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Holiday closings set

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The *Leader* office will close at noon Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed until Monday, Nov. 28. Deadline for copy is Thursday, Nov. 17, at noon, and the deadline for paid advertisements and classified word ads will be Monday, Nov. 21, at noon. The Thursday edition of the *Leader* will be available Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Clear Brook City MUD

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District office will be closed Nov. 24 in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on Monday, Nov. 28, at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side of the building.

Parker Williams Branch Library

The library will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, through Sunday, Nov. 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The library will resume regular business hours on Monday, Nov. 28.

Bracewell Branch Library

The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving. The library will resume regular business hours on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Holiday trash pickup

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

Residents living in the Clear Brook City MUD will not have regular trash pickup on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 24. Regular services will resume on Monday, Nov. 28.

City of Houston

Residents living in the city will not have trash pickup Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24. Residences set for that day will have service moved to Friday, Nov. 25. Residences normally set for Friday, Nov. 25, will have their service moved to Saturday, Nov. 26.

Kirkmont 1 to meet

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

Genoa UMC sells dinners

Genoa United Methodist Church, 12501 Palmsprings, will host its annual Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, Nov. 19. Meals include turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, mashed sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls and cake. Dinners are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. Dinner will be served for dine-in or pickup from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 713-946-2312 or email genoa_umc@att.net.

St. Luke's to bless pets

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

Gulfhaven hosts dinner

Gulfhaven Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 10716 Sabo, invites the community to its annual community Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, Nov. 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call 713-562-4580 or visit www.gulfhavensdchurch.org.

Post 490 hosts dance

The Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 490 will host a fundraiser Christmas dance at Post 490 (across from Ellington Field), 11702 Old Galveston Road. The dance will be Saturday, Nov. 19, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. with music by (the band) The Slags. Cost is \$15 per person and dinner will be provided. A cash bar will be available. There will also be a silent auction.

Jingle Bell Jog at Melillo

Dr. Dixie Melillo Middle School hosts its Jingle Bell Jog Saturday, Dec. 3. The H-E-B sponsored event will be at the school, 9220 Hughes Road. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the race starts at 8:30 a.m. The per-person entry is two nonperishable food items or one new unwrapped toy. Toys and food items will be donated to the *South Belt Leader's* Food and Toy Drive. For more information contact Michelle Rush at mrush@pasadenaisd.org or call 713-740-5260, ext. 72185.

Church hosts Cookie Walk

The Women's Club of St. Frances Cabrini invites the community to a Cookie Walk Sunday, Dec. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon in Francesca Hall, 10727 Hartsook. A large assortment of homemade holiday cookies will be sold by the pound. Come by and fill a container with cookies – the perfect gift for teachers, co-workers, friends and family.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 1. Alternate exit and entrance ramps will be closed.

Detention pond work moves forward

The Harris County Flood Control District has begun work to expand the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin, a partnership project between Harris and Galveston counties that will reduce flooding risks and damages in the Clear Creek watersheds of south Harris and Galveston counties.

The basin is located on a Clear Creek tributary commonly known as Mud Gully or Beamer Ditch near the intersection of Beamer and Dixie Farm Road. On July 19, 2016, Harris County Commissioners Court awarded an approximately \$15.78 million construction contract to low bidder James Construction Group LLC for Phase II of the basin project. Work began in November and is expected to be completed by late 2018. (A first phase of basin excavation is reaching completion as work on the second phase begins.)

Stormwater detention basins reduce flooding risks and damages by safely storing excess floodwater during heavy rain events and slowly releasing it back to the bayou when the threat of flooding has passed. The South Belt basin will provide stormwater storage needed for mitigation of expected increases in stormwater flows as a result of future channel improvements on Beamer Ditch/Mud Gully and other projects, and will reduce future flood damages within the Clear Creek watershed. Galveston County has

pledged up to \$10 million toward the total basin construction costs.

Phase II of the basin project involves constructing a second, larger cell of the basin on the opposite (southwest) side of Mud Gully from the Phase I cell, which also will be enlarged. The cells will function independently but together to hold excess stormwater, each with its own weir and outfall connection to the channel. Phase II will remove approximately 1.47 million cubic yards of soil, and will add box culverts beneath pipelines that cross the basin site. Construction will also involve removing more than 36,000 feet of waterlines, sewer lines and other infrastructure from the old Sage Bend subdivision, which became part of the basin site.

When the second phase of the project is complete, the South Belt basin will hold approximately 336.5 million gallons, or 1033 acre-feet, of excess stormwater. When all phases of the project are complete, the South Belt basin will hold more than 407 million gallons, or 1,250 acre-feet, of stormwater.

The Beamer Ditch channel improvement project, which extends north of the basin from Sagerock Drive to Astoria Boulevard, is currently in design. Construction on this channel, which is

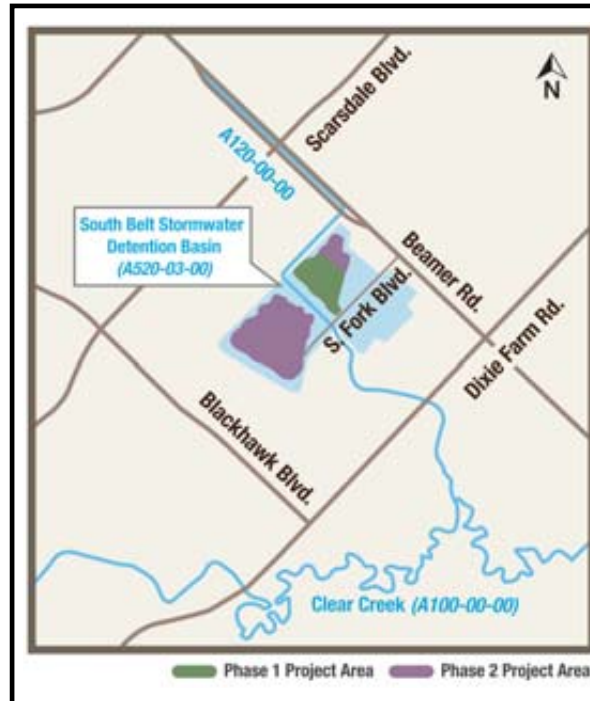
formally identified as HCFCD Unit A120-00-00, is scheduled to begin in 2017, subject to funding availability. Combined, the South Belt basin and channel projects will remove the 1 percent (100-year) floodplain from 593 Harris County homes and 54 Galveston County homes.

Construction-related activities

As part of the project, portions of the basin site will be cleared of trees and other vegetation. Flood Control District foresters have evaluated the site and, as construction progresses, will consider opportunities to relocate or save existing trees around the basin perimeter. Following final construction, the basin site will be evaluated for inclusion in the Flood Control District's tree planting program, which has added more than 230,000 trees to more than 200 flood control sites across Harris County since 2001.

The contractor will use large construction equipment to perform work on the project and to remove vegetation and soil. Trucks will enter and exit the project site from South Fork Boulevard.

If the public has questions or comments about the project, they may call the Flood Control District's Project and Study Information Line, 713-684-4040, or email ProjectCommunications@hcfcd.org.



Phase II construction begins

Construction recently began on Phase II of the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin. Also known as A520-03-00, the 174-acre site will be located in the area that once housed the South Bend subdivision. Soil sampling conducted by both Harris County and the Brio Site Task Force has determined the once-hazardous site is now safe. Once complete, the pond will hold up to 1,250 acre-feet or 407 million gallons of stormwater. Construction of Phase II is expected to be complete by late 2018.

Hellyer speaks on state of San Jac

The following is a speech by San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer delivered on Nov. 2 on the current state of the college:

It is an exciting time to be at San Jacinto College. I always say that I have the honor of serving as chancellor, and I truly mean that. Student success is at the heart of everything we do, and I get to witness that each and every day.

I want to talk a little about where we have been and where we are now, but I really want to take you on a journey of where we are headed. Our college has been going through a transformation. And that transformation has been incredible. Since 2007 we have increased the number of certificates and associate degrees awarded by 140 percent. That is remarkable if you think about it. This past academic year we awarded more than 6,500 credentials to San Jacinto College students. Behind every one of those degrees and certificates is the face of a student – many with a family to support and dreams of doing

more for their children. We are changing lives, and it's a great feeling to be a part of that.

This fall, we have 29,054 students attending San Jacinto College. Of those, 77 percent are attending part time, nearly 13 percent are under the age of 17 and almost 55 percent are Hispanic. More of our students are coming to us while still in high school as dual credit or early college high school students. In fact, our dual credit enrollment is up by 430 students this fall.

We have four early college high schools in partnership with Clear Creek, Pasadena, Sheldon and Galena Park ISDs; a modified early-college academy with Channelview ISD; and an accelerated college education program with La Porte ISD. Plus, all six of the independent school districts in our taxing district offer dual credit opportunities, in conjunction with us, to their students. These are important partnerships and programs that are getting students into college

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Veteran killed on Veterans Day

A U.S. Navy veteran was killed in a car crash on Veterans Day Friday, Nov. 11, in the 12500 block of the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua.

Adrian Herrera of South Houston was wearing his Navy uniform in honor of the holiday at the time of the accident.

According to the Houston Police Department, Herrera, 31, was traveling south on the frontage road in a blue Honda Civic around 4:30 p.m. when he attempted to enter the freeway at a high

rate of speed. Herrera then lost control of his vehicle and struck a concrete pillar.

Herrera was pronounced dead at the scene. No other vehicles or individuals were involved in this incident.

The investigation was continuing at press time Wednesday.

Herrera served three tours in Iraq with the U.S. Navy and was active in the VFW when he came home a few years ago.

Woman run over at Alameda Mall

Houston police are searching for a suspect accused of purposely running over a woman in the Alameda Mall parking lot early Tuesday, Nov. 15.

According to Houston Police Department spokeswoman Jodi Silva, the incident took place around 6 a.m. as the woman was walking south through the parking lot to Burlington Coat Factory, where she is currently employed.

As she was walking, she was struck by a silver two-door sports car.

After striking the woman, the driver then put the vehicle in reverse and backed over the woman.

The driver then fled west out of the parking lot and onto Kingspoint.

The victim was transported to Clear Lake Regional Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. She was reportedly still conscious after the incident.

The woman told investigators she did not know the attacker.

The suspect is merely described as a Hispanic male between 20 and 30 years old.

Anyone with any information about this incident is urged to contact HPD's Hit and Run Division at 713-247-4072.

Drunk driver charged in death

An alleged drunk driver was arrested Saturday, Nov. 12, following a fatal accident at the intersection of Beamer and Rex near FM 2351.

According to the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Joshua Parsons was driving east at a high rate of speed in the 4000 block of Rex in a 1992 Chevrolet Camaro around 11:30 a.m. when he failed to stop at the stop sign at the T-intersection of Rex and Beamer. Parsons lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a ditch, causing the vehicle to flip.

Stephen Mason Montgomery Jr. of Friends-

wood was pronounced dead at the scene. Montgomery, 22, was a backseat passenger in the vehicle.

Parsons, 22, was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. A front-seat passenger was treated at the scene for minor injuries and was released.

A sobriety test determined Parsons was intoxicated at the time of the crash. He has been charged with intoxication manslaughter.

The accident was still under investigation at press time.

Dobie student caught with gun

A Dobie High School student was arrested Monday, Nov. 14, for carrying a firearm on campus.

The juvenile student was apprehended by officers from the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department without incident, following an anonymous tip.

At no point did the student ever display the weapon or threaten anybody with it, school officials said.

In addition to any criminal punishment, the student will be expelled from school and will not be allowed back on campus.

This marked the second time in roughly five weeks that such an incident took place at the area school.

The first episode occurred Thursday, Oct. 6. That incident took place at Dobie East, away from the main campus.

Again in that case, school officials were alerted of the gun by way of an anonymous tip. That student was also expelled from school.

District officials are asking for the public's assistance in preventing similar instances from taking place in the future.

"We need community members to do their part," a PISD administrator told the *Leader*. "If good citizens see something in the community that may carry over to the school, notify the authorities."

School officials sent the following phone message to parents after Monday's event:

"In an attempt to keep the lines of communication open, this afternoon, a student was arrested at Dobie High School for possession of a firearm on school property. Immediately upon notification from an anonymous tip, campus administration contacted Pasadena ISD Police, which prompted immediate action and a student was arrested."

"The Student Code of Conduct clearly addresses the topic of students bringing weapons to school: 'A student shall be expelled from a school if the student, on school property ... uses, exhibits, or possesses a firearm.'"

"School security is an effort requiring cooperation among educators, law enforcement, parents and students. If you or your child witnesses something harmful or that may cause harm, please report it to the proper authorities."

SWAT standoff leads to arrest

A man was arrested early Wednesday, Nov. 16, following a SWAT standoff at his apartment on Edgebrook near Highway 3.

The incident began around 12:40 a.m. when Houston police responded to an assault in progress call at the Arlington Place Apartments, in which the man was allegedly beating his wife.

When police arrived at the scene, the man reportedly brandished an AR-15 assault rifle and refused to either leave the apartment or let his wife or three children leave.

Authorities then called in a SWAT team for assistance in talking the man out of the apart-

ment.

After negotiating with the suspect through a loud speaker for roughly one hour, the man exited the apartment. While the man was now unarmed, he reportedly resisted arrest, prompting the SWAT officers to use a Taser to subdue him.

No one was injured in the incident, police said.

While no charges had formally been filed at press time, the suspect, Aranis Salgado, 34, is facing a charge of deadly conduct. The investigation was ongoing, and additional charges might follow, according to police.

Lt. Gov. Patrick visits SJC



Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick (center) recently served as the keynote speaker at the Houston Ship Channel Industry Luncheon, held at San Jacinto College South on Tuesday, Nov. 1. Pictured above at the event with Patrick are, left to right, Hector Rivero, president and CEO of Texas Chemical Council and Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor of San Jacinto College. Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Muecke: Veterans appreciated

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic church, Father Doug Guthrie, and the Knights of Columbus honored the veterans today and what a wonderful celebration.

The K C's, dressed in full Knights uniform, led the entrance with the American flag, stood at attention so the veterans could pass and be seated. The lead vet was WW II and then a Korean vet. Then a member in dress uniform of each active military service who then brought up the gifts.

Father had an impressive service and homily addressing the vets. After mass each service was asked to stand and the entire church applauded.

We then went to the social hall and the KC's honored all vets with a great and enjoyable breakfast. One vet built enough for each vet to receive a small concrete base which held an American Flag. Vets do not burn or stump on the American flag, they honor it. They understand having served their country. Over all, it was really impressive and each vet was so honored to be recognized.

Jim Muecke

Adeline changing grocery stores

Publisher's note: It is the Leader's policy not to use business names. The names contained in this letter have been replaced.

I wanted first and foremost thank My old store for having had been my store for all my families shopping and prescription needs including holidays ordering. Even getting gas and getting coupons but I write to inform you to remove me from all my old store locals.

I am sorry to inform that on Thursday, Nov. 3 I entered into your store with my mother an 83yr old elder with dementia to pick up her prescription. While there as accustomed I proceeded to get some groceries total \$130.00. We walked to my vehicle and unloaded the groceries, upon finishing and grabbing my purse an orange vehicle zoom really close to me and yanked my purse with all my personal belonging and iPhone and not to mention my mothers wallet. I fought to keep my purse but could not fight the force as the gentleman speeded away leaving me clenched and screaming my lungs for help and hysterically crying. My poor elderly mother did not know what happened as she say me screaming and crying. Thank-goodness for all the people who came around to calm me and assist by calling the police for me since I did not even have phone to make a call as another ran into the store to tell security, oops no security so call management.

Management came out asking me if I wanted to come in as he noticed how devastated I was with my elderly mother. I was offered water and thanked him shortly about whiting a few minutes the police arrived to take my declaration. The police officer asked My old store for tape of the surveillance cameras to my surprise the management informed the officer they have no cameras operating all they had was one in the front. Officer told management to get them that copy then as this vehicle was seen circling the area, guess what they would try to see if they could obtain it since they were having some issues with prevention. Not understanding this and being so devastated I continue to follow the officers to my vehicle where I had to explain to them step by step all that happened.

I was given an incident number and suggested to call them once I got more information from my bank if any transactions were made with my credit cards. \$800.00 gone days of calling credit cards closing all accounts having to spend an entire day at the BMW to get a new license and at the bank to report claims. My work ID was taken, my prescription was taken social security cards for both I and mother. She is 83 years old she does not have her birth certificate she only had that one state ID. I have had to make many calls and today continue to make more calls as I remember in more details all things I had. Yes makeup valued in over \$150+, purse valued at over \$300.00 iPhone \$600 all for which I am having to spend more money to replace. Yes they are material and I am glad my life is safe but I worked very hard for all my belonging and I always had such great confidence in My old store it was my family store.

I would almost go daily I loved shopping there. The police officer suggested I find elsewhere to go since they had been called there several times already that week. I assured him I would not stop foot in My old store for a long time if ever again. The officer was so sweet and kind and caring and provided many tips he said wrap my purse over the shoulder and in the future when shopping put it in the trunk as I unload etc and etc.

My question is if this has happened in the past why did My old store not post a sign and tell visitors to check their surroundings due to robbery in the area. Had I seen a sign like that I would have been more careful and watchful but as I mentioned prior I went into My old store calm as it is my family store.

I would of never ever thought of a devastating thing to happen to me, not at my My old store. It would of been nice to have been asked by the management my name and address and had received a letter of apologies for the incidence reassuring me that My old store if sorry for what happened and would like for I to not fear coming back into their store and will continue to watch for all the customers, but hell not nothing I got a bottle of water and was sent home with the police saying sorry.

My new store now has a new shopper but My old store has lost me and many of my friends as I have mentioned to them the incidence they swear they heard of this happening but never taught at our store and swear not go to back. Incident occurred at 6:50pm it was not even dark outside. I don't know the store number

Julian. Franklin

Letters submitted to the Leader are not edited for spelling or grammar. Also, the use of capital letters for emphasis by the author is not included.

nor the managers name.

I will have all my prescriptions and mothers re-directed elsewhere also. I will also be in contact with the area newspaper informing them of this incidence. I have since not been able to sleep as all I can visualize is this big hand stretching from out to car to grab. I have since been terrified to leave the house for fear I might be robbed and all this could have been avoided had My old store alerted me of what was happening. I know it is not all My old store fault and we live in a society where greed and scums are all around us but I am very alert and am very swift and smart mouth, sassy what have you. I blame myself so much also for confiding in the comfort of my family store, OMG how I could have been so stupid. Well, it is all over and I just hope with time I can let this pass.

Thank you My old store as I have now enrolled and am seeking my license to carry a gun. As I know walk in fear. Much success and goodbye.

Kindly, Adeline Rosa and family

Response to religion, government letter

A Response to Robert Semier's Question about Religion and Government

I think it is important to recognize a distinction between prohibiting an activity and prohibiting a government agent from instituting an activity. You stated that "... we have removed prayer from schools, athletic events, restricted prayer in the military, to name a few." But that is simply not true. Prayer has never been disallowed in schools or at athletic events. Nothing prevents you from praying during a football game. Nothing prevents your children or grandchildren from praying in school at the start of the school day, before a test, before eating, or at any other time. Nothing prevents a teacher from quietly praying during the school day. The restriction is on the teachers leading your children and grandchildren in prayer.

This is a very important distinction and it is one that any freedom loving, God-fearing American should strongly support and uphold. Do you want your child's Muslim teacher to tell everyone that in order for their prayers to be heard they must face Mecca and put their forehead to the ground? Do you want your child's Hindu teacher to tell the children they can choose any of their 10,000 plus gods to pray to during prayer time? I know that I don't want that from my child's teachers. I will teach my child religion and I will trust that the schools will focus on less controversial core subjects like Math, Science, History, and so on.

Every public school in Texas has a morning ritual. It happens in every single Texas public school from pre-kindergarten through high school. It happens every single school day, every single year and it has been happening with this consistency for decades. Every morning, every child is asked to stand for the pledge of allegiance to our national flag. They are asked to recite the pledge, including the words "under God," even though those words were not part of the original pledge and were only added a few decades ago (1954). They are then asked to recite the state pledge, including the words "under God," which were not part of the original state pledge and were only added a few years ago (2007). Then every school child in the entire state of Texas is asked to remain standing for a "moment of silence and personal reflection."

This quiet, moment of silence can be used by any child (and it usually is) to silently pray if they so choose, but there will be no teacher telling them how to pray or TO whom to pray. that is what was taken out of schools: a teacher-led prayer. Now each child is free to pray how their family has taught them.

When it comes to public gatherings like sporting events, it is no different. You have every right to pray whenever you want during, before, or after the game. No one can stop you, and if they try they cannot be arrested. Your right to free speech cannot be violated in such situations.

However, your right to pray does not override everyone else's right to not participate in your personal prayer. When people feel the compulsion to broadcast their prayers over loudspeakers and force everyone in the stadium to stop what they are doing and listen to the prayer-giver pontificate, it becomes blatantly artificial. Most people who pray feel that prayers are heard by the gods without the use of amplification through the stadiums sound equipment.

So the only reason I can fathom why someone would insist on having their prayer broadcast in this way is that the don't want to pray quite as much as they want everyone to see them pray and have a stadium full of people hear them pray. These people fall into the category of hypocrites that Christ warned His followers about in Matthew 6:5-6

"5. And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. Truly I tell you, they already have their reward. 6. But when you pray, go into your inner room, shut your door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

By all means, pray whenever you want, to whomever you want, about whatever you want, and in whatever manner you want. But recognize that our government cannot grant your prayer habits a higher status than any other group's prayer habits.

Which means, if you insist on having your Christian prayers broadcast at sporting events (against the very words of the God you are praying to), then know that you are opening a door for every other religion to have that same opportunity. Sporting events are about the athletes competing, not about religions competing. Let's using sporting events to focus on the athletes and let's leave prayer at home in the closets where it belongs.

Elected officials share their words

In defense of freedom

By U.S. Rep. Pete Olson

It is fitting that we celebrate and honor our veterans on the same week as a major national election that has brought sweeping change to America. It is only because of the sacrifice and dedication of the brave men and women of our Armed Forces that we are able to hold free and fair elections.

For those who performed their civic duty this week and got out to vote, thank you. I appreciate your support and hope we can continue working together in the future. In 2017, we have an historic opportunity to pave a better way forward for our nation. We can dismantle Obamacare, reform our tax code, secure

our border, and most importantly fund our troops to the levels necessary to keep our nation safe.

Under President Obama, our military has been weakened and withdrawn from the world, at the exact moment when our world poses the most danger to us here at home. As a Navy veteran myself, this disgusts me and I am excited to work with President Trump as we build our military back up.

Again, thank you to all who have served our nation's military. We are here today because of you. Now it's time to build our nation in a manner that honors your sacrifice.

Thompson attends district chess tournament

The Thompson Chess Club recently attended the Pasadena Independent School District Chess Tournament held at Beverly Hills Intermediate. Students showed their Thompson pride with community, camaraderie, and good sportsmanship during the tournament, and everyone had a great time.



Shown in chess action at the district tournament are, left to right, Keegan Ashworth and Andre Barrientos.



Matthew Mendiola gives a "thumbs up" during his chess game.



Left to right are (front row) Matthew Mendiola, (back row) Keegan Ashworth, Andre Barrientos and Edward Ashmawee, Thompson Texas history teacher who assisted with the competition. Not pictured is Matthew Collins.

Photos submitted

Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan

A member of multiple South Belt Facebook pages, Jeff Turnipseed, has organized a donation drive for school supplies to local schools to bring awareness of the need for school supplies of which teachers run out and are in need of replenishing during the school year. Teachers from Melillo Middle School have composed a list of the most needed supplies that must be replenished throughout the year such as pencils, stickers that are used for rewards, map pencils, erasers, dividers, pencil pouches and small pencil sharpeners.

The supplies may be taken directly to Melillo, 9220 Hughes Road, or sent with a student attending the school with a note letting the staff know of the donation. Turnipseed

is continuing on working on contacting other local schools to gather a list of school supplies needed.

For additional information on donations of school supplies, contact sixth grade counselor of Melillo Middle School, Jacqueline M. Carmona at jcarmona@pasadenaisd.org.

Dobie High School will be hosting the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament Thursday, Nov. 17 through Saturday, Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day in the gym. For more information, visit texasinvitational.com/calendar or call 713-740-5388.

Members of the Sagemont Civic Club Facebook page held a meeting Monday, Nov. 14 at the Sagemont Park Community Center. Many ideas

were discussed at the meeting such as neighbors helping neighbors, supporting the Leader's toy and food drive, contacting Centerpoint about the non-functioning street lights, crime, trash cans, and much more.

This information can be found on the Sagemont Civic Club Facebook page. Members of many South Belt Facebook pages have been warning the community on being cautious of ordering items to be shipped to homes because of the upcoming holidays.

Some ideas included getting items shipped to one's place of employment or to a family or friend's house when they will be home during the time of delivery.

This will help lessen the chance of packages getting stolen.

Death

Esperanza Santiago



Esperanza Morales Santiago, 69, died peacefully on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016, with her three daughters by her side, after a long battle with

cancer. It was on her late husband, Carlos Santiago Jr.'s, birthday.

Throughout her life, she was a dedicated wife and mother, who sacrificed herself to take care of her family. Even during her toughest times battling cancer, she found the strength within her to counsel and comfort family and friends.

She taught her family many life lessons and the importance of religion. Her grandchildren meant the world to her, and that is for whom she lived. She was their special "Momo."

Santiago is survived by her brothers, Horacio and Juan Morales (sister-in-law Sophia Morales); sisters Lupe Morales Gutierrez and Ana Rios; daughters Melissa

Castillo, Melinda Santiago and Carla Santiago; sons-in-law Christopher Castillo and Micheal Nevills; grandchildren Carlos Joseph Nevills, Elijah Zavala and Charli Hope Nevills; many nieces and nephews; and her family from Mexico City.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home, Beamer Chapel, with a rosary to be recited at 7 p.m.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road.

The Rite of Committal will follow at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery. A reception will follow at St. Luke's social hall.

Lariaettes Winter Dance Clinic Dec. 10

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

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

Lunch will be provided. Preregistration is \$40 and is due Monday, Nov. 28, or at the door is \$50, cash or money order only.

Participants of the clinic will also have the opportunity to perform in the Lariaette Spring Show April 6-8, 2017. For information, contact Myrna Alanis at myrnaalanis@yahoo.com.

Genealogy group meets Nov. 21

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Nov. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer.

This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Volunteers needed for Dickens on The Strand

Each year, the dedicated volunteer force of Galveston Historical Foundation welcomes more than 30,000 people to Dickens on The Strand. The annual event is the largest fundraiser for the foundation and volunteers are still needed.

There are a variety of different volunteer opportunities available and each come with free admission to the festival. If interested, contact Brian Mitchell at 409-765-3431 or email brian.mitchell@galvestonhistory.org.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

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

Friday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m. Movie Time for Adults, featuring *Brooklyn*, (PG-13).
Friday, Nov. 18, 5 p.m. Anime Club. Feature presentation is *Ouran Koukou Host Club*, TV-14, recommended for 13 years and older.

Monday, Nov. 21, 3 p.m. Teen DIY and Movie, featuring *Star Trek Beyond*, PG-13. View the newest installment of the Star Trek series while making some Trek-tastic crafts.

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Family Table Top Games.

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2 to 4 p.m. Craft.

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

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

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

For more information on these programs, phone the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m. Kids Craft: Buckskin Vests; 6 p.m. Book Club

Saturday, Nov. 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Spanish Computer Class

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

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

There are no programs on Nov. 22 and Nov. 23.

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Melillo MS names first 9-weeks rolls

Melillo Middle School recently released its rolls for the first nine-weeks of the 2016-2017 school year. Students earning status are:

Fifth Grade Honor Roll

Aaron Aguilar, Jacob Aguirre, Chelsea Akinloye, Casius Arredondo Zuniga, Ezekiel Arriaga, Shaira Balanta Pachon, Joshua Bello, Yvette Brown, Diego Camacho, Orlando Camarena, Anthony Canales, Irene Castillo, Xavier Chapa, Austin Corwin, Tyler Dang and Di Dao.

Emiliano De La Torre Carlos, Davio Dominguez, Juliana Duarte, Vivian Duong, Gracie Dykstra, Dylan Erickson, Zoe Espinoza, Madison Fedler-Martinez, McKlaus Erick Garcia, Devin Garza, Titus Giang, Lydia Golenko, Ricardo Gomez, Angeline Gonzalez and Joshua Gracia.

Mya Guzman, Antonio Hernandez, Jazmin Hernandez, Julia Hernandez, Tyler Hudgens, An Huynh, Eric Huynh, Megan Johnson, Shalini Johnson, Avery Jones,

Colten Keys, Quynh Ky, Emma Lacount, Laura Landers, Seth Lara, Emily Lazo, Rachael Le and Tommy Le.

Jordan Leahman, Nathan Lind, Joshua Lopez, Ashley Martinez, Gabriel Martinez, Olivia McMahan, Dariann Mercedes, Adrian Miles, Roselynn Molina, Michael Montano, Aiyaq Murshed, Quoc-An Ngo, Hoang Nguyen, Kailie Nguyen, My-An Nguyen and Taylor Nguyen.

Tyler Nguyen, Cindy Ni, Jacqueline Oba, Ayah Palomares, Abigail Rose Panza, Audrey Paredes, Mary Grace Pelekamoyo, Ariana Perez, Yahir Perez, Belle Perridon, Sophia Posey, Haley Precel-la, Gabriel Presiado, Jayden Rangel, Daniel Rodriguez and Jeovany Rodriguez.

Kaylee Ruiz, Emily Salinas, Jorge Salinas, Aliyah Sanchez, Zeta Sanchez, Jacklyn Santos, Madelyn Sepulveda, Malcolm Sherwood, Nicolas Soto, Jasmine Stewart, Kenton Thai, Madelene Tran, YT Tran, Nkeonyelu Uzomah, Julissa Vega, Cardin Vo, Hal-

lie Vu, Iveen Vu, Mathew Vu, Trang Vu and Stephen Wiggins.

Sixth Grade Honor Roll

Alexis Acosta, Jazzlyn Aguilar, Torik Aigbedion, Valerie Akinloye, Mia Alexander, Alize Alvarez, Emelin Andrade, Josiah Aranda, Sidney Armstrong, Jorge Arredondo, Janelle Barreiro, Dynasti Benson, Ethan Bishop, Prima Burgett, Jade Cabrera, Dylan Campos and Kaitlyn Campos.

Kaleb Campos, Alexia Castillo, Aidan Cedillo, Aaron Charles, Bella Cisneros, Jason Coats, Victoria Couchman, Amy Cruz, Sarah Cruz, Colin Dang, Hieu Dang, Thomas Dang, Daniel Delgado, Emily Delgado, Raul Diaz, Jenny Do, Aaron Dosal and Robert Durham.

Nicolas Edmondson, Leslie Espinoza, Hayden Feil, Evan Fraustro, Lady Doraine Galang, Ashlee Garcia, Jamin Garcia, Noah Garcia, Zulik Garcia, Gabriela Garza, Victoria Garza, Marcus Gomez, David Gonzales, Alexa Gonzalez, Jiselle Gonzalez,

Nathalia Gonzalez and Jasmine Gutierrez.

David Guzman, Kevin Guzman, Fernando Hernandez, Eleanne Herrera, Russell Horton, Nevan Hulse, Chance Hurd, Daisy Irwin, Adam Jimenez, Edgar Jimenez, Ian Johnson, Justice Johnson, William Junkin, Marcus Kemp, Bianca Kinder, Connor King and Jonathan Krenek.

Evan Krustchinsky, Mauricio Leal, Alyssa Lloyd, Madison London-Carter, Lilian Lopez, Santiago Lopez, Madison Lugo, Ivan Mariscal, Emily Martinez, Evan Martinez, Eyan Martinez, Maria Martinez, Melissa Martinez, Sophia Martinez, Yesenia Mata and Aryana Mejorado.

Danielle Mendiola, Felipe Miranda, Kaleb Mitchell, Connor Mohwinkel, Madelyne Montes, Jer'Keith Moore, Anthony Morin, Isela Munoz, Demah Naser, Liliana Nava, Oscar Navarro, Ann Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Dylan Nguyen, Huyhoang Nguyen and Landon Nguyen.

Steven Nguyen, Vivian Nguyen, Nicole Olanzaba, Ginessa Olvera, Dominic Ortiz, Nathan Pavalonis, Cassandra Paz, Bella Perez, Erin Perez, Raul Perez-Rodriguez, Jaden Pham, Thu Pham, Phung Phan, Elizabeth Pineda, Alexander Pledge, Nicholas Ponce and Thessaly Quintana.

Esperanza Regalado, Jacob Reyna, Marvin Rivas, Ezequiel Rivera, Phil Rivera, Sieryn Rocha, Jeremiah Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Yariel Rodriguez, Jacob Roppolo, Emily Rosa-Velasquez, John Rubio, Emily Salazar, Leyla Salazar, Evelyn Sanchez and Damien Santoyo.

Christian Schmidt, Mable Self, Leah Selwyn-West, Jakob Serna, Darrel Sneed, Emilee Sulak, Samantha Talamantez, Sarah Tamez, Kennedy Thai, Yvonne Thai, Maria Tipton, Irene Torres, Madeline Torres, Jasmine Tran, Johnny Tran, Vaughn Tran and Camden Turner.

Francisco Urquieta, Vianca Valencia, Heaven Vargas, Mia Vazquez, Christian Vega, Alexia Villarreal, Robert Villatoro, Cardin Vo, Kaylee Vo, Phu Vu, Tatyana Walker, Kaitlyn Webb, Travis Webb, Maria Wence, Jacob White, Aubrey Zambrano and Anthony Zavala.

Dobie National Honor Society inducts new members

By Mary Doan

Dobie High School's National Honor Society, in the Pasadena Independent School District, inducted 62 students, (six

seniors and 56 juniors) as new members on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

The National Honor Society is a prestigious organization established

to recognize outstanding high school students. NHS serves to recognize students who have demonstrated the four pillars of scholarship, ser-

vice, leadership and character. Students who meet the scholarship requirement by their junior year in high school, which is by obtaining a minimum of a 4.5 GPA, will have an opportunity to be invited to join the Dobie's National Honor Society's chapter by completing a form detailing their accomplishments and commitment to service, leadership and character.

Service is demonstrated through community service activities in which the student has participated; leadership is shown through experiences in which the students have taken initiative of becoming a leader; and character is shown through discipline.

The induction started as Chealse Cubos, NHS president, introduced the guest speaker, former NHS member and Dobie

graduate, Lauren Tran. Now a sophomore at the University of Houston Natural Science and Mathematics college, Tran is pursuing a degree in biology in hopes of becoming a pediatrician oncologist. She spoke about her experience as the former community service coordinator of NHS during her junior and senior year of attending Dobie.

Each officer took turns as they spoke about the importance of the four pillars. As each officer finished speaking, Jennifer Truong, NHS secretary lit each candle to signify the pillar.

The new members who were inducted into the National Honor Society were given a pin to be saved for their letter jacket and a certificate signed by NHS sponsor, Lachee Payne and NHS co-sponsor, Jennifer Bland.



J. Frank Dobie High School National Honor Society officers are, left to right, Derek Nguyen, An Duong, Mary Doan, Chealse Cubos, Jennifer Truong, Robert Lazo and Debora Tabarez. Photos submitted



J. Frank Dobie High School National Honor Society's new members are, left to right, (front row) Jasmine Pham, Chelsey Holman, Alena Hay, Miranda Calderon, Amber Nguyen, Maxine Gomez, Rebecca Shaffer, Holly Vu, Rachel Mondragon, Klarissa Garza, (second row) Cecilia Torres, Desiree Quijas, Leslie Rodriguez, Kaitlyn Tran, Quyen Nguyen, Adela Alanis, Rosa Phan, Lily Bui, Kimberly Bui, Vina Le, Beatriz Rivera, Jenna Rodriguez, Karina Frias, Jacquelyne Garcia, Rogelio Armenta, (third row) Mackenzie Masterson, Sami Yu, Alice Ho, Mylan Pham, Jason Le, David Hoang, Tommy Nguyen, Victoria Ta, Thuy Dinh, Marcelly Tsikis, (back row) Marvin Villatoro, Bailie Ankenbruck, Victor Campuzano, Hana Mohamad, Andy Ta, Adrian Tamez, Toy Tran, Johnny Tran, Hy Tran, Jeremy Tajonera, Raymundo Alba, Amanda Davila, Miguel Elizarraras and Jasiel Cruz. Photo submitted

Antony earns A/R beads



Stuchbery Elementary's Alphin Antony from Linda Bravo's fourth-grade class and Angelica Silva are shown sporting their Accelerated Reader (A/R) beads. After a student or staff member reads a book they take a test about that book, and receive a bead for every 10 points they earn. Antony currently has 311 points. Photo by Emily Bass

San Jac State of the College presented by Chancellor

Continued from Page 1A and on a pathway at an earlier age.

Last year, 231 students graduated from one of our early college high schools and modified early college academy with an associate degree, before earning their high school diplomas. Those students received scholarships totaling nearly \$3.5 million to top-tier universities across the country. Isn't that incredible? And I am happy to tell you that this fall we have a record dual-credit enrollment of 3,589.

We rank 15th in the nation in awarding associate degrees, and we rank eighth in awarding degrees to Hispanic students. These rankings are out of 1,100 community colleges nationwide!

The next couple of years at San Jacinto College are going to be even more transformational. San Jacinto College is one of 30 institutions nationwide selected to participate in the American Association of Community Colleges Pathways Project. The purpose of the Pathways project is to create an infrastructure that promotes the successful completion of every student's educational goals. What that means for us is pretty simple. A student should never fail because of a barrier we overlooked or created. We don't want to be the reason our students don't complete their credentials. If our students don't succeed, we don't succeed.

This is a huge undertaking. This is a transformational endeavor that involves everyone at this college. We know this is hard, challenging and innovative work, but our people have stepped up and are ready for the challenge. Currently, we have more than 600 people engaged with this work around the college. When implemented, the bottom

line is that more students will succeed.

Last academic year, 39 percent of our students received federal and state financial aid totaling almost \$45 million. Our financial aid office, along with our recruiters, are going into the community and into high schools, offering personal services to help more students and families apply for financial aid. Our financial aid specialists are also counseling students on financial literacy and the impact of student debt.

Our tuition and fees are about one-third the cost of a Texas four-year university, so our students walk away with significantly less, if any, student loan debt.

To help our students better manage their financial aid resources throughout the year, we joined a national research project called Aid Like a Paycheck. First we apply a student's financial aid to their tuition, fees and books, and, then, we disburse the remaining financial aid incrementally—like a paycheck—every two weeks rather than in one or two lump sums. This payment process allows students to better manage their resources and if they drop out, then the amount to repay is reduced. Last academic year, we had more than 1,700 students in the program. This fall, we have over 2,300 students participating. Preliminary data show that student debts are reduced from more than \$1,000 to \$50 dollars. Based on the data, the Aid Like a Paycheck program, in combination with attendance tracking and other retention efforts, has allowed us to be successful in helping students reduce their debt.

Right now, the college has \$28.9 million in active grants under management, with the majority of these grants benefiting students and incumbent workers.

I've talked a lot about

The largest grant we currently have is the U.S. Department of Labor Ready to Work grant. It provides \$9.2 million in training for long-term unemployed workers to pursue employment in areas such as welding, pipefitting, non-destructive testing, and project management. We work on this grant with College of the Mainland, Lee College, Brazosport College and Workforce Solutions.

Through a \$1.6 million Health Career Pathways Partnership grant, the college is providing tuition-free training to low-income individuals for health occupation programs that prepare students to immediately enter the health-care workforce or continue their health-care education. Neighborhood Centers is our key partner on this grant.

We also have grants from the Texas Workforce Commission to address needs in truck driving, maritime, adult education and literacy and customized petrochemical training. All of these grants are important for the college and for our diverse partners.

We know we need to find innovative ways to cut costs and help students succeed. In order to tackle the costs associated with course materials, we partnered with other colleges and Achieving the Dream to pilot a program that will use digital Open Educational Resources (OER) course materials. These OER materials are very low cost—like free or possibly a minimal fee such as \$10 per course. And the materials are accessible online. We hope to eventually offer a full associate degree using all OER course materials, saving our students hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars on textbook and course material costs.

how finances can be a barrier for students and about how we are working to remove those barriers. But, we also know that there are other barriers. Students learn differently in the classroom. Some learn by lecture. Others learn by being hands-on. And still others need a combination of the two or something completely different.

Our faculty are implementing many strategies to help students be successful. They are collaborating with each other, and they are looking at best practices around the country and utilizing those tactics here at San Jacinto College.

We are seeing cross-discipline collaborations and the use of learning communities. One between English and math instructors is called "algebraish." Two of our instructors—one math and one English—teach the course in tandem in a learning community environment that includes mentoring and tutoring.

At San Jac, we are working to remove financial barriers for our students, and we are working to remove barriers in the classroom. And, we also know that facilities need to have the right space for teaching and learning. Our students and faculty expect that our facilities will have the technology, the hands-on training capabilities and the collaborative spaces they need to succeed.

In January of this year, we opened our fourth San Jacinto College campus. The San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center sits on the Houston Ship Channel at the turning basin in the Shore Acres/La Porte area. It houses a simulation suite with three interactive bridge simulators donated by the Houston Pilots. And in January, we will also be adding an engine simulator. Recently, G&H

George A. Thompson Intermediate recently released its second six-weeks honor

Seventh grade

rolls. Students earning status are:

Victoria Elizabeth Acosta, Cesar Alexander Aguilar, Nadine Ajmeere Ahmed, Montserrat Xitlalic Alba, Eric Ivan Alvarez, Taelyn Lanea Ansel, Lizbeth Marie Aranda, Dayyani Belisa Arboleda, Rafael Antonio Argueta, John Kevin Armenta and Jasmine Lizette Arredondo.

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Straub LSA Scholar



Lutheran South Academy senior Katarina Straub was recently named a National Hispanic Scholar by College Board. The National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) identifies academically outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students. Each year, the NHRP honors about 5,000 of the highest-scoring students from more than 250,000 Hispanic/Latino juniors who take the PSAT/NMSQT®. Many universities offer merit scholarships to National Hispanic Scholars ranging from \$8,000 to \$92,000.

Singles Dance Nov. 19

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

Ballroom dancing classes set

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

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

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

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

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

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BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR BILLY

The *South Belt Leader* staff and friends send belated birthday wishes to longtime South Belt resident **Billy Robinson** who celebrated a birthday on Sunday, Nov. 13.

TONI CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday wishes are sent to longtime South Belt area resident and local Realtor **Toni Muse** on Nov. 20 from friends and the *South Belt Leader* staff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DONNA!

Donna Whitted enjoys a birthday Nov. 23. Best wishes are sent from husband **Gary**; children **Heather** and husband **Richard Williams**; **Jacob** and wife **Amber**; and **Aaron**; granddaughters **Riley** and **Kinley**; parents **Carl** and **Frances Valigura**; siblings and their families; and the *Leader* staff. Donna delivers the *Leader* to area businesses each week.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 17 through Nov. 23.

Atkinson Elementary

Send a happy birthday wish to **Nancy Vazquez** Nov. 18.

Burnett Elementary

Sing a birthday song to **Nohemi Garcia** Nov. 17. Nov. 23 is a day of celebration for **LeKisha Jones**.

Bush Elementary

Julius Roberts and **Felix Morales** enjoy a

birthday Nov. 20. Celebrating a birthday Nov. 21 is **Gilberto Garza**. Sing a birthday song Nov. 22 to **Maria Montelongo**.

Frazier Elementary

The day for a celebration for **Gustavo Gomez** is Nov. 17.

Moore Elementary

Light the birthday candles for **Maury Klann** Nov. 17. **Lily Sanchez** celebrates a birthday Nov. 23.

South Belt Elementary

A special birthday greeting is sent to **Jennifer Pinkston** Nov. 19. Nov. 21 is the day for a double-layer cake for **Olga Sosa** and **Laurie Weathers**.

Stuchbery Elementary

Tonya Davis enjoys a happy birthday Nov. 17. Sing a happy birthday song Nov. 20 to **Ana Moreno**.

Meillio Middle School

The day for a celebration for **Carol Zann** is Nov. 18. Birthday greetings are sent to **Maria Chapa** Nov. 22.

Roberts Middle School

Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Jessica Borden** Nov. 19.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent Nov. 18 to **Brandy Knust**. **Rita Jaeger** celebrates a birthday Nov. 19. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Richard Edwards** Nov. 21.

Thompson Intermediate

Jane French celebrates a birthday Nov. 21.

Dobie High

Send a birthday wish Nov. 17 to **Nicole Barnes**. Light the candles Nov. 20 for **Clinton Hopper**. **Maria Chapa** celebrates a birthday Nov. 22.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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

Thursday, Nov. 17: **Cynthia McGowen**, **Elizabeth Lewis**, **Donna LaRoche**, **Michael Tangedahl**, **Blake Robinson** and **Joe Jasso**; Friday, Nov. 18: **Nicole Doyle**, **D'Juana Oxford**, **Jennifer Swartz**, **Patrick Patterson** and **David Rendon**; Saturday, Nov. 19: **Jennifer Cook**, **Nigel Taylor** and **Albert Craft**; Sunday, Nov. 20: **Toni Muse**, **Thomas Marks**, **Trevor Cobb**, **Tim Hasse** and **Sica Marcello**; Monday, Nov. 21: **Jennifer Huggins** and **Edie Mari**; Tuesday, Nov. 22: **Phillip Webb**, **Gene Perez** and **Sheri Jennings**; and Wednesday, Nov. 23: **Linda Greuter**, **Ricky Mitchell**, **Dorlene Salas**, **Angela Connally**, **Monika Patterson**, **Johnny McNeil** and **Don Doss**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

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

South Belt Elementary announces October VIPs



South Belt Elementary recently announced its VIPs for the month of October. Students pictured were chosen by their teachers, based on their ability to display the character trait of the month - friendship. October VIPs are, left to right, (front row) **Ruby Dent**, **Brooklyn Coronado**, **Sabillah James**, **Mary-Kate Schroder**, **Mia Roppolo**, **Ashton Carter**, **Warren Nedd**, (second row) **Alijah Banda**, **Langston Edwards**, **Isabella Gonzales**, **Alayna Rodriguez**, **Tori DeHoyos**, **Liliana Salazar**, **Jamari Clemons**, (third row) **Evan Taylor**, **Danica Titus-Williams**, **Nicholas Nguyen**, **Vivian Hang**, **Faith Vasquez**, **Ayden Garza**, **Manuel Sanchez**, (fourth row) **Kaila Baltzell**, **Mia Mata**, **Avri Akin**, **Abigail Gutierrez**, **Layla Jack**, **Maddie Esposito**, (back row) **Jabez Palma**, **Hope Ortiz**, **Emily Parrish**, **Jerry Ibarra**, **Tristan Sudario** and **Julius Edmondson**.
Photo submitted

Remember When

40 years ago (1976)

A 35-0 victory over South Houston made the **J. Frank Dobie** Longhorn football team district champs.

Members of the 147th Texas Air National Guard Fighter Interceptor Group stationed at Ellington Air Force Base participated in the biennial William Tell weapons meet at Tyndall AFB in Florida.

Nick McHenry died from a heart attack less than two hours after his family was robbed at gunpoint at their Kirkwood South residence.

After what members of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department said was a slow period, five calls were received within a 20-hour period.

The Sagemont Jaycees held an open house and recruited three new members and one new Jaycee-ette member.

35 years ago (1981)
The **Dobie** Longhorn football team clinched the district championship with a 23-16 win over Pasadena.

Shirlyn Ross was named assistant principal at **Burnett Elementary**.

Only about 25 percent of Sagemont homeowners had paid the annual \$10 maintenance assessment.

30 years ago (1986)
Dobie graduate **Lee Ann Locken** was crowned Miss Houston U.S.A.

PISD trustees voted to dismiss food services director **Charles Ketchum** as a result of a meeting which lasted more than six hours. Ketchum was terminated for failing to comply with district directives and policies and for not meeting accepted standards of conduct. Ketchum had been employed with the district more than seven years.

State highway officials said the long-awaited plans to widen the **Fuqua** and **Scarsdale** street overpasses across the **Gulf Freeway** were nearly complete.

25 years ago (1991)
The Federal Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry announced plans for an in-depth, comprehensive health investigation of present and former **Southbend** residents. This was due to that agency's concern for the community's health status.

Matt Donaldson of **Sagepark Lane** in **Sagemont** had been out of jail just four days

for criminal trespassing when he was charged with three counts of forgery. His companion, **Robert Harton**, was charged with burglary of a habitation.

20 years ago (1996)
A 60,000-square-foot, \$5 million assisted-living center for the elderly was set to open in the area.

Vandals let air out of numerous car tires on **Ryewater**, **Flushing Meadows** and **Fairbury** streets in **Scarsdale**.

1 year ago (2015)
A mother was accused of stabbing her 2-month-old son to death early Nov. 17 at her apartment in the 10100 block of **Windmill Lakes** Boulevard near **Stover**. **Rochelle Brown**, 28, was charged with capital murder in the death of her infant son **Levi Thornton-Smith**.

According to police, officers responded to a call on the third story of the **Longboat Key Apartments** around 2:30 a.m. to find the infant stabbed several times in the torso, while **Brown** was surrounded by multiple knives and covered in blood. **Brown's** two other children, ages 5 and 8, and **Brown's** adult sister were also in the apartment at the time of the stabbing. The family had recently moved to the area from **Nebraska** after **Brown** separated from the father of the baby boy. **Brown's** sister told investigators she was awakened in the middle of the night by **Brown**, who was acting erratically and holding the child in an inappropriate manner. **Brown's** sister said she was assaulted by **Brown** after telling her to go back to bed. **Brown** reportedly threw the baby onto the bed and returned with a knife. **Brown's** sister attempted to fight her sister off but was overpowered. The original knife was reportedly broken during the struggle, and **Brown** returned to the bedroom with a second one. **Brown's** sister then went to a neighbor's apartment for help. When **Brown's** sister and the neighbor returned to the apartment, they saw **Brown** allegedly stabbing the baby as he screamed. Follow-

ing the stabbing, **Brown** was reportedly pacing around the bedroom repeating, "I need Jesus, I need Jesus." Paramedics took **Brown** to **Ben Taub Hospital** for a mental and physical evaluation. After her release from the hospital, **Brown** was charged with capital murder. Her other two children were placed with an aunt under the supervision of **Child Protective Services**.

The **Houston Airport System (HAS)** and **NASA** have entered into an agreement that will allow the new commercial spaceport developing at **Ellington Airport** to tap into the federal space agency's assets and expertise, expanding the possibilities for the growing commercial spaceflight industry. Under the agreement, **HAS** and **NASA** will collaborate, providing access to a number of the unique capabilities at the **Johnson Space Center**, including things like safety-specific training, facilities and technology capabilities to support suborbital operations and commercial spaceflight endeavors.

The **Pearland City Council** approved an agreement allowing **Harris County** to build a bridge connecting **Scarsdale** to **Yost Road**. The bridge over **Clear Creek** would span the connection between **Harris** and **Brazoria** counties.

10 years ago (2006)
Some homes in **Kirkmont** and **Sagemont** were demolished due to repeated flood insurance claims.

The long-awaited opening of the **Scarsdale-Yost Road** connection was delayed again. It was projected to open the first quarter of 2007.

An election to replace former **Houston Councilmember** **Shelley Sekula-Gibbs** was expected to cost \$2 million. **Sekula-Gibbs** won the election to fill the unexpired term of **Tom DeLay** to serve 51 days in **Washington, D.C.** Afterward, **Nick Lampson**, who won in the general election, would be sworn in.

All three **South Belt area** municipal utility districts approved the hiring of two new deputy constables. They would be hired to work in the contract area, pursuant to a contract between the **MUDs** and **Constable Gary Freeman**.

5 years ago (2011)
Former **Dobie** student **Manuel Rivera** was arrested for allegedly being involved

CCISD named Top Workplace for fifth year

The **Clear Creek Independent School District** recently announced that for the fifth consecutive year, the district has been selected as one of *The Houston Chronicle* Top Workplaces. **CCISD** also ranked eighth out of 150 places to work in **Houston**, which is nine spots higher than last year.

"What an honor to receive this designation again," said **Dr. Greg Smith**, **CCISD** superintendent. "It is special because the judges are our 5,366 employees, who indicate they believe the district continues to move forward and strives to be a visionary leader in education."

The *Top Workplaces* in **Houston** are determined based solely on employee feedback. The employee survey is conducted by **WorkplaceDynamics, LLP**, a leading research firm on organizational health and employee engagement. The survey shows **CCISD** employees are happy with the district's direction, have confidence in their leader and believe **CCISD** operates with strong values and ethics.

The *Houston Chronicle* published the complete list of **Top Workplaces** on Nov. 3, 2016. For more information about the **Top Workplaces** lists and **WorkplaceDynamics**, visit www.topworkplaces.com.

Bay Area Genealogical Society

The **Bay Area Genealogical Society** invites the public to join them on **Friday, Nov. 18**, for an informative presentation and to meet fellow enthusiasts. **Andrew Shaner** will present *Research at the National Archives: A Primer*. A meet-and-greet will be at 6:30 p.m., with the program at 7 p.m. in the chapel at **University Baptist Church**, 16106 **Middlebrook Drive** in **Houston**. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org or call **Kim Zrubek** at 281-992-2636.

Israeli Folk Dancing - November

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

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

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

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

Hadassah hosts holiday bazaar

Kinneret Hadassah will host its 10th annual **Holiday Gift Bazaar**, where local vendors will present a wide selection of gift items for the upcoming holidays and other occasions. The event will take place on **Sunday, Dec. 4**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at **Congregation Shaar Hashalom**, 16020 **El Camino Real** in **Houston**. The community is invited.

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Beverly Hills releases second six-weeks honor rolls

Beverly Hills Intermediate recently announced its second six-weeks honor rolls. Students earning status are:

Seventh grade Honor roll

Angelica Corazon Acac, Eris Felipe Acosta, Adalynn Alanis, Ronny Lee Alexander, Jaidyn Brianna Almager, Naydelin Almager, Julio Cesar Alonso, Emily Amezcua, Hussiel Arias, Jared Barrera, Naylor Batista, Raul Xavier Belman, Anthony Paul Benavides and Riani Tania Benton.

Gabriella Raye Binns, Logan Christopher Blair, Bryana Sarai Borjas, Jaizayah Yordany Brito, Savannah Marie Brookland, Jahna Richard Burke, Cynthia Elaine Canfora, Colton Turner Caramana, Fernando Carrera, Eloy Cavazos Ramirez and Daniel Guadalupe Cavazos.

Anthony Luis Cedeno, Colton Ray Chahayed, Mya Anna Laura Chapa, Jasmine Giselle Chew, Idalia Contreras, Aidan A. Cortez, Jaden Gerard Cravens, Noaven Zion Culberson, Malia Alexandria Curry, Trajan Myles Davis, Demetria Delgado and William Andres Devenes.

Miguel Angel Diosdado, Emmanuel Lavontre Drain, Kenny Nguyen Duong, Anaura Elizarraras, Micaela I. Escobar, Heron Espinoza, Jordan Christian Ewing, Jocelyn Abril Flores Sanchez, Sarahi Flores, Sydney Adwoa Forde-Richins, Evan Nicolas Fuentes and Celeste Eloisa Gallardo.

Gabriela Elaine Galvez, Noe Rodriguez Gamez, Arace-

ly Nataly Garcia, Tiana Marie Garcia, Annabelle Garza, Briana Michelle Gomez Portillo, Zinaya L. Gonzales Muniz, Gloria M. Gonzales, Andrea Marley Gonzalez, Isaac Abel Gonzalez, Ivan Gonzalez and Jennefer Suzzeth Gonzalez.

Jesus Enim Gonzalez, Leslie Gonzalez, Christopher Earl Goudeau, Serena Nia Jean Graham, Daniel E. Grajales, Delia Michelle Grantham, Damarus Lavon Groves, Mariah Marie Guerrero, Briana Gutierrez, Zoe Mychelll Guy, Taylor Quoc Viet Ha, Dylan Viet Harris and Kyla Marie Hart.

Andrew Sebastian Hernandez, Genevieve Francis Herrera, Sarrionna Karina Hobbs, Madelyn Huerta, Jaquan Xavier Hughes, Andrew Khoa Huynh, Thuat Nhu Huynh, Tina Huynh, Emily Alexa Iglesias, Andrew Milton Ingram, Remi Elon Jackson, Nicole Jasso and Julia Isabel Jimenez.

Trevon Morquel Johnson, Aidan Allen Kainer, Keely Nicole King, Henry Jovany Lavergne, Christofer Laygo, Thong Minh Le, Marcus Joseph Lind, Alexandra Luna, Zacheus Blas Macias, Nhung Xuan Phuong Mai, Payton Elise Manuel and Ayesha Usman Mariwa.

Brianna Naomi Marroquin, Ariana Elizabeth Martin, Astrid Yoquebed Martinez, Juanangel Martinez, Lael David Martinez, Lilliana Marie Martinez, Mariella Mykayla Michael Matthews, Jose Reginald Matthew Maxwell, Boston S. McAfee and Brynn Margaret Riley McHugh.

Emma Reese Mckenzie, Lydia Montalvo, Andrew Adonai Montano, Angel De Jesus Morales, Yair Moreno Rodriguez, Edwin Moreno, Jesalynn Ruth Moreno, Shayla Janae Morrison, Elizabeth Ann-Marie Mullins, Tjasa Ariyana Murray and Hoang-Ky John Ngo.

Brandon Nhat Nguyen, Chi Thi Linh Nguyen, Jaclyn Uyen Nguyen, Jeenny Nguyen, Kathleen Nguyen, Lilly Thanh Nguyen, Thien Phuc Thi Tran Nguyen, Thu Ngoc Anh Nguyen, Tung Quang Nguyen, Victoria Diep Nguyen, Andrea Sofia Nunez and Justin Ochoa.

Nicholas Oscar Ochoa, Damaris Anjanee Oder, Angel Gabriel Oliva Lopez, Miriam Isela Orellana, Caroline Itzel Orta, Patrick Alexis Ortega, Martha Lizzette Pacheco, Nicole Padilla, Cyrus Alexander Perez, Fernando Perez, Amy Pham, Ashley Dang Pham and Emily Quynh Huong Pham.

Kieu Kaylana Diem Pham, Kristyn Thanh Pham, Thuy Kassidy Diem Pham, Tina Mai Pham, Tommy Minh Pham, Donyea Simone Porter, Kaitlyn Triny Shandory Posada, Aiden O'Neal Provost, Marilee Quiroga, Victoria E. Ramirez, Angela Valerie Ramon and Christopher Reyes.

Jahir Eduardo Reyes, Miriam Alyssa Reyna, Xavier William Ritter, Lizbeth Rodriguez, Jasmine Annette Romero, Angel Fabian Saenz, Luis Fernando Salinas, Izabel Ayla Sanchez, Santos Davila Sanchez, Kelly Torrie Saucedo, Maya Treshae Scott and Jazmine Elizabeth Segovia.

Roselin Serrano, Kevin Duy Su, Giselle Alexis Suarez, Rosmary Torres Lara, Briana J. Torres, Brissa Jasmine Torres, Dominic Melecio Torres, Iliana Denae Torres, Jose Alejandro Torres, Vanessa Elizabeth Torres, Eric Quy Tran and Vanessa Van Thanh Tran.

Violet Tuong Vy Tran, Alejandro Trevino, Kailey Jane Tsikis, Nicholas Esteban Vasquez, Daniela Vazquez, Gabriel Xavier Velasquez, Venerable O Villanueva, Kamila Villarreal, Jimmy Vo, Melanie-Tu Thi Vo and Hailey Hien Vu.

Kathleen Quynh Vu, Ngan Thi Kim Vu, Ojany Markel Walters, Aalycia Lelani-Qui Warren, Nikole Kimberly Ann Welcome, Marjzir Enaz Whitlor, Auloun James Xouphonphackdy, Michael Alejandro Zambrano and Natalie Jalene Zeledon.

Eighth grade Honor roll

James Darrin Abramski, Christopher Acevedo, Jacob Daniel Acevedo, Bryan Albarbar, Jesse Logan Anguiano, Jayla Marie Arenas, Brianna Lizeth Ayala, Janie Eyenid Ayala, Johnathan K. Baldwin, Jonathan Banda, Kristen Alise Barba, Aleyda Benavides and Briana Guadalupe Benavides.

Noe Botello, Elizabeth My Hong Bui, Julia Thao Bui, Madeleine Ngoc Tuyet Bui, Tony Mai Bui, Danielle Marie Bulman, Avery Marsalis D'Ante Burton, Jazlyn Arella Byron, Esmeralda Calvillo,

Yarline Carolina Campos, Gayden Xavier Canales and Gizelle Irene Cardona.

Zenaida Castillo, Carson Diego Cervantes, Alissa Marshaee Coleman, Katherine Cores, Nicholas Antonio Covarrubias, Makayla Damae Cross, Lesley Dayanne Cruz Cortes, John Bernard Cruz, Yelizavet Renay De La Cerda, Geriah Amiree Derouen, Quan Hoang Dinh and Di Kha Do.

Celene Le Duong, Brett Xavier Einspahr, Guadalupe Escalera, Francisco Estrada, Ibrahim Yusuf Farage, Joshua Gabriel Flores, Lizbeth Flores, Lizeth Flores, Alyssia Marie Foster, Annabell Celeste Gamez, Andrew Yahve Garcia Hernandez, Damian Garcia and Janie Isabel Garcia.

Karsten Alexander Garcia, Andrea Garibay, Natalie Marie-Elena Garza, Zachary Anthony Glover, Alyssa Renee Gomez, Martha Guadalupe Gomez Ramirez, Daisy Gonzalez, David Jesus Gonzalez, Victoria Gonzalez, Darren Javon Groves, Alicia M. Gutierrez and Linley V. Hawkins.

Briana Kshal Haywood, Manuel Jose Hernandez, Sarah Celeste Hernandez, Carlos Steve Hernandez-Chavarria, Sebastian Herrera, Joseph S. Hinojosa, Anthony Loc Ho, Jennifer Nguyen Ho, Amy Anh Hoang, Kelly Hoang, Quang Hong, Cindy Trinh Huynh and Briana Z. Jamaica.

Luis Mario Jamaica, Briana Isabelle Keim, Christi Kieu Le, Ha My Thi Le, Dominick Jordan Ledezma, Andrea Leon, Jesus Jael Leon, Yoselin Lopez Alfaro, Truc Thanh Luu, Jesse Manuel Maldonado, Faiazah Maleehah, Nashmi Usman Mariwa and Nohe-my Marquez.

Lailah Martinez, Cadie Colleen Masterson, Cynthia Consuelo Mata, Patricia Medina, Nawal Saleh Mehdawi, Sakinah Nogodion Yasmine Meite, Kevin Ismael Mendez, Angela Isabel Menindez, Ashley Sofia Miranda, Elias Alexander Montez and Christopher Rey Morales.

Francisco Abel Morales, Lissette Moreno, Zoe Dena Mottu, Sashiana Milagro Munoz, Mia Faith Alyssa Myers, Thien Ngoc Ngo, Augustin Hoang Nguyen, Bryan Thanh-hieu Nguyen, Dang Tran Hai Nguyen, Diana Nguyen, Huy Mai Nguyen and Jason Hoang Nguyen.

Tom Minh Tam Nguyen, Tri Thuan Tran Nguyen, Viet The Nguyen, Xavier Christopher Olivarez, Tristan Juan Pedraza, Yessenia L. Pena, Al-erah Annette Perea, Alejandra Perez, Tony Minh Pham, Ky Ky Duong Phan, Thao Tinh Nhu Phan, Destiny Pichardo and Lizbeth Alejandra Pineda.

Vivian Aaliyah Postel, Lessly Ramirez, Amya Tyranea Ray, Francesca Paola Reyes, Devin Denise Richard, Katherine Marie Rivas Ramirez, Lauren Ashley Robinson, Benito Gabriel Rodriguez, David Alan Roman and Sandy Ruiz.

Emily Lauren Rummel, Vanessa Salazar, Jocelyn Salazar, Abdiel Sanchez, Alexis Janae Sanders, June Delilah Santillanes, Elias Uriel Saracho, Amari Deon Singleton, Kloe Lanette Smith, Taleisha Michelle Smith and Toni Michelle Smith.

Kaleighe Grace Sommerfelt, Dylan Thanh-Trung Ta, Wazha Tapela Tapela, Diego Emiliano Tapia, Kourtlyn Denise Thornton, Jose Rafael Tolentino, Gerardo Torres, Anh Hoang Tran, Deborah Thy Tran, Kathy Mai-Trang Tran and Sydni Skylan Tran-Ayala.

Dobie speech, debate inducts new members

The speech and debate team at J. Frank Dobie High School recently inducted 12 new members into the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA).

These outstanding and talented students gained their first plaques and invitations into the association by putting in hard work, being an example for their peers, and changing lives as they competed at varsity levels.

To be a part of the association one must possess the five qualities – integrity, humility, respect, leadership and service. It also means that these students are able to travel to compete more, granting them the opportunity to compete at Nationals in June of 2017.

Not only will these Dobie Speech and Debate team members be granted these opportunities, they will have a better chance at getting a full ride into college due to their outstanding work.

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Ten of the Dobie High School Speech and Debate team's new inductees shown are, left to right, (front row) Temaya Amerson, Summer Basham, Tiara Woodward, Alezai Trevino, Legacy Jefferson, (back row) Beth Early, Terrilyn Davis, Julissa Davila, Keishon Groves and Caitlyn Woitena. Not pictured are Holly Vu and Alejandro Moreno. Photo submitted

Students earn checks for passing AP Exams

By Reesha Brown
PISD Communications

Nearly 70 South Houston High students were

awarded checks totaling \$19,600 during a luncheon ceremony held recently for successfully passing their AP exams in the spring 2016.

The students were presented checks for achieving qualified scores of 3 or higher to pass and earn credit, advanced placement or both from a college or university. The majority of the funding for the check donations was provided by the Pasadena Independent School District School Board with contributions from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.

"Taking AP courses demonstrates to college admission officers that students have attempted the most rigorous curriculum available at their high school," Andrea Wenke, SHHS principal said. "We are very proud of your ac-

complishments."

The celebration welcomed district leadership including representation from the board of trustees, district administration and campus faculty.

Students who took part in the celebration were invited to the front of the room to shake hands with the special guests, several of whom have helped them along the way, and accept their checks.

"It was very rewarding to be recognized in front of my fellow peers and to know that all of our hard work, sweat and tears paid off," Evangelina Monterroza, SHHS junior said.

Albert Garza, a senior at South Houston, was honored as an AP Scholar with Distinction, earning 3.5 on five of the AP exams taken. He views the AP exams as an investment into his future.

"It's nice to know that I am getting money back on the test," Garza said. "I plan to save this money for school."

2016 AP Scholars with Distinction, earning 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more of these exams are:

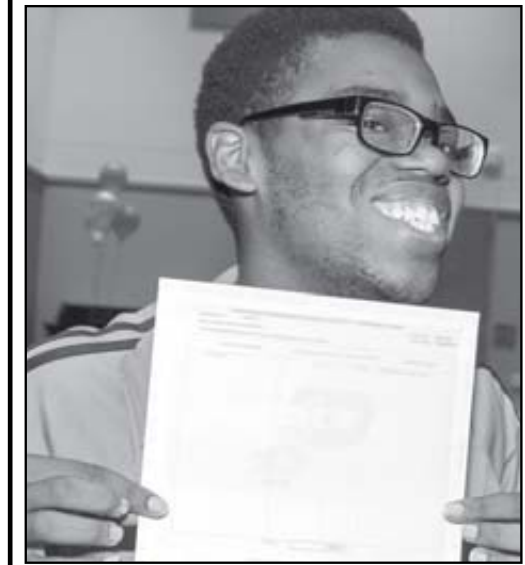
Marlene Carrillo, Omar Daher and Albert Garza.

2016 AP Scholars with Honor, earning 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more of these exams are:

Francisco Acosta and Angel Ruiz.

2016 South Houston AP Scholars, scoring 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams are:

Katia Avalos Romero, Laura Flores, Hugo Gutierrez, Erik Lopez, Evangelina Monterroza, Maria Perez, Cristopher Ramirez, Jason Rodriguez, Hogan Tran and Sindy Trejo.



SHHS student Micah Williams shows off the check he earned for passing his AP tests.



South Houston High School student Omar Dahar shakes hands with Kenny Fernandez, school board secretary, after being honored at the school's AP luncheon ceremony. Photos submitted

State of the College given by Hellyer

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programs. It will also provide training space for current employees to advance in their careers.

East Harris County Manufacturers Association has been a tremendous resource for the college. I have formed an advisory council made up of plant managers and industry leaders who are helping to lead the development for classrooms, labs and curriculum in this new center. I have to thank each of them because their insights and input are invaluable.

Another area where we are seeing growth in enrollment is our engineering program. The bond will also fund a new Center for Engineering Technology on our South Campus.

Also included in the bond is a cosmetology center at our South Campus and a combined cosmetology and culinary center at the North Campus. All three of these are beginning the planning stages, and they will provide the latest in updated classrooms and labs.

These are some of the new facilities that are part of the bond, and these new facilities need to occur before major renovations on existing facilities can begin. This is a very complicated building program with lots of moving pieces but it is underway.

When we asked your permission to pass these bonds, we made a promise that we would not exceed a three-cent increase on your debt tax rate. Earlier this year, we refinanced higher priced outstanding bonds and then sold \$150 million worth of new bonds to be-

gin these projects.

As a result, the tax rate related to debt increased by one-half cent to cover the additional payments on these bonds.

The board and our college remain committed to keeping San Jacinto College affordable and a good value to our taxpayers as we continue this transformation.

This January, the Texas Legislature will convene for the 85th session, and we will be watching closely what happens in many areas. One area that is critical to our mission and to our success is community college funding. Community colleges in Texas are funded by state appropriations, property taxes and tuition and fees.

We are asking the Texas Legislature to provide additional funding for community colleges, which enroll more than half of the freshmen and sophomores in Texas.

This funding will help community colleges with the heavy lifting required to meet the goals established by the state's 60 by 30 Texas Strategic Plan.

As we look at workforce demand in the state of Texas, several community colleges are interested in offering specific, workforce-related bachelor degrees that are based on industry need and committed support. San Jacinto College is interested in offering the Bachelor of Science in nursing and a Bachelor of Applied Technology in in-

dustrial management. These are transitional programs from associate to bachelor degrees to meet workforce needs in our community.

In closing, there is much going on at San Jacinto College. We have made dramatic improvements in our graduation rates and the number of students who are becoming San Jac-certified. And we are extremely proud of this. It is a collaborative team effort that takes place throughout the college, and I am happy to be part of the team. But we also know that we have important and difficult work ahead of us, and I know that everyone at San Jacinto College is up for the challenge and ready to commit to even higher levels of success for our students.

Flickingers honor veterans



David Flickinger is shown above with his granddaughter, Kimberly Flickinger, at Washington's Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11. A senior at Texas A&M University, Kimberly is currently serving an internship in Washington at the Heritage Foundation. She is the daughter of Fred and Leslie Flickinger. David is the husband of Leader publisher Marie Flickinger. Photo by Marie Flickinger

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Cub Scout Pack 773 active in the South Belt area

Cub Scout Pack 773 has been very active in the South Belt Area over the last few weeks. Here are a few highlights:

On Halloween, the cub scouts collected food donations for the annual Scare Away Hunger event during

trick-or-treating. The collected items were combined with the pack's adopted school's Food Drive benefiting local food banks. Pack 773's adopted school is Frazier Elementary.

Pack 773 also helped greet guests and distrib-

ute programs during the Frazier Elementary Veterans Day program.

At Gateway Community Church on Saturday, Pack 773 entered two teams to participate in the annual pushmobile races. A pushmobile is a boy powered go-

cart. Cub Scout dens made their own cars and then six boys worked together as a team to push the car through the course to the finish line at this annual district event.

The next service event in the community will be at Clear Brook Crossing

Rehabilitation and Health-care Center in December. The scouts hope to help and spread a little holiday cheer.

For more information on area scouting, visit <https://beascout.scouting.org/> or visit on Facebook @southbeltareascouting.



At the annual pushmobile races are, left to right, (front row) Cullen Ponder, Derek West, Khristian Zamora, Jonathan Alamanza, AJ Baulch, (middle row) Caleb Johnson, (back row) Nicholi Soto, Michael Hernandez, Bao Ngo, An Ngo, Evan Bowden and Ethan Ramos.



Left to right are (front row) Evan Bowden, (middle row) Cullen Ponder, Shawn Deedman, (back row) Caleb Johnson and Jonathan Alamanza.



Left to right are Evan Bowden, Xander Fiterman, Kate Fiterman, Shawn Deedman, Cullen Ponder, Bao Ngo, Patty Hernandez, Michael Hernandez and An Ngo.



At left are a few of the items collected by the scouts and their families for the Scare Away Hunger event during trick-or-treating on Halloween.

At right, Pack 773 greets guest during Frazier's Veterans Day program. Left to right are Cullen Ponder, Evan Bowden, Shawn Deedman and Xander Fiterman.



Shown are, left to right, (front row) AJ Baulch, Caleb Johnson, Bao Ngo, (in car) Ethan Ramos, (back row) Christian Zamora, Michael Hernandez, Nicholi Soto and An Ngo.

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Astros president visits Brookside



Reid Ryan (right), President of the Houston Astros, visited with students at Brookside Intermediate School on Career Day, Nov. 10. Ryan was invited by Esteban Graham, Brookside coach. Graham is a Clear Brook graduate. Ryan signed a baseball for the school and signed autographs for students.

Thompson supports Breast Cancer Awareness



With the help of Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union, Thompson Intermediate raised \$3,884 for the Susan G. Komen foundation. Staff members, students and parents contributed by purchasing Pasadena Independent School District's T-shirt. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Kandace McMullin, Sally Thacker, Jenny Spray, Monica Sanchez, Yadira Lozano, Maria Pena, (second row) Stefanie Tang, Jillian Grindele, Jessica Boland, Gina Gibson, Carol Waters, VeAnn Richards, Aracely Cavazos, (third row) Ashley Vercher, Kimberly McCalla, Ryan Peterson, Susie Haas, Jane French, Edward Ashmawee, Bob Boyes, Dena Cockerell, (back row) Josh Pruneda, Karissa Guerrero, Daniel Sawyer, George Martin, Chad Kearbey and Bill Kirchman. Not shown are Melinda Harrison, Travis Teichelman,

Prudencio Reyna, Lauren Aragon, James Smith, Jessica Fitzmorris, Mark Varian, Krystal LaReau, Justin Duncan, Laura Guerrero, Brianne Morse, Kristin Cortese, Erynn Foreman, Bertha Izaguirre, Wayne Sanders, Nichole Horne-Sherman, David Martin, Calisha Woods, Sofia Medrano, Steven Vromant, Greg Siegrist, Nita Boehm, Doug Sawyer, Sharon Curry, Michael McDonald, Katina Morris, Lenora Dawson, Nikki Cannon, Erica Alvarez, Dora Hawkins, Yolanda Robinson, Jaime Morgan, Amanda Carroll, Katilyn Clanton, Tiona Samuel, Hannah Arning, Grace Garcia, Cynthia Mills, Kaylyn Harlan, Rosa Nunez, Pamela Byars, Liz Sawyer, Carolina Aguilera, Mary Lopez, Laura San Miguel, Sandra Garza, Eli Torres and Teresa Garcia.

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Garcia files bill to end unfair tax on women

On Nov. 14, 2016, Sen. Sylvia Garcia filed SB 129, a bill to end the unfair sales tax levied on feminine hygiene products such as tampons and sanitary napkins. The bill would place feminine hygiene products alongside other medical necessities in sales tax code like aspi-

rin, antifungal cream, and medical equipment. "Women need these products regularly as part of our health and well-being. It's simply not right for the law to fail to recognize this fact. Why should the state of Texas treat tampons as a luxury item? It's simple. We should not."

Olson applauds House passage of diabetes bill

Rep. Pete Olson, Texas-22, recently announced that the House passed H.R. 1192, the National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission Act. This Olson bill would establish a National Clinical Care Commission to evaluate and recommend solutions regarding better coordination and use of federal programs relating to supporting care for people with diabetes and related metabolic syndromes and disorders. The bill passed with unanimous support in the House.

diabetes receive the same high-quality care and enjoy a better quality of life by successfully managing their disease."

"Thank you to my House colleagues for getting this important bill across the finish line," Olson said. "Diabetes is a national epidemic that impacts a large number of Americans. Cutting-edge medical research and clinical care institutions only matter if we can translate that research into direct patient care."

"This bill will help ensure that Americans at risk of diabetes receive appropriate and effective preventive care and those with

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Wolverine football dashes past Dawson 55-42, headed to NRG

Who needs defense? In one of many offensive showcases presented in the opening round of the high school football playoffs, the Clear Brook Wolverines sent a big message.

Taking down co-District 23-6A champion Dawson 55-42 Nov. 11 at The Rig in Pearland, Clear Brook advanced to the Class 6A, Division II area round, where the Kingwood Mustangs await.

Kingwood crushed South Houston 48-13 Nov. 11, at Turner Stadium in Humble to reach the second round.

For those who aren't familiar with Clear Brook junior quarterback Jaizac Garcia, it might be time to learn a thing or two about

the young man. Garcia threw for four touchdowns and rushed for two more, beating the Eagles to the punch time and time again.

Late in the fourth quarter with the Wolverines up, 49-42, Garcia sneaked into the end zone from a yard out to seal the Wolverines' first playoff win under second-year head coach Mike Allison, formerly the defensive coordinator at Dawson.

The Eagles, who finished the season at 8-3 overall, simply had few answers for the Wolverines' vast array of offensive weapons.

Caleb Chapman, who now has 60 catches for nearly 900 yards and 14 touchdowns, caught three

scores from Garcia. His 43-yard touchdown grab opened the scoring in the first quarter, and Chapman later had scoring receptions of 47 and 15 yards.

In all, Chapman, also a junior, had six catches for 114 yards.

And then there was junior tailback Jarrett Smith. With a 60-yard scoring dash, Smith went on to enjoy a 212-yard night on 22 carries. For the season, Smith has now rushed for more than 1,500 yards and

14 touchdowns. Dawson did not go down without a fight. Trailing 21-7 after a quarter of action, the Eagles closed to within 28-21 at halftime. Clear Brook built a 49-28 lead in the

fourth quarter before the Eagles got two long scoring passes from Zach Smith to close the gap.

Smith matched Garcia's touchdown pass total with four, and receiver Nico Thomas caught seven passes for 172 yards and three scores of his own.

In all, the two teams combined for 965 yards of offense. Dawson had 26 first downs to 22 for the Wolverines.

So who are the Kingwood Mustangs? At 5-5

overall, the Mustangs finished 4-3 in District 21-6A action. A 56-23 win over Channelview gave the Mustangs the top seed out of 21-6A in the Division II bracket.

Against South Houston in the bidistrict round, the Mustangs led just 21-13 over South Houston before scoring 27 unanswered points to win big.

The Mustangs have scored 89 points combined in their last two games but do not appear to have the

firepower of Clear Brook. The Mustangs have gotten just four touchdown passes against seven interceptions from quarterback Dawson Trudell.

Eric Hammersmith leads Kingwood in rushing with 743 yards, and fellow running mate Aaron Finch has scored 12 touchdowns with only 155 yards rushing. Hammersmith went for 148 yards on 13 carries against South Houston, including a 59-yard score.

Class 6A, Division II
Clear Brook (7-4)
vs. Kingwood (6-5)
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Texas Invitational Title Saturday a must

The weather is slated to turn cooler, so what better way to spend the first chilly Saturday of the season than indoors while taking in some of the best high school basketball action the state has to offer.

Championship Saturday at the McDonald's Invitational Basketball Tournament will play out Nov. 19. Regardless of a fan's particular allegiance, there is something for everyone.

The 48-boys' teams, 32-girls' teams event will begin with pool play Nov. 17 at 10 locations across the Pasadena, Deer Park and South Belt areas, including Beverly Hills Intermediate and Dobie High School.

Bracket play in the boys' division begins Nov. 18, while girls' pool play continues. The final day - Nov. 19 - will deliver the excitement in droves.

Of course, the big ones include the Division I Boys' Gold Bracket finale, slated for Phillips Field House at 7 p.m. Will two-time defending champion Atascocita be there again?

How about the Division I Girls' Gold Bracket championship game?

That game tips off Nov. 19, at 3 p.m., also at Phillips Field House.

Can defending tournament and undefeated Class 6A state champion Duncanville do it again,

or does Clear Springs or North Shore have enough to pull what would be considered an upset?

Locally, the Dobie varsity boys' team is looking

to claim the championship in the Division II Boys' Gold Bracket championship game. The Longhorns open with Nov. 17 pool play games at Dobie against McKinney (9 a.m.) and Crosby (1:30 p.m.).

A pair of wins would

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Dobie's brilliant varsity boys' basketball playoff run ended in the Region III semifinals, and now a new season starts as Jonathan Cooper (2) and his teammates compete in the McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 17-19.

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SJC soccer splits at nationals

It was possibly a short stay for the San Jacinto College men's soccer team at nationals, which could mean there is just one more season remaining in program history.

The Coyotes, seeded ninth at the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Championships at Tyler Junior College, lost its opener to Parkland, Ill., but then came back to defeat Cloud County 3-0 the following day.

In the tournament opener for both teams, Parkland, which moved to 21-1 overall with the win, got both its goals from Alex Zarco in the first half.

San Jacinto got an unassisted goal from Ricardo Ramos in the second half (53rd minute) but could not notch the tying goal.

The locals then went against Cloud County, Kan., the following day, winning 3-0 as Heiko Leinweber scored twice and Ivan Rosales added another tally.

At press time, San Jacinto was awaiting the outcome of the Parkland vs. Cloud County match Nov. 16 to determine if its season will continue.

The national tournament in Tyler runs through Nov. 19.

San Jacinto will play its final season in 2017 after

the college's board of directors unanimously voted Nov. 7 to discontinue men's soccer, volleyball and men's and women's basketball after the 2017-2018 school year.

SBHLL continues sign-up

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is now accepting online registration in preparation for the 2017 spring season.

Families may visit www.eteamz.com/sbhll to register their child for the season.

Those ages 3 and 4 (born between Sept. 2012 and Jan. 1, 2014) may register for \$125 per player,

while those ages 5 to 16 (born between May 2000 and Aug. 2012) may register for \$175 per player.

There is a \$5 discount for families registering more than one player.

SBHLL will also host its sixth season in the Challenger division, which is designed to allow disabled children between the ages

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La Porte is lone 22-6A survivor

It was a tough night for District 22-6A in the first round of the varsity football playoffs.

Save for district champion La Porte, the season came to an end in the district. Second-place Deer Park, third-place South Houston and fourth-place South Houston were all defeated rather soundly.

La Porte, now 9-2 this season, got into an offensive shootout in a Class 6A Division II bidistrict battle, eventually closing out the Falcons 66-49.

La Porte quarterback Austin Upshaw exploded for 332 rushing yards and 268 yards through the air. He accounted for seven touchdowns in all.

Dodge Ball tournament set by Dobie softballers

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

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

Next up, the Bulldogs will face a tough test as they meet the Friendswood Mustangs in an area round playoff matchup Friday, Nov. 18, at Challenger Stadium in Webster. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

Deer Park, the Division I top seed out of District 22-6A, went against Atascocita of 21-6A, with the Eagles winning easily by a 56-17 count.

Atascocita, which went to 10-1 overall this season, will now face Pearland in a Class 6A Division I area round matchup Nov. 19, at NRG Stadium.

In the Division II playoffs, Pasadena Memorial had the tough task of facing defending state cham-

ion North Shore. The Mustangs, winners of District 21-6A and the only team to beat Atascocita this season, put up a defensive front against Memorial.

North Shore allowed just 54 total yards and four first downs to Memorial, which finished its season at 6-5 overall.

North Shore will now go against the Dickinson Gators Nov. 18, in a 7 p.m. contest at Dickinson's Sam Vitanza Stadium.

South Houston also made a quick exit from the playoffs after a 48-13 loss to the Kingwood Mustangs.

South Houston was within 21-13 at one point before Kingwood scored 27 unanswered points to win the game in style.

South Houston got a 6-yard scoring pass from back-up quarterback Joshua Romero to Estebon Ponce, and starting quarterback Torrence Stevens scored on a 21-yard run for the Trojans.

Stevens led South Houston with 132 yards rushing on 16 carries.

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South Belt football predictions	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
Clear Brook vs. Kingwood	Brook	Brook	Brook	Brook	Brook	Brook
Dickinson vs. North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	Dickinson	North Shore	North Shore
Pearland vs. Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Lamar vs. Ridge Point	Lamar	Ridge Point	Ridge Point	Lamar	Lamar	Ridge Point
Cypress Ranch vs. Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy	Cypress Ranch	Katy	Katy
Langham Creek vs. Cinco Ranch	Langham Creek	Cinco Ranch	Langham Creek	Cinco Ranch	Cinco Ranch	Cinco Ranch
Friendswood vs. La Porte	Friendswood	La Porte	La Porte	Friendswood	Friendswood	La Porte
Port Arthur Memorial vs. Elkins	PAM	PAM	PAM	PAM	PAM	PAM
Crosby vs. Fort Bend Marshall	Crosby	FBM	Crosby	FBM	Crosby	Crosby
Port Neches-Groves vs. Willowridge	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG
This week's record	7-3	7-3	7-3	5-5	7-3	7-3
Season record	87-32	80-39	91-28	79-60	89-30	82-37

Brook's Newsome picks Colorado women's volleyball

Clear Brook High School setter Jaden Newsome capped a brilliant four-year varsity volleyball career by garnering co-Most Valuable Player honors in District 24-6A.

Now, she's set to join the University of Colorado women's volleyball program after inking a letter of intent earlier this month.

Newsome was joined on the first team by Lady Wolverine teammate Jordan Russell, who will be back for her senior season in 2017-2018.

Brook's second-team selections included Newsome's younger sister, Kailin Newsome, a freshman who no doubt hopes to pattern her prep career much after that of her sister's.

Sydney Saladrigas and Gabby Wilcox were honorable mention choices from Clear Brook, which was defeated in the first round of the playoffs by the Dawson Lady Eagles.

Clear Creek's Hannah Froeschl, the league co-MVP along with Newsome, will lead her team at state Nov. 18-19.

24-6A Volleyball Awards

Co-Most Valuable Player

Jaden Newsome, Clear Brook, Sr.

Hannah Frieschl, Clear Creek, Sr.

Defensive Player/Year

Maddie Flora, Clear Falls, Sr.

Offensive Player/Year

Briana Garcia, Clear Falls, Jr.

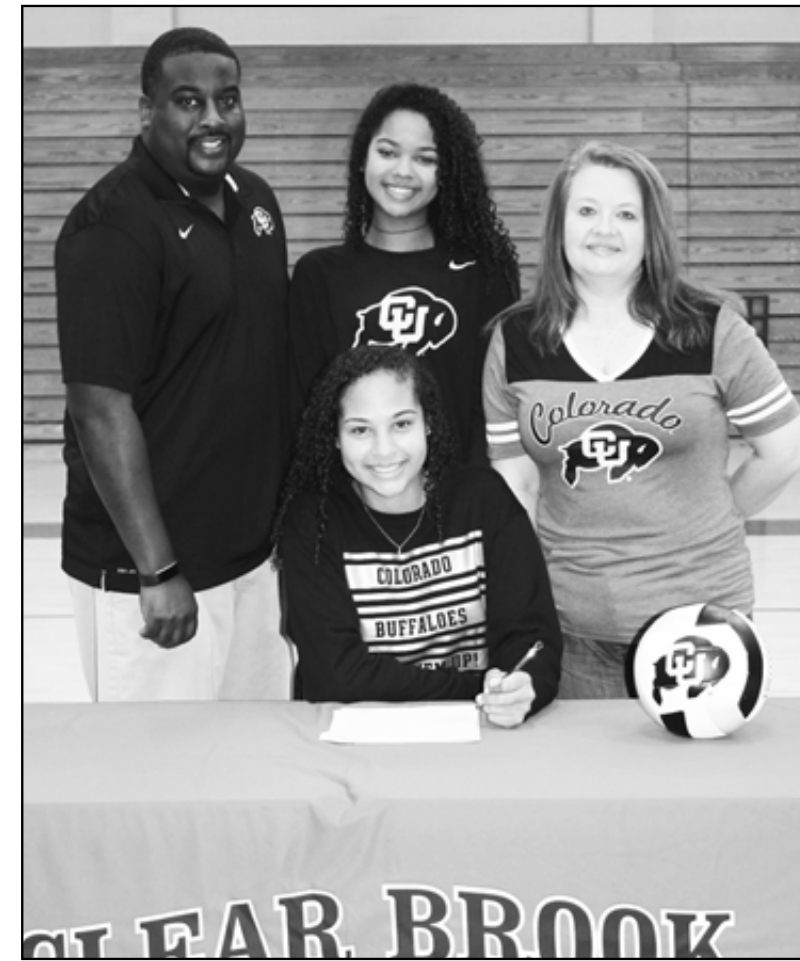
Newcomer/Year

Natalie Abowd, Friendswood, Soph.

Coach/Year

Scott Simonds, Clear Creek

At right, Clear Brook volleyball star Jaden Newsome (seated) will continue her playing career and education at the University of Colorado in Boulder after signing a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, Torri Newsome (father), Kailin Newsome (sister) and Kristi Newsome (mother). Jaden is a four-year varsity performer at Clear Brook, and Kailin, a freshman, made her varsity debut this season as well.



24-6A First Team All-District Selections

Melissa McNeil, Clear Creek

Caitlyn Burroway, Clear Creek

Kelsey Childers, Clear Creek

Allie Garland, Clear Creek

Erin Kearney, Clear Falls

Sophie Schaff, Clear Falls

Shannon Murphy, Friendswood

Jordan Pleasants, Friendswood

McKenna Fridye, Friendswood

Jordan Russell, Clear Brook

Lauren Burt, Clear Springs

Hannah Floyd, Clear Springs

Val Barrett, Dickinson

Baylee Klingler, Dickinson

Katya Silveira, Clear Lake

Second Team – Brook

Kailin Newsome, Fr.

Honorable Mention – Brook

Sydney Saladrigas, Jr.

Gabby Wilcox, Sr.

Texas Invitational – SoHo recalls Div. 1 starting point

A year ago South Houston boys' basketball coach Patrick McCoy found himself confronted with the same question just about every time he ran into one of his coaching colleagues.

He finally came up with just the right tongue-in-cheek answer.

Why, his basketball buddies wanted to know, would McCoy agree to enter his team in the rough-and-tumble elite division of the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament?

Why would the John Does from South Houston want to square off with the Vanderbilts of the state high school basketball scene?

McCoy learned to take his inquisitors in stride and respond with a smile. "Because we just got tired of playing y'all!"

It was a year ago that McCoy's Trojans became the first Pasadena ISD team, on either the boys or girls side, to compete in the Division 1 half of the Texas Invitational – a division that has regularly produced state champions and showcased top talent during the tournament's 17-year history.

When the 18th edition of the Texas Invitational tips off on Nov. 17, South Houston will return to the ranks of Division 2.

But McCoy says he'll never forget the experience of competing in Division 1 and that he'll always appreciate the positive impact it had on his team.

"It turned out to be huge for us," McCoy says. "It was the springboard that

got us where we wanted to be."

The Trojans dropped their first four games in the tournament, losing to Class 6A powerhouses Richardson, Fort Bend Marshall, Duncanville and Kingwood. Still, three of the four losses were by respectable margins.

And the Trojans capped off the tournament with a 19-point victory over C.E. King.

Dividends from that experience began to show up about a month later when the Trojans reeled off six consecutive victories.

Then, after a District 22-6A loss to Manvel, South Houston won 14 in a row, finished second in the district race with a 14-2 record and then battered Port Arthur Memorial by 24 points in the first round of the state playoffs.

The playoff berth was the sixth for McCoy in his six years at South Houston. But the playoff victory snapped a streak of four consecutive first-round losses.

"It was important for us to get out of that bi-district round," he says. "We had gotten kind of stuck there."

The Texas Invitational features 80 high school teams – 48 on the boys' side and 32 on the girls' – from across the state, all competing over three days at 10 basketball venues around Pasadena and in Deer Park.

Competing teams are seeded and placed in two divisions based upon their assigned seed.

It was a little over a year ago that McCoy got a call

with an unusual offer. His Trojans, he was told, had just missed the Division 1 cut.

However, another team assigned to play in Division 1 had asked to be placed in Division 2. That created an opening.

"I asked our players and told them it was going to be super difficult, but if it was something they wanted to do, it would be a good chance for us to test ourselves," McCoy recalls. "Every one of the kids said, 'Let's go!' I said, 'That's good -- because I already said yes!'"

Says McCoy: "It was important that we do it. It was important because of the stature of the tournament. No team from our school district had ever done that before."

Had McCoy known he would be without his best player, he might have taken a different view.

Nick Hernandez, a three-year letterman and one of the area's best players, was sidelined by illness just before the tournament and didn't return to the court until the end of the calendar year.

"That was the scary part of it – Nick got sick and couldn't play," McCoy says.

"Not having one of your most productive players – that was scary."

McCoy challenged his players to make the best of the situation, to fight through every situation and keep their eye on the ultimate goal – another dash to the state playoffs.

"We told our players that we weren't looking for one guy to give us an extra 10 points a game,"

McCoy says. "We were looking for eight guys to step up and give us an extra 10 points a game. In the tournament, we knew we would be playing Top 25 teams. We just said, 'Hey, we can do this!'"

Against Richardson, the Trojans faced a 7-foot center. They lost by 12. Against Fort Bend Marshall, they face another huge front line. They lost by eight.

Wearied and forced to play an early game the second day, they lost to Duncanville by 22.

But the Trojans bounced back against Kingwood, losing by only five. In their tournament finale, the Trojans crushed C.E. King, 65-46.

"After our experience in the Texas Invitational, adversity wasn't really a problem for us," McCoy says.

"We could be facing a really good team, but we always took the approach that they weren't going to be as good as the teams we saw in the Texas Invitational."

A year later, McCoy faces a different situation. South Houston returns only two starters – Jalen Amos and Deontae Johnson.

Also back is sixth man Dralyn Brown. Still, no one on McCoy's squad averaged more than five points a game last year.

On top of that, McCoy must wait out the availability of six players coming out of football – re-enforcements that will be delayed even longer because of the Trojan football team's unexpect-

ed claim on a state playoff berth.

Of those six players, five are sophomores. But that list includes Torrence Stevens and Ethan Ponce, for us to do something big and important."

Managing expectations, McCoy's roster last year didn't include any more difficult task. Still, McCoy says he has no regrets about his team's foray at the 2015 event.

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Sports Calendar

FOOTBALL

Saturday, Nov. 19

Brook varsity vs. Kingwood, NRG Stadium, 4:00

BASKETBALL

Thursday, Nov. 17

Dobie varsity boys vs. McKinney, Dobie, 9 a.m.

Brook varsity boys vs. College Park, Phillips, 9 a.m.

Dobie varsity girls vs. College Park, Dobie, noon

Dobie varsity boys vs. Crosby, Dobie, 1:30

Brook varsity boys vs. Lancaster, Phillips, 6:00

Brook JV boys at Cy-Fair ISD tourn., TBA

Friday, Nov. 18

Brook varsity girls host Second Baptist, 6:00

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**District 22-6A Varsity Volleyball
All-District Selections**

Most Valuable Player

Ajuwa Osborne, Deer Park, Sr.

Offensive Player of the Year

Shelby Tullos, West Brook, Jr.

Defensive Player of the Year

Ashleigh Crum, Memorial, Jr.

Newcomer of the Year

Hannah Baker, Deer Park, Fr.

Setter of the Year

Amari Franklin, West Brook, Jr.

First Team Selections

Ajuwa Osborne, Deer Park, Sr.

Ashleigh Crum, Memorial, Jr.

Shelby Tullos, West Brook, Jr.

Hannah Baker, Deer Park, Fr.

Amari Franklin, West Brook, Jr.

Emily Kent, Deer Park, Jr.

Peyton Nance, Deer Park, Fr.

Alysse Harrell, Deer Park, Jr.

Kimmie Brennan, Memorial, Sr.

Lindsey Horstman, Memorial, Sr.

Keia Lopez, West Brook, Jr.

Jazmine Bridges, West Brook, Sr.

Kaylee Torres, La Porte, Jr.

Miranda Solis, La Porte, Sr.

Gaby Medina, Pasadena, Sr.

Destiny Rubio, Pasadena, Sr.

Blake Lewis, West Brook, Sr.

Aisca Berry, West Brook, Sr.

All-Academic – Dobie

Jacqueline Garcia, Jr.

Taylor Pleasants, Soph.

Kat Villanueva, Sr.

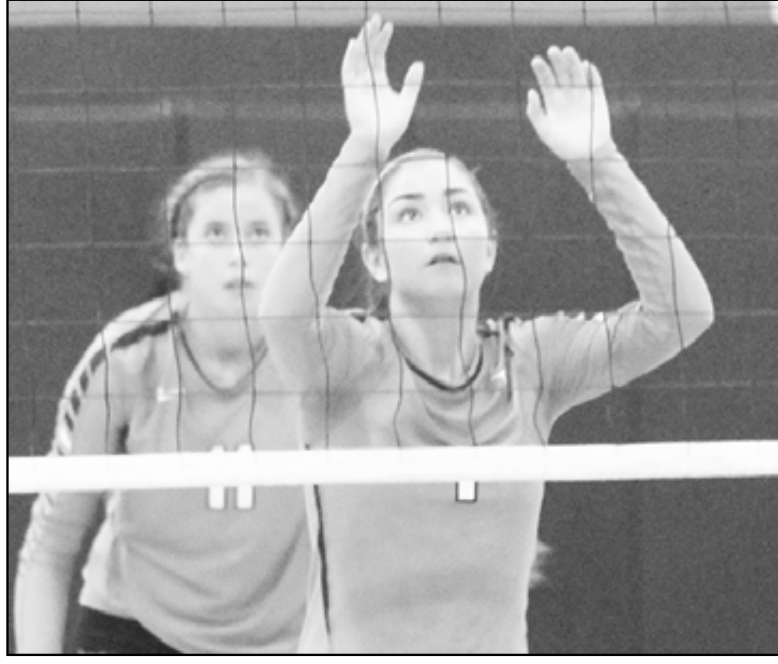
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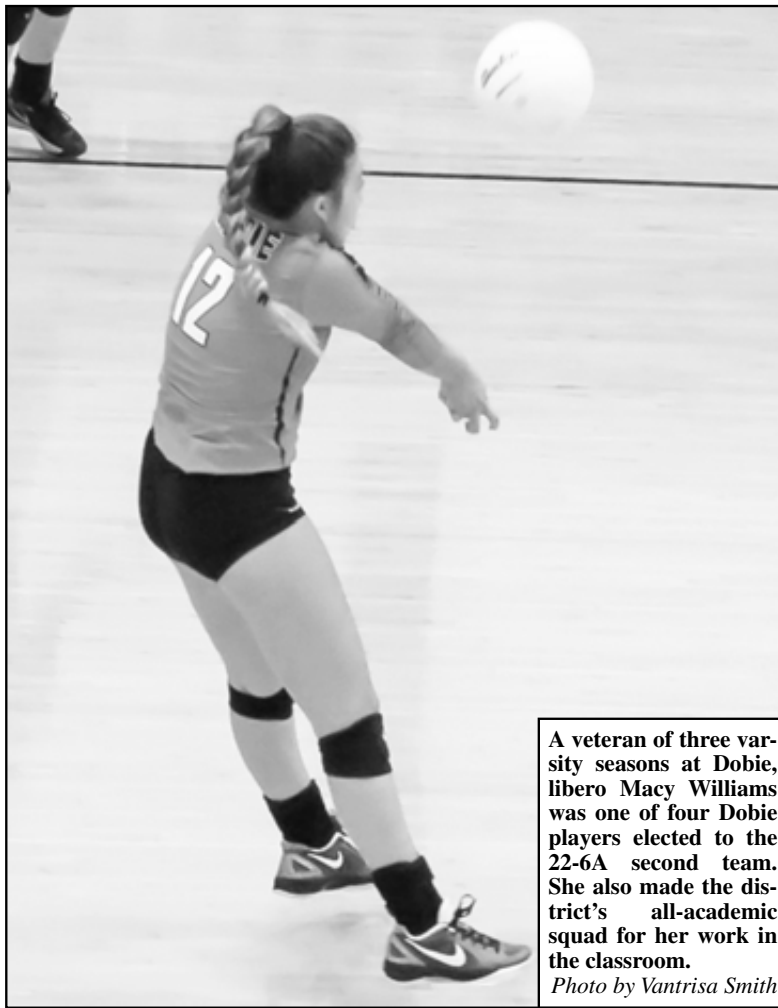
Lauren Escobar, Sr.

Lady Longhorn VB scores all-district nods



One of seven seniors on the Dobie varsity volleyball team this season, outside hitter Raene Oliviera (1) stepped up big while others battled injuries. Oliviera made the 22-6A second team. Photo by John Bechtle

At right, sophomore outside hitter Taylor Pleasants had a portion of her season halted due to injury, but she came back down the stretch and helped the Lady Longhorns get within a victory of a playoff berth. One of four Dobie players to earn a spot on the District 22-6A second team this season, she also made her way on to the league's all-academic squad. Although seven Dobie seniors will graduate, Pleasants is currently one of seven players set to return to the 2017-2018 roster. Photo by John Bechtle



A veteran of three varsity seasons at Dobie, libero Macy Williams was one of four Dobie players elected to the 22-6A second team. She also made the district's all-academic squad for her work in the classroom. Photo by Vantrisa Smith

Second Team Selections

Emma Aillet, Deer Park, Jr.

Raney Wesley, Deer Park, Jr.

Vanessa Perez, South Houston, Sr.

Pilar Garcia, Memorial, Sr.

Maira Velasquez, Rayburn, Sr.

Emilee Anderson, La Porte, Sr.

Caitlyn Campo, Deer Park, Jr.

Raene Oliviera, Dobie, Sr.

Lauren Escobar, Dobie, Sr.

Macy Williams, Dobie, Sr.

Taylor Pleasants, Dobie, Soph.

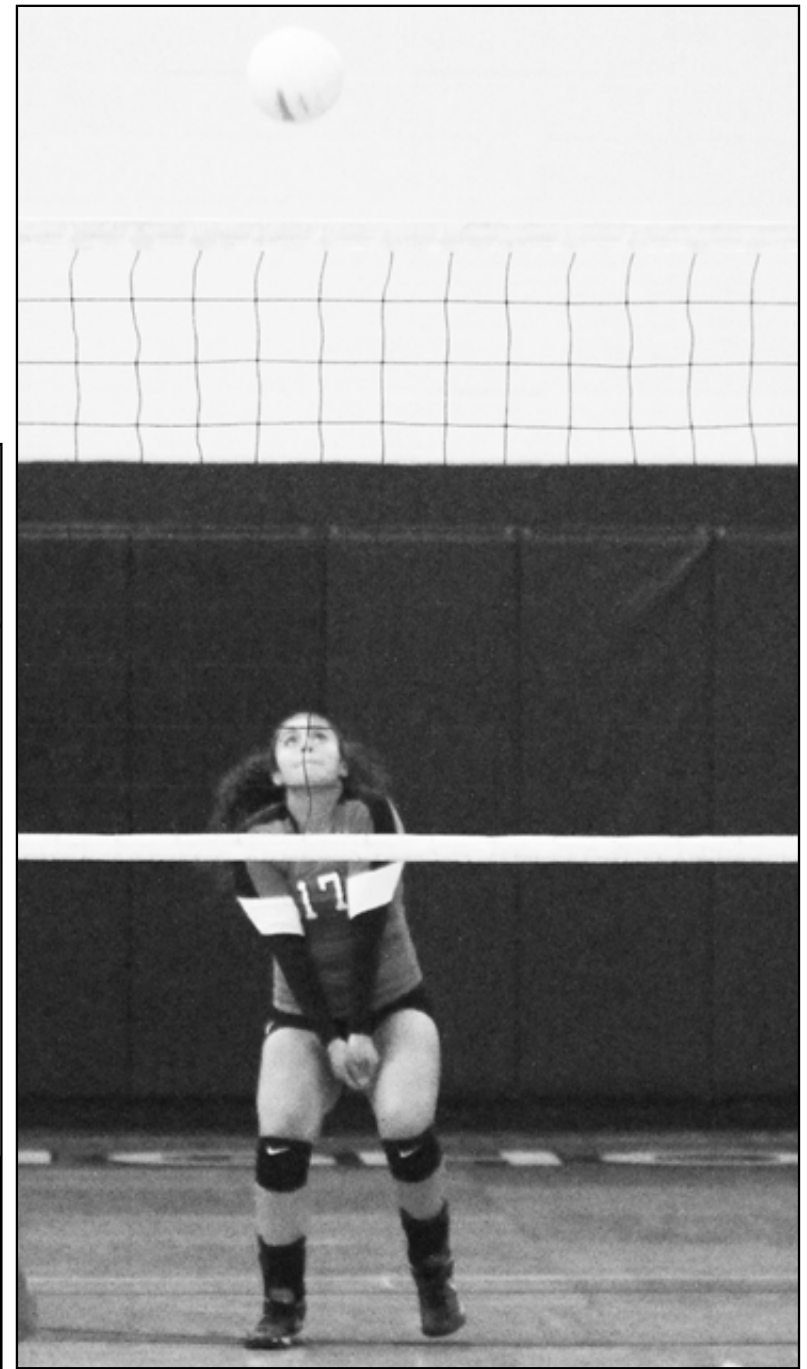
Haven Stewart, La Porte, Sr.

Honorable Mention – Dobie

Natasha Walters, Jr.

Jacqueline Garcia, Jr.

Crystal Glover, Sr.



Recovering from an injury suffered on the soccer field, Lauren Escobar (17) came back and finished strong with the Lady Longhorns, earning second team status on the volleyball court. She was also a 22-6A all-academic pick.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
CrossRoads UMC – Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. Directly afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in both English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome to join! 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter – A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details.
Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For more information call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English) – Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-

8787, or drop in.
Alateen – Support for teens, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? Meets Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
Interfaith Care Partners – ministry at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., for those with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and caretakers, meets on the third Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., for continental breakfast, arts/crafts, exercises, entertainment, devotional break, lunch, and game. Family members or acquaintances are invited. For details, call the church at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas at 713-682-5995; or visit www.interfaithcarepartners.org.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) – Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA,

open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
Free community exercise – offered Saturdays by certified personal trainer and "Brains and Balance" specialist Lisa Maki for active adults age 60 and older, who value mental acuity and physical stability. Age 59 and younger are welcome for \$3 per class. Call 832-212-5191 for details or to confirm a spot, 16202A Hickory Knoll Dr. in Clear Lake.
Bay Area Bluegrass Association – presents Fire on the Strings Festival bluegrass music show and jam session. For details, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Bay Area Bluegrass Association – presents Fire on the

Strings Festival bluegrass music show and jam session. For details, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Congregation Shaar Hashalom – Presents *Line with the Prophets*, sessions by Rabbi Stuart Federow, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at 16020 El Camino Real, 77062, the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. Everyone is welcome. Previous classes are not required. Visit www.shaarhashalom.org or contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class – Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
Grief Support Group – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.
Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
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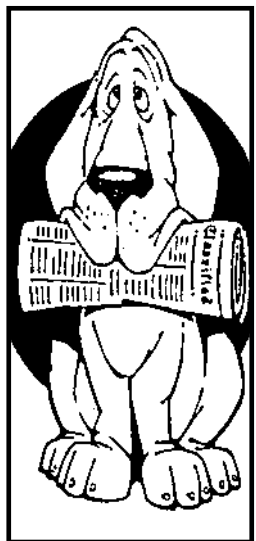
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Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Harris County Master Gardeners - Open Garden Day, with Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd. Master gardeners are available to answer gardening questions. Plants available for sale in the greenhouse. Free. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

AI-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT meetings are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175.

Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.

New Directions Singles - Age 60 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with guest speakers, 6 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email Lynneannh@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m.,

First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.

American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Pkwy. (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

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Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglanford@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

AAA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

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South Belt Dolphin drill team captures first place at BAFL championships



The Southbelt Dolphins drill team finished first at the Bay Area Football League's annual championship competition Nov. 12, beating out the rest of the field at The Rig in Pearland. Members of the Dolphins' squad include, left to right, (front row) Kimberly Tovar, Camila Contreras, Amari Finner and Olivia Rodriguez, (middle row) Jazmine

Minnifield, A'myah Murray, Tiondra Harris, Maria Manzano, Kennedy Scimmons, Vanessa Delano, Isabella Lara, Kalyn Montemayor, Amaira Johnson, (back row) Selena Sanchez, Ambreon Jones, Ericka Lopez, Ashley Rodriguez, Valerie Cuellar, Rayven Gavin, Dimmie Robinson, Alexis Taylor, coach Tricia Bates, Emily Castillo and Evbu Edigin.

Clear Brook, Dobie girls deliver mixed results

The varsity girls' basketball season has thus far included mixed results for the Clear Brook and Dobie squads through the first stretch of the season.

Both teams opened with wins on opening night, but then hit a couple of bumps at the Lady Gander Tip-Off Classic in Baytown.

Clear Brook was able to get a victory on the opening day of the event, dominating Galena Park over the second and third quarters to run away with a win.

Outscoring the Lady Yellowjackets 23-6 in the second quarter and 34-2 in the third quarter, Clear Brook went on to win 72-33.

The win sent the Lady Wolverines into action against Dayton. Leading

41-38 entering the final eight minutes of action, Brook ran into a buzz saw as Dayton went on a 17-4 run to close out a 55-45 victory.

Similar issues plagued Brook in a 55-49 loss to Galveston Ball to end play at the event. The Tors outscored Brook 18-0 in the third quarter to help secure the win.

Like Brook, Dobie has had mixed results to open the season.

A matchup against area-ranked Tomball Memorial proved tough as Dobie lost its tournament opener in the Goose Creek Memorial portion of the bracket by a 45-39 count.

In a one-on-one matchup at La Porte Nov. 15, the Lady Longhorns took a loss as the Lady Bulldogs scored a 50-27 victory.

SBHLL sets online sign-up

Continued from Page 1B of 5 to 18 to enjoy the game of baseball in a safe environment. Registration in the Challenger division is free.

The league will also host in-person registration dates at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park.

Those in-person registration dates include Dec. 7 and Dec. 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Jan. 7 and Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to

noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Tryouts and late registration, which will include an additional \$25 fee, will be held in the latter part of January.

All registering families must provide a copy of the player's birth certificate, to be kept on file.

Families must also provide three current forms of residency, such as driver's license, voter registration, utility bills, etc.

Dobie, Brook teams aim to take down best of best at Texas Invitational

Continued from Page 1B likely send the Longhorns into the Division II Gold Bracket, where the team would like to improve upon last year's third-place finish.

Dobie varsity boys' basketball head coach Kevin Cross acknowledges that pool play foes McKinney and Crosby will indeed pose challenges, but the Longhorns are intent on taking things a step farther this season, meaning they aim to be in the Division II Gold final Nov. 19, at South Houston High

School. "Obviously our goal is to do as well as we can, and our goal is to win the Division II gold championship," Cross said.

"Last year we fell short and finished third, but we want to finish it this year."

Dobie will play the first several weeks without guard Trey Prater, injured in a pick-up game during the scrimmage portion of the preseason.

But key contributors Royce Hunter, Jeremy Williams and Jonathan Cooper are back, and senior post Jeremy Davis is

expected to play a much bigger role than a season ago. Keith Armstead will give the Longhorns a big body inside to help with rebounding, and D.J. Garrett and Justin Thomas will also see minutes.

Dobie is not 10 deep as far as a rotation, and Davis and Armstead may have to do a lot of the heavy lifting inside, but the Longhorns still expect to put together a solid run.

It's too early to talk about the full scope of the season, but there's little doubt Dobie has District

22-6A championship aspirations after last season's run to the Region III Final Four.

Like many teams, Dobie battled injuries and other issues while struggling to grab the No. 4 seed in the playoffs.

Once the team got there, though, a bidistrict victory over North Shore spurred a run to the Campbell Center for the Region III Final Four.

"We have those key starters back from last season, and I was really impressed with Jeremy

Davis when he came to us from football. Let's face it, he's a 6-foot-4-inch, athletic body inside. Armstead should help as well. We are loaded with 6-foot guards, so the inside will be a key for us.

"We're going to play Clear Brook, Pearland, Clear Lake and Dawson in nondistrict play, and we play in three tough tournaments.

"The goal is to be ready for district play. Beaumont West Brook is always an unknown, but we feel like we can be right there.

We'll just get started and see how it all comes together."

Brook is stocked

Defending District 24-6A champion Dickinson enters the season with a state ranking, and Clear Lake is said to be improved after missing the postseason in 2016-2017.

So where does that leave Clear Brook?

Head coach Christian Thompson welcomes back as many as eight players from the team last season that finished fourth in the 24-6A gamut before drop-

ping a first-round playoff game to Fort Bend Travis.

Leading the way is senior and three-year starter David Azore, who was the 24-6A Offensive Player of the Year a season ago.

Azore finished off his strong season and then jumped heavily into the recruiting game. During the fall/winter signing period, Azore signed a letter of intent with the University of Texas at Arlington.

To go with Azore, the Wolverines also have fellow three-year lettermen in the forms of Onix Little and Spencer Schneider.

Little is a left-handed slasher at the wing, much

like Azore, while Schneider is one of the team's top threats from deep.

Little and guard Caleb Lang were 24-6A first-team selections after last season, and Schneider made his way onto the second team.

Clear Brook returns plenty of talent, but Little and Caleb Chapman, another heavy contributor on the court, are also in the school's football program.

Nonetheless, Clear Brook is bunched in with the Division I big boys at the McDonald's Texas Invitational. The Wolverines will face College Park in their season opener Nov.

17, at Phillips Field House before facing 2015 Division I Gold Bracket finalist Lancaster in a 6 p.m. game during the evening session.

Even while the Wolverines wait for their full roster of players to come together, there is plenty of talent on board, and a special season could very well draw its beginning at the invitational.

Clear Brook will also face Dobie in a big nondistrict contest Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Clear Brook. It'll be Azore and company against Dobie's Royce Hunter and his mates. What a game!

McDonald's Championship Saturday

Division I Boys' Gold Bracket

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Phillips Field House, 3 p.m.

Division I Boys' Silver Bracket

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Division I Girls' Silver Bracket

Dobie High School, 3 p.m.

Division I Boys' Bronze Bracket

Deer Park Watkins, 3 p.m.

Division I Girls' Bronze Bracket

Dobie High School, 1:30 p.m.

McDonald's Championship Saturday

Division II Boys' Gold Bracket

South Houston High School, 3 p.m.

Division II Girls' Gold Bracket

Deer Park South, 3 p.m.

Division II Boys' Silver Bracket

Rayburn High School, 3 p.m.

Division II Girls' Silver Bracket

Deer Park South, 1:30 p.m.

Division II Boys' Bronze Bracket

Rayburn High School, 1:30 p.m.

Division II Girls' Bronze Bracket

Pasadena High School, 1:30 p.m.

Dobie boys' hoops to meet Clear Lake at Hoopsgiving Classic

Billed as the only boys' high school basketball tournament to be held on a Division I collegiate campus this season, the Hoopsgiving Classic is coming to Texas Southern University Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Games will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run through the evening session, with the final game tipping off at 8:30 p.m.

The Dobie Longhorns, having advanced to the Region III semifinals last season, are part of the mix. Dobie is set to face Clear Lake in a 10:30 a.m. contest.

The Hoopsgiving Classic, with a 9-game slate, features several of the Houston area's most talented programs.

The big game of the event figures to be Fort Bend Travis, the Houston area's No. 8 team, going against No. 10 ranked and defending Region II champion Atascocita at 7 p.m.

All games will be played at H&PE Arena on the Texas Southern University campus.

"We're honored to be

asked to play in an event like this," Dobie head coach Kevin Cross said. "Obviously, our guys will get some added exposure, and we are also part of a very talented group of teams on the court that day. I know the guys are looking forward to playing at TSU."

As for going against Clear Lake, Cross expects a tough battle. The two programs have been battling in nondistrict games

for quite some time, with the Falcons holding an edge in the series. Clear Lake missed the playoffs a season ago, but Cross warned against taking the Falcons lightly.

"They outscored us by 11 points in three quarters in a scrimmage," he said. "They're loaded over there again. Coach (Tommy) Penders always has them ready to compete. It should be a very competitive game."

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8:30 a.m. - Lamar vs. Cy-Falls

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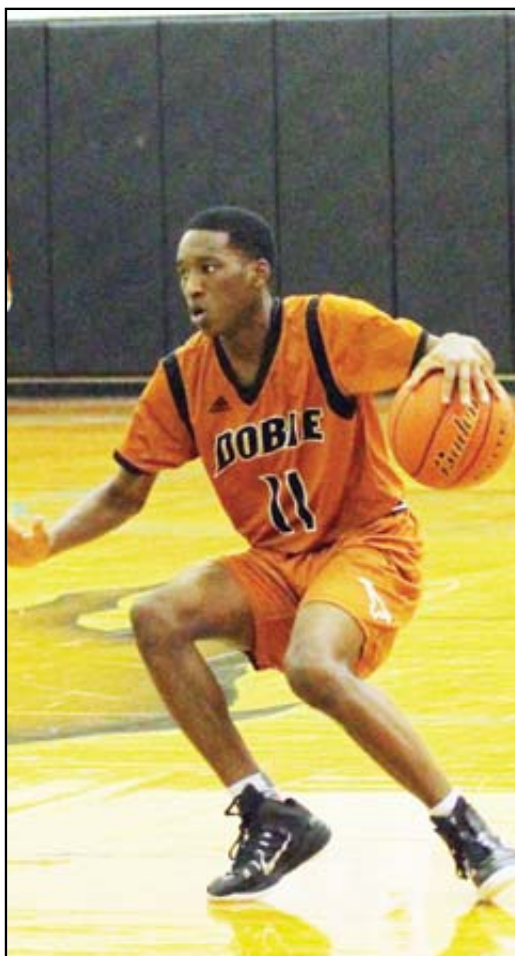
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4 p.m. - Episcopal vs. Beaumont Central

5:30 p.m. - Victory Prep vs. St. Anthony

7 p.m. - Atascocita vs. Fort Bend Travis

8:30 p.m. - Yates vs. Tulsa Central



At left, Dobie senior Jeremy Williams is back for his final season after playing a big role in the Longhorns' run to the Region III Final Four tournament in varsity boys' basketball. Williams made big shot after big shot as the Longhorns won three playoff games in route to reaching the Aldine ISD Campbell Center. Now, it's a new season, and Williams is one of the team's shooting guards being leaned on heavily for point production. Williams may also have to handle some point guard duties until the Longhorns get Trey Prater back from injury. It all starts as the Longhorns go against McKinney and Crosby during the opening day of the McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 17-19. To see current updated brackets and game times, visit www.texasinvitational.com.