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Santa's coming to South Belt

Looking for a way to take your family photo with Santa this year? Come out to the Community Health Network Scarsdale Clinic for a drive-thru photo with Santa! The clinic will also be accepting unwrapped toy donations for needy families in the South Belt community.

"We are so excited to be a part of the South Belt-Ellington Community. Everyone we have encountered has worked with us to engage the community so we may focus on improving health outcomes," said Mark Young, Community Health Network's chief executive officer.

Pack one's car with warm blankets and a mixtape of some favorite Christmas carols and hop in line at the clinic, Dec. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. (Enter from Beamer Road.)

"We are so happy to be able to bring this joyous inaugural event to our community and give our businesses a chance to bring some holiday cheer during this Christmas season," said Stephanie Tanner, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce president.

While waiting in one's warm car with the family, jam out to carols. When it's one's turn, hop out of the car and leave a cellphone number or email address with one of the volunteers. It's simple, low/no-contact holiday fun!

Visit the chamber website at www.southbeltchamber.com for more details to learn how one's business can sponsor this event or call 281-481-5516.

Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from SH 288 to the Gulf Freeway daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 8.

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Greenshadow to SH 225 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Wednesday, Dec. 9.

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound lane and one southbound lane of the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard nightly from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Nov. 30. The Fuqua and Beltway 8 exits will be closed during these times. Traffic exiting Fuqua may exit Scarsdale or Almeda Genoa.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway at NASA Bypass/ NASA Road 1 will be closed continuously through 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one lane of the northbound and southbound entrance ramp from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 and exit ramp from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

Two alternate lanes on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

The northbound connector ramp from the Gulf Freeway to the IH 610 South Loop, along with one inside lane, will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least two alternate main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street nightly from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

The northbound and southbound entrance ramp from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street and the northbound and southbound exit ramp from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

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

COVID numbers continue

At press time the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 24, a total of 75 South Belt residents had been confirmed dead from COVID-19, according to Harris County officials. That number is up one from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 2,453 confirmed cases in 77089, 291 remain active, while 2,109 have recovered from the virus. To date, 33 from the ZIP code have died from the disease - up one from last week. In 77075, 217 of the 1,839 confirmed cases remain active, while 1,600 have recovered. A total of 22 from the ZIP code have died - no increase from last week.

Of the 2,048 confirmed cases in 77034, 205 remain active, while 1,823 have recovered from the disease. To date, 20 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease - no increase from the previous week.

According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Countywide, there are 183,252 total confirmed cases. Of those, 162,657 have recovered from the disease, while 18,184 cases remain active. A total of 2,398 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within both the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytx.gov/Re-sources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

Diaz's suspended officers on payroll since June

A top employee from Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office has been permanently relieved of duty for his alleged role in an illegal eviction that took place in South Houston this past January.

Lee Hernandez has been officially terminated from the position of chief deputy. At press time, it remained unclear what disciplinary actions, if any, would be taken against two other Precinct 2 employees who were also involved in the incident. No criminal charges were filed against Hernandez. Hernandez will reportedly leave the

department with a clean work record, provided he agrees to not file a civil lawsuit against his former employer.

All three employees had been on paid leave since early June when an independent investigation was launched into the matter.

Led by Harris County Precinct 1 Constable Alan Rosen's office, the independent investigation was done at the direction of Diaz.

The *Leader* filed a formal Freedom of Information Act request in February to obtain all body-camera footage and records associated

with the incident to no avail. Sources close to the investigation have told the *Leader* that Diaz - who had originally claimed to be transparent on the issue - only initiated the Rosen investigation so that evidence could be concealed from the area newspaper during a hotly contested election.

Hernandez, the highest-ranking of the three officers, had an annual salary of \$138,896, according to county records. Sources close to the case have told the *Leader* that Hernandez has spent much of his free time on vacation with his wife at their second home outside Las Vegas.

Sources further said that criminal charges against the employees may have been withheld due to a lack of a complainant in the case. One possible complainant, one of the evicted residents, is currently in jail on related charges and reportedly reluctant to file charges against the officers due to his undocumented immigration status.

The recent firings stem from a Jan. 29 eviction, conducted in coordination with the South Houston Police Department, in which multiple arrests on the property came under scrutiny, as

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Beverly Hills food collection



Shown are the participants from two Beverly Hills Intermediate homerooms that collected the most donations. Both classes collected more than 1000 food item donations each. The total food item donations collected by the campus exceeded 3,000. Grateful to be giving back to the community are, left to right, (front row) Timothy Guerra, Javion Galindo, Faith Garza, Brissa Marroquin, (back row) Jai'ana Washington, Noah Conover, Alexis Bonilla, Grant Pector (teacher), Gary Warner (teacher), Rudy Villanueva and Tony Bonilla. The food donations were given to the South Belt-Ellington Leader Christmas program which is in its 38th year.

Leader gets ready for Christmas

The holiday season is here and once again it's time for the annual *South Belt-Ellington Leader* Christmas program. Now in its 38th year, the program is aimed at helping area families in need.

The yearly drive began in 1982 when an anonymous man, now dubbed "The Good Samaritan," walked into the *Leader* office and delivered the makings of a turkey dinner. The stranger said his family had been given food when he was young and requested the staff forward the meal to a needy family in the community.

This charitable behavior continues today with several different local organizations taking part.

Local schools that have participated in past programs include Atkinson, Moore, Stuchbery, South Belt and Frazier elementary schools; Mel-

illo Middle School; Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediate schools; and Dobie High School.

Morris Middle School has also reached out to the *Leader* about helping this year, a first for the area campus.

U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and American Legion Post 490 have also donated items in previous years, as have many local businesses and individuals from the community.

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

All gifts should be new and unwrapped.

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No one injured in rollover



Constable officers from Phil Sandlin's Pct. 8 office were right on the job Monday when a one-car accident resulted in this gray vehicle being flipped over on the west-bound portion of Beltway 8. According to the officer, the driver said someone ran him off the road and his car rolled over. The driver of the vehicle was apparently uninjured. The other driver left the scene. The officer remarked it must have been a slow news day as even a helicopter from Channel 13 arrived on the scene. Reports of the incident even included an erroneous story of the officers chasing the vehicle. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Dobie baseball's 1st Santa vs Elves game

Dobie baseball's 1st ever Santa vs Elves game will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 1:45 p.m. at Dobie High School Baseball field.

Entry fee will be items to go towards the South Belt-Ellington Leader's 38th annual Christmas

food and toy drive.

The public is invited to attend and support the Dobie baseball team in this venture, while at the same time supporting the Leader's annual program to help South Belt community families.

Homeowners reminded to take advantage of all tax breaks

As the time approaches for local homeowners to pay their annual property taxes, South Belt residents are reminded to take advantage of all eligible breaks and incentives.

Homestead exemption
A homestead exemption can help residents save money by removing part of the value of a property - traditionally one's primary address - from taxation, lowering overall taxes.

To qualify for the homestead exemption, one must own the home lived in as of Jan. 1 of the year in which it is taxed. For example, if one moved into a home in June, they are not eligible for the exemption until January of the following year.

Harris County offers a 20 percent homestead exemption to all qualifying homeowners. For example, if one's home is valued at \$100,000, the exemption will reduce its taxable value for Harris County taxes by \$20,000 to \$80,000.

An Application for Residential Homestead Ex-

emption can be found at hcad.org/assets/uploads/pdf/Homestead-Application.pdf.

School district exemption
All homeowners who qualify for a homestead exemption also receive a \$25,000 exemption on the value of their home for school district taxes. Pasadena ISD grants additional tax breaks to its homeowners by allowing another 10 percent exemption. To file an exemption, residents may pick up applications from the Harris County Appraisal District or the Pasadena ISD tax office, 1515 Cherrybrook. For more information, call 713-920-4641.

Disability exemptions
A person with a disability also may receive a \$10,000 exemption. The term "disabled" means one cannot engage in gainful work because of physical or mental disabilities or one is 55 years old and blind and cannot engage in previous work because of blindness. Residents 65 years or older who are disabled may apply for the senior citizen

exemption or the disabled exemption, but they cannot receive both.

Over 65 exemption
Taxpayers over age 65 are eligible for a senior citizen exemption on their school taxes. Under the guidelines, a tax ceiling would be set and a senior citizen's school taxes would be frozen at the amount and tax rate they were paying when they qualified for the exemption.

According to state law, senior citizens are offered a \$10,000 exemption, in addition to their homestead exemption. Pasadena ISD offers residents 65 or older an additional \$5,000 exemption.

100 percent disabled veteran exemption
One can qualify for this exemption on their homestead if they have a disability rating of 100 percent from the Veterans' Administration and they receive 100 percent disability payments from the VA. One's disability must be service connected. If one qualifies, 100 percent of the value of their res-

idence homestead will be exempted.

HCAD digital forms
The Harris County Appraisal District is converting many of its forms to a digital format to allow the property owner to fill them out and submit them electronically.

"We want to make it easier for the property owner to quickly fill out and submit a form," said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser. "The property owner can complete the form online, sign it electronically and submit it along with any supporting documents."

HCAD provides a number of forms on its website for the public to use that range from name and address changes to homestead exemption applications.

"Using the digital forms online is one of the options available to property owners so they can choose the way they are most comfortable with submitting the form without having to come to the office," Altinger said.

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Local utility district officials meet with Constable Garcia



Last week, members of the three local utility districts met to discuss upcoming issues as Jerry Garcia comes on board as new Pct. 2 Constable effective Jan. 1, 2021. The utility districts fund the contract deputy program with the constable. Sitting are Cecelia Ganje, general manager of administration for Clear Brook City MUD, and Jean Ann Williams,

Kirkmont MUD board member. Standing are Chuck Tylka, board member CBCMUD; Chris Clark, board member CBCMUD; Jerry Garcia, newly elected constable; Dean Baier, general manager of operations for CBCMUD; David Montgomery, member Sagameadow UD and Lonnie Piquiet, Kirkmont MUD member. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Pct. 8 constable survives rollover

A Harris County Precinct 8 deputy and two other drivers survived separate crashes during a police chase late Monday, Nov. 16, on Almeda Genoa Road near SH 35/Telephone Road.

According to investigators, the incident began around 11:40 p.m. when the deputy attempted to pull over a driver who was allegedly driving a stolen car. When the driver refused to stop, a chase ensued.

When the fleeing suspect ran a red light at the above intersection, the deputy followed in pursuit, striking a Cadillac that was traveling through the green light. The collision caused both the deputy's car and the Cadillac to roll over. Both drivers walked away with only minor injuries.

While the suspect avoided the initial crash, he lost control of his vehicle, crashed into a fence and was ejected from his vehicle. He was then reportedly run over by his own car. The suspect was transported by paramedics to a nearby hospital in stable condition. He is also expected to survive.

At press time, the suspect was expected to face charges for evading arrest and driving while intoxicated. The Houston Police Department is assisting Precinct 8 in the investigation, which is ongoing.

HCAD urges take all deductions

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The digital forms can be printed and mailed or delivered to the district in person. Property owners also can use the HCAD mobile app to apply for a homestead exemption and over-65 exemption.

Currently HCAD has five forms available on the website that have been converted to the digital format: Notice of Protest, Removal of Agent, Internet Opt Out, Homestead Exemption Ap-

plication and Request to Correct Name or Address.

"Our goal is to have all of our forms converted to a digital format so the property owner can easily fill them out and quickly submit them electronically," Altinger said.

Once submitted, the property owner gets an email confirmation with an exact copy of the submission for their records.

Local municipalities
Clear Brook City MUD

The Clear Brook City MUD has a 20 percent homestead exemption and a \$75,000 exemption for residents who are disabled or 65 and older.

Kirkmont MUD
 The Kirkmont MUD has no homestead exemption and a \$3,000 exemption for the 65 and older.

Sagemeadow UD
 The Sagemeadow UD has no homestead exemption and a \$150,000 exemption for those 65 and older.

Diaz's officer relieved of duty

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They may have been done in error, exposing the county to potential litigation.

The arrests in question took place in the 600 block of Mississippi Street in South Houston. According to a Facebook post that day from the South Houston Police Department, the incident was an attempt to remove "squatters" and "trespassers" from a property at the owner's request. The eviction led to several arrests, including two felony warrants and the re-

covery of two stolen vehicles.

When the defendants appeared in Judge Jo Ann Delgado's court Feb. 6, however, the cases were dropped due to an improper vacate notice.

Further, it was disclosed that the suspects had paid rent to the property's landlord, making them tenants, rather than squatters or trespassers. And tenants are required, by law, to be given advance notice before such an eviction.

At the time, legal experts told the Leader that if the eviction itself was unlawful,

the subsequent arrests may also be and any evidence collected on site could be inadmissible in court.

This latest revelation involving the embattled Diaz office comes just two weeks after officers from the Harris County Attorney's Office reportedly entered the Precinct 2 headquarters Wednesday, Nov. 4, to secure documents necessary to ensure a smooth transition of power to constable-elect Jerry Garcia, who won the Nov. 3 election to assume the position.

SeAM seeking Christmas partners

Southeast Area Ministries is conducting its annual Christmas Blessing campaign to provide holiday assistance to families in need. Normally, the ministry assists with providing Christmas toys/gifts for the children of these families. This year the organization is seeking sponsors to help with expanding the assistance to include other areas - such as rent and utility bill payments. SeAM is seeking to partner with the ministry to help continue making the holidays merry and bright.

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San Jac virtual fall commencement on Dec. 11

Join San Jac College fall graduates for a virtual ceremony Friday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. live on YouTube. Eligible graduates have been asked to submit a photo. All graduates' names will be read. For information, visit sanjac.edu/commencement-ceremony.

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In My Opinion

Schaller concerned about city variance

Concerning City of Houston Variance Request 2020-1972, Clearwick, along Fuqua Street it is my understanding that the City is considering a variance request on Dec. 3 to reduce the easement distance required to the east of E Palm Lake Drive in the Park at Fuqua subdivision along Fuqua Street from 600' currently to 186' by a developer to pave a new street called Clearwick. If the variance is approved the developer plans to build single family home lots for sale on the acreage of vacant land at 12550 Fuqua Street Houston 77034 immediately to the East of our existing subdivision's fence line.

Several of our neighbors prefer completion of a traffic study first and also seek advisement as to the storm water runoff contemplated remedies and implications to the immediate vicinity by paving exist-

ing land in a new development.

The lot at 12550 Fuqua has been vacant since the Park at Fuqua subdivision was built in 2004 and the ecosystem for flooding from major rain events is very delicate in this particular area, further Fuqua Street is very dangerous already for automobile traffic given the corridor it provides for commercial traffic to Pasadena Industrial facilities.

The contemplated new development would add construction traffic and additional vehicles to an already crowded and dangerous City street.

Planned progress is necessary in our City given the traffic congestion and major rain events along with the resulting flooding that are persistent along Fuqua Street and in our area near Beltway 8.

I would urge the City's Planning Commission to consider these concerns carefully during their variance approval consideration process. Thank you.

Timothy Schaller

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Local library events set

Curbside and events are adjusted for Thanksgiving.

Bracewell Branch Library
 Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint, has phone service Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon to 7 p.m., at 832-393-2580 for information. Visit the website at https://houstonlibrary.org/location/bracewell-neighborhood-library/items_per_page=200#events or for virtual programs, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events>.

Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is in operation
 Contactless Curbside services, known as HPL To Go, is available by appointment Mondays, noon to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers walking or riding a bike may also pick up reserved materials. For questions, call circulation at 832-393-2222. All overdue fines/fees will be waived through Jan. 1, 2021. To use HPL To Go:

- Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
- Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
- Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
- Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.

Book drop
 The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned with no overdue fees. The library continues to provide online resources so the public can enjoy the library at home.

Additional resources
 The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at www.houstonlibrary.org under Here's What's Happening. Clicking on Free Resources for All to access the digital resources and a link to obtain a temporary card. Also, under the Here's What's Happening link, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime, provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes can be found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.

Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check-out. HPL has a robust collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog to determine if a previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.

Parker Williams Library
 Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., is closed to the public. NOTE: The library closes for everything at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25 through Sunday. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for updates.

The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

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

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving at the library, follow the instructions given.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Curbside hours are: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

Online services
 Harris County Public Library will continue to offer a wide array of online services:

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's Drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
- Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-Books, comics or graphic novels through.
- Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

All month long in November, Virtual Photo Club. Join the photo club with this month's photo challenge "Appreciation," (December is "TBD") showing what is appreciated. Participants are encouraged to post online with the tag #HCPLphotoclub for a chance to be featured on the social media accounts.

All month long in November, December, Virtual Poetry Club. Residents may email to PW@HCPL.NET with the subject "Virtual Poetry Club." These posts will be featured on social media on Saturdays.

Friday Nov. 27, 1 p.m. Draw with Me. Join Ariel Perez who tries something a little more difficult, but still fun and easy to follow. Residents will be needing pens and markers for these videos which will be featured on Facebook and Instagram.

Friday, Nov. 27, 5 p.m. Is it wrong to watch so much anime? Join Jason Cruz for Episode 6: "Light Novel Adaptations." This video will be on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary. #anime #animetan #manga #otaku #animelove #harriscountyp1 #HCP.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, noon. Drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 4:45 p.m. Yoga Story Time, ages 4 - 12. A peaceful time for children to learn mindfulness through story, song, breathing and light movement virtually on Microsoft Teams with Celeste Flew. Parents in attendance are encouraged to participate. Sign up once with a valid email address at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for a weekly invitation.

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 3:30 p.m., ages 16 and older. Dungeons & Dragons Online. Join Tanner Adams online. No prior experience is required. Contact tanner.adams@hcpl.net for details.

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JFD 2020 Colorguard seniors



J. Frank Dobie Band Colorguard 2020 seniors are, left to right, (front row) Kassi Keller, Penny Hernandez, Rhonda Banks, (back row) Destiny Wilson, Myrihael Diggs, Sarah Oba and Jaedyn Jones.

Colorguards of the Week



Dobie High School Band Colorguard honorees for the week of Nov. 13 were Kendra Hopkins, junior (left), and Jaidia James, sophomore. The girls were selected for their hard work and dedication.

SJC registration for winter mini ends Dec. 10

Registration for the winter mini 2020 session is open until Thursday, Dec. 10. For more information, contact the campus business office at 281-998-6150.

San Jac to host free workshops

San Jacinto College will host free workshops Dec. 1-14 with Continuing and Professional Development (CPD) Community Engagement. RSVP at communityengagement@sjcd.edu.

Dec. 1, noon to 1 p.m., "Learn@Home Crafts: Christmas Centerpieces."

Dec. 2, 2 to 3 p.m., "Career Info Session: Business Operations, Supply Chain and Entrepreneurship" (BOSE).

Dec. 3, noon to 1 p.m., Conversational Spanish.

Dec. 8, noon to 1 p.m., "Learn@Home with Crafts: Framed Calendar Wall Art."

Dec. 10, noon to 1 p.m., "Your Health Matters Part 2: Eat Fruits and Vegetables" (in collaboration with MD Anderson).

Dec. 14, noon to 1 p.m., "Experience Pilates" (in collaboration with Club Pilates).

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca
 A member of *Southbelt/Sagemont Crime Alert* Facebook group posted photos of a suspect that reportedly was trying to break into houses and was carrying a gun. The incident happened Thursday, Nov. 19, at 1:45 a.m. on Kirkway Drive.

Warner motivates kids



Gary Warner, a Beverly Hills Intermediate teacher, held his trophy for heading one of the home-room classes collecting the most food for the South Belt-Ellington Leader Christmas program. Warner even dressed to motivate the kids to get involved in the food drive. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Leader gets ready for Christmas

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

Several South Belt families are still recovering from Hurricane Harvey. Anyone who knows of local families who are still experiencing special circumstances related to the storm are asked to contact the Leader via email beginning Dec. 9. That date is also applicable for all others registering for assistance.

Due to COVID, all applicants must apply by emailing mynews@southbeltleader.com. Applicants who have participated in previous drives may register online at www.southbeltleader.com. Applicants will be sent an application form to be emailed the Leader.

All applicants must undergo a screening process to determine the family's need. This is done through various means, including verification from school nurses.

To qualify, one must be a South Belt area resident and possess one form of identification verifying their address.

Those wishing to donate items should visit the Leader office, located 11555 Beamer at Beltway 8.

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Deaths

Gerri Ann Poltorak



Gerri Ann Poltorak was born March 27, 1948, in Odessa, Texas. She died peacefully Nov. 9, 2020, in her Houston home surrounded by her family after a long battle with dementia/Alzheimer's. Gerri was a longtime resident of the South Belt-Ellington area.

She was preceded in death by her loving mother and stepfather Geraldine and Calvin Potts and her father W.J. Triplett. Gerri is survived by her sisters Jo Luft of Gaines, Mich., and Janie Edwards of Big Springs, Texas; her loving husband of 54 years Robert Poltorak; son David Poltorak, wife Jessica and daughter Cheryl Padora and husband Ray; and her daughter Julie Poltorak. Gerri was blessed with seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at Peevey Funeral Home, Nov. 13, 2020. Interment followed at Houston National Cemetery.

just sitting on the porch swing talking about everything under the sun.

Faye and her husband Bill were very active, even in their "golden years." Faye would exercise with the Jazzercise group in Sagemont. Bill and Faye were part of the Sunshiner's Square Dance Club for many years. When Bill was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, they could no longer square dance, but Faye found new friends and enjoyment in taking part in the Houston Area Parkinson's Society Support Group. They both loved to travel and took many trips around the country and once to Rome, Italy.

Outside of activities with Bill, Faye developed lifelong friendships with her sorority sisters of Beta Sigma Phi. She always loved entertaining and was very hospitable when it was her turn for the monthly meeting at her home.

Faye was an active member of First Christian Church of Pasadena where she and Bill sang in the choir until their health kept them from being able to attend. Through the years, Faye served on the board and was involved in numerous activities with the church.

Faye is survived by daughters Tera Burn Anderson, Elizabeth Burn Sandoval and husband John; great-grandchildren Katy Markey and husband Austin, Heather Anderson, Kari-Leah Anderson, and Ryan Anderson; Caitlyn Mitchell and husband Arlon; Jennifer Burn; and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by grandchildren Angel Preston and Debra Downing and their spouses and children.

Faye was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Wallace and Ronald Coleman; sisters Bernadine Coyne and Barbara Mersch; daughter Melanie Pennington; and her beloved Bill.

Those wishing to donate items should visit the Leader office, located 11555 Beamer at Beltway 8.

All applicants must undergo a screening process to determine need. This is done through various means, including verification from school nurses.

To qualify, one must be a South Belt area resident and possess one form of identification verifying their address.

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Faye Cole Pennington



Faye Coleman Pennington, 96, died peacefully Nov. 15, 2020, after a long battle with Alzheimer's and frontotemporal dementia. She was born Nov. 14, 1924, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Oscar and Grace Coleman. She married the love of her life William "Bill" Pennington, Feb. 14, 1948, and were married 65 years before he preceded her in death in 2014. Faye and Bill were longtime residents in the Southbelt area for more than 40 years.

Faye was an excellent example of a godly, Christian lady. Many times her children would see her reading her Bible. She led by example of how to care for others. Faye took her mother-in-law in and cared for her while still raising her school-aged children at home. When her children were growing up, they would see her visiting the sick and the shut-ins of the church. She was always visiting with her neighbors whether it be for a cup of tea or

Merle was someone who loved and loved hard. Her lively and warm personality was infectious. She was the heart and soul of her family. She enjoyed playing solitaire, crossword puzzles, knitting, watching her daily lineup of game shows and ending each night watching Perry Mason with her love, Michael.

She is survived by her husband; children Nicole and husband Jeffrey Arnold of Chicago, Ill.; Solomon Shawn and wife Shana Ard of San Diego, Calif.; and Anita Raquel Ard of Houston; grandchildren Shawna Ard, Alexandra Arnold, Donovan Arnold and Madison Ard; beloved niece Monica Ard of Pearland; and beloved great-niece Taylor Nichol Ard of Houston.

She is also survived by her sisters Leora League of East Chicago, Ind., Norma Martin of Merrillville, Ind., Leora League of East Chicago, Ind., Arnetrice Daniel of Merrillville, Ind., and Jessica Morgan of Merrillville, Ind.; brothers Andrew and wife Ramona Smith of Memphis, Tenn.; Fred Flynn of Corona, Calif.; Errol Flynn of Corona, Calif.; and Tyrone Smith of East Chicago, Ind., sister-in-law Anita L. Ard of Highland, Ind.; nieces Angelle Ard of Merrillville, Ind., and DeEtta McDonald of Dyer, Ind.; her beloved best friend Katherine and husband Donald Harper; and a large number of loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family and friends.

Merle was preceded in death by her mother and father; sisters Clara Taylor, Jackie Flynn and Connie Mae Smith; and brothers Norman Flynn, Jr. and Darryl Flynn.

At her specific request, no service will be held. The family asks for healing prayers at this extremely difficult time.

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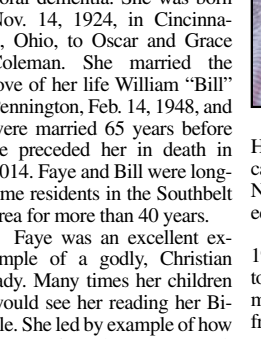
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Merle Flynn Ard



Merle Flynn Ard, 78, of Houston, formerly of East Chicago, Ind., died peacefully on November 20, 2020, surrounded by her family.

She was born March 17, 1942, in East Chicago, Ind., to Tallie Mae Smith and Norman Flynn. She graduated from Washington High School and continued her education at Indiana State University where she received a Bachelor of Science in education and a master's in elementary administration. She later received her certification in Speech Pathology from Prairie View A&M University.

Merle was married for 60

When tomorrow starts with out me, and I'm not here to see it. If the sun should rise and find your eyes filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today. While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you. And each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

Merle was someone who loved and loved hard. Her lively and warm personality was infectious. She was the heart and soul of her family. She enjoyed playing solitaire, crossword puzzles, knitting, watching her daily lineup of game shows and ending each night watching Perry Mason with her love, Michael.

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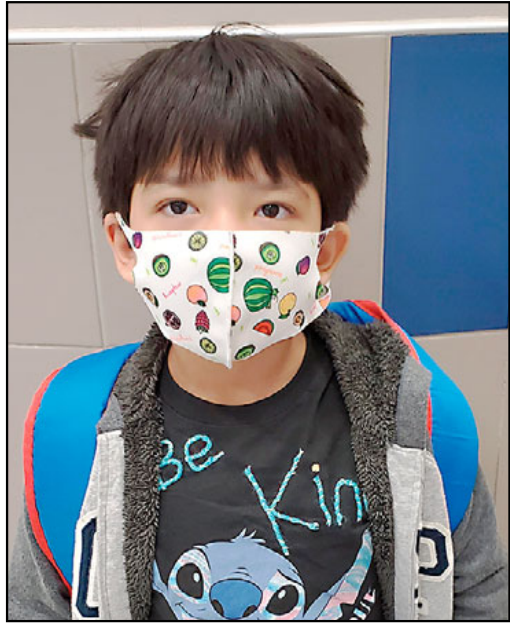
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Worship Service • 9:00 a.m.	Mid-Week Service • 7:45 p.m.

Nursery Available at all Services

Hancock Elementary celebrates World Kindness Day



Excited to celebrate World Kindness Day in "Be kind" T-shirts are, left to right, Jenessis Gonzalez, Jazalay Gonzalez and J'andre Gonzalez.



Alejandro Castro celebrated World Kindness Day by wearing a shirt featuring a Be Kind logo.



O'myni Flowers-Davis posed for a picture in front of a World Kindness Day decor.



Wearing a bright pink T-shirt in celebration of the day's event, Michelle Salcido gives a kind smile behind her mask for the camera.

Have a happy Thanksgiving with family and friends!



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Stopping for a picture to show off their T-shirts that encourage messages of kindness are, left to right, Eiza Rangel, Legrand Mbusa and Lareine Mbusa.



Shown above posing with matching # Be Kind T-shirts are Eduardo Garza (left) and Sebastian Garza. The boys posed for a photo in celebration of World Kindness Day.

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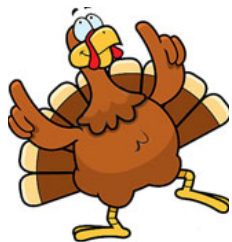
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At right, standing in front of the World Kindness Day decor are Kenneth Ford (left) and Isabella Ford. Both wore T-shirts reminding others to be thankful.

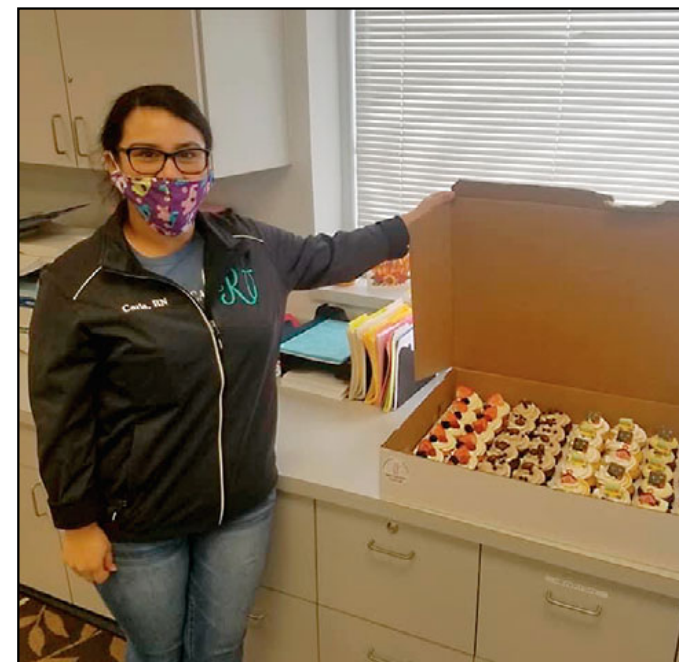


Lawren Reed (left) and Elijah Garza-McDaniels donned matching T-shirts and posed in front of the World Kindness Day decor. Their shirts exhibited the positive message, "In a world where you can be anything - be kind."

Burnett enjoys sweet treats



Karina Diaz, Burnett Elementary counselor is shown above delivering pastries to school staff. The empanadas, Mexican receive a special treat from Sweet Galeanna. The bakery delivered cup-



Carla Reyes, Burnett Elementary school nurse nominated the school to receive a special treat from Sweet Galeanna. The bakery delivered cupcakes for teachers and staff.

Thompson Intermediate releases second six-weeks honor roll

Thompson Intermediate School officials announced the second six-weeks honor roll for the 2020-2021 school year.

Seventh grade
Julian Devery Acevedo, Olivia Paige Aguirre, Blessing Abiola Akinloye, Sural Alessandra Alcorta, Celeste Marie Arriaga, Sean Adrian Arroyo and Kendall Rae

Ashworth.
Alexander Lee Baumgartner, Megan Van Bui, Ashley Valeria Cantarero, Kimberly Abigail Castillo, Elena Grace Charles, Kevin Ky Anh Chau, Ryan Ky Giang Chau and Jaslynn Grace Chavez.
David Nicolas Contreras, Ryleigh Ann Cummings, Natalie Navaeh De Hoyos,

Dinah Delilah Dean, Hadi Ali Elghawi, Cooper James Estes, Helio Frausto, Emily Eugenia Golenko and Jackson Maddox Gomez.
Miranda Sofia Gonzalez, Abel Baldomero Gutierrez, Abigail Aleina Gutierrez, Ava Marie Hernandez, Morgan Alexandria Hill, Rayne Lea-Anne Larson, Alex Anh Le, Danton Coppel Le and

Nathan-Cuong Huy Le.
Breanna Mya Lott, Ava Macias, Abraham Ismael Martinez, Jorge Javier Martinez, Sarah Isabella Massey, Aubrey Denise McAfee, Tristan Michael McKissick, Dulce Mejia Hernandez and Mehreen Mortaza Mir.
Aziel Moreno, Ayden James Munoz, Quoc-Bao

Ky Ngo, Gia Vy Nguyen, Haley Tram Ngoc Nguyen, Minh Ngoc Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen, Victory Chioma Nwosu and Thalia Evangelina Oddo.
Jonathan Carlos Orellana Sarmiento, Luke Noel Penaloza, Emyly Guadalupe Pineda, Giovanni Isiah Ramirez, Natalie Yvette Rangel, Leila Alejandra Reyes, Carlos Jr Salgado, Julian Salinas, Alison Esteysy Soriano Gonzalez and Daniel Lee Soto.
Mia Bella Sudario Garza, Addison Marymckay Taylor, Emily Mary Brienne Taylor, Lillian Rose Thomas and Parker Minhquoc Tran.
Fernando Vargas, Marissa Rae Vasquez, Juan Bernardo Vega, Aidan Veitia,

Hector Daniel Vela-Puerto, Leon Vu and Olivia Lauren Wheeler.
Eighth grade
Evangeline Cate Adam, Juliana Lysette Aguirre, Rigoberto Alanis, Ariana Alaniz, Manal Kamran Aleem, Jonathan Lee Alexander, Sophia Michelle Alonso, Keiley Erin Anthony and Oscar Barajas.
McKenzie Maryann Bonner, Kaylie Bui, Stephanie Phuong Bui, Emily Jade Cano, Chloe Rae Carrizal, Jonathan Jerry Carter, Joana Casas, Danielle Annaya Chenier, Alicia Isabel Cruz and Alejandro Del Villar Rodriguez.
Kristin Thi Do, Vyvy Tuyet Huynh Do, Abril Delacruz Dosal, Paul Matthew Elisondo and Aniya

Hope Epps.
Natalie Marie Espinosa, Viviana Soleil Fernandez, Elizabeth Christine Garcia, Lauren Gabriele Garza and Kai Ethan Gilhousen.
Angelica Ruth Gonzales, Alfonso Eloy Gonzales-Adame, Gabriella Eva Gonzalez, Yasmine Yvette Gonzalez, Emily Nicole Grimaldo, Erik Julian Guerrero and Patience Nevae Hayes.
Teboris Christian Henry, Emily Marie Hernandez, Leonel De Jesus Hernandez, Sophia Thien My Ho and Marvin Antonio Jerezano.
Iakovos-Panagiotis Kostikoglou, Yocelyn Michelle Lagos and Jacob Paul Lam.
Michael Eugene Law, Natalia Le Goenaga, Nathan

Le, Karyme Alejandra Leal, Emma Sophia Lopez, Shyla Isabel Marcano, Mayte Marfil, Jorge Gilberto Martinez, Juelz Maximiliano Martinez, Natalie Samantha Martinez and Paris Itzel Martinez.
Priscilla Grace Martinez, Rubi Citlaly Martinez, Mark Massoud, Laura Denise Mata, Kiana Thi McCombs, Julian Miguel Melchor, Abriana Laniece Neco, Huy Duc Nguyen, Ny Ha Bao Nguyen and Ryan Oscar Nguyen.
Trish Thuy Nguyen, Dominic Ryan Ortiz, Avery Elyse Owens, Nikolas Alexander Pelaez, Eric Thomas Perez, Julianne Le Pham, Tony Phan, Madison Victoria Puente, Naryelin Jasleni Ramirez Licona, Robert

Trebzor Ramirez and Martin Ramos.
Matthew Noah Rangel, Jayden Lawrence Reimer, Andre Reyes, Joel Jesus Reyes, Abrianna Elyse Reynolds, Braeden Christian Robinson, Katherine Michelle Sabillon-Velasquez and Eva Nancy Salinas.
Isabella Rose Sanchez, Daniel Silva, McKenzie Grace Smith, Ethan Landon Snow, Pitou So, Emily Silva Stephon, Jason Ta, Roy Anthony Tavira, Tristan Phat Tran and Andrew Lee Ullman.
Isaiah Vincent Vivier, Khanh Phuc Vu Do, Megan Thuan An Vu, Sophia Vu, Cameron Latrell Walcott, Ryan Demetrius White and Karis Adrienne Williams.

Beverly Hills announces honor roll

Beverly Hills Intermediate School officials announced the second six-weeks honor roll for the 2020-2021 school year.

Seventh grade
Aubrey Naveah Adler, Leonela Aguila, Hussai Arias, Diana Armenta, Sara Njitung Berinyu Nfor, Tanner Van Bo, Alexis Bonilla, Isabella Nicole Byron, Julian Alejandro Calderon Vargas and Angel Rene Cano.
Julissa Cantu, Daniel Carrera, Christian Todd Castille, Zenaida Yelem Cisneros, Aubri Leshay Cole, Noah Brandon Conover, Tiffany Marianna Contreras, Christina Dang, Jeremiah Deshaum'e Davis and Josselyn Maria Delgado.
Lynn Edward Dickerson, Hayden Thu Do, Anthony Xavier Dominguez, Andrew Tadeo Escobedo, Norman Esteban Fabian Alba, Guillermo Fernandez, Emily Flores, Esbeydi Guadalupe Fonseca, Jordyn Bryce Galoway and Karyme Giselle Galvan.
Ethan Rylan Garay, Edward Matthew Garcia, Johnny Alejandro Garcia, Melissa Elaine Gibson, Christopher Fabian Gomez, Kaelyn Denece' Grice, Ella Rose Guerra, Daniela Guerrero and Alvaro Jose Cervantes Guevara.
Benjamin Gutierrez, Hao The Ha, Janice Itzel Hernandez, Landen Omar Hernandez, and Luis Felipe Hernandez.
Michael Hernandez, Mike Hernandez, Christopher Hernandez-Chavarria, Bryant Khanh Ho and Trinity Thy Hoang.
Eli Zaine Jackson, Jordan Patricia Johnson, Marcus Conrad Jones, Audrina Jade Lanza, Richard Le, Francia Aganit Luengo Montano,

Ilana Raquel Luna, Peyton Evan Lynn, David Alejandro Martinez, Kevin Martinez, Lexie Marie Martinez and Xavier Martinez.
Mark Phillip Mata, My'kaila Raelysia Mitchell, Cristian D'angelo Monge, Nathan Lee Montez, Steven Morillo Rodriguez, Matthew Israel Muniz, Tommy Minh Ngo, Andrew Huynh Nguyen, Anthony Tan Nguyen and Chloe Bao-Nhu Nguyen.
Diana Ngoc Nguyen, Gia An Tran Nguyen, Hannah Anh Nguyen, Hoang Phu Nguyen, Mary Ngoc Nguyen, Matthew Hien Nguyen, Minh Tuan Nguyen, Ngan Thi Kim Nguyen, Thu Hoang Anh Ninh and Michaela Raychelle Offord.
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Theodore Conrad Villarreal, Clayton Elijah Washington, Jai'ana Elise Washington, Xandria Alis Williams, Ximena Yezpe and Yuliana Michelle Zambrano.
Eighth grade
Diego Aguilera, Abigail Miranda Alvarez, Jadelynn Elizabeth Alvarez, Bryan Wayne Anderson, Malynia Michelle Armelin, Neveah Jamie Ben-Smith, Mia Leonor Campos and Abril Carmona Saucedo.
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Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Clear Lake, donates beds

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Clear Lake chapter members assist children in the community who do not have a bed on which to sleep. They believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. Two to three percent of children in America do not have a bed. They sleep on floors, and/or air mattresses. The organization is the only charity that provides handmade bunk beds to needy children, partnering with other organizations, churches, businesses and individuals.
For those who would like to donate, raise money to make beds for kids in this community or request a bed, visit <https://www.shpbeds.org/chapter/clear-lake>
One can also send an email to jonathan.mcclure@shpbeds.org for volunteer opportunities.



Volunteers of the charity Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Clear Lake chapter, are shown with a completed bed. Enjoying the fruit of their labor are, left to right, (front row) Briana Silva, Anthony Costello, Ashley Ruiz, Kourtnei Harding, Elizabeth Edison, Keith Edison, (back row) Royce Phillips, Gary Akins, Jonathan McClure and Melinda McClure. Every bed is handcrafted and constructed by volunteers in the community, funded by donations.

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In light of recent multiple muggings and assaults in the South Belt area, free online classes of self-defense are being taught by the American Society of Karate for teens and adults (ages 13-80). These classes are Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in the comfort of one's own home. No previous self-defense or martial arts experience is necessary. To preregister, visit <https://tinyurl.com/askdefense> and fill out a short form.
For additional information on martial arts classes, visit www.AskKarate.com, email Online@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930. There will be no class the week of Thanksgiving. The regular schedule will resume the week of Nov. 30.

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Remember When

40 years ago (1980)
Volunteer firefighters from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to four fire calls and four ambulance calls during the past week.
Texas Commerce Bank South Belt had 15,000 pounds of real snow hauled in for its second annual Christmas celebration.
Emergency personnel from the Sagemont station of the Houston Fire Department made five pumper calls and three ambulance calls over the past week.
A resident in the 10200 block of Sagecourt in Sageglen was hit by burglars for the fourth time and suffered \$28,000 in losses. It was believed a large truck pulled up to the home and loaded up with household furnishings.
Frazier Elementary, the first open concept educational innovation for the Pasadena Independent School District, was in its sixth year.
Two members of the 1980 Dobie cross-country team qualified for the National Cross-Country Cham-

ampionship meeting sponsored by Kinney Shoes, to be held in San Diego at Balboa Park. Seniors Gawnin Guy and Greg Johnson qualified for the national meet by placing first and fifth, respectively, in the regional Kinney cross-country meet at Arlington.
35 years ago (1985)
A petition drive was underway by the South Belt Coalition asking the city of Houston for stricter enforcement of existing city ordinances pertaining to sexually oriented businesses.
Allison Keith, daughter of Rod and Laura Keith of Sageglen, was selected to portray one of the orphans for the Theatre Under the Star's production of "Anne."
Two students from J. Frank Dobie High School were taken into custody by PISD security which had filed arson charges against the juveniles for allegedly setting fire to two of the boys' restrooms at the school. The two were taken to the Harris County Detention Center. The arrests

were made after an offer of a \$250 reward was offered for information about the fires.
Bob Reed, son of Robert and Jackie Reed of Sagevale, served as an extra in battle scenes for the film "North and South Part II."
30 years ago (1990)
Nine of the 17 string players from the Dobie Orchestra program were selected for Region Orchestra.
Involved in various projects for Desert Shield military personnel from the South Belt area, Thompson students started by staging a letter-writing campaign. Ninety-five students from Cindy McKinney's English classes wrote to soldiers and sailors specifically from the area.
Picked as the underdogs, Dobie's varsity football team sidestepped all the critics and were headed to the playoffs.
25 years ago (1995)
Sagemont Park's Doan Nguyen and her two passengers were transported to Ben Taub Hospital's trauma center following a traffic accident on Beltway 8 at Beam-

er where Nguyen's Cadillac collided with a dump truck.
A chancellor search committee presented the names of three candidates to the San Jacinto College District Board of Regents beginning the second and final stage in filling the college district's highest post.
The Clear Brook High School varsity football team had a 31-14 win over Jasper in the Region III semifinals.
Clear Brook's tennis coach, Genie Kilpatrick, was selected as 4A State Tennis Coach of the Year.
Thompson Intermediate eighth-grader Brandon Beebe won the logo design competition initiated by local businessman Chris Romero. The winning logo was to be featured on his company's business cards, work apparel and vehicles through the Houston area.
20 years ago (2000)
The Harris County-Pearland road study in final form was accepted by members of the Pearland City Council.
John Hoover received the prestigious NASA Space

Flight Awareness Launch Honoree Award for the STS-92 mission.
15 years ago (2005)
A fire that shut down the Pizza Hut in the Scarsdale Village shopping center at the corner of Beamer Road revealed that a gameroom that had been previously raided had reopened. Firefighters opened the neighboring lease spaces for ventilation, and passersby were able to see gaming machines in plain view.
Houston Police were investigating the shooting death of a 19-year-old man at the Indigo Falls Apartments on the Gulf Freeway. He was shot in the head after a reported argument with a 21-year-old suspect.
Dr. Linda Watkins, San Jacinto College South campus president was selected the San Jacinto College Association of Educational Office Personnel 2005 Boss of the Year.
Construction began on the Sagemont pool which had been closed for the previous two years after it began to leak. The Leader,

local civic leaders and Adie Wiseman, Houston City council member, worked to keep the pool in the community. Replacement began for the demolition and removal of the existing building and pool. The new pool and building were scheduled to reopen for the 2006 summer swimming season.
10 years ago (2010)
Officers from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to an incident at roughly 11:30 a.m. at an apartment complex in the 12300 block of Beamer where a resident reported seeing multiple individuals using drugs in a car parked in the complex parking lot. The officers detected a strong smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle, prompting them to search the car. The search yielded not only a small amount of marijuana, but also 0.5 gram of a rock-like substance that tested positive for cocaine.
One of the individuals in the car, Susan Johns, 47, was subsequently arrested on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance.
5 years ago (2015)
A deputy from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office opened fire on a suspect who repeatedly rammed his patrol car during a pursuit near the Sageglen subdivision. The incident began when Deputy Julian Garza attempted to stop a blue Chevrolet truck in the 11000 block of Scarsdale for having a defective license plate light. Rather than pull over, however, the suspect abruptly stopped and put the truck into reverse, striking Garza's patrol vehicle. The suspect then went forward and reversed again, striking Garza's car a second time. Garza attempted to elude the driver by putting his own vehicle into reverse, but the suspect pulled forward and made a U-turn, striking Garza head on, knocking his car onto the grassy median. In fear of his life, Garza pulled his service weapon and shot at the suspect's vehicle three times from inside his patrol vehicle before the suspect drove off, heading east on Scarsdale in the westbound lanes. The suspect then turned north on Beamer in the southbound lanes, as Garza gave pursuit. Garza followed the suspect's ve-

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EDWARDS COUPLE MARKS 22 YEARS
Former Leader staffer Bill Edwards wishes his wife Elaine Edwards a happy 22nd anniversary Friday, Nov. 27. Bill is hoping she will renew his contract for another year.
JACE TURNS ONE!
Happy birthday wishes are sent to Jace Walter Giles who turned one Nov. 26 from parents Ashley and Aaron Giles, brother Jaxon; and grandparents Carrie and Steve Hildreth of Pearland and Tracy and Jim Giles of Kirkwood South.
SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 26 through Dec. 2, 2020.
Frazier Elementary
The day for a birthday celebration for Sara Rodriguez is Nov. 28.
Genoa Elementary
Send a happy birthday greeting Nov. 28 to Laurie Antal. Sing a birthday song Nov. 30 to Christine Olvera.
Meador Elementary
The day for a celebration for Kelly Terwilliger is Nov. 29.
Moore Elementary
Enjoy a slice of birthday cake and ice cream Nov. 30 with Silvia Luna. Blow out the candles on a special birthday cake Dec. 1 for

Rita Reyes.
South Belt Elementary
Light the birthday candles for Carmen Gonzales Dec. 2.
Stuchbery Elementary
Send a warm greeting Nov. 26 to Oralisa Mendez who celebrates a birthday. The day for a celebration for James Maslonka is Nov. 27.
Melillo Middle School
The day for a party for Luz Chaidez is Nov. 26. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Dec. 2 are sent to Jamie Torres.
Roberts Middle School
Erin Timmons marks a birthday Nov. 27.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
The day for a party for David Hastings is Nov. 29.
Thompson Intermediate
Cheers for a happy birthday are sent Nov. 29 to Amanda Carroll. Send a happy birthday wish Dec. 1 to Natasha Butler. Maria Pena enjoys a birthday Dec. 2.
Dobie High
Break out the balloons and birthday cake Nov. 27 for Brian McCleskey and Frank Mora. Wishes for a special birthday celebration are sent to Luz Ossa and Robin Rackley Nov. 28. A birthday is celebrated Dec. 1 by Lawson Hartwick and Sonja Mull.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, email mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.
Thursday, Nov. 26: Kathy Husband, Amanda Marshall, Lydia Fernandez, Glenda Dick, Trish Simmons and Gabe Gabino; and Friday, Nov. 27: Shannon Warner, Susie Hughlett, Christine Dailey, Tommy Bischof and Chris Hubenak; Saturday, Nov. 28: Sharon Wagner and Christie Fickessen; Sunday, Nov. 29: Rebecca Carter, Amy Smith, Sheila Higgins, Lawanda Dyson-Lendsey and Hannah Do; Monday, Nov. 30: Laurie Pena, Chandra Storey, Sonia Martinez, Angela Kennedy, Kelli Lord, Kelly Allison, Patricia Shults, Keleigh Stacey and Marisol Phillips; Tuesday, Dec. 1: Jessica Bowlin, Miles West, Damon Griffin, Kim Middleton and Melissa Ray; and Wednesday, Dec. 2: Lenae Fowler and Aaron Herridge.
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie's decade-long championship drought ends in runaway

A 10-year wait between district titles is over after the unbeaten Dobie Longhorns blanked Sam Rayburn 53-0 Nov. 19 to claim the District 22-6A championship at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Dobie last won a district title as part of the Class 5A ranks, going 8-2 overall with a late-season win over Deer Park to claim the trophy. Now, these Longhorns will look to end a postseason win drought that has extended back to 2004.

By claiming the title and the subsequent top seed out of 22-6A in the Division I playoff bracket, Dobie has earned the right to host either North Shore or Atascocita out of 21-6A, likely at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium Dec. 11.

Now 24-6 overall including postseason in his coaching stay at Do-

bie, Kevin Berneathy has reached 24 wins faster than any Longhorns' varsity football head coach in program history.

His 2020 squad is the first to go 8-0 to begin a regular season in 21 years.

The Longhorns will play their regular season finale at Channelview ISD's Maddry Stadium against the Falcons and can earn the school's first unbeaten regular season since 1999.

As expected, there was little suspense in this one as the Longhorns got plenty of offense to go with touchdowns in special teams and on defense in cruising to the easy win.

In terms of that defense, Darrius Pamplin, Keion Thompson, Alexander Garcia and Nate Wallace all had interceptions in the game, with Wallace returning his for a 44-yard touchdown late in the

fourth quarter to cap the scoring.

Garcia's pick also went for a 50-yard touchdown but was called back due to a post-interception penalty on the play.

Johnathan Baldwin, who remains the leading rusher in District 22-6A play with 882 yards on just 65 carries, opened the game with a 9-yard run on his team's first drive for a 7-0 lead. It was his 15th touchdown.

Late in the first quarter, Ryan Saxton fielded a line-drive punt at his 35 and wound his way to the right sideline and down for a 65-yard return touchdown.

A 34-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Cameron Gray to Jeremiah Ballard, his eighth of the season, increased the lead to 21-0, and Gray went to tight end Jaylin Griffin, who dashed down the sideline for a 54-yard touchdown as the Longhorns led 34-0 at the half.

Dobie needed just one play in the second half to extend the lead to 41-0 as Gray found Griffin wide open down the seam for 43 yards and a touchdown.

Trevion Williams went for 32 yards and a touchdown before Wallace's interception return ended the scoring.

Seniors like Baldwin,

Ballard, Garcia, Griffin, Wallace and others were midway through their second-grade years the last time Dobie won a district title.

Little did they know then they'd be such a big part of Dobie football history.

As for Berneathy, head

coaches rarely want things to be about themselves, and Berneathy doesn't.

But bagging a district championship and winning 24 of 28 regular season games to this point means that the plan he sold to the Dobie hiring committee prior to the 2018 campaign has worked

splendidly. "We just came in and tried to hit the ground running, hire great coaches and try to instill a discipline and toughness both mentally and physically," Berneathy said.

"This is a tribute to not only the guys now, but the past players who have been part of this process.

"It's been a challenging year for everyone, but we've tried to take care of one another, be as safe as possible, and work within the protocols the best we know how.

"The players have responded tremendously. Winning the district title is a special thing, no doubt."

all this season, including 10-2 in District 22-6A action to grab second place behind champion Deer Park.

The Lady Deer, subsequently, were the lone program from 22-6A to advance to the area playoff round.

Libero Abby Duron had 16 digs in her final match at Dobie. Seniors Cadie Masterson and Casey Junkin will also graduate.

Dobie went 15-11 over-

Atascocita volleyball sweeps past Dobie

Alayna Gonzalez had a team-high 10 kills in her final match as Dobie battled well in the bidistrict volleyball playoff round before seeing the season end with a 25-20, 25-22, 25-17 loss to Atascocita Nov. 19 at Phillips Field House.

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At right, Dobie punt returner Ryan's Saxton's (25) brilliant 65-yard touchdown return was just one of the big plays as the District 22-6A champion Longhorns shut out Rayburn 53-0 Nov. 19 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium. Texans' punt coverage team players included Isaiah Walker (6) and Jonathan Green (83). Photo by David Flickinger

Despite loss, LSA's Harrison sets single-game record

Lutheran South's football season came to an end Nov. 20 at home against Brownsville St. Joseph, with the visitors winning a wild 56-48 first-round

playoff game, but it didn't come without a record-setting performance.

Pioneers' senior quarterback Luke Harrison rushed for a program-re-

cord 373 yards in the game, giving his team a chance to win until the very end.

Harrison will now turn his attention to the base-

ball field as earlier this school year he signed a letter of intent to play to pitch at the University of Texas.

A member of the

Pioneers' 2019 state championship team, the left-handed pitcher returns this spring to lead LSA's repeat bid after 2020's lost season.

Cowboys, BAFL begin Super Bowl quest Dec. 5



Sagmont Cowboys' senior division defenders Christian Carter (82) and Jaylen Felton (32) combined to bring down Sebastian Esparza during the Cowboys' season-ending win Nov. 14 at Dobie, giving the Cowboys a 7-1 overall finish. See additional details on Page 6. Photo by Brittney Hernandez

Wolverines fall short in 24-6A

A 72-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Luke Sampson to Noah Thomas early in the fourth quarter extended Clear Springs' precarious lead as the Chargers ended Clear Brook's playoff hopes with a 28-12 victory Nov. 20 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

The victory gave the Chargers sole possession of the District 24-6A championship with a perfect 6-0 record, which comes with the 6A Division I playoff seed. Springs will draw Pearland in the bidistrict playoff round Dec. 11-12.

Dickinson will be the No. 2 seed out of Division I and will face District 23-6A champion Dawson in the bidistrict round next month.

Clear Brook held out hope of snagging a spot in the Division II playoff bracket, but the Wolverines, 2-4 in league play and 4-4 overall, will instead close the 2020 campaign with nondistrict games against Stratford and Morton Ranch.

Meanwhile, Clear Falls and Clear Creek will rep-

resent District 24-6A in the Division II playoffs next month.

With slim playoff hopes still in play, the Wolverines started slow against Springs, falling behind 14-0 after a quarter of play.

But Clear Brook quarterback Cameron McCalister went to Tahj Johnson for 71 yards late in the first half, and Jaysen Price's 12-yard scoring run got the Wolverines within 14-12 with eight minutes left in the third.

Thomas' long touchdown play ended a scoring drought for both teams and gave the Chargers a two-score lead with just over 10 minutes left to play.

Xai-Shaun Edwards secured the win and the district championship for the Chargers with just under two minutes left.

McCalister threw for 309 yards in the game but was picked off three times against the one touchdown pass. Price had 12 catches for 140 yards to lead the Wolverines.

Clear Brook, with the 4-4 overall record, will

look to close the season strong, first hosting Stratford Nov. 27 at Challenger Stadium.

Brook closes the regular season Dec. 4 at Morton Ranch.

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Atascocita gets past Lady Horns in bidistrict playoffs



Atascocita ended Dobie's 2020 season with a straight-set win Nov. 19 at Phillips Field House as junior Natalie Onozie (6) wound up with a team-high 329 assists from her setter spot and added 224 digs and 83 kills along the way.

Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Lady Longhorns' senior Victoria Thomas (13) had eight kills in her final match against Atascocita and had a team-high 219 kills this season to lead the locals. Thomas paced a team effort that allowed Dobie to go 10-2 in league play for second place in District 22-6A.

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Kingston Adkins, Third-Grade Champion

Cowboys, Dolphins have high hopes as BAFL playoffs near

The eight-game Bay Area Football League season is completed, and now the top playoff contenders are set to get down to the serious business as the postseason begins Dec. 5. The League City 49ers organization, winners of

33 overall games across four divisions with just six losses, figure to enter the postseason with the most to prove, and locally the Sagemont Cowboys are aiming to score revenge on the 49ers, particularly in the senior and sopho-

more divisions. While the Cowboys went 7-1 overall in the senior and sophomore brackets, the League City clubs went 8-0, sweeping the Cowboys at Dobie High School late in the season.

The ultimate goal of the 49ers, Cowboys and everyone else in the postseason field is to get to Rice Stadium Dec. 19 for the BAFL Super Bowl round as championships will be decided. After that, it's on to the Super Bowl.

While the league's quarterfinals will play out at four different locations Dec. 5, the semifinals will be held at the home fields of the Magnolia Park Sharks and Pasadena Panthers, respectively.

South Belt football predictions

	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
Clear Brook hosts Stratford	Stratford	Stratford	Stratford	Clear Brook	Stratford	Stratford
North Shore at Atascocita	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Beaumont West Brook at C.E. King	CEK	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB
Summer Creek vs. Humble	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek
Clear Falls at Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls
Texas City hosts Port Neches Groves	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG
South Houston at Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
Clear Creek at Seven Lakes	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek
Clear Springs at Katy Taylor	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Katy Taylor
Last week's record	10-0	8-2	8-2	8-2	7-3	9-1
Season record	65-19	65-19	59-25	56-28	61-23	59-25

Sr. Division Quarterfinals

Sat., Dec. 5 at Alvin Raiders

- 8 a.m. - 1 Seed vs. 8 Seed (Pee Wee)
- 9 a.m. - 1 Seed vs. 8 Seed
- 11 a.m. - 4 Seed vs. 5 Seed
- 1 p.m. - 3 Seed vs. 6 Seed
- 3 p.m. - 2 Seed vs. 7 Seed

Jr. Division Quarterfinals

Sat., Dec. 5 at Hitchcock

- 8 a.m. - 2 Seed vs. 7 Seed (Pee Wee)
- 9 a.m. - 1 Seed vs. 8 Seed
- 11 a.m. - 4 Seed vs. 5 Seed
- 1 p.m. - 3 Seed vs. 6 Seed
- 3 p.m. - 2 Seed vs. 7 Seed

Soph. Division Quarterfinals

Sat., Dec. 5 at Pasadena Panthers

- 8 a.m. - 3 Seed vs. 6 Seed (Pee Wee)
- 9 a.m. - 1 Seed vs. 8 Seed
- 11 a.m. - 4 Seed vs. 5 Seed
- 1 p.m. - 3 Seed vs. 6 Seed
- 3 p.m. - 2 Seed vs. 7 Seed

Fr. Division Quarterfinals

Sat., Dec. 5 at Santa Fe

- 8 a.m. - 4 Seed vs. 5 Seed (Pee Wee)
- 9 a.m. - 1 Seed vs. 8 Seed
- 11 a.m. - 4 Seed vs. 5 Seed
- 1 p.m. - 3 Seed vs. 6 Seed
- 3 p.m. - 2 Seed vs. 7 Seed

Jr./Fr. Division Semifinals

Sat., Dec. 12 at M.P. Sharks

- 8 a.m. - 1 Seed vs. 4 Seed (Pee Wee)
- 9 a.m. - Jr. 1 Seed vs. 4 Seed
- 11 a.m. - Fr. 1 Seed vs. 4 Seed
- 1 p.m. - Jr. 2 Seed vs. 3 Seed
- 3 p.m. - Fr. 2 Seed vs. 3 Seed

Sr./Soph. Division Semifinals

Sat., Dec. 12 at Pasadena Panthers

- 8 a.m. - 2 Seed vs. 3 Seed (Pee Wee)
- 9 a.m. - Sr. 1 Seed vs. 4 Seed
- 11 a.m. - Soph. 1 Seed vs. 4 Seed
- 1 p.m. - Sr. 2 Seed vs. 3 Seed
- 3 p.m. - Soph. 2 Seed vs. 3 Seed

BAFL Super Bowl XLIV Championship

Sat., Dec. 19, Rice Stadium
 Pee Wee: 8 a.m.; Sr.: 9 a.m.; Jr.: 11 a.m.;
 Soph: 1 p.m.; Fr.: 3 p.m.
 Tickets: \$7 per all persons; gates open 7 a.m.
 All attendees required to wear face covering

CALENDAR

It is advisable to verify if face-to-face meetings are being held prior to attending. For Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>; for Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings, visit www.hascona.com; for Al-Anon meetings, visit www.houstonalanon.org/meetings.html.

NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club - Although the bridge club is currently closed visit <https://acblunit174.org/clearlake/clean-blue-working/clearlake.html> for details of online games that can be played or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com.

THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.

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 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or <https://nastuff.com/>.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

7 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All in-person events are canceled at this time. All services will be performed online. Join the Friday night service at 7 p.m. or the Saturday service at 9:30 a.m. at <https://zoo.us> with the Meeting ID 917 102 8979 and the Passcode 18cm1818. For members who wish to download a copy of the prayer book for the online service, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/prayer-book-for-friday.html>. For the general website, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/shabbat-online.html>.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-

4200 or visit www.hascona.com or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.

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.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:30 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

9:30 a.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's 7 p.m. notice.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8 p.m.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 has gone virtual at <https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com/>. To be a guest at the virtual meeting, select the "contact us" button on the toastmasters' home page to obtain access to the virtual meeting platform. For more information, contact Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. Education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd., For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.

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

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

For details, call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 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 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.

7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. either at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Details are on Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under calendar.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or online at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. For details, call 713-686-6300.

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 713-661-4200 or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday, Nov. 27.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday, Nov. 27.

8 p.m.

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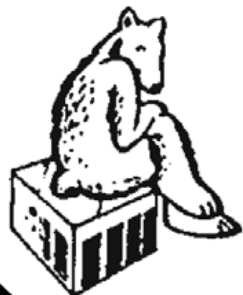
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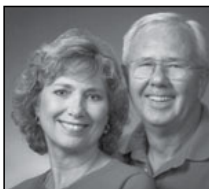
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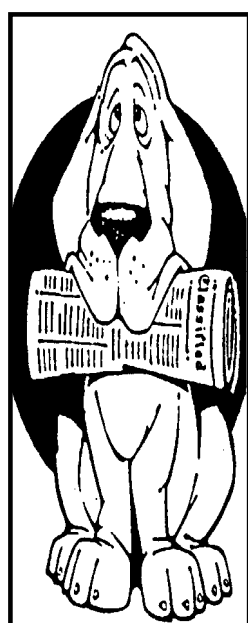
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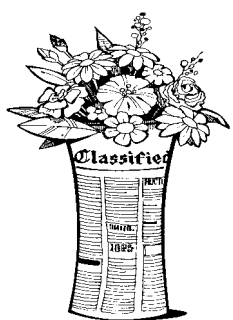
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CCART announces December virtual meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its December meeting, virtually Tuesday, Dec. 8.
The gathering will be facilitated via ZOOM and will begin at 10 a.m. Attendees should plan to wear a Christmas sweater or special hat, grab a cup of coffee or cider and some Christmas cookies and join the gathering for holiday music and readings.
Remember to renew one's membership with CCART.
The annual dues are \$50. For membership renewal forms and instructions, visit the Facebook site at ClearCreekART or just type in Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers.
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Thompson names November students of the month



Chosen as November Student of the Month is Thompson Intermediate seventh-grader Leila Reyes. She was selected for her hard work and leadership in school and to her peers.



Luke Penaloza, a seventh-grader at Thompson Intermediate, demonstrated hard work and dedication, which earned him November Student of the Month honors.



Thompson Intermediate eighth-grader Matthew Rangel was selected as November Student of the Month. Rangel has demonstrated Lion Pride and has maintained his grades.



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