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### Beltway 8 to close

All westbound main lanes of Beltway 8 will be closed from Beamer to South Wayside Drive from 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, through 5 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6.

### County debris pickup ends

Harris County crews will make one final storm debris collection pass the week of Nov. 6 through Nov. 13. Residents living in unincorporated parts of the community are asked to have their remaining debris placed on the curb by Sunday, Nov. 5. Storm debris is to be divided into separate piles by type, including appliances, electronics, construction and vegetative.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Road 1 to Fuqua will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Tuesday, Nov. 7. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least two northbound and two southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Road 1 to Fuqua will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Nov. 7. Alternate entrance/exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-518 to FM-517 in League City will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

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

### New Covenant offers help

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, has storm disaster relief supplies available to residents affected by Hurricane Harvey. Items include cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, baby supplies and household items. For information or to schedule a pickup, call Crystal Johnson at 281-484-4230.

### Cabrini blood drive set

St. Frances Cabrini Knights of Columbus, 10727 Hartsook, will host a blood drive, Sunday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Francesca Hall. For information call Richard or Janie Perales 713-946-1223 or Jose Pena 832-638-8391

### Dobie orchestra to perform

The J. Frank Dobie High School Chamber Orchestra will have its annual Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Honor Orchestra recording concert on Thursday Nov. 9, at the San Jacinto College South Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building at 7 p.m. Students will perform works by Mozart, Kallinikov and Britten. The concert is free and open to the public.

### KCs hold fish fry

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will hold a fish fry dinner on Friday, Nov. 3, at the St. Luke's social hall from 5 to 7 p.m. The dinner will consist of a fried catfish fillet, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob, French fries and an iced tea or lemonade for \$10. Baked fish fillets will be available in limited quantities. All money raised will benefit local and community projects.

### Silver Bells event planned

Tri-County Republican Women will host its annual Silver Bells event Sunday, Nov. 5, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2905 Country Club Drive. There will be a cash bar, shopping and silent auction from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. and a luncheon, speaker and live auction from noon to 2 p.m. The master of ceremonies will be Jacquie Baly, political analyst for Fox 26 KRIV, and the speaker will be Eva Guzman, Texas Supreme Court Justice. Tickets are \$45 per person and tables seat eight to 10 guests. To purchase tickets, contact Terri Gorby at 832-724-5368 or visit [www.TCRWTX.org](http://www.TCRWTX.org).

### Dual-credit meeting set

Dobie High School will hold a parent meeting for sophomores and juniors interested in the College Now Dual Credit Program beginning in the spring semester. The meeting is Thursday, Nov. 7, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Jennifer Johnson, College Now coordinator, at 713-740-0370.

### Blackhawk to close

Blackhawk Boulevard will be closed at Beltway 8 from 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, through 5 a.m. Friday, Nov. 3. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

# Multiple local elections set for Nov. 7

Multiple local elections are set to take place Tuesday, Nov. 7, including two propositions from the Pasadena Independent School District, five propositions from the City of Houston and seven propositions from the State of Texas.

### Pasadena ISD

Of particular importance to South Belt residents is a pair of proposals from PISD, which are aimed at increasing revenue in the district.

Voters will decide on Proposition A, a no-tax-rate-increase bond election seeking \$135 million in funds for new construction, and Proposition B, a Tax Ratification Election (TRE), which asks voters to approve a 13-cent tax increase to cover the district's growing maintenance and operational costs. See related editorial on Page 2A.

### Proposition A

Should Proposition A be approved by voters,

it would provide for a variety of new construction projects and renovation efforts.

Projects identified by the district's Future Facilities Committee, and approved by the PISD Board of Trustees, include the following:

- New Riverstone Ranch intermediate school
- Red Bluff Elementary replacement campus (on site)
- Transportation facility and site work
- Maintenance and operations - warehouse facility
- Facility - safety upgrades
- Technology equipment
- Fine arts instruments
- New buses
- Facilities management

### Proposition B

If passed, Proposition B would be PISD's first

tax increase in more than a decade.

PISD officials contend it would accomplish the following:

- Remain competitive with surrounding districts in retaining and recruiting teachers and staff
- Continue innovative instructional programs
- Address student growth
- Offset costs from unfunded state mandates
- Offset the rising cost of utilities, salaries, fuel and medical insurance
- Maximize state funding

If approved, the impact of Proposition B on an average \$130,000 home in Pasadena would be approximately \$9.97 per month, or 33 cents per day. Residents who are over 65 or disabled and have their taxes frozen will not be affected by the TRE.

For more information on the proposals, visit [www1.pasadenaisd.org/2017bondtre](http://www1.pasadenaisd.org/2017bondtre).

### City of Houston

The City of Houston will hold five bond elections.

### Proposition A

Proposition A would provide for the issuance of \$1,010,000,000 pension obligation bonds for the purpose of funding a portion of the unfunded liability of the city with respect to the Houston Police Officers' Pension System and the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System as drafted by the pension reform plan contained in Senate Bill 2190, which was adopted in the 85th Texas Legislature.

### Proposition B

Proposition B would provide for \$159 million for the construction and renovation of police and fire department facilities, including the acquisition of lands and rights-of-way for any of such improvements.

### Proposition C

Proposition C would provide for \$104 million for the conservation, improvement, acquisition, construction and equipment of neighborhood

parks, recreational facilities and bayous, including green spaces along all bayous to create an integrated system of bayou walking, running and bicycle trails.

### Proposition D

Proposition D would provide for \$109 million for improvements to support the city's public health, wellness, sanitation and other essential governmental services.

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## Where to vote

### Nov. 7 polling locations

Pct. #	Location
76	Beverly Hills Intermediate School 11111 Beamer Road
289	Garfield Elementary School 10301 Hartsook St.
417	Stuchbery Elementary School 11210 Hughes Road
418	Beverly Hills Community Center 10201 Kingspoint Road
475	San Jacinto College Fine Arts Center 13735 Beamer, Building 15
476	Frazier Elementary School 10503 Hughes Road
536	Laura Welch Bush Elementary School 9100 Blackhawk Blvd.
537	BellaVita Clubhouse 1548-B N. Riviera Circle
545	Parker Williams Library 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Suite 510
654	El Franco Lee Community Center 9400 Hall Road
715	Aviation Department - Ellington Field Highway 3 Building 510
755	Genoa Staff Development Center 12900 Alameda Genoa Road
774	James DeAnda Elementary School 7980 Alameda Genoa Road
842	Burnett Elementary School 11825 Teaneck Drive
996	Parker Williams Library 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Suite 510

## Homecoming king, queen crowned



The J. Frank Dobie homecoming king and queen were announced at the Longhorns game Friday, Oct. 27. Sebastian Rodriguez Leal was crowned king, and Aleida Gonzalez was crowned queen. The Longhorns were defeated in the game, losing 34-7 to the South Houston Trojans. See related story on Page 6B.

Photo by Jade Wise

## City to resume curbside recycling

After a two-and-a-half-month suspension due to Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts, the City of Houston's Solid Waste Management Department will resume its curbside recycling collection schedule starting Monday, Nov. 13.

The resumption of service is as follows:

- B Week collection will begin the week of Monday, Nov. 13.
- A Week collection will begin the week of Monday, Nov. 20.

As curbside recycling collection reboots, customers are encouraged to place only the following items in their green recycling carts: paper, cardboard, clean food cartons, plastic containers Nos. 1-5 and No.7, aluminum cans and bi-metal cans. A detailed list of accepted items can be found on department's website (<http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/recycling.html>). Customers are also reminded that glass is not accepted in the curbside containers but can be recycled at all city recycling drop-off locations. The aforementioned recycling link lists those locations and has them mapped.

Here are a few other reminders to remember after the recycling hiatus:

- No Hurricane Harvey debris should be in the recycling cart. While it is recognized that many

customers used their carts to haul demolition material to the curb immediately after Harvey, material of that type is not recyclable and is considered trash.

- Recycling should be loose and not bagged in the cart. Loose material speeds the processing line and ensures that contamination is kept at a minimum.
- Glass is not accepted at this time and should be taken to a convenient drop-off site.
- Junk waste and yard waste services remain suspended until further notice. Those crews continue to work on Hurricane Harvey debris removal.

All city drop-off locations continue to work on a seven-day schedule until further notice. These sites include the Neighborhood Depositories, Westpark Recycling Center and the Environmental Service Center. Remember to check with 3-1-1 or the department's web page for operating hours.

- The recycling collection schedule can be found at [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/Recycle\\_Cal.pdf](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/Recycle_Cal.pdf).
- All Solid Waste services collection day information can be found at [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/service\\_schedules.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/service_schedules.html).

## PISD bond would provide tech funds

The upcoming Nov. 7 Pasadena Independent School District school bond election is calling for \$10 million for technology funds to continue the district's 1-to-1, Connect Personalized Learning and Refresh programs.

The 1-to-1 initiative provides students with innovative access to up-to-date computer and web-based technology. The program equips students across the school district with computers and allows for additional collaboration, communication and support throughout the day.

"When technology becomes a natural part of a student's life, they gain the knowledge and skills to compete in today's job market," said Dr. DeAnn Powell, PISD superintendent of schools.

As part of the 1-to-1 expansion project, the 2017 bond proposal includes plans to continue the Connect Personalized Learning program, a digital educational platform that empowers students to work independently and customizes the instruction to meet their needs and interests.

Connect started as a way to increase engagement in the classroom and close performance gaps. The program was piloted in 2015 at three campuses in the district. This year, that number has increased to 23 campuses.

Every "Connect" student in the district has a

personalized plan, where they set learning and personal growth goals, track progress, receive immediate feedback from teachers and have access to learning resources 24/7. Students also have a personal mentor who helps them reach their goals. Connect is structured to ensure students are prepared for college and a career.

"Connect integrates 1-to-1 technology into rigorous curriculum, while driving students toward their academic and personal goals," said Karen Hickman, PISD deputy superintendent. "Connect is the perfect recipe for student achievement."

An additional component of the technology bond is the Refresh program, which involves upgrading the network infrastructure to increase the storage capacity and maintain and install up-to-date computer hardware and software to keep the system current and efficient. This process is conducted every four to five years.

The technology proposal is part of a \$135 million school bond package that will complete the projects that were eliminated from the 2014 school bond. See related story on this page.

For more information on the Pasadena ISD bond, visit [www1.pasadenaisd.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=32100912](http://www1.pasadenaisd.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=32100912).

## Local police seek wheel thieves

Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying suspects wanted for multiple wheel thefts in the area.

According to Lt. Mike Kritzler from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, there have been six such reported thefts in the local contract patrol area since July, with five of the incidents taking place in just October. Most of the wheels have been stolen from Chevy or GMC trucks that are 2014 models and newer. The thefts usually take place in the early morning hours.

The first reported incident (Chevy rims) took place July 7 in the 9800 block of Sagecastle; the second incident (GMC rims) took place Oct. 3 in the 10300 block of Sagebrook; the third incident (Chevy rims) took place Oct. 3 in the 11400 block of Gullwood; the fourth incident (GMC rims) took place Oct. 3 in the 9400 block of Windy Spring Lane; the fifth incident (Chevy rims) took place Oct. 25 in the 10600 block of

Sagecanyon; and the sixth incident (Chevy rims) took place Oct. 25 in the 10500 block of Raven Crossing Lane.

Kritzler said similar thefts have also taken

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Surveillance footage

## Driver strikes man outside party

A driver is facing two felony charges after striking a man with his vehicle outside of a children's Halloween party on Tuesday, Oct. 31. The incident took place around 6:10 p.m. in the 9700 block of Hughes Road, where fire trucks were blocking the road as part of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department's annual Halloween party. Frustrated he couldn't get through the street, the driver attempted to go around the trucks, where he was told by a volunteer on foot to stop. Rath-

er than stop, however, the driver accelerated and struck the man, witnesses said. The driver then reportedly got out of his vehicle and punched the volunteer with his fist. Witnesses said the driver attempted to strike a second individual with his vehicle as he fled the scene. The suspect was apprehended after he called police to say he was the victim of the assault. Robert Philmon, 37, was arrested and charged with two counts of felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

## CCISD names Martin top citizen

The Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees announced Trent Martin as the 2017 Citizen of the Year.

The Citizen of the Year is a standout among many valued supporters in the community for their dedication to the district and public education through their volunteer and advocacy efforts.

Specifically, recipients of the Citizen of the Year award demonstrate a commitment to CCISD through their volunteer efforts; contribute significantly in ways that have benefited the entirety of CCISD; maintain a reputation across the CCISD community as an individual with high standards and dedication to excellence in public education; and voluntarily served the district, its students and patrons over an extended period of time.

"Clear Creek ISD is measurably the better due to Trent Martin's contributions and leadership over the past several years," said CCISD Board President, Page Rander. "It would be difficult to find an area or need that Trent's efforts haven't impacted in some way. He has consistently lent his time, expertise and energy to matters of financial impact to the district and growth chal-



Martin

lenges, all the while keeping student success at the center," she said.

Martin has served in a multitude of roles ranging from Gilmore PTA president and booster club leadership positions at Clear Springs High School, to key involvement on various committees at the district level. His input and due diligence have been invaluable on the Citizens Financial Advisory Committee for seven years, three School Boundary Advisory committees and two Facility Advisory committees.

Currently the vice president of Business Integra Technology Solutions, Martin previously served as NASA's associate director of engineering for advanced development. He is the father of a Clear Springs High School graduate, a Clear Springs junior and Creekside Intermediate student.

The Citizen of the Year will be honored at the Clear Creek Education Foundation Gala on Saturday, Nov. 4, at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, along with the foundation's selected honorees. Other 2017 honorees include Dr. Ron McLeod (George B. Carlisle Distinguished Service Award); Christin Hart, Connie Davis Fuller and Michael Janney (Distinguished Alumni); Scott Hartman (Valor); Kevin Duke and Ruth Rendon Duke, Magali Gutierrez, Lauren Jehli, Dinah Parker Matthews and Gary Mossman (CCISD Superstars); and Mickey Wooten of South Shore Grille (Dennis Johnson Memorial Small Business Award).

# In My Opinion

## Critical crossroads defined by Powell

It is hard to believe we are closing out October, we've had our first cold front, football season is winding down, and the Texas Invitational is just around the corner, which means Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are almost here. And despite the adversity caused by Hurricane Harvey and its devastating floods, there is much to be thankful for this year.

I have never been more proud to lead Pasadena ISD and I am truly thankful. When I witnessed firsthand how our District came together during and after Hurricane Harvey and defined exactly what Pasadena ISD Strong really means, it made my heart swell with pride.

If we rewind to the weeks before Harvey, our Board of Trustees and administration had been watching the State Legislature and their special legislative session closely. For the last 10 years school funding has been a sensitive and crucial topic and the state legislature failed once again to address the subject.

While cost factors affecting school budgets continue to rise, our bottom line is affected. In fact, this is the 4th straight year Pasadena ISD has been forced to operate on a deficit budget and dip into fund balance to make up for budget shortfalls. We are quite aware this cannot continue year after year.

You can commend the Board and our award winning business department for their frugal approach to spending. For instance, the state standard for administrative costs for a district of our size is

11.5% of the budget. Pasadena ISD's administrative costs are at 5.5%, saving our District and the taxpayers over \$17 million a year.

Just because we manage our money wisely does not mean our kids are getting a discount education. On the contrary, our graduation rate has been on an upward spiral of success for the last 10 years and has gone from approximately 67 percent to 90.9 percent, almost two percentage points above the state average.

Pasadena ISD was recently ranked #9 in the nation for academic performance on standardized tests among low income students. What are we doing to achieve such success? We are utilizing our funds wisely and efficiently and spending those dollars in the right place - on our students.

In August of this year, the Board of Trustees decided to ask our taxpayers to vote on Proposition A and Proposition B by calling for a Bond election and a tax ratification election, respectively.

Proposition A is a \$135 million bond package that addresses facility improvements needed across the District related to air conditioning, roof repairs, parking lots and safety as well as the replacement of older, less efficient buildings.

A list of needs for Pasadena ISD was created for the District's 2014 Bond election by the Future Facilities and Planning Committee which is made up of parents and people from the community and business. However, the projects recommended by the planning committee in 2014 were extensive and could not all be funded by proceeds of the 2014 Bond so

the District had to prioritize certain projects. The Future Facilities and Planning Committee reconvened in August and September of this year to revisit the list of needs created from the 2014 Bond and determined that the following projects were the top priority for 2017's Proposition A: a new Riverstone Ranch Intermediate School, a replacement campus for Red Bluff Elementary, a new transportation building, a Maintenance-Operations-Warehouse Facility, facility upgrades (including HVAC, roofs, electrical, parking lots, & safety upgrades), technology equipment, fine arts equipment, new school buses and facility management for the projects.

Based on current data, the District anticipates that Proposition A, like the 2014 Bond, will be another "no tax increase" bond election and the District will not have to raise its debt service tax rate to pay the bonds.

Proposition B is a Tax Ratification Election. Here, the Board and the District are asking the taxpayers to approve a 13 cent per \$100 valuation increase to the Maintenance and Operations ("M&O") tax rate to generate \$16 million in local funds and an additional \$20.7 million in State funding for a total of \$36.7 million in District funding.

The additional M&O tax revenue from Proposition B will help the District remain competitive with surrounding districts in recruiting and retaining teachers and staff (Pasadena ISD teacher salaries are lower than our surrounding districts), continue innovative instructional programs, maximize state funding, offset costs of unfunded state required mandates, and help offset the rising costs of salaries, benefits, fuel and medical insurance.

If you are over 65 or disabled, your taxes will NOT increase if Proposition B - the Tax Ratification Election passes as long as you have filed an Exemption at the school

district tax office. Early Voting has started and will continue until Nov. 3. The closest Harris County voting locations to our area are John Phelps Courthouse -101 S. Richey in Pasadena, Kyle Chapman Activity Center - 7340 Spencer Hwy in Pasadena and the Scarsdale County Annex - 10851 Scarsdale Blvd in Houston.

Thank you for your time and I'd like to encourage everyone to head to the polls and exercise your right to vote.

**DeeAnn Powell,**  
Superintendent Pasadena ISD

## Johnson thanks good Samaritan

On Friday, Oct. 20, I bought groceries at the Kroger on Sabo/ Beltway 8 and inadvertently left my wallet and cell phone in the basket after putting my groceries in the car. I didn't realize this until I got home. I returned to the parking lot hoping they would still be in the basket, but they were not. I went inside to customer service and asked the young lady if someone had turned in a wallet and cell phone and she said yes. I can't tell you the relief and thankfulness that overcame me.

The young lady said a lady found them in the basket and brought them in. The lady had called my daughter in Austin to ask what to do with the wallet and phone and she told her to take them to customer service as she was sure I would go there to inquire about them. Whoever you are, God placed you in the perfect place and guided your actions. I'm truly thankful and appreciative for you and can't begin to thank you enough for your kind gesture. In today's world there aren't many like you. Thank you again and may God Bless You.

**Elizabeth Johnson**

## Local library events set

### Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Thursday, Nov. 2, 4-5:30 p.m. Dia De Los Muertos Sugar Skull Cookie Decorating for all ages. In the spirit of this holiday, gather family members and meet in the library community room to decorate a sugar skull cookie and share favorite memories.

Thursday, Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m. USCIS Citizenship Information Session. Join Rosa Ramirez, community relations officer, for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services department, for information about applying for citizenship and preparing for the citizenship interview. Registration requested.

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2-4 p.m. International Games Day for all ages. In cooperation with International Games Day, meet on the main floor of the library for a variety of board, card and tablet video games.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m. The Amazing Brain: What Neuroscience Research Says about Raising Children in the iPhone Era. Meet in the library meeting room to hear Curtis Neveu, postdoctoral fellow in the department of neurobiology and anatomy at UT Health Science Center at Houston/McGovern Medical School, give background about the neuroscience of the developing brain and discuss the effect of iPhones, internet, and social media on the developing brain. This adult program is for parents/caregivers.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 5 p.m. STEM time will focus on science fair exploration for ages 8 and older. Join Mr. John in the library community room to give science fair project ideas, explore various resources and books to enjoy completing the science fair project.

Below are the programs that occur every week. Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 years to 5 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. - For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

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

For more information on library events, call the library at 281-484-2036. Library hours this week are: Monday, 1-9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, closed.

### Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Knitting and crochet; Creative Knitting Saturday, Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class Saturday, Nov. 4, 3 p.m. Citizenship class Saturday, Nov. 4, 3 p.m. Teen movie: *Pay It Forward*

Monday, Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m. Polliwog Nature Club Tuesday, Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m. Preschool storytime; 11:15 a.m. Preschool playtime Wednesday, Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime Wednesday, Nov. 8, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

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, closed; Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## CCART sets meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its December meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. There will be a short business meeting followed by a presentation by Gene Kranz, former NASA flight director. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The program will be followed by a Thanksgiving potluck dinner. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$45.

## Local elections set for Nov. 7

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#### Proposition E

Proposition E would provide for \$123 million for the purpose of the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and equipping the city's public library system. For more information on the city proposals, visit [www.houstontx.gov/2017election.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/2017election.html).

#### State of Texas

Seven state amendments will appear on the ballot.

#### Proposition 1

Proposition 1 involves giving disabled veterans, or the surviving spouse of partially disabled veterans, property tax relief on homes donated by charitable organizations.

#### Proposition 2

Proposition 2 would establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower of a home equity loan.

#### Proposition 3

Proposition 3 would limit the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office.

#### Proposition 4

Proposition 4 would authorize the Legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute.

#### Proposition 5

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Proposition 5 involves allowing professional sports team foundations to conduct charitable raffles.

#### Proposition 6

Proposition 6 would provide property tax relief for the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed in the line of duty.

#### Proposition 7

Proposition 7 involves allowing credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes to promote savings. For more information on the state proposals, visit [www.votetexas.gov/voting/constitutional-amendments/2017-constitution-amendment-ballot-lan-guage.html](http://www.votetexas.gov/voting/constitutional-amendments/2017-constitution-amendment-ballot-lan-guage.html).

# Publisher's Opinion

## State forcing increase in property taxes

State funding for public education is really a mess in Texas. At a recent chamber event, both State Rep. Dennis Paul and State Sen. Sylvia Garcia, two elected legislators on very opposite sides of political philosophy, acknowledge that education funding is very messed up, and something most legislators do not understand.

For example, Pasadena ISD has not increased the tax rate for 10 years. Taxes have gone up, due to increased appraisals, but much of this, again through a complicated process does not end up in the school district, but in state coffers! On Proposition B, PISD is asking for a 13 cent per \$100 evaluation increase. Again, their first increase in 10 years.

If this is approved, it will generate \$16 million in revenue. The last few years, the district has been operating in the red. This shortfall has been covered by past savings which are quickly disappearing. If you examine the expense of PISD, you will find that they run on a very tight budget. One big item that districts are frequently criticized on is administrative costs. PISD, for a district its size, spends about half what the average districts spend for administrative costs.

What really makes no sense, but will be very beneficial to PISD, with the passing of the tax increase is that, not only will the district improve their income from the tax increase by \$16 million, but then the state will give the district an additional \$20.7 million, every year!

I know this sounds crazy, but PISD will get \$20.7 million for going up on the taxes for \$16 million. Like I have told legislators, if the state had only given the district that money to start with, there

would be no need for a tax increase! Unfortunately, current state law does not allow that. The district has to increase tax to get a \$20.7 million bonus from the state.

I am quite conservative on tax increases. But this is one I have to support.

We have been running a deficit, and the fund balance which has been our financial safety net is disappearing.

If Proposition B is not approved, the district will be in real trouble. This not only affects kids' education, but also property values, etc.

Proposition A is a bond election which should not result in a tax increase due to other bonds being paid off.

The big item for South Belt in Proposition A will be the building of a Riverstone Ranch area intermediate.

Other bond issues for the South Belt area are:

- Meador gets a new roof if Prop A passes \$420,000;
- Burnett gets some HVAC system improvements with replacement controls \$300,000

- Frazier gets a new boiler and replacement controls \$400,000
- Morris replacement chiller \$75,000
- BHI - Chillers \$120,000
- Thompson - roof replaced
- Dobie - lighting \$100,000 and Chillers \$180,000

- Lighting at AG Barn
- Fine Arts instruments and buses benefit South Belt area as well

For those ages 65 and older or disabled, there is no tax increase on either proposition for homesteaded property.

**Marie Flickinger**  
Publisher

## SJC announces calendar of events

San Jacinto College has announced its calendar of events.

### Holiday mini and Spring registration

Registration for the holiday mini semester beginning Monday, Dec. 18, and the spring 2018 semester beginning Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018, is now open. For more information on registration, visit [sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration](http://sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration).

### Dr. Lindsey Trevino lecture

The SJC Central campus science department will host Dr. Lindsey Trevino as she

presents her lecture *Exposure to Environmental Chemicals and Developmental Origin of Disease* on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 4 p.m. in Building 19, Room C19.123. For more information, contact Violeta Coarfa at [violeta.coarfa@sjcd.edu](mailto:violeta.coarfa@sjcd.edu).

### Music concert: Picnic Suite

The SJC Central campus music department will host the *Picnic Suite* music concert by Claude Bolling on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m., in the Monte Blue Music Building (building 5).

The concert will feature

music faculty Eric Late, bass; Lynn Brandt, flute; Jeremy Garcia, guitar; Sarah Spencer, piano; and Michael Mizma, drums. For more information, contact Geneva Fort at [fort@sjcd.edu](mailto:fort@sjcd.edu).

### National Society of Leadership and Success Speaker Broadcast

The SJC North campus will host the National Society of Leadership and Success Speaker Broadcast on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 4 p.m., in Building 6 in Room N6.108. For more information, contact Ronald Hopkins at [ronald.hopkins@sjcd.edu](mailto:ronald.hopkins@sjcd.edu).

### Communities in Schools STEM Expo

The SJC Central campus will host the Communities in Schools STEM Expo for children on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 5 p.m. in Building 17.

The STEM Expo will feature educational activities focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. *A Confusion of Human Beings* theater production

The SJC South campus department of theater and film will present the fall production *A Confusion of Human Beings*, Nov. 9-11, and Nov. 16-18, in the Black Box theater located in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center (Building 15).

All performances will begin at 8 p.m. and admission is free.

### Community Education Center events

The SJC Community Education Center, located on the College's Central campus in Room C-1.108, will host the following November workshops that are free and open to the public.

To register, email [communityeducation@sjcd.edu](mailto:communityeducation@sjcd.edu).

- Tai Chi for Health, Nov. 3, noon to 1 p.m.
- Spanish for Beginners, Nov. 7, 1 to 2 p.m.
- Free Job Training Information session, Nov. 8, 2 to 4 p.m.

## Newest Astros fan



Looks like the Houston Astros have a new fan. Magnolia Odom was born at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital on Oct. 21.

## Local police seek wheel thieves

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place in surrounding areas, including Houston, Pearland and Pasadena.

Investigators believe many of the thefts are connected.

In the past month, there have been 72 reported cases of parts and/or contents being stolen from vehicles in the gen-

eral area, although police do not believe these are all related.

Surveillance footage (see related photos on this page and Page 1A) appears to show at least three separate suspects.

Anyone with any information about these thefts is urged to contact Precinct 2 Sgt. Robert Sanchez at 281-481-9189.



Surveillance footage

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# Deaths

## Linda Elizabeth Ranft



Linda Elizabeth Strawn Ranft, died on Friday, Oct. 20, surrounded by her loving family, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was the only child of James Harrell and Georgia Martin Strawn and was born on June 26, 1940, in Lockhart, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and is survived by Howard Ranft, her husband of 56 years; her daughter Leah Ranft Poirrier and husband Stephen Poirrier of League City; and her son Randy Ranft and wife Cheryl Ranft of Orange Beach, Alabama.

Linda leaves behind the loves of her life, granddaughters Sami Poirrier, Sarah Poirrier, and Ally Poirrier and grandson Grayson Ranft. Her role as Nana was one she loved and cherished, as she was always the happiest with either a grandchild or a dachshund on her lap!

Linda graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in 1958 and attended the University of Houston, where she met and married Howard. She had a 10-year career with Tenneco; afterward she became a stay-at-home mom.

Linda was a beautiful woman and won several contests including Miss Splash Day and was a finalist in the Miss Houston Pageant. She was known for her quiet smile, sweet disposition and beautiful eyes. She loved playing tennis with her

many friends and loved the challenge of playing in the Houston Ladies Tennis Association.

Linda and Howard were often chaperones of the J. Frank Dobie Tennis Team over the course of 15 years. Her sewing skills were well known in the area of interior design, as her many talents with a needle and thread made her always in demand for her beautiful home creations. She will be sorely missed by all.

Visitation for friends and relatives will be held at Niday Funeral Home on Beamer from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3.

A graveside service will be held at Forest Park Lawn-dale Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made to M.D. Anderson for cancer research.

## Michael A. Galvan Jr.



Michael A. Galvan Jr. of Houston, died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017. He was born Feb. 5, 1987, in Houston.

He was a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend. He was gentle, kind, and as he would say, an "old soul," who always brought laughter and joy to those that crossed his path.

He loved to entertain and prepare fabulous feasts for his family and friends. Michael was an avid reader with a passion for fantasy: *Game of Thrones* and *Lord of the*

Rings were two of his favorites.

Having an eclectic taste for music, he was always discovering new sounds and beats of the underground scene.

He was always ready for an adventure, whether playing rugby for the first time, jumping out of an airplane, hiking with friends in New York or planning road trips with friends. He was a beloved friend to many, always giving encouraging words.

He loved to debate. He was a man with conviction, right or wrong. He believed all people deserve respect and to be treated with dignity. He had an infectious charming smile that would brighten anyone's day. Michael was blessed with many of God's gifts. He was smart and witty with a great sense of humor. The family has received an abundance of testimonials of the lasting impressions Michael left on his friends. His legacy will live on in the hearts of everyone who knew him. While his family is heartbroken, we know he is at peace.

Michael graduated from Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in 2005.

He attended University of Dallas before pursuing his passion of cooking at The Culinary Institute of America in New York. From there he never looked back and worked passionately in the restaurant and entertainment industry.

Michael was preceded in death by his grandparents Joseph and Mary Galvan.

He is survived by his parents Michael A. Galvan Sr., stepmother Ana Galvan and mother Dovie A. Gonzales.

Michael is also survived by his sister Christina Galvan; stepister Jennifer Pipitone, Olivia and husband Erwin Gostomski; stepister Treva Gonzales; stepbrother Michael Gonzales II and wife Leticia; grandmother Doris "Uma" Dietrich; uncle Danny and aunt Chantelle Dietrich; uncle Ronald and aunt Margaret Dietrich; and uncle Joe Dietrich; and uncle Evelyn and uncle Chris Miller; cousins Jacob and Christopher Miller and his wife Haley; uncle Joe Galvan; cousins Andrew, Aaron, Aidan, and Annemarie Galvan; aunt Bernadette Galvan; cousins Rebekah and Justin Hubstenberger; and aunt Brigitte Galvan.

The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church.

A Rite of Committal followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Those honored to serve as pallbearers were Erwin Gostomski, Justin Hubstenberger, Ronald Dietrich Jr., Chad Dietrich, Christopher Miller Sr., Joseph Galvan Jr., Joseph Martindale and Danny Dietrich.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made "In Memory of Michael Galvan Jr." to Café Momentum at <http://cafemomentum.org>, a Dallas restaurant that doubles as a nonprofit helping at-risk youth learn culinary skills.

# Hurricane survivors use Harvey Facebook page for recovery info

Hurricane Harvey survivors looking for real-time information on recovery efforts in Texas can simply follow the FEMA Harvey Facebook page.

The social media site, which launched Sept. 12, allows Facebook users to

ask questions and receive answers from FEMA about disaster assistance and the recovery process.

Followers of [www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey](http://www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey) can find multilingual information and fact sheets on topics like how to apply for disaster assistance, how to move forward in the recovery process, how federal disaster assistance can be spent and the importance of cleaning up debris as soon as possible.

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Tex-

as recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at [www.fema.gov/disaster/4332](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4332), the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at [Twitter.com/FEMARegion6](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion6), or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at [www.dps.texas.gov/dem/](http://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/).

# Texas Comptroller Hegar releases CRE

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced on Oct. 10 the release of the Certification Revenue Estimate for the fiscal 2018-2019 biennium.

Before each regular legislative session, the Comptroller's office issues a Biennial Revenue Estimate that estimates how much revenue will be available for spending in the state's next two-year budget cycle. After the session, the agency releases the CRE to provide the detailed basis by which the comptroller certified the budget, to revise estimates in the BRE to reflect legislative activity and current economic information and to take into account final revenue numbers for the recently ended fiscal year.

"The diversity of the Texas economy, coupled with conservative fiscal management and strengthening in the oil and gas sector, allowed the state economy to return to its normal pattern of growth, which exceeds that of the national economy," Hegar said. "While revenues remained in line with the estimates we

made in January, some uncertainty remains in our outlook for the biennium due in part to the ongoing assessment of the economic impact of Hurricane Harvey.

"Despite this uncertainty, we are continuing to project steady expansion of the Texas economy following a brief slowdown due to the storm's impact," Hegar added. "Factoring in recent legislative activity, this CRE presents slightly higher revenue forecasts for the 2018-2019 biennium than those we released in January."

As a result of actions taken by the Legislature and an updated economic forecast, the comptroller's office now expects revenue available for general spending in 2018-2019 to total about \$107.33 billion, versus the BRE estimate of about \$104.87 billion. This revenue will support the \$107.23 billion in general-purpose spending called for by the 85th Legislature, and will result in a final balance available for certification of \$94 million.

The State Highway Fund and Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF), the state's "Rainy Day Fund" both receive funding from oil and gas severance taxes. Fiscal 2018 transfers will total \$734 million each to ESF and SHF, and the CRE projects \$777 million will be transferred to each fund in fiscal 2019.

Additionally, the constitutional amendment passed in 2015, which directs up to \$2.5 billion in annual state sales tax revenue in excess of \$28 billion into the SHF, begins to take effect in fiscal 2018.

In 2018, the \$28 billion threshold is not expected to be reached until August. As a result, a projected \$2.31 billion transfer will not occur until September 2018, the first month of fiscal 2019.

In 2019, the state is projected to reach the \$28 billion threshold in July, triggering a \$920 million transfer to the SHF in August. The remaining estimated \$1.58 billion from August collections will be transferred in September 2019 — the first month of the

# Moore Elementary teachers make character pumpkins



Moore Elementary teachers made and delivered storybook character pumpkins to Texas Children's Hospital on Tuesday, Oct. 17. The teachers provided a storytime for the children in the hospital which involved reading the books the children chose and letting them keep the books and character pumpkins. Teachers shown are, left to right, Liana Luna, Christina Ayala, Cindy Walker, Tram Kim, Sara Saxton, Sheryl Munn, Leah Laredo and Patti Parker.

Photo by Angelica Moreno-Perez

# Disaster assistance deadline extended

Texans in 41 designated counties who suffered damage and losses from Hurricane Harvey now have until Friday, Nov. 24 to register for disaster assistance.

Victoria, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties.

Survivors may register for assistance the following ways:

Online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov);

Via the FEMA mobile app, available at [fema.gov/mobile-app](http://fema.gov/mobile-app);

By calling 800-621-3362 (711 or video relay service) 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily;

TTY 800-462-7585; and At a Disaster Recovery Center, located at [fema.gov/drc](http://fema.gov/drc).

FEMA grants do not have to be repaid. FEMA assistance is nontaxable and will

not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid or other federal benefits.

This extension also gives survivors more time to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property.

SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal proper-

ty. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.

Applicants may apply online using SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

In addition, applicants can get more information on SBA disaster assistance by calling SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955, by visiting [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster), or by emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call 800-

877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

For more information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at [www.fema.gov/disaster/4332](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4332), or Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey>, the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at [twitter.com/FEMARegion6](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion6), or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at [www.dps.texas.gov/dem/](http://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/).

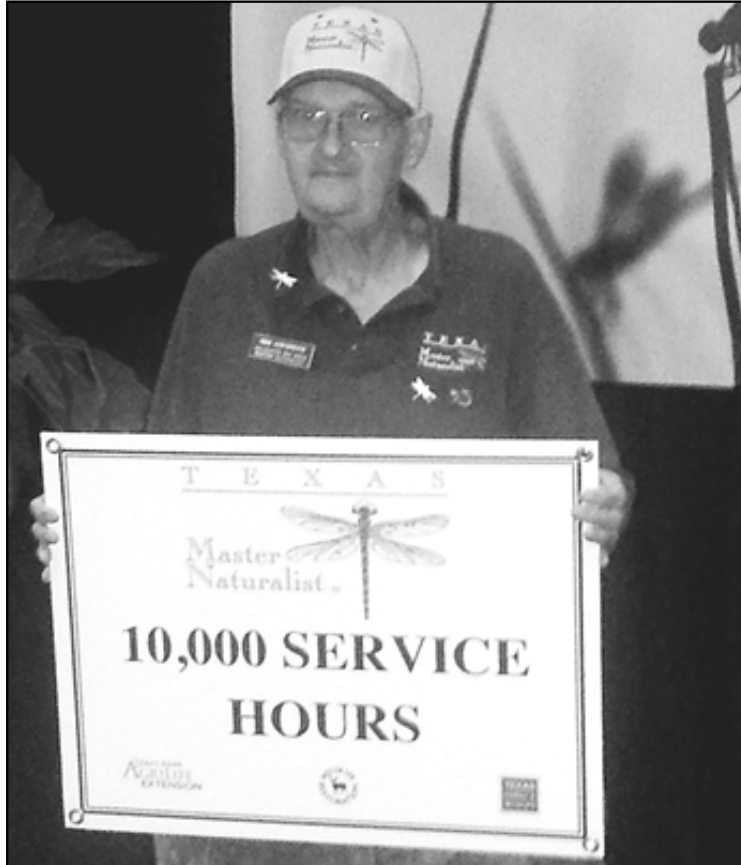
# Teaming up for community recovery



Jessup Elementary, Schneider Middle, South Houston High schools and CT Church helped the community post-Hurricane Harvey at a Cabo San Lucas apartment location by serving hot lunch/dinner and donating clothes, baby items, bedding, water and cleaning supplies. Shown, left to right, (front row) are Ozziel Chapa, Schneider Middle assistant principal; Landon Wenke; Jaiden Correa; Jennifer Chavez, Jessup assistant principal; Val Noland, Jessup counselor; (second row) Oscar Guevara; Mario Castillo; Jake Martinez; Vinny Lopez; Bradley Luster, South Houston assistant principal; (back row) Kristin Still, Schneider Middle principal; Michael Martinez; Coach Justin Garney; Coach Patrick McCoy; Gabriel Lewis; Nick Zamarron; and Coach Christopher Iles.

Photo submitted

# Asscherick awarded



At the 18th Annual Texas Master Naturalist Meeting in Corpus Christi, Odie Asscherick received recognition for his 10,000 volunteer hours of service. Asscherick has been a resident of South Belt since 1978 and has been a master naturalist since May 2000. He joined 13 other master naturalists that have earned this award in Texas. Asscherick retired from the U.S. Postal Service on Dec. 30, 1999, at Windmill Station. He is also a Liberty County and Harris County master gardener.

Photo submitted

# American Legion celebrates USMC birthday

The American Legion Post 490 will celebrate the 242nd birthday of the United States Marine Corps on Friday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. at The American Legion Post 490, 11702 Old Galveston Road. Cocktails will start at 6 p.m.

There will also be a ceremony that includes birthday cake, a message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps and door prizes. To RSVP to the event, contact Susie Tristan at [susie.tristan@yahoo.com](mailto:susie.tristan@yahoo.com).

# Shaar Hashalom offers Bible course

The Bible, the original text that is called the Old Testament, is divided into three parts: the first is the *Torah*, "the five books of Moses;" the second is *The Prophets*; and the third is *The Holy Writings*, a collection of unrelated books.

Last semester Congregation Shaar Hashalom's own Rabbi Stuart Federow led conversations about the second part, *The Prophets*, reading the ancient text line by line. This semester the Rabbi will continue the third part, *The Holy Writings*, starting with Ecclesiastes. The Book of Ecclesiastes is presented each Sunday through December 2017. The course discusses entire scriptures, ideas and insights, rather than line by line.

Each topic's discussion stands alone, and one does not have to have attended previous classes. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy any class.

The sessions are conducted every Sunday, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom. The congregation is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, visit [www.shaarhashalom.org](http://www.shaarhashalom.org) or contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861.

# STEM Expos comes to SJC

As part of San Jacinto College's STEM outreach and service learning, the college will host STEM Expos for students with the Communities in Schools afterschool centers.

Each year, the expos bring approximately 500 elementary school students and parents to the campuses for an evening of activities related to the areas of science, technology, engineering and math.

The STEM Expos host Pasadena ISD, Galena Park ISD,

Pearland ISD and South Houston. A collaboration grant from the American Chemical Society, the Greater Houston Section of the American Chemical Society, Kuraray, Texas Dow Employee Credit Union and Jegon Special Welding help fund the events.

Each expo features more than 30 STEM stations, 30 faculty members and 100 San Jacinto College student volunteers.

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# Bebbe Foundation delivers cookoff

Two months later and the effects of Harvey are still very real. While many firefighters were working tirelessly saving people, animals and properties, their own homes were taking on damage.

The Robert Bebbe Foundation will be hosting a chili cookoff in hopes of raising money to help those that helped so many others during the storm.

The Foundation is looking for teams of four to participate in the chili cookoff. One does not have to be an established team, it's all just for fun and to help raise money. Chili cookoff team registration will be \$100. The dish must be only chili and must have enough samples available for 250 people.

There will also be a volleyball tournament and a team of six would like to play around in the sand for some fun and prizes, sign up a team. Sand volleyball team registration is \$50.

Theresa from 94.5 The Buzz will be the master of ceremonies for the day and tons of live music, DJ, Hooter Calendar Girls, Chili, Bounce house for the kids and so much more. Tickets sold online at discounted price. At the door admission is full price.

The cookoff will be on Nov. 18 from noon to 6 p.m. at District 2.4.9., 23238 State Hwy. 249 in Tomball.

Register immediately at [www.robertbebefoundation.org](http://www.robertbebefoundation.org). All questions can be sent to [anmarie.vasquez@robertbebefoundation.org](mailto:anmarie.vasquez@robertbebefoundation.org) or texted to 281-881-4928.

# METRO extends free rides to polls

METRO is offering free round-trip service to local voting booths Friday, Nov. 3, and on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The complimentary trips apply to local buses, METRO-Rail, and METROLift paratransit service from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters should inform bus operators or fare inspectors they are riding to the polls.

Trip planning is easy through METRO's website: [GoToRidemetro.org](http://GoToRidemetro.org). Enter your start location. Enter your polling location. Call customer service at 713-635-4000 for more details.

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# BAQG sets meeting

The Bay Area Quilt Guild meets the first Tuesday of each month. This month's meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7 will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pearland located at 2320 Hatfield Road. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting and program begins at 7 p.m. This month, the guest speaker will be Suzi Parron, and her program is *Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement*. Meet to join in for a fun and informative evening. Guests are welcome to attend two meetings at no charge. For more information, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or check the website at [bayareaquiltguild.org](http://bayareaquiltguild.org).

# SGPG hold annual sale

The Salt Grass Potters Guild will hold its annual Holiday sale of original handmade pottery on Sat. Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will be held at the Clear Lake Park meeting room at 5001 E. NASA Parkway in Clear Lake. The park is one stop light east of the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake.

About 20 artists will be on hand to answer questions about their work and there will be a variety of items from functional dishware to purely decorative clay pieces and also sculpture. Many items are suitable for decoration or as gifts.

For more information, contact Don at 713-410-8599 or Eleanor 713-851-4012 or the website at [www.saltgrasspotters.com](http://www.saltgrasspotters.com).

# His name is cuddles.

REWARD!

He is black and white. He will not hurt anyone. He will fall on his back to be petted if you come near him. Please, he was my father's dog and he has just passed away. Cuddles means the world to our family. He went missing 10/17/17 in the morning from scarsdale and sageglen intersection. He is not wearing his collar, he is neutered, he is microchipped and he has a scar on his lip. Any information will help.

Thank you!



Please call or text my cell phone - 832-512-9741

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

Pasadena Independent School District will hold a public meeting at:  
7:00 pm, November 28, 2017  
in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502.  
The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Pasadena Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

## Lariaette of the week



The Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Oct. 23 through Oct. 27 is senior Maria Pedroza. She is a third-year line member and is the daughter of Bertha Rodriguez. Photo submitted

## Nerd Day at SHEC



South Houston Early College participated in Red Ribbon Week, which encourages students to stay away from drugs. The theme was Nerd Day. "We're too smart for drugs!" Shown is Dean Bell from South Houston Early College. Photo by Angelica M. Silva

## Israeli Folk Dancing dates set

And the dancing continues. What meant to last only for four to five months is now in its eighth year, as the participants do not want to stop dancing. The sessions are not built on one another, so missing a few sessions or just starting still affords catching up quickly.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This month the dates are the Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20 and Nov. 27. December dates are Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18. There is no session on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

The cost is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for non-member will cover expenses. Dancing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise while having fun and everyone is welcome to join the group.

The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 2 through Nov. 8.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Sing a chorus of a birthday song Nov. 3 to **Isabel Camarillo**. On Nov. 4, **Juana Fajardo** celebrates a birthday.

**Bush Elementary**  
Sing a birthday song Nov. 3 to **Katrina Perez**. Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Maralda Isaac** Nov. 4. Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Aimee Ingalls** Nov. 8.

**Meador Elementary**  
Enjoying a happy birthday Nov. 2 is **Kathryn Katsus**. Nov. 3 is the day for a celebration for **Heidi Gritzewsky**. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 4 to **Karla Gomez**. Nov. 8 is the day for a celebration for **Tina Caudill**.

**Moore Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Kathy Young** Nov. 2. The day for a cake for **Patty Norman** is Nov. 5. **Cristina Ayala** enjoys a birthday Nov. 7.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Miraso Fitzgerald** and **Linda Moreno** Nov. 5.

**Roberts Middle School**  
The day for a party for **Mark Weber** is Nov. 4. **Dina Argueta** enjoys a birthday Nov. 5. **Emily Bounds** marks a birthday Nov. 6. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 7 to **Emily Cruz**. Send a humorous birthday card Nov. 8 to **Mitzi Williams**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Cindy Burton** Nov. 3. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 4 to **Jmena Garcia Cruz**. Nov. 7 is the day for a celebration for **Alejandra Ayala**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Blow out the birthday candles Nov. 3 on a double-layer cake for **Lauren Aragon** and **Prudencio Reyna**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Doug Sawyer** Nov. 5. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 7 to **VeAnn Richards**. **Gina Gibson** marks a birthday Nov. 8.

**Dobie High**  
**Everett Valdez** is wished a happy birthday Nov. 3. Light the candles on a double-layer cake Nov. 4 for **Layla Vanpelt**. The day for a double-layer birthday cake for **Christina Alaniz** and **Stacy Walton** is Nov. 5. **Miguel Serna** marks a birthday Nov. 6. Wishes for a happy birthday Nov. 7 are sent to **Monique Jackson**, **Michael Johnson**, **Jessica Morris**, **Tonie Noise** and **Charles Washington**. Three cheers for a birthday Nov. 8 for **Crystal Hernandez**, **Jasmine Hooker** and **Stephen Sutton**.

**FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:  
Thursday, Nov. 2: **Debbie Davis**, and **Kathy Young**; Friday, Nov. 3: **Brett Waltz**, **Gabriel Estrella**, **Randi Whitney**, **Tricia Porter**, **Laura Armer**, **Kevin Duckworth**, and **Phillip Jackson**; Saturday, Nov. 4: **John Salinas** and **Kandy Ger**; and Wednesday, Nov. 8: **Karen Swearingin**, **Matt Laas**, **Chris Lee** and **Gina Ramirez-Salinas**.

**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**  
Send an email to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line for notices on birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

## SJC alumnus finds success in music

Growing up, Donald Johnson always knew he wanted to be a musician. He trained as a percussionist through the music program at C.E. King High School and performed at church, but was unsure how to translate that into a career.

Then, he discovered the San Jacinto College audio engineering program.

"When I learned about audio engineering and what it entails, I was immediately interested," Johnson said. "I explored education options in and out of state, but they had waiting lists or weren't what I was looking for. I checked out San Jacinto College and knew that it was right for me."

His training through the College's Central campus, put his career on the pathway to success. In 2011, Johnson along with his partner Kenneth Roy under their production company Beanz N Kornbread were awarded best producer by the Houston Press.

Additionally, they were named best producer of the year in 2014 and 2015 by the Zydeco, Blues and Trailride Awards.

"I really appreciate the education I received at San Jac," Johnson said. "My instructors James Metcalfe and Randy Snyder really helped me understand how it all worked. I refer to what I learned from them every day."

Throughout his career, Johnson has worked with notable Houston artists such as Z-Ro, Chamillionaire, Paul Wall and Slim Thug as well as George Clinton, Shaquille O'Neal and Mac Miller. These days much of Johnson's time is spent traveling with his band Khruangbin, touring Europe in 2016 and currently playing in venues across the U.S.

"We spend a lot of time playing and doing shows," Johnson said. "We've traveled all over the world. We formed in 2010 and things started to take off after we put out our first album *The Universe Smiles Upon You* in 2015."

Johnson is the drummer of the trio, who take their influence from "1960's Thai funk and are steeped in the bass heavy, psychedelic sound of their inspiration, Tarantino soundtracks and surf-rock cool."

Working in the music industry in his hometown has been a dream come true for Johnson, who offers advice to those who wish to follow in his path.

"Study as much as you can in and out of the classroom," Johnson said. "We live in an information age and so much is at your fingertips. If you love music and want to work in this industry I encourage you to pursue audio engineering, it can open doors for you."



Donald Johnson, San Jacinto College audio engineering alum, is an award-winning Houston music producer and musician. Photo by Melissa Trevizo

## Melillo Middle School releases first nine-weeks honor roll

Dr. Dixie Melillo Middle School has announced the honor roll for the first nine weeks.

### Fifth Grade

Rigoberto Alanis, Ariana Alaniz, Jonathan Alexander, Ayaan Ali, Keiley Anthony, Daniel Arceneaux, Grace Ariola, Melanie Avalos, Lorenzo Betancourt, Nathan Borjas, Kaylie Bui, Stephanie Bui, Emily Cano, Jonathan Carter, Alicia Cruz and Adam Daley.

Kaysie Davis, Alejandro Del Villar, Kristin Do, Vyvy Do, Abril Dosal, Julius Edmonson, Andre Espinosa, Viviana Fernandez, Aniya Flemming, Madison Ford, Ileana Garcia, Ethan Garivey, Dakota Garrison, Brianna Garza, Alfonso Gonzales-Adame, Yazmine Gonzalez and Emily Hernandez.

Kiera Huynh, Marvin Jerezano, Joseph Jones, Xavier Keller, Myranda Kelley, Reigne Knoxon, Iakovos-Panagiotis Kostikoglou, Yocelyn Lagos, Jacob Lam, Nathan Le, Natalia Le Goenaga, Karyme Leal, Mayte Marfil, Jose C. Marrero, Natalie Martinez, Rubi Martinez and Laura Mata.

Kaylynn McClain, Kiana McCombs, Vanessa Moreno, Trish Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Uchenna Nwaodu, Avery Owens, Jabez Palma, Nikolas Pelaez, Jacqueline Peralta, Julianne Pham, Angelina Phuong, Madison Pulente, Natalie Quiroz, Dominic Ram, Matthew Rangel, Jayden Reimer, Jaysson Reuvelta, Andre Reyes and Madeline Rice.

Emily Rodriguez, Derek Rodriguez, Katherine Sabillon-Velasquez, Joseph Salazar, Vashiti Sanchez, Daniel Silva, Mckenzie Smith, Ethan Snow, Pitou So, Jocelyn Stringer, Jason Ta, Tristan Tran, Nolan Tran, Vivian Tran, Andrew Ullman, Isaiiah Vivier, Sophia Vu, Megan Vu, Nina Walker, Ryan White, Jonathan Willis, Addison Yount and Abigail Zamarripa.

### Sixth Grade

Ivan Acosta, Sebastian Aguilar, Jacob Aguirre, Chelsea Akinloye, Ezekiel Arriaga, Michelle Avalos, Shaira Balanta, Rosalyn Barber, Mya Bell, Joseph Benavides, Diego Camacho, Daniel Campero, Christopher Compean, Heli Contreras, Ashley Cruz, Tyler Dang, Di Dao, and Vivian Duong.

Gracie Dykstra, Dylan Erickson, Zoe Espinoza, Isabel Fernandez, Xitlali Figueroa, Mcklaus Garcia, Devin Garza, Ariana Garza, Kira Goeman, Karley Goeman, Lydia Golenko, Ricardo Gomez, Micah Gonzales, Alexa Gonzalez and Alana Goree.

Joshua Gracia, Luis E. Guerrero, Julia Hernandez, Jazmin Hernandez, An Huynh, Eric Huynh, Bella Isales, Megan Johnson, Shalini Johnson, Makayla Johnson, Shana Kieselhorst, Sebastian King, Quyenh Ky and Laura Landers.

Tristan Lartigue, Emily Lazo, Dennis Le, Rachael Le, Tommy Le, Jordan Leahman, Nathan Lind, Joshua Lopez, Victoria Luna, Adriana Luna, Julie Machado, Joseph Martinez, Olivia McMahan, Darianny Mercedes, Adrian Miles, David Miranda, Roselyn Molina and Michael Montano.

Jasmin Mooney, John Moya, Tran Ngo, Quoc-An Ngo, Tam Nguyen, Lyn Sepulveda, Haley Serna, Ximena Salva, Joice Sims-Campbell, Jasmine Stewart, Kevin Tao, Juliana Tavera, Kenton Thai, Ian Thomas, Dulce Torres-Padilla and Nghia Tran.

Jimmy Tran, Vinson Tran, Mai Tran, Anthony Turner, Darien Valdez, Vivica Valencia, Julissa Vega, Walter Velasquez, Isabelle Villegas, Cardin Vo, Glory Vouffo, Hallie Vu, Iveen Vu, Stephen Wiggins, Celestine Works and Alana Zambrano.

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Dates for the expos are Nov. 9, San Jacinto College North campus, 5800 Uvalde Road; and Nov. 28, San Jacinto College South campus, 13735 Beamer Road from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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Intermediate Region Choir clinic and concert, Deer Park PAC, Dec. 2, 8 a.m.

Pasadena Holiday Light-

Beverly Hills Intermediate orchestra concert, Ledford Hall, Dec. 14, 6 p.m.

Roberts Middle School winter orchestra concert for all students, Fred Roberts Middle School cafeteria, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.

South Belt Elementary third-grade program with choir and ORFF, South Belt Elementary cafeteria, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

Dobie High School/Elementary December concert, Dobie High School, Dec. 15, 9:15 a.m.

Thompson Intermediate choir winter concert, Thompson Intermediate, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m.

Frazier Elementary third-grade holiday program, Frazier Elementary, Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Frazier Elementary fourth-grade holiday program, Frazier Elementary, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Roberts Middle School Elementary Holiday Tour, elementary schools, Dec. 21, 8:45 a.m.

Melillo Middle School advanced band, choir and orchestra holiday concert, at Melillo Middle School cafeteria, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. and Dec. 22, noon.

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# Pasadena ISD announces fine arts calendar

The Pasadena Independent School District has scheduled its fine arts calendar for the months of November and December 2017.

The events are listed by name, location, date and time.

Ticket prices are noted, if admission is required.

Dobie High School Honor Orchestra Recording Concert, San Jacinto College South campus, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

Moore Elementary first-grade Thanksgiving musical, Moore cafeteria, Nov. 14, 6 p.m.

Thompson Intermediate Dance, Dobie Fall Showcase, Dobie High School, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. and Nov. 18, 2 p.m., tickets are \$10 each.

Dobie High School play/musical *Peter and the Starcatcher*, Dobie High School Auditorium, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.

South Belt Elementary second-grade program, South Belt Elementary, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.

Pasadena High School National Anthem Texas Invitational, Phillips Gymnasium Two, Nov. 18, performances, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Dobie High School Freshman Christmas Concert, Dobie High School, Nov. 28, 7 p.m.

Melillo Middle School Beginner Band Demonstration concert, Melillo Middle School cafeteria, Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m.

Dobie High School Orchestra Upperclassmen Christmas concert, Dobie High School, Nov. 30, 7 p.m.

Atkinson Elementary third-grade ORFF and fourth-grade choir concert, at Atkinson cafeteria, Nov. 30, 7 p.m.; Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m.; and Dec. 6, 9:30 a.m.

High School region band auditions, at Dobie High School, Dec. 1, starting at 8 a.m. and Dec. 2 starting at 8 a.m.

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## Remember When

**40 years ago (1977)**  
Tami Richardson of Sagemont Park and Donna Neal of Sagemont competed in the third annual America Gymnastic Meet held in La Porte.

Scarsdale residents turned out in numbers to hear what would be done about the garbage problem in Scarsdale.

**35 years ago (1982)**  
The Dobie Longhorn Band received a Division I rating at UIL competition.

Robby Thomas, 20, was shot after he gave pursuit to two masked men who stole his billfold. Thomas underwent surgery for his injuries and was released within a week.

**30 years ago (1987)**  
Information regarding a city ordinance restricting the unauthorized painting of numbers on curbs was dispersed among local civic club leaders in light of recent such occurrences in the area.

The building of a county courthouse annex for the South Belt area was delayed following a defeat of a county bond issue to finance courthouse annexes.

**25 years ago (1992)**  
Wendy Schultz and Kyle Smith were named Dobie High School homecoming queen and king.

The Dobie volleyball team defeated Kempner 15-8, 12-

15, 15-13 in a bi-district play-off match. Dobie had 19 kills to just seven for the Lady Cougars.

Incumbent Justice of the Peace Howard Wayland received 58.7 percent of the vote against his Republican challenger E. Janice Law to retain his position.

**20 years ago (1997)**  
The unique Guppy aircraft once again found a home with NASA at Ellington Field. The Super Guppy, No. 4 was the second Guppy to call Ellington home.

The South Belt Security Alliance purchased and put into service a new white 1998 Saturn patrol vehicle.

**15 years ago (2002)**  
Golfcrest Country Club celebrated its 75th anniversary.

Approximately 34 percent of registered voters voted during early voting. The 34 percent voter turnout in Harris County was up from 19 percent in 2001.

**10 years ago (2007)**  
Harris County and City of Houston elections were held. On the ballot were 16 proposed amendments to the state constitution, a series of bonds totaling \$880 million and the positions of mayor and several city council seats.

Houston City Council approved the construction of the low-income Regency Park

Apartments. Construction of the apartments, to be located at Beltway 8 near Conklin, had been hotly debated. In addition to the issue of concentration of such projects in the area, a primary concern was whether the developer followed protocol when applying for state tax incentives.

Houston City Councilmember Addie Wiseman hosted a meet-and-greet at The Gardens.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick announced a plan to reinstate \$154 million in health care funds to all 50 Texas community colleges, including San Jacinto College. This, after the funds were originally vetoed by Perry in June.

Local author and historian Kathryn Morrow published a book titled *Defenders of America's Gulf Coast: A History of Ellington Field, Texas 1917-2007*. The release of the book coincided with the 90th anniversary of the base, which was celebrated.

**5 years ago (2012)**  
The Texas Dept. of Transportation reopened the stretch of FM 1959/ Dixie Farm Road that crosses the Gulf Freeway to through traffic. The original overpass was demolished, and a new ground-level inter-

section was constructed in its place. The Gulf Freeway main lanes now go over the FM 1959/ Dixie Farm Road intersection. The work is part of an ongoing construction effort to widen the Gulf Freeway from Beltway 8 to El Dorado Boulevard. The project is approximately five miles in length, beginning at Kurland Road, just north of Beltway 8, and ending approximately one mile south of FM 2351 (Clear Lake City Boulevard). The freeway will be increased from three to five lanes in each direction, and the frontage roads will be increased from two to three lanes in each direction. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in 2015.

A man was killed Tuesday, Nov. 6, after being struck on the Beltway 8 service road near Crenshaw by a driver who police say had a blood-alcohol content nearly four times the legal limit. According to police, Alan Jeffery Mininni, 26, of Sugar Land, was driving west on the feeder at roughly 2:30 p.m. in a white Ford F-250, towing a trailer and stopped in the center lane, possibly stalled. As Mininni exited his vehicle, the trailer was struck by a silver Honda Accord, driven by Pamela Dixon. Mininni was crit-

ically injured in the crash and transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where he died. Dixon, 44, was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital, where she was treated for minor injuries. Police say Dixon smelled of alcohol and had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. She failed a field sobriety test, and a blood test indicated that her blood-alcohol content at the time of the accident was more than 0.3. The state legal limit is 0.08. Dixon was charged with intoxication manslaughter.

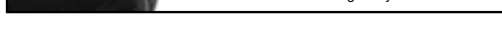
**1 year ago (2016)**  
The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees unanimously voted to phase out much of the school's athletic programs, citing a need to concentrate spending on academics. Affected programs included men's and women's basketball, men's soccer and women's volleyball. The school is keeping two sports - baseball on its north campus and softball on its south campus.

The J. Frank Dobie homecoming king and queen were announced at the Longhorns game Friday, Oct. 28. Bron Simmons was crowned king, and Ni Truong was crowned queen. The Longhorns handily defeated the Pasadena Eagles in the game, winning 49-7.

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# UHCL microbiologist continues post-Harvey research

A University of Houston-Clear Lake microbiologist will continue to focus on the ecological damage done by Hurricane Harvey, thanks to rapid response funding from the National Science Foundation.

Michael LaMontagne, assistant professor of microbiology, received nearly \$24,000 to continue investigation of the health risk associated with floodwaters.

Before, during and after the storm, LaMontagne and students collected samples from six locations in the Clear Lake watershed. After the storm, LaMontagne reported an alarming spike in E. coli bacteria around Clear Lake – far above the Environmental Protection Agency's acceptable threshold for recreational freshwater.

As he expected, the bacteria levels receded to pre-storm conditions the following week. The research grant will endeavor to determine the microbial communities in floodwaters generated by Hurricane Harvey, as assessed by the level of fecal indicator bacteria, such as E. coli, but also by sequencing the DNA of specific microbes found in the watershed samples.

This will quantify the contribution of human feces and sewage in the samples and improve the accuracy of the assessment of risk of disease to humans. The research will also assess heavy metals, salinity, dissolved oxygen and nutrients in the waterways to assess the recovery of Clear Lake to pre-storm conditions as assessed by genetic analysis of the microbes.

"Rising sea levels and warming tropical waters may double the frequency of coastal flooding in the next few decades," LaMontagne said. "Hurricanes are supposed to increase in frequency and severity with global warming. We need to develop protocols to both assess the health risks associated with these events and implement long-term monitoring and rapid-response protocols."

LaMontagne is collaborating on the project with George Guillen, associate professor of biology and environmental science at UHCL and executive director of the Environmental Institute of Houston.

Other collaborators include Terry Gentry, associate professor at Texas A&M University and Michael Allen, associate professor at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

The collaborating universities also received NSF funding to conduct the genetic research in LaMontagne's samples.

UH-Clear Lake offers bachelor's and master's degrees in biology with a specialization in ecology/microbiology/aquatic/marine. For more information, visit [www.uhcl.edu/academics/degrees](http://www.uhcl.edu/academics/degrees).

# Meador Elementary is Pasadena ISD Strong



Many staff members of Meador Elementary assembled to show off their distinct new shirts. Meador Elementary identifies as Pasadena Independent School District Strong. Left to right, (front row) are Amy Clowers, Arlana Peacock, Sabina Torres, Lupita Jimenez, Stephanie Bounds, Sulma Batiz, Mike Barton, (second row) Melissa Hinojosa, Anne Hamilton, Catarina Hlozek,

Rebecca Rosette, Megan Mayes, Beverly Bolton, Tara Merida, Johanna James, Karen Barton, Omega Pena, Kim Cowan, (back row) Detra Colbert, Heather Cline, Myriam Garcia, Nora Gonzalez, Jill Gifford, Margo Ramirez, Genoveva Arrona, Maria Rutherford, Paulina Rivas, Connie Daumas and Cheryl Caudill.

Photo by Amanda Johns

# Worcester chooses Burnett for healing show



Nancy Worcester chose Burnett Elementary for her "Healing Shows for Hurricane Harvey Schools." On Friday, Oct. 13, she provided lots of laughter with her "friends." Shown above, left to right, (front row) are Genesis Rodriguez, Sarai Russell, (back row) Victor Reyes, Elliana Wright and Worcester.



Shown above, left to right, (front row) are Burnett students Jeremy Jackson, Isaiah Romero, (back row) Cheyanne Bravo, Jasara Key with Nancy Worcester who brought the healing show to the school. Photos submitted

# Morris MS cooks hot dogs for community



Morris Middle School hosted a free hot dog meal to all members of the community surrounding the school. More than 1,000 hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks were served. After the event, teachers and staff went into the neighborhoods and handed food to all residents in need. Above left, the grill master of the event was Dan Hoppie, principal of Morris. Above right, left to right,



(front row) Shawn Westerfield, Jamie Otto, Meghan Jegway (back row) Darcy Heard, Courtney Oliver and Tammy Cowan are ready to start helping the community. Below, teacher Cynthia Stanaland (right) works with her mother Sharon Haynes (left) and her daughter Ella Stanaland prepare hot dogs. Photos submitted



# Bush announces perfect attendance, honor, merit rolls

Laura Welch Bush Elementary has announced its perfect attendance, honor and merit rolls for the first nine weeks.

## Perfect Attendance

### Pre-K

#### Heather Biber

Aubrey Brown, Harrison Do, Maci Fasci, Yaretzi Leon, Jenny Nguyen, Isabella Saenz, Isaiah Shepherd, Amira Sosa, Khloe Tran and Maxumilian Tran.

#### Cecilia Velez

Juve Calvo, Cristian Cavazos, Ivanna Estrada, Evelyn Gonzalez, Mark Lazoya, Aldo Rivera and Alyena Trevino.

### Kindergarten

#### Mindy Cook

Ayman Bouaziz, Nathan Davis, Ruizhe Deng (Tom), Analeigh Hernandez, Jayden Lebron, Luke Martinez, Elise Mendiola, Brandon Rodriguez, Allen Sanchez, Anakin Sanchez, Halima Sheikh and Jihad Sosa.

#### Karla Galvan

Benjamin Gomez, Joel Gomez, Andrea Hernandez, Ayden Lima, Briseis Limon, Kaelyn Sanchez and Liliana Torres.

#### Tonya Goan

Jacob Benitez, Ryan Durham, Lexander Fernandez, Roger Garrett, Eleazar Gomez, Erik Ibarra, Ilyas Javaid, Lea Johnson, Neriah LeBlanc, Faith Morgan, Alex Perdomo, DeSean Simmons and Jocelyn Tran.

#### Marie Marler

Joinny Arevalo, Gunner Davis, Ruizhi Deng, Anthony Escobar, Mason Henderson, Michael Mendoza, Auston Pitts, Sofia Solorzano, Ryatt Sosa, Zoey Trevino, Hope Vazquez and Zander Womack.

#### Maria del Carmen Palacios

Isaiah Arias, David Arredondo, Enid Chapman-Dolan, Aaliyah Brown, Cataleya Covarrubias, Alan Gonzalez,

Tripp Jodway, Sophia Landaverde, Granger Lumpkin, Gabriel Rendon and Beatrice Silva.

### First Grade

#### Cynthia Covarrubias

Azaria Alanis, Evelyn Arellano, Deegan Butcher, Aurora Castillo, Isabella Chavez, Emmanuel Guevara, Isaac Martinez, Lyla Morris, Yulianna Perez, Rex Robinson, Daniella Saavedra, Ximena Serrano, Scarlet Tavares and Anissia Vega.

#### Jeannene Gazaw

Aliyah Francis, Lilliana Guerra, Aydyn Mendoza, Xavier Nunez, Danny Pena, Aiden Rios and Ethan Rodriguez.

#### Vanessa Gil

Marvin Aguilera, Samuel Bonilla, Cassidy De La Rosa, Rodrigo Garza, Noah Holguin, Abraham Ibarra, Keyla Macias, Isabella Martinez, Gabriella McCall, Avery Mendiola, Robert Pheister, Logan Smith, Aleysa Trevino and Lizeida Villarreal.

#### Jennifer Howard

Andrew Amecuz, Liliana Bermudez, Ameer Bilal, Daniella Cisneros, Vicente Ontiveros, Justin Vanegas, Sophia Vanegas and Emare Washington.

#### Erin Hubert

Leslie Aguilar, Isabella Cisneros, Henry Do, Fabian Figueroa, Brandon Saucedo and Danton Vu.

#### Jessica Roman

Natalia Contreras, Danna Delgado, Grace Olea, Esmeralda Martinez and William Serrano.

### Second Grade

#### Gilberto Garza

Ian Avalos, Nicholas Jenkins and Gustavo Rios.

#### Maria Garza

Alyssa M. Brown, Baltazar I. Covarrubias, Zaria G. Edgar, Natalia A. Garza, Sebastian Garza, Leilani D. Hernandez, Briana Olvera, David A. Ramirez, Emman-

uel A. Rendon, Vanessa R. Rivera, Brayden E. Rojas, Christian Tejeda, Savannah G. Tellez and Christian D. Thumann.

#### Mayra Tapia

Lindsey Escobar, Esther Garcia, Criss Gutierrez, Noah Maldonado, Stephanie Ochoa, David Reynolds, Mariana Rodriguez and Isabella Rosales.

### Third Grade

#### Marilynn Beltran

Asiel Basurto, Byanca Borjas, Lazaro Caridad-Oregon, Sebastian Cordova, Victoria Garza, Sklyer Mendiola, Adrian Raitauru, Isaiah Rios, Angel Trevino and Eduardo Velazquez.

#### Vanessa Castro

Alejandro Arellano, Aaryn Brown, Yanelli Contreras, Elijah Garcia, Javier Ibarra, Ariona Kainer, Chloe Mejia, Sadoc Morales, Emely Quijano, Natalia Razo and Nathaniel Rincon.

#### Andrew Duron

Moises Caselin, Ashlyn Coleman, Oscar Hernandez, Emma Jacob, Maximilian Torres, Kaylie Tran, Daniel Tran and Madison Villatoro.

#### Jennifer Marquez

Jesse Alvarado, Faith Berlanga, Ariannah Esguerra, Sarah Gonzalez, Joshua Jamaica, Chloe Lewis, Vincent Nguyen, Marcus Rodriguez, Kareli Vilches and Amaya Wilson.

### Fourth Grade

#### David Blevins

Daniel Chavez, Christina Dang, Hayden Do, Chloe Estes, Desmond Etienne, Norman Fabian Alba, Michael Hernandez, Jayden Lee, Jandel Leon Ortiz, Christina Rodriguez and Kaylanie Tran.

#### Nadja Diaz

Alex Arias, Hannai Ayala, Yahir Bonillo, Camden Butcher, Isabella Covarrubias, Zaaed Edgar, Hunter Hamon, Isabella Pena, Osvaldo Rodriguez, Sophia Sa-

gastizado, Jolie Trejo and Armando Vergara.

#### Tawana Dockery

Tatiana Breed, Mark Chase, John Davila, Jeremy Flores, Nicholas Martinez, Zachary Martinez, Hannah Nguyen, Haylie Rosas, Alyssa Valdez and Jai'ana Washington.

#### Nicole Holguin

Isabella Byron, Christopher Gomez, Isaiah Gonzalez, Noelia Jarquin, Ilyena Lindberg, Ian Martin and Sofia Martinez.

#### Jonathan Klinkerman

Joshua Berlanga, Aubri Cole, Makayla Grider, Mike Hernandez, Kenny Ho, Amairani Pena, Zada Ramero, Viviana Rostro, Aaron Sanchez, Ngoc Thang and Anthony Van.

#### Cathy Perez

Alexis Bonilla, Diana Bonilla, Demyan Borjas, Daniela Guerrero, David Martinez,

Jaylene Melo and James Rendon.

#### Jessica Wedgewood

Camila Arguello, Kaylen Basurto, Ethan Cavazos, Alberto De Alba, Darian Diaz, Jacob Davis, Jonah Jefferson, Abraham Martinez, Angel Martinez, Alana Oliver, Ximena Rios, Alejandro Serrano and Cobi Watts.

### Honor Roll

#### Third Grade

Asiel Basurto, Liliana Contreras, Aiden Garza and Kareli Vilches.

#### Fourth Grade

Camila Arguello, Nguyen Hannah, Ximena Rios and Sophia Sagastizado.

### Merit Roll

#### Third Grade

Angel Trevino.

#### Fourth Grade

Kaylen Basurto, Lindberg Ilyena, Washington Jai'ana, Alana Oliver, Ngo Tommy and Cobi Watts.

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# Improve Our Schools. Strengthen Our Balance Sheet. Keep Pasadena ISD Strong.

## Join Us In Voting **FOR** Both Propositions A & B

Our community's success depends on having an educated and trained work force. To achieve that goal, our district must continue providing the quality of education that will qualify students for the jobs in the work force of the future. In addition, our students benefit greatly from the district's partnership with San Jacinto College through its dual credit and early college high school programs.

For these reasons and many more, I urge you to vote FOR Proposition A, the no tax rate increase bond program, and vote FOR Proposition B, the tax ratification election (TRE) that will provide the necessary state and local funds to continue our district's excellent work.

Supporting a bond and TRE election that would produce results that will enhance our district and our local economy should be something any citizen would be pleased to do.

**—BEN MEADOR**  
Chairman/CEO, Meador Staffing Services



Great things are happening in Pasadena ISD. From a graduation rate that now exceeds 90%, to the rise in expanded pre-kindergarten opportunities, advanced placement, dual credit, early college high school programs and a growing career and technical education program to meet our work force demands, Pasadena ISD has put in place programs that will help our children and young people be successful.

That work is not without its cost. I urge you to support Pasadena ISD's Proposition A and Proposition B on the November 7 election. Proposition A provides \$135 million "no tax rate increase" bond for new buildings and facility upgrades. Proposition B calls for a necessary 13 cent tax rate increase that will bring in more state and local revenue to enable the district to continue its innovation and effective programs.

I urge all citizens of Pasadena ISD to vote FOR both Proposition A and Proposition B on November 7.

**—KEN PHELPS**  
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The viability of any community rests in large measure upon the success of its local schools. Pasadena ISD offers some of the most innovative and inspiring educational programs in our region. When our students graduate high school, many of them carry numerous college credits as a result of the advanced placement programs, dual credit and early college high school programs throughout our district.

Pasadena ISD needs the funding to build and maintain school buildings that support such innovation, to recruit and retain our excellent staff and to continue funding these essential programs that contribute to our community's work force.

I am asking all residents of Pasadena ISD to join the Chamber of Commerce in supporting both Proposition A and Proposition B during the district's November 7 bond and TRE election. Vote FOR our schools and our children.

**—CRISTINA WOMACK**  
President, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce



I am incredibly proud of the students and staff of Pasadena ISD. The progress made over the years through great principal leadership and outstanding teaching has created an amazing learning environment for our children and grandchildren. Our students now have opportunities that allow them to gain a solid educational footing across subject areas and to move forward through advanced placement, dual credit and early college high school programs. None of this comes without a cost.

That's why Pasadena ISD is holding a \$135 million bond election and a 13 cent tax ratification election (TRE) on Tuesday, Nov. 7. It's also why I'm urging you to vote FOR on both Proposition A and Proposition B.

Proposition A will build new facilities to meet our enrollment growth and upgrade existing facilities to reflect our 21st century needs. Proposition B will provide additional state and local funding to allow the district to continue and to expand its outstanding academic programming. If either proposition fails, it will be difficult for Pasadena ISD to operate without cutting programs and staff.

You have constantly supported our schools in the past. Join me again on Nov. 7. Vote FOR on both Propositions A and B. Your positive vote will make a positive difference in the lives of our students.

**—DR. KIRK LEWIS**  
Retired Superintendent, Pasadena ISD



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I want to urge all our community to vote FOR both Proposition A and Proposition B in the November 7 Pasadena school district election. Here's why.

Basically public schools have been living under the same revenue for 10 years. The district has dipped into its rainy day fund while in hopes legislature will change something in the way it funds public schools. Over the same 10-year period, the state passed over 100 unfounded mandates that have been paid for solely from local dollars. With four years of deficit spending, we can no longer provide the quality education we need without a tax rate increase. Without a tax rate increase provided in Proposition B, some programs would have to be cut to even staff and maintain the new intermediate school that is planned.

Here is the quirky part of voting for a tax rate increase. If it passes, the state will match the revenue gained from local tax increase (\$16 million) with \$20 million annually, giving the school district over \$36 million more in new revenue. This will allow the district to pay teachers a more competitive pay with surrounding districts and increase maintenance that has been neglected especially over the past years.

Pasadena is the last district in the surrounding area to ask for this tax rate increase. Seniors will see no change in their tax rates.

The 2017 bond package (Proposition A) enables us to continue addressing the overcrowding problem in our schools, while keeping us within budget by focusing on the schools with the most serious needs. Key parts of this strategy are a new intermediate school in Riverstone Ranch to relieve overcrowding at Thompson, Bondy and Beverly Hills. Also we desire to replace Red Bluff Elementary which was originally built in 1954. Transportation, Fine Arts, and Technology will be greatly benefitted by this bond.

It is important to support both Proposition A and Proposition B. Help us keep Pasadena ISD on the path to excellence.

**—EMORY GADD**  
Sagmont Church



I am a parent of children in Pasadena ISD. I'm proud of the education they have received and excited about the opportunities the district provides for all our children to be involved in academic programs that aren't available in other districts. I know the state's share of the cost of education in Pasadena ISD has declined significantly over the past decade, forcing the district to pay for many of its important academic programs. I intend to support the district's need for additional funding. The tax ratification election (TRE) offered by Pasadena ISD not only generates local income, but it also forces to the state to kick in an additional \$20.7 million sent directly to Pasadena ISD. We need this money to keep our excellent teachers and our amazing programs that benefit our kids. I'll be voting FOR on the Pasadena Bond (Proposition A) and the TRE (Proposition B). We need you to vote FOR on both propositions. The district...our children...need your continued support.

**—EDIE CANTU**  
Pasadena ISD Parent



As a business owner and resident of our community, I know the importance of preparing our students for their future success. That's the main reason I plan to vote FOR on both Pasadena ISD propositions in the November 7 election. Our district needs facilities that reflect today's learning environment. The \$135 million bond will not raise our tax rate and is an easy way to provide that support. In addition, inflation and the decline of state funding over the past decade, create a need for additional revenue. By voting FOR on Proposition B on November 7, the state will give the district \$20.7 million in additional funding, more than matching the increase provided by local taxpayers. Without those funds, the district will have to cut its innovative academic programs and will lose many of its excellent teachers and staff.

Please join me in voting FOR both Propositions A and B on November 7. Let's keep a good thing going in Pasadena ISD.

**—NELLIE QUIJANO**  
Owner, McDonald's Restaurants



There is a great measure of pride I feel in being a graduate of Pasadena ISD. The pride stems not only from the education I received, but it also stems from the opportunities today's students have to participate in innovative programming like full-day prekindergarten, career and technical training and early college high school. The Texas legislature failed in its responsibility to all Texas schools. Now, Pasadena ISD must turn again to the community to ensure that our students continue to receive the education we want for them. It is important that all of us support the district's \$135 million "no tax rate increase" bond and the 13 cent tax ratification election on Nov. 7. Our students deserve our support.

Vote FOR on both Propositions A and B. Your support will keep Pasadena strong.

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By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

The last time the Dobie varsity volleyball team made the playoffs was in 2013, and current Lady Longhorn head coach Dawn Sexton could not have come away with a good feeling.

On that night, her North Shore squad led Dobie two games to one in the bidistrict round, only to see Dobie rally to win the match in five games, reaching the area playoffs for the lone time this decade.

Now Sexton will lead Dobie back to the area round again, courtesy of a 25-20, 17-25, 26-24, 25-16 win over Baytown Sterling Oct. 31, at Phillips Field House in Pasadena.

This time, Sterling, the second-place team from District 21-6A, looked to be en route to a 2-1 lead over the Lady Longhorns before Taylor Pleasants and her teammates rallied.

Sterling actually had a game point at 24-20 in that decisive third game, but Pleasants hammered down three kills as Dobie tied

the game at 24-24. Another kill from Pleasants, who had a match-high 21, and

a Sterling error gave Dobie a 26-24 win. Sterling seemed to let down a bit

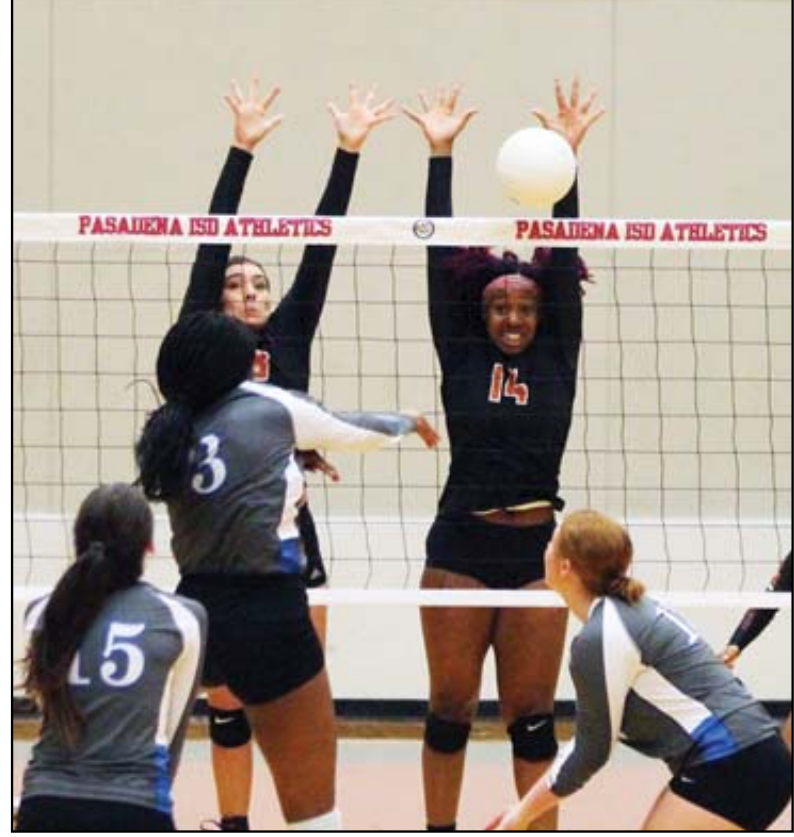
in the fourth game before getting back in it. However, with Jakara Henry add-

ing another 10 kills to the Dobie cause and the de-

**Dobie vs. Friendswood**  
Thurs., Nov. 2, 6 p.m.  
Alvin High School

At right, Dobie's Madison Taylor (8) and Natasha Walters (14) go up high to block Baytown Sterling's Jasmine Moore (3) during the first game of the Lady Longhorns' 25-20, 17-25, 26-24, 25-16 victory over the Lady Rangers Oct. 31 at Phillips Field House in Pasadena. In winning their first bidistrict volleyball crown since 2013, Dobie overcame a 24-20 deficit in the decisive third game and went on to win. Dobie has now reached the area playoff round for the first time since 2013 and will face Friendswood.

Photo by John Bechtle



## GAT, BHI alumni hoops set

The annual Thompson (formerly Beverly Hills Intermediate) versus Beverly Hills intermediate alumni basketball game is coming Saturday, Nov. 11, and all former players are invited to compete. The game will be held at Morris Middle School.

**BHI vs. Thompson Alumni**  
Saturday, Nov. 11, 1 p.m.  
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## CB, Dobie girls to hit hardwood

Believe it or not, the start of the high school girls' basketball season has arrived.

Count both Dobie and Clear Brook as varsity programs that have high hopes entering play - Dobie will play at Friendswood Monday, Nov. 6, while Clear Brook will head to Aldine ISD's Nimitz High School Nov. 7.

Dobie and Clear Brook will then both be part of a solid collection of talented teams at the Lady Gander Invitational Nov. 9-11, in Baytown.

What's the prognosis for either team this sea-

son? Early on, it may be hard to tell.

Dobie put together a terrific late-season run a season ago in winning the District 22-6A top seed. The Lady Longhorns then defeated Kingwood in the bidistrict playoffs before losing to Clear Creek in the area round after a poor shooting night.

The Lady Longhorns' top issue entering the 2017-2018 campaign is finding/developing scorers who are no longer with the program

following graduation. Essentially, with the exception of several inside-type players, Dobie will go with first-year ball-handlers and will seek new scoring op-

tions. Jade Giron, District 22-6A Defensive Player of the Year and leading scorer, is now playing collegiate. Ditto for Shanycy Gilbert, who

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**Dobie at Friendswood**  
Monday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.  
**Brook at Aldine Nimitz**  
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.

## Trojans take down JFD, 34-7



Dobie's Jeremiah Hernandez (13) breaks free from South Houston's Samuel Webb (10) during the second half of the Trojans' 34-7 victory over the Longhorns Oct. 27, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The Trojans all but locked up a playoff berth with the win, while Dobie remains in contention for the postseason in District 22-6A. See more game coverage on Page 6B.

Photo by Jade Wise/Pasadena ISD

## Laredo's late score closes out SJC soccer

Just like that, the San Jacinto College men's soccer program has closed its doors.

Laredo's Jorge Encinas scored the eventual game-winning goal, leading his team to a 2-1 victory Oct. 28 in the Region XIV tournament semifinals. The decision ended San Jac's 2017 season, and thus its existence.

Following the end of the 2017-2018, San Jacinto College will end its men's soccer, volleyball and men's and women's basketball programs.

San Jacinto closed strong a season ago and eventually came within a pair of wins of reaching the national title game. This season, San Jacinto

won nine straight matches at one point. Laredo's win ended San Jacinto College's season at 13-4 overall. Laredo will play in the Region XIV championship match against national power Tyler Nov. 4 in Tyler.

Of note, Dobie High School alumnus Carlos Ibarra scored San Jacinto's lone goal against Laredo and finished the season as the team's leading scorer.

Ibarra, who last played at Dobie during the 2012 season, had 13 goals and five assists, collecting a team-best 23 points.

Jordaine Fletcher had 21 total points this season with seven goals and seven assists to close out his stay at San Jacinto.

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**CC vs. CL Nov. 3**

**Shuttle Challenger soccer ball to make appearance at rivalry**

Football fans and space fans are invited to come out to the Nov. 3 Clear Lake versus Clear Creek varsity football game at Clear Creek ISD's Challenger Columbia Stadium to help welcome home a soccer ball that was recovered from the debris of the Space Shuttle Challenger 51-L accident in 1986. But the soccer ball's journey didn't end there. The soccer ball, whose home has been Clear Lake High School since its recovery after the 1986 accident, completed its voyage to space in April of this year on the International Space Station as a personal effect of Expedition 50 Cmdr. Col. Shane Kimbrough. Challenger astronaut Col. Ellison Onizuka had originally intended to take the ball on his journey

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**Atkinson raises Walk 4 Sight Funds**



Atkinson Elementary students raised more than \$1,000 for the Walk 4 Sight program within the Pasadena ISD, and 20 students then took part in the districtwide walk earlier this month. Those students included, left to right, (front row) Chloe Bizzari, Allyson Quinteros, Sonny Ritenour, (second row) Yasmin Mendez, Daniella Tamayo, Andres Valdez, Kaily Chavira, Andrew Quinteros, (third row) Victor Perez, Jaime Rodriguez, Miranda Ramirez, Sophia Hewitt, (fourth row) Joshua Negron, Daisy Baez, Diana Armenta, Genesis Abon, (back row) Ariel Sierra, Ayden McMahan, Victoria Torres and Brooke Kelso.

**BAFL Quarterfinals**

**Saturday, Nov. 4**

**Freshman Cowboys vs. League City 49ers**

*Blackhawk Park, 12:30 p.m.*

**Freshman Rams vs. Magnolia Sharks**

*Blackhawk Park, 10:45 a.m.*

**Sophomore Cowboys vs. Pearland Patriots**

*League City Sportsplex, 10:45 a.m.*

**Junior Cowboys vs. Pearland Texans**

*Blackhawk Park, 2:45 p.m.*

**Senior Dolphins vs. East End Eagles**

*Alvin YMCA, 12:30 p.m.*

South Belt football predictions	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
Dobie vs. Pasadena	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Alvin at Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook
Clear Springs at Friendswood	Friendswood	Clear Springs	Friendswood	Clear Springs	Friendswood	Friendswood
Pasadena Memorial at La Porte	Memorial	La Porte	Memorial	La Porte	Memorial	La Porte
Dawson at Alief Taylor	Dawson	Alief Taylor	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Texas City at Fort Bend Marshall	FBM	FBM	FBM	FBM	FBM	FBM
Baytown Sterling at Kingwood	Sterling	Sterling	Sterling	Sterling	Sterling	Sterling
Galveston Ball at Elkins	Ball	Elkins	Ball	Ball	Ball	Ball
Clear Creek vs. Clear Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake
Morton Ranch vs Cinco Ranch	Cinco Ranch	Cinco Ranch	Cinco Ranch	Cinco Ranch	Cinco Ranch	Cinco Ranch
This week's record	7-3	6-4	7-3	7-3	6-4	8-2
Season record	53-17	49-21	51-19	45-25	45-25	52-18

**Bay Area Football League Final Regular Season Standings Senior Division**

Teams	W	L	T
Hurricanes	8	0	0
Texans	7	1	0
49ers	7	1	0
Eagles	6	2	0
Sharks	5	3	0
Dolphins	5	3	0
Bulls	3	5	0
Panthers	2	5	1
Bulldogs	2	5	1
Raiders	2	6	0
Rams	1	6	1
Patriots	1	6	1
Cowboys	1	7	0

**Junior Division**

Teams	W	L	T
Hurricanes	8	0	0
Texans	7	1	0
Patriots	6	2	0
Sharks	6	2	0
Bulldogs	6	2	0
Eagles	6	2	0
Cowboys	4	4	0
Dolphins	2	6	0
Bulls	2	6	0
Raiders	2	6	0
49ers	1	7	0
Panthers	0	7	1
Rams	0	7	1

**Sophomore Division**

Teams	W	L	T
Bulldogs	7	1	0
49ers	7	1	0
Cowboys	7	1	0
Texans	6	2	0
Hurricanes	6	2	0
Patriots	5	2	1
Eagles	5	3	0
Sharks	3	5	0
Dolphins	2	6	0
Raiders	1	6	1
Panthers	1	7	0
Rams	1	7	0
Bulls	0	8	0

**Freshman Division**

Teams	W	L	T
Texans	8	0	0
Rams	7	1	0
Hurricanes	7	0	1
Cowboys	6	1	1
49ers	5	1	2
Bulls	3	5	0
Bulldogs	4	4	1
Sharks	3	3	2
Raiders	2	5	1
Eagles	1	5	2
Dolphins	1	7	0
Panthers	1	7	0
Patriots	0	8	0

**San Jacinto men's hoops hunts title**

By Amanda Fenwick SJC Marketing

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team opened the 2017-2018 season ranked 16th in the first National Junior College Athletic Association poll of the season, and was picked by the region's coaches to win the Region XIV South Zone.

San Jac returns five players from last year's team that finished 33-2 overall, and was the top seed overall going into the NJCAA national tournament.

Head coach Scott R. Gernander has added six sophomore transfers and four freshmen to lead the squad in its final season.

"We are focused on the court and ready to get the season started," said Gernander, who enters his sixth season as head coach.

"We had a great run last

year that didn't end the way we wanted it to, so we know what it takes to get to the national championship. Our team is working hard every day to get there."

Tay Hardy (Natchitoches, Louisiana/Lakeview High School) and Kabrir Mohammed (Lagos, Nigeria/National Christian Academy) accounted for 13.1 and 10.8 points per game, respectively, last season, and are back to lead this year's squad.

Mohammed also led the team in rebounding at 8.3 per game. Joining them as returning players are Daejour Adderley (Nassau, Bahamas/Calvary Christian Academy), Britt Grant (La Porte/La Porte High School) and Lamar Hamrick (New Castle, Delaware/St. George's Technical High School).

Gernander has added

some high-scoring transfers to this year's rosters. Among those transfers are Lamarcus Lee (Baton Rouge, Louisiana/Scotlandville Magnet High School), who appeared in 20 games last season for Copiah-Lincoln Community College, averaging 15.6 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game.

Leon Sneed, a transfer from Seminole State College (Cedar Hill/ Cedar Hill High School) is also new to this year's San Jac team. He averaged 13.0 points, 3.1 rebounds and 6.0 assists per game last year for the Raiders.

Potomac State College transfer Malcolm Weathers (Virginia Beach, Virginia/Cape Henry Collegiate School) was a solid long-range shooter, averaging 39.5 percent from beyond the arc, and 12.5 points per game. He now

joins the Ravens. Last year was an historic season for the San Jacinto College men's basketball program. San Jac was ranked in the top five for most of the season. With a Region XIV championship, San Jac earned its 21st appearance in the NJCAA national tournament, advancing to the quarterfinals.

Two players were named All-American, five earned Region XIV post-season honors, and Gernander was named the region's Coach of the Year. The 2017-2018 season got underway on Nov. 1 at home against Lone Star College-Kingwood, after press time.

For more information about the San Jacinto College men's basketball program, or any of the college's other athletic programs, visit sanjacsports.com.



Following the most successful season in the history of the program, the San Jacinto College women's basketball team is set to begin the 2017-2018 campaign. Members of this season's squad include, left to right, (front row) Symone Carmenar, Erin Brumley, Eryka Sidney, Maddison Glass, Kaniya Grady, (back row) Shala Robinson, Alexus Jones, Princess Clemons, Marcia Weathers, Alexis Bryant, Baylee Leiter, Victoria Blankenship and Carrington Small.

**SJC women's basketball set to roll**

Coming off the most successful season in school history, the San Jacinto College women's basketball team opens its final campaign picked to finish second in the region by the league's coaches.

Last year, San Jac finished the season with a 24-9 overall record, including 15 Region XIV wins and the team's first-ever bid to the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament.

"We are excited to get this season started," said first-year head coach Kayla Weaver. "We have a great group of ladies who are fun to be around and work hard every day."

"This region is very competitive. Some of the best teams in the country are in Region XIV. It should be another fun year, and we are working

every day to get better."

Weaver brings back four returners for this year's squad, led by Eryka Sidney (Houston/Wheatley High School). The sophomore guard was the Region XIV Freshman of the Year last season and a NJCAA All-American honorable mention.

She averaged a team-best 12.7 points per game, led the team in 3-pointers made with 73 total (38th in the nation), and was third in the region for 3-point percentage.

Joining Sidney as returners are guards Alexus Jones (Dallas/Aledo High School) and Princess Clemons (Chester Township, Pennsylvania/Bonner Prendie Catholic High School), and post Alexus Bryant (Pflugerville/Pflugerville High School). Jones was second on the

squad in 3-point shooting at 34.7 percent and third in free throw percentage.

She averaged a solid 7.8 points, 2.3 rebounds and 2.4 points per game. Clemons saw action in all 32 games for San Jac, averaging 4.0 points, 3.5 rebounds and 2 assists per game. Bryant is the team's top returning rebounder, averaging 5.2 per game along with 8.0 points.

Weaver and new assistant coach Nik Winkleman have added four sophomore transfers to the roster in Missouri City's Maddison Glass (Fort Bend Hightower/New Mexico Junior College), Baylee Leiter of West Jordan, Utah (Copper Hills High School/Utah State University Eastern), Houston's Victoria Blankenship (Galena Park High School/Tyler Junior College) and Carrington Small of Okla-

homa City (Putnam City High School/Oklahoma Baptist University).

Glass played in 27 games for New Mexico Junior College, averaging 2.7 points and 1.5 rebounds.

Leiter played in eight games for Utah State Eastern, averaging 5.1 points and 6.5 boards, while Blankenship saw action in all 30 games for Tyler, averaging 4.3 points and 3.1 rebounds.

Small averaged 3.1 points and 1.9 rebounds per game for OBU.

The San Jacinto College women's basketball 2017-2018 season tips off November 2-4 in Hobbs, New Mexico at the New Mexico Junior College tournament. The first home game for the women is Saturday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m., against Houston Community College.

## 24-6A Standings Varsity Football

(As of October 30)

Teams	W	L
Clear Lake	4	1
Clear Springs	4	1
Friendswood	4	1
Dickinson	3	2
Clear Creek	2	3
Clear Brook	2	3
Alvin	1	4
Clear Falls	0	5

# Wolverine football fights uphill battle in District 24-6A after loss

A season filled with so much promise could be ending short of its desired goal if the Clear Brook varsity football team can't win its final two games. Following a 42-7 loss to Clear Springs Oct. 27, the Wolverines suddenly find themselves chasing Dickinson for fourth place in the District 24-6A standings.

Clear Lake, Clear Springs and Friendswood have now all but qualified for the postseason, with only Dickinson (winners of three straight) and the

Wolverines battling for the final berth. If Dickinson qualifies for the playoffs, the Gators will compete in the Division I bracket along with Clear Springs. Should the Wolverines defeat Alvin and Dickinson to close out the regular season and advance, the Wolverines would advance to the Division II bracket.

The Wolverines are indeed playing from behind after a lopsided 42-7 loss to the Chargers. Todd Hudson II rushed for four touchdowns for the Char-

gers, who built a 42-0 lead late into the game before Clear Brook's Jaizac Garcia scored on an 18-yard run with roughly three minutes remaining in the contest.

Clear Brook got out of the gates at 3-1 overall, but has since lost three of four games in District 24-6A play. Conversely, Dickinson began league action at 0-2 but has since won three straight.

The Wolverines will play at Alvin Nov. 3, before closing out the regular season Nov. 11 against

Dickinson. The surprise team in the district to this point in the season has been Clear Lake, which at 4-1 in league play is headed to the postseason for the first time this decade.

As for Clear Brook, the Wolverines have to win their final two games of the regular season to surpass Dickinson. A combination of two Brook wins and two Clear Lake losses helps Brook, too.

## Homes For Our Troops run winners honored



The first annual Family Fun Run benefiting Homes For Our Troops on October 14, 2017 at Clear Brook City Park was a tremendous success. Some of the big stories of the morning were turned in by Top Overall Male finisher William Price, Top Overall Female finisher Nadia Corona, and first place male Age division award winners David Stockman, James Scheib, Aaron Bliss and

and Matthew Cordova. Other standouts included First Place Female age division award winners Lorrie Stockman, Carol Bliss, Suzanne Lewing, Rita Depatie and Blanca Charriez. First Place 1K finisher 9-year-old Zakary Dooly also had a great run. Above at left is Price at the finish line, while Corona is above. Submitted photos

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football Final Regular Season Standings

### Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

### Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

8A Records Division I	District W L T	Overall W L T
Bondy	3 0 1	4 0 1
Thompson	3 0 1	4 0 1
Beverly Hills	2 2 0	3 2 0
Miller	1 3 0	1 4 0
South Houston	0 4 0	0 5 0

7A Records Division I	District W L T	Overall W L T
Bondy	4 0 0	5 0 0
Thompson	3 1 0	3 2 0
South Houston	2 2 0	2 3 0
Beverly Hills	1 3 0	2 3 0
Miller	0 4 0	0 5 0

#### Game Scores

Bondy 34, Queens 0  
Thompson 36, South Houston 6  
Beverly Hills 28, Miller 6

#### Game Scores

Bondy 36, Queens 6  
Thompson 34, South Houston 0  
Beverly Hills 32, Miller 6

Division II	W L T	W L T
Southmore	4 0 0	5 0 0
San Jacinto	3 1 0	4 1 0
Park View	2 2 0	2 3 0
Jackson	1 3 0	1 4 0
Queens	0 4 0	0 5 0

Division II	W L T	W L T
San Jacinto	2 1 1	3 1 1
Park View	2 1 1	3 1 1
Jackson	1 1 2	2 1 2
Southmore	1 2 1	2 2 1
Queens	1 2 1	1 3 1

#### Game Scores

Southmore 36, Park View 8  
San Jacinto 38, Jackson 22

#### Game Scores

San Jacinto 6, Jackson 6  
Park View 14, Southmore 6

8B Records Division I	District W L T	Overall W L T
Thompson	4 0 0	5 0 0
Beverly Hills	3 1 0	4 1 0
Bondy	2 2 0	3 2 0
South Houston	1 3 0	1 4 0
Miller	0 4 0	0 5 0

7B Records Division I	District W L T	Overall W L T
Beverly Hills	3 1 0	4 1 0
Thompson	3 1 0	3 2 0
Miller	2 2 0	2 3 0
Bondy	2 2 0	3 2 0
South Houston	0 4 0	0 5 0

#### Game Scores

Bondy 36, Queens 6  
Thompson 28, South Houston 6  
Beverly Hills 32, Miller 0

#### Game Scores

Thompson 45, South Houston 0  
Bondy 26, Queens 6  
Beverly Hills 20, Miller 12

Division II	W L T	W L T
San Jacinto	3 1 0	4 1 0
Southmore	3 1 0	4 1 0
Jackson	3 1 0	4 1 0
Park View	1 3 0	1 4 0
Queens	0 4 0	0 5 0

Division II	W L T	W L T
San Jacinto	4 0 0	5 0 0
Southmore	2 2 0	3 2 0
Jackson	2 2 0	3 2 0
Queens	1 3 0	1 4 0
Park View	0 4 0	0 5 0

#### Game Scores

Jackson 14, San Jacinto 0  
Southmore 44, Park View 6

#### Game Scores

Park View 30, Southmore 0  
San Jacinto 28, Jackson 0

## Soccer ball returns home to CCISD

Continued from Page 2B into space on the ill-fated flight.

His daughter, Janelle Onizuka, was a soccer player on the Clear Lake High School soccer team in 1986.

The ball bears her signature and those of her teammates. Onizuka now has her own children at Clear Lake High School.

"The soccer ball has continued its mission my father embarked on so many years ago, inspiring so many through its history," said Onizuka.

When Kimbrough learned of the soccer ball's existence and incomplete journey, he offered to take the ball with him on his mission. Kimbrough currently has a son at Clear Lake High School.

Those who attend the halftime ceremony will learn of other special interconnections to this story, including that the sister of Clear Lake High School's current boys' soccer coach, Jered Shriver, was on the soccer team in 1986, and her signature is on the ball.

Shriver's father, Col. Loren Shriver, was an astronaut and close friend of Col. Onizuka, and the two flew together on Space Shuttle mission 51-C in 1985.

Col. Shriver was assigned as the family liaison after the Challenger accident.

During the halftime ceremony, Kimbrough will present the soccer ball back to Lorna Onizuka, the widow of Col. Onizuka, his daughter Janelle, and other members of the Onizuka family.

Several members of the 1986 soccer team will also be a part of the special reunion.

The Falcon football players' helmets will bear a special space-themed decal in honor of the Challenger crew and the soccer ball's historic return home.

The halftime program also includes a performance by the Clear Lake High School marching band, titled *Space Odyssey*.

## Stuchbery PPK winners excel at PISD event



Stuchbery Elementary fourth-grade students Rebecca Ramirez (left) and Romeo Valdez were the school's Punt, Pass and Kick winners who went on to compete in the Pasadena ISD's annual districtwide competition Oct. 17 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Valdez wound up winning the district championship in the fourth-grade division.

Third-grade students Jasmine McGee-Cooper (left) and De Moses were crowned Stuchbery's champions in the school's Punt, Pass and Kick competition and went on to represent their school at the districtwide competition at Veterans Stadium Oct. 17. Moses went on to place third at district among all third-grade students. Submitted photo

# CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

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

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

**7 p.m.**  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

**The Bay Area Writers League** - Meets the first Thursday monthly, Barnes and Noble, 1029 W. Bay Area Blvd., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

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

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

**Noon**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

**7 p.m.**  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

**8 p.m.**  
**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**7:30 a.m.**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

**10 a.m.**  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**11 a.m.**  
**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

**1 p.m.**  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

**7 p.m.**  
**Patriot's Dance** - honoring all veterans in attendance on Saturday evening Nov. 4, 7 p.m., at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Pkwy. All veterans are encouraged to wear their uniform. Dress code for everyone is whatever one likes. The cost is \$8. Veterans will be recognized and given a small gift as token of appreciation for their service to the country. Couples, singles, students, and seniors are welcome. Tables are reserved for dancers without partners. This

is a smoke-free, alcohol-free event per city policy. The dance is sponsored by Let's Dance, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, coordinated by Neva and Bill Schroder. For questions, call 417 838-2204.

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**1 p.m.**  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

**2 p.m.**  
**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.

**5:30 p.m.**  
**Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.

**7 p.m.**  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**10 a.m.**  
**Al-Anon Deer Park** - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P

Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

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

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

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

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

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

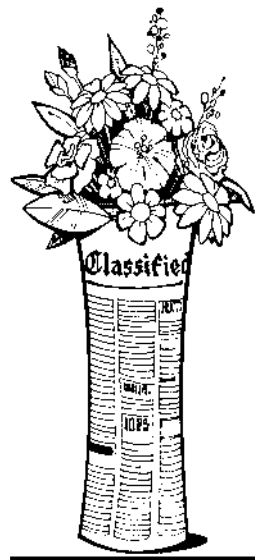
**6 p.m.**  
**New Directions Singles** - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

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

**6:30 p.m.**  
**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

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# CALENDAR

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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

7 p.m.  
**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](http://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 building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

7:30 p.m.  
**Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - Israeli Folk Dancing Mondays, 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 session for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto: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 7**

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

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

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

11:30 a.m.  
**Local NARFE Meeting** - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.

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

Noon  
**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email [nalix@texascitizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com).

1 p.m.  
**Trailmixers** - Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome.

1:30 p.m.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

2 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at [drglanford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drglanford@sbcglobal.net) or call 281-488-6318.

6:30 p.m.  
**Bay Area Quilt Guild** - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit [www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild](http://www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild).

7 p.m.  
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9:30 a.m.  
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# Girls' basketball season nears

**Continued from Page 1B** Thomas and Taja Tillman, the latter being one of the team's primary ballhandlers along with Giron a season ago. At Clear Brook, head

coach Garrett Hilton has just a couple of key spots to fill as the Lady Wolverines look to finish stronger. A season ago, Brook lost its last five district games, including four to teams that advanced to the playoffs.

But such is life in high school and collegiate sports. A players' staying time is four years or less, so programs must always be either in reload or rebuild mode.

At right, Alexis Oses (left) and Victoria Onozie (32) are two of three players returning from a season ago among those who saw significant playing time for the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team. The Lady Longhorns begin the regular season Nov. 6 at Friendswood.



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South Houston's Davajae Foster (5) tied a Pasadena ISD Veterans Stadium record as he reeled in a 99-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Torrence Stevens during the first half of the Trojans' District 22-6A victory over the Longhorns Oct. 27. Pursuing Foster after the reception is Dobie's Taylen Duhon (37). Dobie will now face Pasadena Nov. 3  
Photo by Jade Wise/Pasadena ISD

## Dobie gridders fall 34-7 to Trojans

**By John Bechtle Sports Editor**  
There's no hiding the fact the Dobie varsity football team would love to be holding a record much better than its current 1-5 status.

Offensively, the Longhorns have struggled to get much going through the air this season, with running backs Kris Morris and Kevin Logan delivering a great deal of the production to

this point. On defense, the group has surrendered both long drives and big plays, evidenced by South Houston quarterback Torrence Stevens and receiver Dava-

jaie Foster connecting on a 99-yard touchdown pass during the Trojans' 34-7 victory over the Longhorns Oct. 27, at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.

The season has not gone smoothly, yet all is not lost. Thanks in great part to Deer Park's final-minute 16-14 victory over La Porte on Oct. 27, Dobie is still alive in the race to the playoffs.

Deer Park's win over La Porte has qualified the Deer for the Class 6A Division I playoffs. Pasadena Memorial also looks good at present with its 4-2 mark.

But aside from Deer Park, nary a team has accomplished much where the 22-6A playoffs are concerned.

Dobie, albeit quiet to this point with a 1-3 mark, is in the mix. The Longhorns need to handle their business against Pasadena Nov. 3 and then defeat La Porte Nov. 10 in the regular season finale.

Both games will be played at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, although Dobie fans will sit on the visitors' side against the Eagles.

**Trojans down Dobie**  
It's a stretch to say that South Houston ruined Dobie's homecoming festivities Oct. 27, but the Trojans certainly didn't make things much fun in an easy 34-7 win.

The Trojans followed their usual game plan in this one as well. Senior tailback Davion Williams rushed for touchdowns of 10 and 15 yards on South Houston's first two drives and later added a third rushing touchdown.

Stevens and Foster connected on the long touchdown pass as Foster outraced the Dobie secondary much of the way, and Stevens added a scoring run.

South Houston led 34-0 before the Longhorns scored with just over a minute to play on a 5-yard touchdown pass from Jacob Sims to sophomore Cameron Guy.

Morris had a third consecutive triple-digit rushing night with 117 yards on 17 carries, but the Trojans were able to keep him out of the end zone.

# Lady Longhorns advance

**Continued from Page 1B** fense slowed Sterling kills leader Jasmine Moore enough up top to come away with the win.

So Sexton and the Lady Longhorns have a signature playoff win to build on. Next up is a Friendswood team that went 14-0 to win a challenging District 24-6A crown.

As well as the Lady Longhorns executed at key moments against Sterling, they will need to be even better against the Lady Mustangs to reach the regional quarterfinals for the first time since the 2003 season.

Sexton cited her team's 'never say die'

attitude and willingness to stick to the match plan as keys to the big win. That, and the fact that while Pleasants had 21 kills and has truly become a go-to source for the Lady Longhorns, others have stepped up, too.

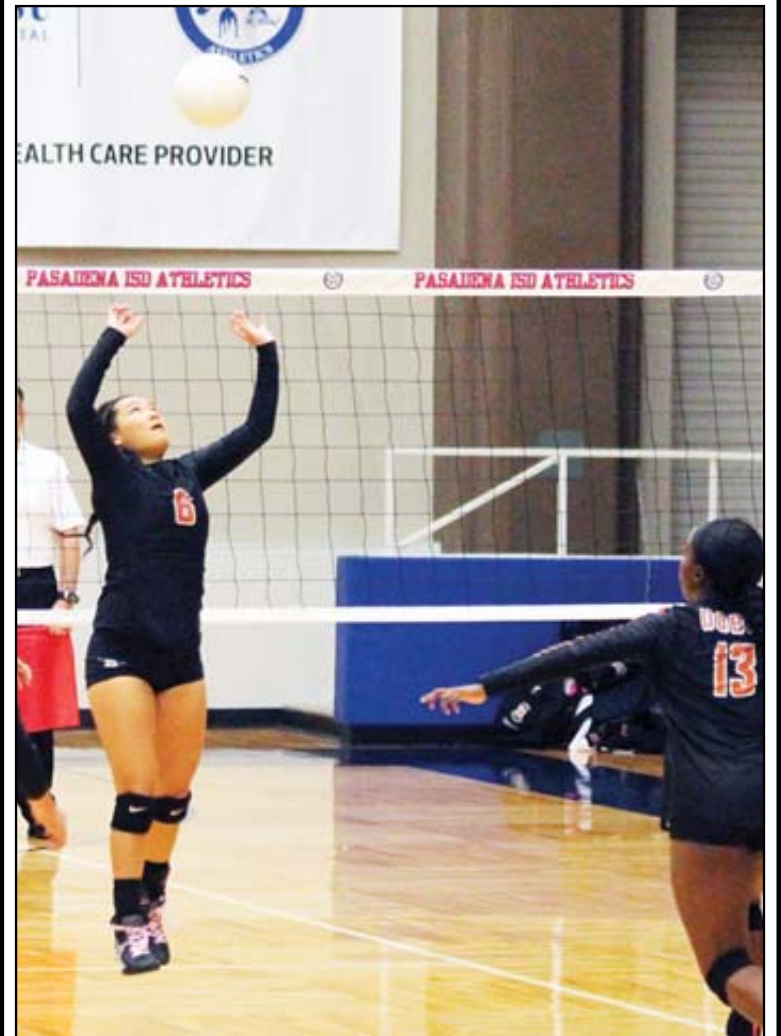
"Being healthy all season and being able to practice and play together all season has been huge," Sexton said. "When you get started in August, you don't have much time to prepare. But I think playing tough matches every night really prepared us for matches like this against Sterling."

"It was a tight match. We came up with the big points when we needed. Obviously battling back

in that third game was huge, but we also served tough to open the match and led 5-0 quickly (en route to a 25-20 win).

As for the other players stepping up, Dobie will surely need that again. "Victoria has been big for us all season, and Jakara came up with 10 kills last night. Our libero, Yvonne Whaley, was really solid, and Natasha (Walters) with her blocking was great. Rachel (Smith), our other defensive specialist, played well," Sexton said.

"Against Friendswood, we just have to go out there and fight for every point like we did against Sterling. Swing away and go for it."



Dobie setter Melody Le had 29 assists and 12 digs to help guide the Lady Longhorns past Baytown Sterling Oct. 31, in the district playoff round at Phillips Field House.  
Photo by John Bechtle

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