood	Kingwood	Springs	Kingwood
Clear Falls at Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek
Travis at Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Elkins at Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Lutheran South at St. Joseph's	LSA	LSA	St. Joseph's	LSA	St. Joseph's
Manvel at Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower
Anderson at La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Last Week's Results	9-1	9-1	10-0	10-0	8-2
Season record	82-28	86-24	88-22	83-27	90-20

## Lexie is top setter



Dobie Class of 2024 graduate and current Lamar University freshman volleyball standout Lexie Gonzalez earned a second Setter of the Week honor within the Southland Conference after an exceptional week of leading the Cardinals to five-set wins over Nicholls and McNeese. Gonzalez had 79 assists to go with 19 digs and seven service aces as part of her big week of play. The Cardinals (14-12 overall, 6-8 in conference) will close the regular season with Southland Conference matches against Nichols (Nov. 14) and McNeese (Nov. 16), which could land the team a solid position in the postseason tournament. Gonzalez has put together a terrific freshman season at Lamar, as her 810 assists rank her top 10 nationally.

## Brown leads CB to win

Christian Brown led the way with 22 points and six steals as the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team opened the regular season with a 40-38 victory over visiting Oak Ridge Nov. 8. Abdiel Jimenez did his part with 10 points and three steals, while Logan Sariga added eight rebounds and seven points. The Wolverines return to action Nov. 12 after press time at Lamar Consolidated and will next host the Pasadena Eagles Nov. 15 at Clear Brook.

# 2024 McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Nov. 21-23

## Pool Play & Trophy Bracket Results Up-to-the-Minute

### Games livestreamed at [www.texasinvitational.com](http://www.texasinvitational.com)

## Thursday, Nov. 21, Pool Play Schedule & Locations

**Friday, Nov. 22**  
All Friday games are in the girls' division  
**10:30 a.m. games**

Locations	At Phillips	At Pas. Memorial	At Dobie H.S.	So. Houston H.S.	At Rayburn H.S.	
<b>Dobie H.S.</b> 10220 Blackhawk	<b>9 a.m.</b> B- Allen vs. Barbers Hill	<b>9 a.m.</b> B- Dulles vs. Memorial	<b>9 a.m.</b> B- Dobie vs. Angleton	<b>9 a.m.</b> B- South Houston vs. Katy Taylor	<b>9 a.m.</b> B- Sam Rayburn vs. GC Memorial	<b>Klein Oak vs. Friendswood</b> <i>at Auxiliary</i>
<b>Bev. Hills Int.</b> 11111 Beamer	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> B- Marshall vs. Richardson	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> B- Cy-Creek vs. S. Grand Prairie	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> B- Tompkins vs. The Colony	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> B- S.A. Brennan vs. Clear Brook	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> B- North Crowley vs. Ridge Point	<b>Barbers Hill vs. Clear Springs</b> <i>at Beverly Hills</i>
<b>So. Houston H.S.</b> 3820 S. Shaver	<b>Noon</b> G- North Crowley vs. Cy-Creek	<b>Noon</b> G- Memorial vs. Clear Lake	<b>Noon</b> G- Dobie vs. Hardin-Jefferson	<b>Noon</b> G- Klein Oak vs. South Houston	<b>Noon</b> G- Barbers Hill vs. Sam Rayburn	<b>Noon games</b> <b>Seven Lakes vs. Iowa Colony</b> <i>at Pasadena</i>
<b>Pas. Mem. H.S.</b> 4410 Crenshaw	<b>1:30 p.m.</b> B- Barbers Hill vs. Cy-Fair	<b>1:30 p.m.</b> B- Memorial vs. Baytown Sterling	<b>1:30 p.m.</b> B- Dobie vs. Cy-Ridge	<b>1:30 p.m.</b> B- Klein Cain vs. South Houston	<b>1:30 p.m.</b> B- Crosby vs. Sam Rayburn	<b>S.B. Memorial vs. Shadow Cr.</b> <i>at DP Auxiliary</i>
<b>Rayburn H.S.</b> 2121 Cherrybrook	<b>3 p.m.</b> B- Elkins vs. Richardson	<b>3 p.m.</b> B- Cy-Creek vs. Paetow	<b>3 p.m.</b> B- Iowa Colony vs. S.A. Brandeis	<b>3 p.m.</b> B- Grand Oaks vs. S.A. Brennan	<b>3 p.m.</b> B- Dickinson vs. North Crowley	<b>1:30 p.m. games</b> <b>CC Vets. Mem. vs. S.A. Johnson</b> <i>at Phillips</i>
<b>DP Watkins &amp; DP Auxiliary</b> 710 W. San Augustine	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> G- Pasadena vs. Pas. Memorial	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> G- S.A. Clark vs. Shadow Creek	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> G- Cy-Lakes vs. Dobie	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> G- Friendswood vs. South Houston	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> G- Clear Springs vs. Sam Rayburn	<b>Galena Park vs. Dobie</b> <i>at Dobie</i>
<b>Dobie 9</b> 10811 Monroe	<b>6 p.m.</b> B- Allen vs. Cy-Fair	<b>6 p.m.</b> B- Dulles vs. Baytown Sterling	<b>6 p.m.</b> B- Cy-Ridge vs. Angleton	<b>6 p.m.</b> B- Katy Taylor vs. Klein Cain	<b>6 p.m.</b> B- La Porte vs. North Shore	<b>Humble vs. Pas. Memorial</b> <i>at Memorial</i>
<b>Phillips F.H.</b> 2906 Dabney	<b>7:30 p.m.</b> B- Lake Travis vs. Pearland	<b>7:30 p.m.</b> B- Paetow vs. S. Grand Prairie	<b>7:30 p.m.</b> B- The Colony vs. Iowa Colony	<b>7:30 p.m.</b> B- Clear Brook vs. Grand Oaks	<b>7:30 p.m.</b> B- Ridge Point vs. Dickinson	<b>George Ranch vs. So. Houston</b> <i>at So. Houston</i>
<b>Pasadena H.S.</b> 206 S. Shaver	<b>Pasadena H.S.</b>	<b>At DP-Watkins</b>	<b>At DP-Auxiliary</b>	<b>At Dobie 9</b>	<b>At Beverly Hills</b>	<b>Westside vs. Rayburn</b> <i>at Rayburn</i>
<b>Tickets</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b> B- Pasadena vs. Manvel	<b>9 a.m.</b> B- Deer Park vs. North Shore	<b>9 a.m.</b> B- Dawson vs. J.J. Pearce	<b>9 a.m.</b> B- Seven Lakes vs. SA Brandeis	<b>9 a.m.</b> G- Iowa Colony vs. Summer Creek	<b>Clear Lake vs. Pasadena</b> <i>at Pasadena</i>
<b>All-games pass</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> B- Summer Creek vs. Nimitz	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> B- Lake Travis vs. Atascocita	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> B- Hebron vs. Randle	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> B- Judson vs. Shadow Creek	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> G- SA Clark vs. SB Memorial	<b>Cy-Creek vs. Deer Park</b> <i>at Watkins</i>
<b>\$20 on/before Nov. 21 at PIDSD ticket office 2906 Dabney Pasadena, 77502</b>	<b>Noon</b> G- Humble vs. Pasadena	<b>Noon</b> G- Dawson vs. Deer Park	<b>Noon</b> G- Cy-Lakes vs. Galena Park	<b>Noon</b> G- Westside vs. Clear Springs	<b>Noon</b> G- Friendswood vs. George Ranch	<b>Hardin-Jeff. vs. Cy-Lakes</b> <i>at Auxiliary</i>
<b>3-Day Passes \$20 on Nov. 21</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b> B- George Ranch vs. Pasadena	<b>1:30 p.m.</b> B- La Porte vs. Deer Park	<b>1:30 p.m.</b> B- Lake Creek vs. J.J. Pearce	<b>1:30 p.m.</b> B- SA Johnson vs. DeSoto	<b>1:30 p.m.</b> G- Vets. Memorial vs. Pearland	<b>Judson vs. S.A. Clark</b> <i>at Dobie9</i>
<b>\$15 on Nov. 22</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b> B- Nimitz vs. Denton Guyer	<b>3 p.m.</b> B- Pearland vs. Atascocita	<b>3 p.m.</b> B- Tompkins vs. Iowa Colony	<b>3 p.m.</b> B- Summer Creek vs. Seven Lakes	<b>3 p.m.</b> B- Randle vs. Midway	<b>Dawson vs. North Crowley</b> <i>at Beverly Hills</i>
<b>\$10 on Nov. 23</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> G- George Ranch vs. Klein Oak	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> G- Memorial vs. Judson	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> G- Galena Park vs. Hardin-Jefferson	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> G- Barbers Hill vs. Westside	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> G- Clear Lake vs. Humble	<b>3 p.m. games</b> <b>Brandeis vs. Summer Creek</b> <i>at Rayburn</i>
<b>One-game ticket</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b> G- Cy-Creek vs. Dawson	<b>6 p.m.</b> B- Deer Park vs. North Crowley	<b>6 p.m.</b> B- Dawson vs. Lake Creek	<b>6 p.m.</b> B- GC Memorial vs. Crosby	<b>6 p.m.</b> B- Manvel vs. George Ranch	<b>Pearland vs. Desoto</b> <i>at DP Watkins</i>
<b>\$5 adults</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b> B- Denton Guyer vs. Summer Creek	<b>7:30 p.m.</b> B- Elkins vs. Marshall	<b>7:30 p.m.</b> B- Hebron vs. Midway	<b>7:30 p.m.</b> B- DeSoto vs. Vets. Memorial	<b>7:30 p.m.</b> G- Pearland vs. SA Johnson	
<b>\$2 students</b>						
<b>Children under 7 admitted free/with adult</b>						
<b>All Nov. 22 pool play games are in girls' div.</b>						
	Boys Division I	Boys Division II	Girls Division I	Girls Division II		

# Brook girls open with big victories

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Terrell had 22 points to lead the way, and McLaurin added 15 as Clear Brook opened the regular season Nov. 1 with a head-turning 53-38 win over San Antonio Brennan on a neutral site at Lancaster High School. Tied at 12-12 after eight minutes of play, Clear Brook took a 31-21 lead into halftime and went on to win the season opener between a pair of state powers that have big plans this season. Brennan entered the season ranked fifth in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class 6A girls' preseason rankings, while the Wolverines were at No. 25. State powers Summer Creek and Pearland will no doubt garner plenty of attention in the region three ranks this season. Brook has already shown that they plan to be in the mix come March.

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# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14**  
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 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
9:30 a.m. NASA Aglow Community Light-house - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit [aglownet.org](http://aglownet.org).  
11:30 a.m. ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South American Business Women's Association - Meetings are held January - November on the second Thursday of the month at Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Rd., Pearland, TX 77584. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20 cash or check). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speakers. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit [www.seen-abwa.org](http://www.seen-abwa.org).

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 - 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>.  
1 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**  
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.  
5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.  
8 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous - See Friday's notice.  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18**  
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 be a potluck dinner and may include group activities. For further information, call Carol at 281-508-1663. See their Facebook page: New Directions Singles Social Group.  
6 p.m. Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email [huff\\_reunion@juno.com](mailto: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 Pourteau at 713-875-8820.  
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit [www.hascona.com](http://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.  
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11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Southeast Houston Toastmasters - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org. In-person address 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn at (832) 722-9061 for information.  
7 p.m. Houston Skyscraper Shadows Civic Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7900 Fuqua (inside Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church). No meeting in December. Contact Cathy@cheyder@sbcglobal.net or call 346-970-3507 for details.  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**  
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, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Mondays - Fridays.  
Noon Ballroom Dancing - casual Ballroom Dance, open to the public, held every Wednesday afternoon is from 12:30 to 3:00 pm at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to come with or without a partner. The dance itself is free as music is provided by volunteer, Neva Schroder. The city requires an activity card for participants in all of the city's many activities. Call the park office (281-554-1180) for answers to any questions regarding the activity card. Visitors are welcome to walk in to observe or participate.  
7 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous - See Friday's notice.

**FRIDAY, 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.  
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# Longhorns reach playoffs on final-play heroics

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The Longhorns built themselves a 28-20 half-time lead and extended their advantage as Mathews came up with a brilliant 68-yard touchdown run with 7:30 remaining in the third quarter. In a hurry, the Longhorns led 35-20.

Bryce Evans had a big 36-yard run and another

for 12 to set up the Longhorns on their next drive.

Evans capped the Dobie Drive with a 9-yard scoring run at the 1:54 mark of the third quarter for a 42-20 lead as the offensive front including Markel Terry, Alonzo Chapman, Adolfo Guerra, Leudy Matos, Camron Robinson and tight end Adam Perez continued to dominate.

Unfortunately for the Longhorns, the Mavericks scored a pair of touchdowns to close within 42-34 late into the fourth quarter.

But Mathews came up with another game-breaking 77-yard run, with a Mavericks bumping him out of bounds at the Mav 1-yard line with 1:33 to go in regulation.

Evans bulled his way into the end zone with 79 ticks remaining. The conversion kick was wide left as the Longhorns led by 14 points.

Dobie attempted an

onside kick that the Mavericks recovered at their own 48, taking possession of the ball with the same 1:19 left.

The reality is Manvel could have ended Dobie's season by running the ball, picking up a pair of first downs and forcing the Longhorns to spend their timeouts. Yet likely in the spirit of competition, Manvel proceeded to march forward.

Dobie's Desmond Talib burst for a quarterback sack on first down, and Dobie quickly burned its final time out at 1:10.

The Longhorns knocked down a pass attempt on second down before Manvel completed a third-down swing pass that brought about a fourth-and-seven situation from the Dobie 49-yard line.

The Mavericks converted on fourth down as quarterback Brayden Tuiasasopo fired a completion down the middle for a first down, and Jacob Young ran for three yards to the Dobie 18.

An incompletion on second down was followed by a 1-yard run as Manvel again faced fourth down with 22 seconds to play.

Dobie's Julian Thomas sacked Tuiasasopo on fourth down as the Longhorns took over at their own 26.

The rest was stuff of

legend. It truly will be discussed from a variety of perspectives for years to come.

"The guys truly bought in as a team and did whatever it took to come away with the win," Fitzmorris said.

"This is the type of victory that can really spring our program forward. It truly is the biggest victory that I've ever been a part of, and I couldn't be happier for everyone involved. We're not done yet.

"Those 26 seniors that have stuck with us through thick and thin and have had three head coaches in their four years really deserve a victory like this. It's truly a great moment for Dobie High School football that will live on for a long time. It was thrilling to say the least."



The Dobie defense came away with one of its most impressive performances of the 2024 regular season against Manvel when it mattered most. On this play, Dobie's Aiden Sanchez (19) forced a Maverick fumble, and Julian Thomas (11) scooped up the loose ball and returned it for a touchdown during the Longhorns' 54-34 win over Manvel Nov. 7 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. With the 20-point margin of victory, Dobie was able to qualify for the playoffs for a seventh consecutive season and will take on Ridge Point Nov. 14 at Mercer Stadium. Photo by David Flickinger



Dobie's Cameron Mathews (2) bounded into the end zone for a touchdown during his team's 54-34 defeat of Manvel Nov. 7 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Mathews had 244 yards rushing and a pair of touchdowns against Manvel and finished the regular season as the leading rusher in District 22-6A with 1,658 yards to go with 17 touchdowns. One of Dobie's all-time leading rushers, Mathews will guide Dobie into the 6A Division I bidistrict playoff at Ridge Point. Photo by David Flickinger

## District 24-6A Varsity Football Standings

Team	District		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Deer Park	6	1	8	2
Clear Springs	6	1	8	2
Dickinson	6	1	7	3
Clear Falls	4	3	6	4
Clear Creek	2	5	3	7
Clear Lake	2	5	3	7
Brazoswood	2	5	2	8
Clear Brook	0	7	1	9

## District 22-6A Varsity Football Standings

Team	District		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Shadow Creek	8	0	9	1
Pearland	7	1	8	2
Dobie	5	3	6	4
Manvel	5	3	5	5
Dawson	5	3	6	3
S. Houston	3	5	3	7
Alvin	2	6	3	7
Memorial	1	7	3	7
Rayburn	0	6	2	8

## Dobie team tennis celebrates bidistrict playoff berth



The Dobie team tennis squad celebrated qualifying for the bidistrict playoffs as they received medals from Dobie principal Jorly Thomas. Members of the team are, left to right, Maddie Medina, team captain Chloe Estes, Vivian Hang, team co-captain Dulce Mejia, (middle row) Principal Dr. Jorly Thomas, Tiffany Nguyen, Angelina Vu, Jacob Kostikoglou, Logan Pham,

Nolan Tran, Antonio Gonzalez, (back row) Aranza Gonzalez, Vyvy Do, Marina Kostikoglou, Cindy Nguyen, Vince Bui, team captain Pitou So, Nestor Garza, Jordan De Robles, Kevin Do, Rigo Alanis, Diego Flores, Trjah Smith and head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. Not pictured are team co-captain Tre Ramirez and Alena Morgan.

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