

Holiday closures set South Belt-Ellington Leader

The *Leader* office will be closed from Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Friday, Nov. 28, in observance of Thanksgiving. The *Leader* office will reopen at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1.

Clear Brook City MUD

Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Friday, Nov. 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1. For customer convenience, check or money orders may be left in the drop box on the drive-thru window side of the building. No cash may be accepted in the drop box.

Residents who have trash services Thursday will not have trash pickup on Thanksgiving. Service will resume Monday, Dec. 1. Residents who have trash services on Friday will not be affected. All trash must be curbside by 6 a.m. the day of pickup.

Winter Wonderland planned

The fourth annual Winter Wonderland event will take place Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Clear Brook City MUD building/property, located at 11911 Blackhawk near Scarsdale, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Hosted by the Clear Brook City MUD and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, this year's event will be one of many firsts, according to organizers. In addition to the fake snow, train rides and free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus featured in previous years, this year's event will offer a chance to meet Mr. and Mrs. Grinch, Lilo, Stitch, Bluey and H-E-Buddy; explore a fire engine; and play on a bouncy house. The family friendly event will also feature free hot cocoa and cookies while supplies last.

Winter Wonderland is free and open to the public. Guests are encouraged, however, to bring one nonperishable can of food per person (pet or human food). For additional information about this year's event, visit southbeltchamber.com/winter-wonderland.

Sagmont meeting canceled

The Sagmont Civic Club will not hold a December meeting, according to group President Kay Barbour. Typically held the first Tuesday of each month, the meetings will resume next month Tuesday, Jan. 6. For additional information, contact Barbour at 713-419-3545.

City composts pumpkins

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

Constable meeting canceled

The weekly Coffee with the Constable meeting, held each Thursday with Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia at Donut Haven, will not take place Nov. 27 due to the Thanksgiving holidays. The meetings will resume next week Thursday, Dec. 4, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. For additional information, call Sagmont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

New Covenant feeds needy

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

Beltway closures planned

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

Gulf Freeway closure set

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

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

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

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.

Clear Horizons named a top Houston school

CCISD's Early College High School campus recognized by Children at Risk

Clear Creek ISD's Clear Horizons Early College High School has earned a spot among the Greater Houston region's top-performing schools in the 2024-2025 Houston School Rankings released by Children at Risk.

The school was ranked ninth out of the top 10 Houston high schools. The announcement was made at a recent press conference that celebrated the top schools excelling in student achievement, growth and college readiness.

"Being recognized by Children at Risk is a reflection of our staff's commitment to excellence and the incredible achievements of our students,"

said Clear Horizons Principal April Tidwell. "It is a privilege to celebrate the work we do to ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed. We are grateful to our community and to partners like the Clear Creek Education Foundation, whose generous support empowers our staff and students to excel."

Children at Risk's 2024-2025 statewide analysis ranks more than 7,000 public schools across the state and highlights student achievement on STAAR tests, campus performance compared to similar schools, year-over-year student growth, and at the high school level, college readiness

through graduation and participation in college-prep activities.

Located at San Jacinto College's South campus, the school allows eligible CCISD student to take high school and college courses simultaneously. Many students in the program earn their associate degree, while also earning their high school diploma.

College credits earned through the program can be transferred to most major Texas universities, including the University of Texas, Texas A&M University and the University of Houston. The program is offered at no cost to students, allowing them to save a significant amount of money on college tuition.

The campus opened the fall term of the 2007-2008 school year and currently has roughly 440 students. With fewer than 500 students, Clear Horizons offers a more personalized environment compared to traditional high schools in Clear Creek ISD, according to school district officials. Enrollment is capped, so students must apply and meet academic criteria to be admitted.

Clear Horizons Early College High School consistently ranks among the top 5 percent of Texas schools for academic performance, with strong math and reading proficiency scores.

According to Clear Creek ISD officials, nearly all graduates earn both a high school diploma and college credits, with a 100 percent graduation rate reported in 2023-2024.

In fall 2025, Clear Horizons added the Pathways in Technology (P-TECH) program in health care to its curriculum. Also offered tuition-free at the San Jacinto College's South campus, this dual-credit program partners with HCA Houston Healthcare to provide work-based learning experiences and prepare students for high-demand health care careers.

For additional information on Clear Creek ISD's Clear Horizons Early College High School, visit chechs.ccisd.net/our-campus/about-us. To view the full 2024-2025 Houston School Rankings, visit childrenatrisk.org.

About Children at Risk

Children at Risk is a research and advocacy nonprofit leading the way in improving the quality of life for Texas' children. Children at Risk considers the whole child by tracking issues in children's health, safety, education and economic security to improve equity and justice for all Texas families. Committed to action beyond the data, Children at Risk drives evidence-based change by speaking out on behalf of children.

Blackhawk work continues



A Harris County Precinct 2 project to make street and sidewalk improvements on Blackhawk between Scarsdale and Beltway 8 is approximately halfway complete, with workers wrapping up repairs on one side of the area thoroughfare. Crews are shown above at Beltway 8 where northbound repairs are being completed. Crews will now work on the southbound repairs, which are expected to take around five months to complete, officials said.

Photo by James Bolen

Court blocks new maps for 2026 elections

Redrawn congressional maps could have added 5 GOP House seats

A federal court has ruled that Texas may not use its newly drawn congressional maps in the upcoming 2026 midterm elections, ordering the state to revert to district lines adopted in 2021.

The decision is a major setback for Republicans, who had hoped the new maps would deliver up to five additional House seats.

Background

Texas lawmakers pushed through new maps in 2025 after President Donald Trump urged mid-decade redistricting in GOP-led states to shore up the party's narrow House majority. The maps were signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott earlier this year.

Judge Jeffrey Brown, who authored the ruling, downplayed the role of politics in the decision, saying the maps were illegally gerrymandered.

"The public perception of this case is that it's about politics," Brown wrote. "To be sure, politics played a role in drawing the 2025 map. But it was much more than just politics. Substantial evidence shows that Texas racially gerrymandered the 2025 map."

Controversy

Civil rights groups argued the maps diluted the voting power of black and Latino communities. The court agreed, citing a Department of Justice warning to Texas officials that the maps dismantled coalition districts. The judges concluded the maps were unconstitutional racial gerrymanders.

Appeal

Texas officials immediately announced plans to appeal the ruling.

"The Legislature redrew our congressional maps to better reflect Texans' conservative voting preferences – and for no other reason," Abbott said in a statement. "Any claim that these maps are discriminatory is absurd and unsupported by the testimony offered during 10 days of hearings. This ruling is clearly erroneous and undermines the authority the U.S. Constitution assigns to the Texas Legislature by imposing a different map by judicial edict. The State of Texas will swiftly appeal to the United States Supreme Court."

HFD offers Thanksgiving safety tips

Residents encouraged to use caution when frying turkeys

The Houston Fire Department wants everyone to have a safe and happy holiday by keeping some simple safety tips in mind while celebrating this Thanksgiving day holiday.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Thanksgiving Day has the most home fires caused by cooking equipment.

Cooking safety tips

- Always have a working smoke detector.
- Never leave cooking food unattended.
- Turn pot handles away from the front of the stove and never position them over another burner.

– Make sure pot holders are not too close to the stove.

- Wear short sleeves or tight-fitting long sleeves.
- Shield one's self from scalding steam when lifting lids from hot pots.

– Keep broilers, ovens, stove tops and exhaust ducts free from grease.

- If there is a fire in the oven-Turn off the oven and keep the oven door closed.
- Use an ABC fire extinguisher, baking soda or a tight-fitting pot lid, never flour or water, to extinguish a kitchen fire.

Turkey fryer safety tips

- Turkey fryers are extremely dangerous.
- Always use turkey fryers outdoors away from anything that can burn.

– Never use them on wooden decks or in garages.

– Never leave the fryer unattended or let children or pets near the fryer.

– The oil will remain dangerously hot hours after use.

– Never overfill a fryer and make sure the turkey is completely thawed.

– Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish the fire.

Residents frying a turkey will need the following items:

– In addition to a completely thawed turkey, one will need a 40- or 60-quart pot with basket or turkey frying hardware, plus a propane gas tank and burner, a candy/deep fry thermometer, a meat thermometer and lots of oil. Use oils that have a high smoke point, such as corn, peanut or canola oils.

Do not pour the turkey fryer oil down the sink. Fats, oils, and grease poured down the sink are the main cause of sewer overflows. Houston Public Works responds to twice as many sewer overflows during the holiday season due to a significant increase of grease clogs. For information on where to safely dispose of the oil (at no cost), visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/esc.html.

Regarding turkey size, smaller birds work better for frying. Try not to go more than 15 pounds.

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Leader Christmas program underway

Annual drive collects/distributes toys, food to local families

The *Leader*'s annual Christmas program is currently underway, with dozens of local businesses, individuals and organizations actively collecting and donating items to the drive.

Now in its 42nd year, the program distributes toys and food to needy families in the immediate South Belt community.

The yearly drive began in 1982 when an unknown man entered the *Leader* office and asked for the newspaper's assistance in distributing a turkey dinner to an area family in need. Later dubbed the "Good Samaritan" by the *Leader* staff, the man said his own needy family had been helped in such a way when he was a child, and he wanted to return the favor as an adult.

Desired donations 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.

Toy donations are currently being accepted at the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer, but food donations will not be accepted until Monday, Dec. 8. Applications for assistance will be accepted only Wednesday, Dec. 3, through Tuesday, Dec. 9. Late applications will not be accepted this year. All seeking assistance must apply in person at the *Leader* office and be verified members of the immediate South Belt community.

Early voting begins Dec. 1 in city runoff

Boykins faces Salinas in contest for at-large council position

Early voting for the Houston At-Large Position 4 runoff election will begin Monday, Dec. 1, and continue through Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Vying for the position formerly held by Letitia Plummer – who stepped down this past July to campaign for Harris County judge – are former Council Member Dwight Boykins and attorney Alejandra Salinas.

From 2014 to 2020, Boykins served Houston's District D, where much of the South Belt is located, and worked closely with the *Leader* on many issues. He was elected to serve two terms but left halfway through his second one to run an unsuccessful campaign for mayor. He was replaced on Council with Carolyn Evans-Shabazz.

During November's election, Salinas narrowly defeated Boykins in the crowded field of 15 candidates, receiving 21.9 percent of the vote to Boykins' 21 percent. A runoff was still necessary, however, as no candidate received a 50-percent majority of the vote.

Nearly early polling sites include the following locations:

- Harris County Scarsdale Annex, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. at Beamer.
- Harris County Freeman Branch Library,

16616 Diana Lane.

– Tom Bass Park Community Center, 15108 Cullen Blvd.

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For additional information or to see a complete list of early voting locations, visit harrisvotes.org.

Election Day voting will take place Saturday, Dec. 13.

18th Congressional District

A similar runoff election will take place Saturday, Jan. 31, to determine who will fill the unexpired term of the state's 18th Congressional District seat that was vacated by former Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, who died this past March shortly after taking his congressional office.

Vying for that position are Christian Menefee and Amanda Edwards. In November's general election, Menefee defeated Edwards, receiving 29 percent of the vote to his opponent's 26 percent in the crowded field of 16 candidates.

Early voting in that runoff election will begin Wednesday, Jan. 21, and continue through Tuesday, Jan. 27. Polling locations had not been made public at press time.

Ellington's IM designs rover



Intuitive Machines – headquartered near Ellington Airport – recently partnered with Texas A&M University to develop the next generation of lunar vehicles. IM made history in February 2024 by leading the first successful U.S. space expedition to the moon in 50+ years. Shown above is an artistic rendering of the Moon RACER Lunar Terrain Vehicle, complete with a set of longhorns to reflect the design's Texas roots. See related story and photo on Page 2.

In My Opinion

Conversations over Coffee

I'd like to share a coffee conversation I had with friends recently. This week, Tom questioned the many claims that drug lords, in collusion with Maduro, are using speedboats to deliver Fentanyl to the US to kill Americans. He said he was confused because he'd been told Fentanyl came from Mexico and Canada by commercial trucks and human mules, not boats. Moreover, he thought that Venezuela and Columbia were the main sources of cocaine to the US, so why the videos of cocaine boats being blown up and claiming they are Fentanyl boats? Harry had a theory. "It's simple," he said, "It's all just a deception." And why? Because 'cocaine' doesn't have the same fear factor that 'Fentanyl' does. And creating fear is important propaganda in a deception." He said "deception is often used to create an enemy and rally support to stand strong against that enemy. In this case, Maduro's the bad guy who's working with the criminal drug lords to poison and kill Americans. He thinks the truth is, that since Venezuela has one of the largest oil reserves in the world, all this could be just a smoke-screen to invade and take control of that oil. "Stopping Fentanyl is simply a

convenient deception, a feel-good buzzword to gain support and create an excuse to use military action against Venezuela. Mystery solved!", he boasted. Dick had doubts about this theory, he felt it sounded a little too far-fetched. "Maybe this show-of-force is just to scare Maduro, force him out, and get a US friendly government in?" "Well, maybe," Tom replied. "But what about the drug cartels? They're still there." We had to admit we'd not thought about that, but Harry said, "Well, I suppose we could send in troops like we did in Panama to oust Noriega for racketeering and his support of drug trafficking. And like we did in Afghanistan to get Bin Ladin and stop the opium trade. Both of those seem to be working." "Right!" said Dick, sarcastically, "And don't forget we sent troops into Iraq to stop the 'weapons of mass destruction'. Weapons that were never found, but we did find, and control, the oil for 8 years. Eight bloody years! And at what cost? Tens of thousands of our troops killed or wounded, plus the hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilian casualties." "Yeah," we all agreed, "that's sad, but it was long ago. It's in the past. It's history. We've learned a lot since then and we're smarter now. We won't repeat those same mistakes again."

Bill Brewster

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays. Saturday, Nov. 29, 3 – 4 p.m. Board games at the library. Registration required. Monday, Dec. 1, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler playtime. Registration required. Monday, Dec. 1, 11 a.m. – noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 4 – 5 p.m. Family craft adventure. Registration required. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 4 – 5 p.m. Get creative at craft lab. Registration required. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 6 – 7 p.m. Pajama storytime. Registration required. Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

Book drop

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

Parker Williams Library

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

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

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

- Monday, Dec. 1, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.
- Monday, Dec. 1, 4 – 6 p.m. Laser cutter orientation. Registration required.
- Monday, Dec. 1, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.
- Tuesday, Dec. 2, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Personas que corren con libros: club de lectura en Espanol. Registration required.

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

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

Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
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Pct. 8 constable's office hosts swearing-in, awards ceremony

Freshman Pct. 8 deputy sworn in, senior staff recognized for a combined 45 years of service

Gonzalez honored



At a recent awards ceremony, Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin (right) recognized Lt. Mike Gonzalez for his 30 years of service with the local department.

Sandlin salutes service



Deputy David Webber (left) was recently recognized by Constable Phil Sandlin for his five years of dedicated service with Precinct 8.

Rojas recognized



Precinct 8 Deputy Eric Rojas (left) was honored by Constable Phil Sandlin at a recent ceremony for his 10 years of service with the area department.

Intuitive Machines designs lunar vehicle

Ellington-based company joins Texas A&M to develop new rover

Intuitive Machines – headquartered near Ellington Airport – recently partnered with Texas A&M University to develop the next generation of lunar vehicles.

Testing the operational readiness of lunar terrain vehicles has been challenging because earth-based environments like rocky desert beds or confined test areas filled with small amounts of synthetic regolith lack the scale and adaptability to truly replicate the moon's surface conditions. Rugged and highly variable terrain, shifting shadows, extreme light and dark, and low gravity are some of the factors that affect how vehicles move, grip, and wear, but these conditions are difficult to simulate with precision on Earth.

The new Texas A&M University Space Institute facility is designed to overcome those challenges. Funded by \$200 million in state support championed by Texas state Rep. Greg Bonnen, the facility is slated to open in the second half of 2026. And it is massive. Spanning 400,000 square feet, it features the world's only indoor Lunar and Mars-scape, each covering 2.5 acres. For perspective, that's nearly twice the size of the playing surface at Texas A&M's Kyle Field.

The Space Institute facility works like a massive

Etch-a-Sketch, with the ability to shift hundreds of tons of synthetic regolith and dynamically reconfigure terrain so researchers can reshape the surface on demand and study how vehicles and equipment perform in 1/6th gravity environments. Advanced lighting systems mimic the surface dynamics of the Moon, including shadows, light, and darkness. Research garages support development of space suits, rovers and medical technologies.

Building on this initiative, Intuitive Machines and Texas A&M have signed a lease agreement that will give Intuitive Machines a dedicated bay in the Space Institute facility, currently under construction near NASA's Johnson Space Center. The agreement marks a new phase in their partnership, focused on advancing lunar mission readiness and developing a skilled workforce to support the next generation of space exploration. The facility will also benefit from Intuitive Machines' lunar surface data, which informs simulation and planning efforts and is the most extensive on Earth.

Intuitive Machines plans to use its leased bay to operate, test, and refine its Moon RACER (Reusable Autonomous Crewed Exploration Rover) lunar terrain vehicle. Developed for NASA's Artemis campaign,

Moon RACER is designed to support crewed surface mobility and cargo transport across challenging lunar terrain. The vehicle will be tested and refined within the institute's simulated lunar environments, helping engineers optimize performance before deployment.

This work is further strengthened by Intuitive Machines' work under contract for NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera (LROC). The Intuitive Machines LROC team has spent the past 16 years building one of the most comprehensive visual and topographic datasets of the Moon, capturing more than 2.3 million high-resolution images, mapping over 98 percent of the lunar surface, and supporting Artemis and CLPS landing site selection. Their data has informed everything from Apollo site studies to terrain-relative navigation systems and student-led lunar research.

Today, the Intuitive Machines LROC and Optical Navigation and Data Transmission teams collaborate to enable precise terrain modeling, autonomous surface operations, and the next phase of commercial lunar infrastructure. This foundational data directly supports mission planning at the Texas A&M University Space Institute, helping researchers simulate lunar conditions with a high level

of accuracy.

"Thanks to the vision and support of the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Greg Bonnen, and the strong collaboration between Intuitive Machines and Texas A&M, this facility is becoming a reality, and there's truly nothing like it anywhere in the world," said Jack Fischer, senior vice president of Operations at Intuitive Machines and retired U.S. astronaut. "The Texas A&M University Space Institute is a proving ground for lunar operations, where we can simulate terrain, rehearse missions, and refine our vehicles before they ever leave Earth, which ultimately contributes to longer and more successful Moon missions. We're establishing a center of excellence that enriches the greater Houston community and the global space industry."

The institute is led by Dr. Nancy Currie-Gregg, former NASA astronaut and professor of practice in the Texas A&M College of Engineering, and Dr. Robert Ambrose, a leading expert in space robotics and mechanical engineering professor at Texas A&M. Their vision is to create a facility that supports mission concept development, applied research, and workforce training – building a pipeline of highly skilled workers who will power future lunar and Martian missions.



Tim Crain, Intuitive Machine chief growth officer, (left) and Robert Ambrose, Texas A&M engineering professor, get ready to take the Intuitive Machines prototype Moon RACER Lunar Terrain Vehicle for a spin at the Space Institute construction site at Texas A&M University.

County promotes lung cancer awareness

Health officials offer prevention tips, warn against smoking/vaping

In recognition of Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Harris County Public Health (HCPH) encourages all residents to take proactive steps to protect their lung health.

Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death among both men and women in the United States, claiming more lives than breast, prostate and colon cancers combined.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that nearly nine out of 10 lung cancer deaths are caused by cigarette smoking, and exposure to secondhand smoke significantly increases risk, even for those who have never smoked.

Vaping and e-cigarette use also pose serious health

threats, exposing users to nicotine, heavy metals, and cancer-causing chemicals.

HCPH's Tobacco/Vaping Prevention and Cessation Program delivers a clear message: it's never too late to quit. Quitting tobacco at any age reduces the risk of lung cancer and improves overall health. The program offers free education, support, and referrals to resources like the Texas Quitline, which provides qualifying residents with nicotine patches, gum, or lozenges.

The CDC recommends the following steps to lower the risk of lung cancer:

- Don't smoke: Avoiding or quitting tobacco is the most effective prevention.
- Avoid secondhand smoke: Exposure increases

risk by 20–30 percent.

- Test your home for radon: This odorless gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer.

- Stay safe at work: Follow safety protocols to avoid carcinogens.

- Get screened: Adults ages 50–80 with a significant smoking history should ask their doctor about annual low-dose CT scans.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends annual lung cancer screening for those who meet the following criteria:

- Are 50–80 years old.
- Have a 20-year smoking history (e.g., one pack a day for 20 years).
- Currently smoke or quit within the past 15 years.

HCPH's Tobacco/Vaping

Prevention and Cessation Program also offers free in-person or virtual education sessions for schools, community centers and businesses. Specialists work directly with community members to prevent tobacco use and support those ready to quit.

Those interested in the Tobacco/Vaping Prevention and Cessation Program can visit hctx.org/smokefree or contact tc@phs.hctx.net. To reach the Texas Quitline, call 1-877-YES-QUIT (1-877-937-7848) or visit yesquit.org.

For additional information on lung cancer awareness and prevention, visit the CDC's Lung Cancer page at www.cdc.gov/lung-cancer.

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Thompson releases second six-weeks honor roll

Officials of Thompson Intermediate have announced the second six-weeks honor roll for the 2025-2026 school year.

Seventh grade

Eduardo Rafael Acosta Aguilar, Martin Daniel Acosta, Alfonso Martin Aguilar, Lucas Xavier Aguilar, Ava Danae Ahmad, Usman Kamran Aleem, Mahim Ashaun Alexander, Natalie Noemi Alfaro, Qamar Yousef Alnaasan, Edgar Jair Alvarado Covarrubias, Adiana Alvarez, Tristan Kaleb Alvarez, Austine James Arce, Jacob Jarrett Arreola and Samantha Olea Arriola.

Emery Gray Banda, Aubrey Daniella Barajas, Yahir Barron, Natalia Celeste Betancourt, Nathalia Blanc Candalaria, Christie Alexa Bradley, Aubrey Rene Brown, Noah James Canales, Torrie Lorraine Caniff, Leilyn Crystal Castillo Munoz, Ava Rae Castro, Victoria Chapa, Nathan Myles Chavez, Gabriela Marie Christensen, Jovani King Cisneros and Quelwin Seth Alberto Colangoy.

Isabelle Marie Covarrubias, Sofia Crow Tascon, Isabella Audrey Cruz, Angel Marquez Davila, Benedict Duncan, Andrew Son Duong, Naomi Kieu-nga Duong, Camila Fernandez, Natalia Lizbeth Flores, Neveah Isabella Flores, Sophia Marcela Franklin, Zuleigh Berniece Gaona, Gabriel Angel Garcia, Ulysses Alexander Garcia and Anabel Alejandra Gomez.

Jacob Gabino Gomez, Jacob Joseph Leo Gonzales, Adalynn Gonzalez, Mae Elizabeth Green, Mariana Guajardo, Adelyn Faith Guillen,

Mia Amairany Gutierrez, Olivia Ann Gutierrez, Gael Hernandez, Tommy Washington Hill, Kourtney Marie Hinojosa, Eleora Zafora Hunt, Luke Maceli Irizarry, Zayan Ali Jaffri, Paulette Jimenez and Charlotte Laurel Kearbey.

Camila Mar Licon, Damian Jay Lopez, Joseph Alexander Lopez, Miguel Angel Lopez, Soraya Yvonne Lungs, Aliyanna Belen Machado, Arielle Elena Maldonado, Jennifer Love Marquez, Gabriel Alejandro Martinez, Eduardo Mazariegoz, Adalynn Faith McMullin, Jaythan Anthony Mercado, Shaun Edward Mijares and Kameron Peyton Mitchell.

Arianna Nicole Moreno,
Daniel Javier Moreno, Caiden
Xavier Morgan Leauvan,
Londyn Tre'Ne Moses, Cami-
la Munoz, Sofia Nava, Victoria
Nicole Neira, Abriella Quynh
lien Nguyen, Dannie Nguyen,
Giselle Ngoc-Anh Nguyen,
Justin Hoang Nguyen, Kyle
Thanh Nguyen, Phuc Thien
Nguyen, Quan Minh Nguyen,
Simon Ducson Nguyen and
Vincent Hoang Nguyen.

Alesio Machim Nmezi,
Gift Ayongogwe Abimni
Obah, Daniel Ricardo Pat-
terson, Cassandra Perez-Me-
lendez, Victoria Mercedes
Pineda, Tyler Richard Ragin,
Izel Rebecca Ramirez, Rose-
lyn Ramirez, Sofia Ramirez,
Dayana Lisbeth Ramos Car-
camo, Antonio Rentas, Alyssa
Aime Reyes, Claudette Rey-
na, Emma Kharisma Rios and
Aleena Evon Robinson.

Armani Nicole Robinson,
Maritza Lisseth Rocha Sal-
dana, Eric Mateo Romero,

Orlando Arturo Salazar, Jorge King Sanchez, Marie Elizabeth Sanchez, Leonardo Daniel Segovia Franco, Rayah J. nae Semien, Elijah Zacarias Sevilla, Soraya Primrose Shah, Mckenzie Lanae Sigler, Zoya Sikandar, Sophie Jak Manangan Strickland and Roy James Thomas.

Julio Cesar Torres, Duyen My Tran, Tracy Thien Kim Tran, Zoey Allison Trevino, Jayden Leonel Turcios, Almasofia Umanzor, Martin Alejandro Valenzuela, Emma Natalia Villa, Isaiah Alexander Washington, Jordyn Devon Weldon and Frida Zavala.

Eighth grade

Jay Addison Alanis, Jesus Alfaro, Isabella Ancheta Ruiz, Jeanine Guadalupe Armenta, Arian Nathaniel Banda, Ximena Marisol Barahona Guzman, Tristan Matthews Barlow, Eliana Marie Benavides, Julian Baylor Benedict, Cecilia Scottie-Marie Bogany, Adam Ras Bowman, Karrington Lebron Brown, Hannah Linh Bui, Carlos Gabriel Cabrera and Altia Miamor Caldwell.

Jorge Luis Cardenas,
Elizabeth Ann Carling, Jason
Alexander Castellano, Michael
Angel Castillo, Ruben
Castillo, Vincent Anthony
Castoreno, Noah Alexander
Cervantes, Sophia Catalina
Chacon, Sofia Deon Charles,
Blakely Star Chavez, Melanie
Alicia Chavez, Camila
Cobos, Zariah Monet Coleman,
Miguel Compean,
Mina Berlin Crane and Rachel
Lynn Cummings.

Jazlyn Jrew Daniels, Austin Thien Long Dao, Abigail Dalilah De Hoyos, Kahely Es-

tefania Del Angel Calderon, Mia Del Bosque, Peyton Brook-Lynn Deleon, Brylan Michael Thomas Eugene Dosssey, Jaselyn Danna Enriquez, Zuriel Mariano Erguiza, Valeria Monserrat Espinoza, Jared Estrada, Madelynn Isabel Figueroa, Mia Isabella Flores and Kinsley Lynn Freeman.

Jazlyn Bella Galvan, Viviana Gamez, Levi Brayden Garcia, Christian Aldo Garza, Sophia Marie Garza, Nicholas Lino Gomez, Daniella Reyna Gonzales, Emily D-Ann Gonzales, Layla Marie Gonzales, David Gonzalez, Donald Ray Graham, Haylee Larae Grant, Aaron Grau, Edson Tadeo Guevara, Alena Elise Guidry, Lillian Mai Hayden and Bella Alessandra Renee Hernandez.

Max Emiliano Hernandez,
Anthony Paul Herrera, Ethan
Tyler Ho, Son Duc Hoang,
Tristan Noel James, Joshua
Oluwadamilare Jegede, Chris-
tian Jayden Jimenez, Sim-
one Elise Jones, Silas James
Kelch, Cathy Mong Khau,
Jayleen Bao-Chau Lam, So-
phia Isabella Landaverde, Ro-
land Alexander Lee, Felix An-
derson Lopez, Kamilah Sofia
Lopez and Yarixa Lopez.

Emilee Nicole Lugo, Hannah Nguyen Luu, Minh Nhay Hoang, Kaylee Teresa Mai, Kylie Rae Marshall, Bryan Clifton Martin, Andrew Martinez, Ayden Elijah-Joseph Martinez, Damian Martinez, Emily Alexa Martinez, Matthew Ismael Martinez, Miana Pilar Martinez, Jordan Alexander McCombs, Breanna Johana McNeal and Jayden Christian Miko.

Bryson Jay'Charles Mitch-

ell, Nyla Elizabeth Mitchell,
Katalina Aracely Morales,
Alyssa Moreno, Braden Todd
Motley, Robert Myles Nel-
son, Aryan Nepal, David King
Nguyen, Drake Khuongtrien
Nguyen, Hau Xuan Trung
Nguyen, Nina Anh Nguyen,
Sharon Nguyen, Suri Ngoc
Nguyen, Y Thien Nguyen,
Xara Rose Oddo and Skye An-
drei Buan Orsua.

Brielle Nevaeh Ortega,
Leah Nicole Ortiz, Rolando
James Ortiz, Camila Andrada
Pena, Victoria Perez, Elise
Maria Perseval, Fernanda Pi-
neda, Aaron Miguel Posadas,
Jordan Alexandria Punch,
Maria De Jesus Ramirez Glo-
ria, Kyle Gabriel Dimalanta,
Ramos, Isabella Ryann Rem-
bert, Michael Andres Rentas,
Jazlynn Danielle Reyes and
Alejandro Daniel Rodriguez.

Alexavier Jay Rodriguez,
Estefania Rodriguez, Georgia
Grey Rodriguez, Kobe Mad-
isyn Rodriguez, Viviana Rose
Salazar, Dahlia Salinas, Den-
sis Alexander Sanchez, Joce-
lyn Eliana Santos, Kyle Allen
Ruger Sciba, David Xavier
Sepulveda, Mallory Atheleen
Serrano Aquino, Aiza Inaaya
Shaikh, Hailey Han Sichanh,
Robert James Solar and Isabel-
la Marie Squier.

Noah Joseph Stone, Zoie Gervacio Sudario, Elijah Sanil Thomas, Jadee Quynh Anh Tran, Tate Phat Tran, Carney Truong, Zylah Marie Vargas, Alessandra Vasquez, Elijah Andrew Vasquez, Haylie Elizabeth Viallita, Jacqueline LeVo, Intimin Sally Wall, Evan Naoel Zaman, Andy Zamora and Christian Gerard Zelaya Juarez.

Thompson names students of the month



PISD earns 2nd consecutive CTE distinction

Pasadena Independent School District has been recently named a Career and Technical Education District of Distinction by the Career and Technical Association of Texas (CTAT) for the second year in a row. With only about 6 percent of districts across Texas receiving this honor, their students and CTE staff continue to

demonstrate exceptional talent and a strong drive to excel.

The designation honors districts that excel in pro-

viding high-quality CTE programs designed to meet the needs of students, local communities and employers. It emphasizes innovation and workforce readiness, showcasing districts that lead in educational offerings and inspire others through their achievements.

Dobie hosts Christmas concert

The J. Frank Dobie Orchestra will be performing its annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. (freshmen concert) and Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. (upperclassmen). Both concerts will take place in the J. Frank Dobie High School auditorium. All are invited for some holiday cheer.

BHI celebrates October students of the month

Beverly Hills Intermediate officials recently announced October students of the month.



Stacey, Trevino participate in HLSR prospect show

Dobie FFA High School students that caught a calf in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scramble back in March recently participated and placed in the HLSR prospect show.



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Beverly Hills Intermediate announces second six-weeks honor roll

Officials of Beverly Hills Intermediate have announced the second six-weeks honor roll for the 2025-2026 school year.

Seventh grade
Angel Julian Abascal, Emiliano Javier Aguirre, Fajer Faisal Al Mezeini, Christoffer Avalos, Oscar Bryan Barrera, Alexa Dallana Bonilla, Lili-ana Amanda Bonilla, Skylar Anita Bowie-Simien, Halie Latrice Braxton, Daiera Daniyah Brown, Karina Elizabeth Cabrera, Giselle Stella Cammack Alegria, Juan Campos, Camilo Cano and Emma Rose Cantu.

Adrian Armando Maximus Castaneda, Sophia Cavazos, David Khang Chavez, Sophia Yamilhef Chayeb, Citlalli Celeste Cornejo Lule, Brandon Covarrubias Rodriguez, Deb-ora Victoria Cruz Avelar, Har-ri-son Manh Do, Maximus C. Doan, Nhat Minh Doan, Mial-bel Fonseca, Cristian Enrique Gallardo, Eliana Lexi Garcia, Matthew Aiden Garcia and Emily Alejandra Garza.

Carlina Rose Gonzales, Genesis Marie Gonzales, Ethan Alexander Gonzalez, Kristin Jade Gonzalez, Pau-la Sabine Guevara-Gonzalez,

Jude Michael Gutierrez, Sofia Guzman, Aubrey Mia Hay-wood, Marc Alexander Her-nandez, Valerie Hernandez, Alex Iram Herrera, Axel Ivan Herrera, Chase Hicks, Alayah Madison Holmes and Bryan Jaime.

Keyona Paige Kelly, Alaina Janelle King, Thienkim Hoang Le, Ginhaya Dennise Lopez Herrera, Gael Lopez, David Luis, Nathalie Sang-Nhi Mai, Joselyn Adelene Martinez, Madeline Michelle Martinez, Pablo Esteban Martinez, Val-erie Martinez, Paige Mae Mc-Mullen, Allen Junior Mejia, Savannah Julianne Morales, Quan Minh Ngo and An Thanh Nguyen.

Christlyn Nguyen, Cindy Tran Nguyen, Jenny Quang Nguyen, Nicholas Dinh Minh Nhat Nguyen, Thi Kim Phuong Nguyen, Tommy Dac Nguyen, Tyler Le Nguyen, Savannah Lynn Ollervides, Rouis-Rich Bacay Ong, Emmy Reyna Ortiz, Mikaela Anai Portillo, Rashidul Hasan Rahat, Xime-na Alessandra Ramirez Caraza and Gabriella Rose Renteria.

Alyssa Mary Rios, Aldo Daniel Rivera, Jose Noel Ro-driguez-Marquez, Esmi Reina Romero, Ozzie Cru Rome-

ro, Maddox Sanchez, Aleida Verenice Segovia, Everett Mat-thew John Short, Amira Sophia Sosa, Jancarlo Tejada, Bray-an Tinajero-Barcenas, Khloe Minh-Phuong Tran, Seraphina Hong Tran, Rosalynn Amaris Vega and Sofia Vega.

Dyland Velasquez, Viviana Villa, Ariel Jayde Villanue-va, Adrian Villarreal, Brayden Minh Vo, A'Maya Faye White, Joel James Williams, Spencer Charles Williams and Ayleen Gianely Zavala.

Eighth grade
Abigail Grace Acatitlan, Pablo Alexander Alvarenga Pineda, Diana Paola Alvarez, Jakayah Ayira Amos, Paulina Arendondo, Evelyn Arzate, Ar-rian Arturo Avila, Robin Chi-gozie Azinge, Rylan Nicholas Barker, Noah Christian Barri-os, Sofia Lily Barrios, Adrian Bryce Bell, Damian Alexander Belman, Lailah Nevaeh Berru-ete and Ashley Daniela Bonilla Alvarez.

Kathryn Scarlett Botello, Dean Lamar Brewer, Alannah Janay Calzada, Aaron James Palma Cardenas, Jeremy Bryce Caesar, Huy Cat gia Chung, Timothy David Lee Craige, Ruth Estefani Cruz, David Dang, Myrion Davis, Ruizhe

Deng, Ruizhi Deng, Henry Hung Do, Luis Ernesto Escob-ar Gonzalez, Ximena Lizbeth Espinoza and Nathan Alexander Esquivel.

Ashton Markell Farris, Is-abella Ferrufino, Fabian Alex-ander Figueroa, Diego Alberto Flores, Rafael Ernesto Flores, Jorden Manuel Franco, Tati-ana Esther Gamboa, Natalia Celeste Garza, Mekhi Chris-tian Gill Royal, Skylar Chey-enne Glayzer, Blake Andrew Gonzalez, Natalie Ann Graff, Morghan Toni Green, Layla Leticia Guerra and Ellis Ramon Guzman.

Jaythan Elian Guzman, Lilly Heng, Arlen Siup Her-nandez, Jozelynn Celsy Her-nandez, Xavi Nick Hernan-dez, Noah Marley Hodgson, Aria Rose Holcomb, Huy Ho-ang Huynh, Khloe Lynn Thi Huynh, Jayden Micah Jackson, Omar Anthony Jimenez, Mar-lee Alysse Johnson, Zeniah Monae Johnson, Minh Thu Le, Kinley Louanne Lerche-Fowl-er and Noah Michael Lewis.

Lailani Gisella Liandro, Ayden Alexander Lima, Fer-nando Lomas, Minh Ngoc Luong, Lam Thanh Luu, Ar-leny Gisel Maldonado, Ethan Edward Mancillas, Shaileen

Marin, Luke Jimmy Martinez, Valeria Martinez, Ibrahim Ali Masoom, Michael Saul Men-doza, Sethareh Dannae' Mon-tes, Eponda Kasey Moore, Alejandro Gomez Nevarez and Angelina Tien Nguyen.

Duy Minh Nguyen, Kha Le Nguyen, Ky Dang Minh Ngue-yen, Phillip Dinh Nguyen, Allan R. Nunez-Lozano, Delilah Jo-lie Parra, Mia Belinda Pastrana, Andrew Donovan Perez, Ryan Anthony Perez, David Allen Perry, Kenneth James Perry, Katelyn Uyennhi Pham, Tyler Pham, Miguel Julian Pineda Teissonniere, Logan Xavier Pi-neda, Jen Carlos Read Carpio and Daniel Reyes.

Jonas Gabriel Reyes, Mel-anie Rico, Marvin Alexander Rivas, Abigail Sofia Rodri-guez, Samantha Abigail Rodri-guez, Julieta Rodriguez-Sotelo, Xavi Enrique Romero Chavez, Elaya Isys Rubins, Aiden Joel Ruiz, Aaron Salas, Julio Sala-zar, Leslie Serrano, Adyleen Solache, Isaiah Ray Sonnen, Jihad Sosa, Miia Soto, Izaih Scott Taylor and Devon Mi-cheal Thompson.

Kai Dejean Tillman, Lil-liana Isabella Torres, Bryan Huan Tran, Quy Phu Tran, Ryan Quang Tien Tran, Julian

Andres Trevino, Phong Thanh Truong, Giovanni Alexan-der Venturella, Anthony Rey

Vides, Juan Gustavo Villalta Andrade, Anhtu Vo, Mina Huynh Vo, Michael Thien Vu,

Sa Kim Vu, Mia Washington, Siyanna Monique Woodard, Gabriel Laird Wotkins, Kim-

berly Yerena, Maylen Virginia Zambrano and Braidan Ander-son Zamora.

Stuchbery presents Stallions of the month



Stuchbery Elementary recently named its November Stallions of the month. The students were chosen for demonstrating gratitude. Left to right, are (first row) Halo Mayberry, Francisco Gonzalez, Julieta Reyes, Christopher Green, (second row) Jaceion Diggs, Alissa Tovar, Benjamin Brito, Thiago Moreno, Anuel Colindres, Lillianna Aquallo, Elias Cavazos, Kehlan Butler, (third row) Ezra Garcia, Giselle Garcia, Renesmee Gonzalez, Alaina Burleigh, Daniel Borne, Mya Sinclair, Janice Elizondo, Francisco Martinez, Marleigh LeBlanc, (fourth row) Logan Rogers, Andrew Enriquez, Elyzah Balderas, Sophia Gonzalez, Noemi Lievanos, Alyssa Valdez (counselor), (fifth row) Jose Hernandez (principal), Sophia Banda, Madelyn Jimenez, Alery Zamora, Elizabeth Ramirez and Ke'Myrain Short. Richard Gomez and Cameron Baines are not pictured.

Dobie FFA attends John George Memorial prospect show



Dobie High School FFA students traveled to Baytown for the John George Memorial prospect show on Nov. 15. Above, left to right, are former Dobie FFA president Hunter Stacey, FFA member Kevin Rubio and winner of Grand Champion Overall Steer “Frozone” Luke Stacey.



Above, are Kevin Rubio (left), who placed second and was pulled by the judges for a closer look for Showmanship, and former FFA president Hunter Stacey.

HFD offers Thanksgiving safety tips

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Before frying a turkey, residents are urged to read the following instructions to help prevent oil overflow:

Before beginning, (and before one even seasons or marinates their turkey) determine the amount of oil needed by placing the turkey in the basket (or on the hanger, depending on the type of fryer one is using) and putting it in the pot. Add water until it reaches about two inches above the turkey. Remove the turkey and note the water level by using a ruler to measure the distance from the top of the pot to the surface of the water. Remove the water and thoroughly dry the pot. Now add enough oil to equal what the water level was without the turkey in the pot.

Party safety
Cigarettes can smolder for hours, starting a fire hours after the party guest have gone home. To help prevent such a tragedy, the NFPA recommends the following safety

tips:

- Provide plenty of large, deep ashtrays, checking them frequently.
- Cigarettes can smolder in the trash, so completely douse them with water before discarding them.
- After a party, always check on, between and under upholstery and cushions inside trashcans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children. Smokers visiting a residence should be asked to keep some cigarettes and lighters on their person and out of the reach of children.

Drinking
According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in on New Year's eve 2000, 40 percent of traffic accidents involved alcohol, resulting in 32 fatalities. Keep an eye on people who are drinking and make sure that they have a designated driver. Never let someone drink and drive.

Smoke detectors

The silence of smoke detectors that do not work could be deadly. Make note that there are three types of detectors: ionization works faster in a flaming fire, photoelectric works faster in a slow smoldering fire and dual sensor works as fast in either type of fire.

Location:
Follow the tips on location and maintenance of smoke detectors outlined:
– Wall mount (place 4 to 12 inches from the ceiling).
– Ceiling mount (place at least 4 inches from any wall).
– High pitch ceilings (place three feet from the highest point).
– Don't install near window, door, air register or ceiling fan.
– Place at least one smoke detector on each level (minimum of one detector outside each sleeping area).

Maintenance:
– Change battery once a

year or when making a chirping-like sound. HFD suggests residents change the battery in the spring or fall when they change the time on their clock.
– Test smoke detector once a month.
– Vacuum the vents in the detector at least once a year.
– Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

– The National Fire Protection Association recommends that residents replace their smoke detector every ten years.
– Check the battery. According to the National Fire Protection Association, 92 percent of all homes in America have smoke detectors installed. However, more than one third of these do not work. A dead or missing battery is the primary cause of smoke detector failure.
For additional holiday safety tips from the Houston Fire Department, visit houstontx.gov/fire/safetyinfo/HolidaySafety.html.

Remember When

45 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 Sagement station of the Houston Fire Department made five pumper calls and three ambulance calls.

A resident in the 10200 block of Sagecourt in Sage- Glen 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 Championship meeting sponsored by Kinney Shoes, to be held in San Diego at Balboa Park. Seniors Gawain Guy and Greg Johnson qualified for the national meet by placing first and fifth, respectively, in the regional Kinney cross-country meet at Arlington.

40 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 Annie.

Two Dobie students were taken into custody by PSD Security which had filed arson charges against the juveniles for allegedly setting fire to two of the school's restrooms. 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.”

35 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.

30 years ago (1995)
Sagement 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 Beamer 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.

25 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.

20 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.

San Jacinto College South campus President Dr. Linda Watkins was selected the San Jacinto College Association of Educational Office Personnel 2005 Boss of the Year.

Construction began on the Sagement pool which had been closed for the previous two years after it began to leak. The Leader, local civic leaders and Councilmember Addie Wiseman 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.

15 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.

10 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 10100 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 vehicle onto Sagerock, where he spotted it rolling unattended in the 10800 block. The deputy then struck the suspect's vehicle twice – once from behind and then from the passenger side – to bring it to a stop. After verifying the suspect had bailed from the vehicle, Garza was told by tow truck drivers the suspect was seen at the townhouses next door running through the parking lot. Gar-

za tracked the suspect down and was able to apprehend him without further incident. Officers from the Houston Police Department arrived shortly after to assist Garza in the arrest. Houston police advised Garza the suspect, identified as Luis Robles, was wanted by HPD for a burglary of a habitation at his parents' residence earlier that evening in the Beverly Hills subdivision. The truck the suspect was driving had also reportedly been stolen from his parents. Robles, 22, was charged with assault on a police officer and evading in Harris County, then charged with burglary of a habitation by Houston police. Robles had not been seen by his parents in more than seven years and was thought to be homeless. No injuries were reported.

5 years ago (2020)
A juvenile male was shot Saturday, Nov. 28, in the 10600 block of Sabo Road. The victim, 16, was transported to an area hospital in stable condition. According to police, the victim was walking to a convenience

store with friends when he began arguing with an unidentified male suspect. The suspect then shot the victim in the right arm and torso before fleeing. No immediate arrests were made.

A 21-year-old man wanted for the murder of a woman in Galveston County was arrested Saturday, Nov. 28, in the 10900 block of Sageleaf. Anthony Castellanos was charged with murder for the killing of Megan Ficklen, also 21. The pair were reportedly dating. According to police, Ficklen was shot multiple times that morning in the 300 block of 7th

street in San Leon, where it is believed the couple lived together. Ficklen was transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital, where she later died. At the time of his arrest, Castellanos was on parole for two drug charges and had an open warrant for a parole violation.

1 year ago (2024)
Leader co-founder Bobby Griffin died Sunday, Nov. 24, at the age of 86. Her death just two weeks after the passing of other Leader co-founder Marie Flickinger and just weeks before the newspaper's 50th anniversary.



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Over The Back Fence

by Nicole

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 27 through Dec. 3.
Atkinson Elementary
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Kristina Irizarry** Nov. 30.
Burnett Elementary
Light the birthday candles Nov. 30 for **Madison Martinez**.
Bush Elementary
Give a shoutout Dec. 2 to **Oneida Hernandez Garcia** for a wonderful birthday.
Frazier Elementary
The day for a birthday celebration for **Sara Rodriguez** is Nov. 28.
Genoa Elementary
The day for cake and ice cream for **Virginia Gutierrez** is Dec. 1.
Hancock Elementary
The day for a celebration for **Selene Salinas** is Nov. 30.
Moore Elementary
Blow out the candles on a special birthday cake Dec. 1 for **Rita Reyes**.

South Belt Elementary
Blow out the candles Dec. 3 for **Madeline Smeltz**.
Stuchbery Elementary
James Maslonka and **Aylyn Munoz** celebrate a birthday Nov. 27.
Melillo Middle School
Blow out the candles Nov. 27 for **Laurie Arnold**. The day for a party for **Desiree Rodriguez** is Dec. 1. Break out the birthday balloons and party favors Dec. 2 for **Jamie Torres**.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
Sing a happy birthday song to **David Hastings** Nov. 29.
Thompson Intermediate
Maria Conde and **San Juanita Garza** celebrate a birthday Nov. 28. Cheers for a happy birthday are sent Nov. 29 to **Amanda Anderson** and **Maria Sanchez**. Remember to wish **Maria Pena** a happy birthday Dec. 2.
Dobie High
Join in the birthday fun Nov. 27 with **Brian McCleskey** and **Frank Mora**. Send a happy birthday wish Nov. 28 to **Robin**

Rackley. The day for a celebration for **Sergio Cazares** is Nov. 29. Dec. 1 is the day for a birthday cake for **Sonja Mull**.
FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Nov. 27: **Shannon Warner**, **Susie Hughlett**, **Christine Dailey**, **Tommy Bischof** and **Chris Hubenak**; Friday, Nov. 28: **Sharon Wagner** and **Christie Fickessen**; Saturday, Nov. 29: **Rebecca Carter**, **Amy Smith**, **Sheila Higgins**, **Lawanda Dyson-Lendsey** and **Hanh Do**; Sunday, Nov. 30: **Laurie Pena**, **Chandra Storey**, **Sonia Martinez**, **Angela Kennedy**, **Kelli Lord**, **Kelly Allison**, **Patricia Shults**, **Keleigh Stacey** and **Marisol Phillips**; Monday, Dec. 1: **Jessica Bowlin**, **Miles West**, **Damon Griffin**, **Kim Middleton** and **Melissa Ray**, Tuesday, Dec. 2: **Lenae Fowler** and **Aaron Herridge**; and Wednesday, Dec. 3: **Gaskill Sigsbee**, **Kyle Smith**, **Timothy Hardcastle** and **Allison Bobby**.
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

San Antonio Brennan basketball doubles its fun at McDonald's



Atascocita's Jonathan Kekeocha (12) and Carson Countryman (15) challenged San Antonio Brennan's Delano Tarpley (2) in the first quarter of the Division 1 boys' gold bracket championship game, which San Antonio Brennan won over the Eagles to secure a second consecutive title in the prestigious McDonald's Texas Invitational tournament.

Photos by Donna Alsdorf

San Antonio Brennan wound up being both the kings and queens of the ball as the Bears doubled up as gold medal bracket champions to conclude another exciting three-day McDonald's Texas Invitational extravaganza.

Many of the Brennan fans who made the trip from San Antonio to see their favorite high school basketball program compete never had to leave their seat to catch the Bears, both state ranked programs early on this season, challenge for gold at Phillips Field House.

A year after her brother, Kingston Flemings, led Brennan to a gold medal to conclude the 2024 event on the boys' side of things, Bella Flemings was the star as Brennan defeated Dawson 60-58 to claim top honors in the girls' Division 1 gold bracket.

Just a couple of hours later, Brennan completed the sweep as the Bears defeated Atascocita 64-54 for the boys' Division 1

gold bracket title.

The 2025 McDonald's Texas Invitational Division 1 boys' gold bracket championship game brought together a mix of both past and present supremacy as three-time tournament champion Atascocita matched up with last season's big winner, San Antonio Brennan.

Head coach David Martinez's Eagles won back-to-back gold bracket championships in 2014 and 2015, then became a three-time champion in 2019.

Brennan, which finished third in the 2022 gold bracket, returned to the event a season ago and delivered a tantalizing victory over Fort Bend Marshall in the title game behind the Most Valuable Player efforts of current University of Houston freshman Kingston Flemings.

The McDonald's Texas invitational advertises itself as "the road to the state tournament starts

here," and there is little doubt that both Atascocita and Brennan are among the favorites to advance to the 6A division 1 state championship next March.

Both programs entered the event this season with high expectations, and neither disappointed. Atascocita first won its pool by defeating the Randle Lions as well as Louisville Hebron while scoring 174 total points and allowing just 100.

The Bears of Brennan, meanwhile, defeated George Ranch and Fort Bend Elkins to join Atascocita and six others in the Division 1 gold bracket.

From there, Atascocita crushed South Grand Prairie 68-47 while Brennan was an 86-55 winner over Conroe Grand Oaks. In the semifinals, Brennan downed Katy Jordan 74-59 while Atascocita defeated Marshall, last year's gold medal championship game finalists, by a 66-43 count.

The Division 1 girls' gold bracket failed to disappoint as a pair of eventual state champion contenders Pearland Dawson and San Antonio Brennan met in the championship game just prior to the start of the boys' final.

Dawson, which fell just short of a state tournament berth a season ago, quite simply coasted to the championship game.

The Eagles crushed Barbers Hill, San Antonio Brandeis and Hardin Jefferson in pool play to reach the gold bracket.

From there, the Eagles defeated Aledo 52-35 to reach the final. Brennan, meanwhile, defeated Houston Memorial, Iowa Colony and Fort Worth Boswell, which had opened this season as the No. 1 6A program in the state in some polls.

In the gold bracket semifinals, Brennan was a 60-52 winner over the defending 6A state champion Summer Creek Bulldogs.



Pasadena ISD board of directors member Keny Fernandez (right) was on hand to deliver the tournament Most Valuable Player Award to Bella Flemings of San Antonio Brennan after the senior led the Bears to the McDonald's Texas Invitational Division 1 gold bracket championship trophy with a 60-58 victory over Dawson.

McDonald's Texas Invitational Trophy Winners

Boys' Division 1 Gold Championship

S.A. Brennan over Atascocita 64-54

Girls' Division 1 Gold Championship

S.A. Brennan over Dawson 60-58

Boys' Division 1 Silver Championship

North Crowley over Dickinson 70-60

Girls' Division 1 Silver Championship

Barbers Hill over Houston Memorial 42-36

Boys' Division 1 Bronze Championship

North Shore over Katy Paetow 54-40

Girls' Division 1 Bronze Championship

Cypress Creek over Pearland 46-29

Girls' Division 1 Consolation Championship

Iowa Colony over Alief Taylor 52-26

Boys' Division 2 Gold Championship

Katy Tompkins over Clear Brook 47-40

Girls Division 2 Gold Championship

Cypress Lakes over Katy Taylor 52-41

Boys' Division 2 Silver Championship

Dawson over Lake Creek 69-64

Girls' Division 2 Silver Championship

Clear Lake over Friendwood 42-23

Boys' Division 2 Bronze Championship

Fort Bend Austin over Klein Cain 59-54

Girls' Division 2 Bronze Championship

South Houston over Houston Westside 45-38

Girls Division 2 Consolation Bracket Championship

Sam Rayburn over Pasadena Memorial 33-29

Longhorn boys win four of five, capture third in D2 gold bracket

First-year head coach Branford Jones doesn't want the focus to be on himself, but there is little doubt that the new Longhorn varsity boys' basketball coach and his players have found the right mix early on this season.

The Longhorns suffered an opening-night defeat to Clear Lake Nov. 14 as the Falcons walked out of the JFD gymnasium with a 67-45 victory. Days later, the Longhorns produced

an overtime victory, 43-41, at Katy Paetow to give Jones his first win in the burnt orange and white.

Dobie then led the way among its Pasadena ISD counterparts, ultimately winning four of five overall games to capture third place at the McDonald's Texas Invitational in the Division 2 gold bracket.

Dobie took to the court early on Nov. 20 and scored a 47-40 win over Houston's Stratford before

returning hours later for a 53-51 victory over Klein Cain.

The following day, the Longhorn won their third straight game in the tournament, advancing to the gold bracket semifinals with a 51-39 victory over Katy Taylor.

Neighborhood foes Dobie and Clear Brook then went head-to-head for a spot in the championship game, with the Wolverines prevailing 57-49.



Dobie's Rashaud Howard (4) and Deer Park's Logan Voising (15) battle underneath during the Longhorns' thrilling 64-63 victory over the Deer during Division 2 gold bracket action at the McDonald's Texas Invitational.

JFD girls' hoops plays well despite single victory at MTI

Quickly bouncing back from a strong performance at the McDonald's Texas Invitational, the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team began District 22-6A action Nov. 25 after press time and will resume league play Dec. 2 against Manvel, which as of press time had set the standard within the league with a 12-1 overall record.

Simply put, Dawson, Pearland, Manvel and Shadow Creek appear to be the clear front-runners for the postseason, but anything can happen.

Dawson made its way to the McDonald's Texas Invitational Division 1 gold bracket championship game while putting

together 11 straight wins to open the season before suffering a 60-58 loss to tournament champion San Antonio Brennan.

Pearland also competed in the McDonald's event, advancing to the Division 1 bronze championship game before a 46-29 loss to Cypress Creek. Despite the loss, Pearland successfully navigated the first couple of weeks of the season to the tune of a 9-4 overall record. Shadow Creek, meanwhile, was a winner of nine of its first 10 overall games.

It won't be easy by any stretch but Dobie certainly is one of those programs looking to upset the apple cart and make its

way into the postseason. Head coach Rachel Flores' team also competed at the McDonald's event, going 1-2 in pool play before advancing to the bronze bracket.

Dobie opened the tournament Nov. 20 at Phillips Field House with a 64-20 loss to Deer Park, then returned to Dobie later in the day for a 64-43 defeat to Klein Oak.

Taking on Kempner to close out pool play Nov. 21, the Longhorns defeated the Cougars 41-29. Tiara Charles was the recipient of JFD's BallHer Hustle honorary belt after scoring 10 points and snagging eight caroms in the win.



Dobie varsity girls' basketball player Tiara Charles led the way as the Longhorns defeated Kempner 41-29 to complete pool play Nov. 21 at Dobie main during the McDonald's Texas Invitational. Charles earned the team's BallHer Hustle Award with 10 points to go along with eight rebounds in the victory.

Undeterred, the Longhorns finished off a terrific performance in the event with a 64-63 win over Deer Park, producing five wins in seven games.

The four other Pasadena ISD programs were also involved in the McDonald's Division 2 boys bracket, yet had little success.

South Houston began pool play with a 48-43 loss to Goose Creek Memorial at home, then fell to Houston Memorial by a 73-56 score.

The Trojans, delivered to the bronze bracket after

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Dobie, Clear Brook basketball teams excel at McDonald's Texas Invitational



Dobie center Roy Azinge (31) powers his way inside for a basket during the Longhorns' early-morning 47-40 victory over the Stratford Spartans Nov. 20 at Dobie. Azinge was one of many Dobie players who had an outstanding first day as the Longhorns won both of their games on their home floor to reach the Division 2 gold bracket. At right is Dobie's Desmond Talib.



Dobie shooting guard Marlee Tillman (23) looks inside for a teammate while working against a Stratford defender during the first half of the Longhorns' victory over the Spartans. The game was tight for much the way before the Longhorns pulled away for a 47-40 victory.



Desmond Etienne (11) makes a pass forward during the Longhorns' eventual 47-40 victory over Stratford. Dobie also defeated Klein Cain on the first day of action at the McDonald's event as they advanced to the Division 2 gold bracket.



Dobie's Audrey Volper (1) goes against Klein Oak during the first half of action between the two teams in the first day at the McDonald's Texas Invitational. Klein Oak won the game 64-43.



Dobie's Hailey Butler (23) and Tiara Charles (24) battle for a rebound inside against a pair of Deer Park opponents during the opening day game between the Longhorns and the deer at Phillips Field House. The Deer controlled much of the action on the way to a 64-20 victory over the locals.



Dobie guard Ashlyn Coleman (21) passes the ball up the floor during first-day action at the McDonald's Texas Invitational as a pair of longtime rivals met at Phillips Field House. Deer Park went on to win 64-20 in the tournament opener for both programs.



Clear Brook's Cruz Calone (35) and his teammates took second-place honors at the McDonald's Texas Invitational and will now play in the Carlisle/Krueger Classic Dec. 4-6.



Ayden Harvey (12) played a key role as the Clear Brook boys reeled off four straight victories at the McDonald's event before a 54-44 loss to La Porte on the final day of play at Phillips Field House.



Josh Pichon (13) of Clear Brook battles La Porte's Peyton Smith for a loose ball during the Division 2 gold bracket championship game Nov. 22 at Phillips Field House, with the Bulldogs winning.

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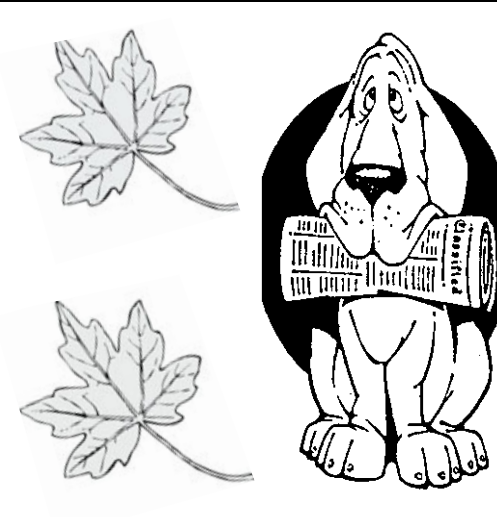
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7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - **Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - **Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hasca.com or <https://nastuff.com/>. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the rabbi, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 - 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the rabbi, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican**

Church - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505 Call 713-419-2635 for details.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for info.
7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at seahouston.toastmastersclubs.org. In-person address 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 for information.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See

Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland. For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.
Noon **AA - Imperfect Nooners**. See Friday's notice.
Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - casual ballroom dance, open to the public, held every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to come with or without a partner. The dance itself is free as music is provided by volunteer, Neva Schroder. The city requires an activity card for participants in all of the city's many activities. Call the park office 281-554-1180 for answers to any questions regarding the activity card. Visitors are welcome to walk in to observe or participate.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m., Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.
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JFD, Brook boys' hoops to play at CCISD

Outstanding non-district tournament play will continue Dec. 4-6 as the 92nd annual Carlisle-Krueger Classic will play out at several locations within the Clear Creek ISD.

Once again, a stellar field of 20 varsity boys' basketball teams will compete for a chance to reach the trophy round Dec. 6.

Both Brook and Dobie are involved in the mix, with the Wolverines involved in Pool A along with Fort Bend Bush, Aldine MacArthur and Milby.

The Longhorns are in Pool B along with Kempner, Clear Falls and Strake Jesuit.

The Clear Lake Falls

cons headline Pool C along with Galveston Ball, Houston Heights and Leander Glenn, while Pool D includes host Clear Creek along with Booker T. Washington, Scherz Clemens and Texas City. Pool E will include Crosby, Eules Trinity, Hightower and Willis.

On the opening day of play Dec. 4, the Wolverines will be in action at Krueger Field House on the campus of Clear Lake High School, going against MacArthur at 2:30 p.m. and returning to take on Fort Bend Bush at 7 p.m.

The Longhorns will compete in pool play at Clear Lake High School's main gymnasium, going against Clear Falls at 11 a.m., then shifting to Butler Field House on the campus of Clear Creek High School for a 2:30 p.m. matchup against Strake Jesuit.

Pool play continues Dec. 5, with Clear Brook taking on Milby at 1:30 p.m. at Clear Brook. Meanwhile, Dobie will be in action at Clear Falls, battling Kempner at 3 p.m.

Trophy-round play commences Dec. 6. The Carlisle bracket will feature the top two programs in action at 2 p.m. at Carlisle Field House, while the Krueger bracket at Clear Lake High School will also tip off at 2 p.m.

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Krueger Field House
Dec. 4, 2:30 p.m.

Brook vs. F.B Bush
Krueger Field House
Dec. 4, 7 p.m.

Brook vs. Milby
Clear Brook H.S.
Dec. 5, 1:30 p.m.

Dobie vs. Clear Falls
Clear Lake H.S.
Dec. 4, 11 a.m.

Dobie vs. Strake Jesuit
Butler Field House
Dec. 4, 2:30 p.m.

Dobie vs. Kempner
Clear Falls H.S.
Dec. 5, 3 p.m.



Abdiel Jimenez (2) of Clear Brook was one of the most outstanding performers during the McDonald's Texas Invitational as he helped lead the Wolverines to the Division 2 gold bracket championship game before a loss to Katy Tompkins.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf



Clear Brook senior guard Abdiel Jimenez delivered an exceptional performance at the McDonald's Texas Invitational as he helped the Wolverines advance to the Division 2 gold bracket championship game before a loss to Katy Tompkins. For his efforts, Jimenez was an All-Tournament selection.



At left, senior shooting guard to Te'Darius Wicker (3) has been nothing short of terrific for the Longhorns during their 5-2 start to the regular season at this point. The Longhorns were part of the Division 2 bracket at the McDonald's Texas Invitational event Nov. 20-22 and captured three consecutive victories to reach the gold bracket semifinals before a 47-40 loss to Clear Brook. Dobie then defeated long time rival Deer Park by a 64-63 count to finish third overall. The Longhorns went up against Dobie will play in the Carlisle/Krueger Classic, hosted by Clear Creek ISD, Dec. 4-6. Dobie will go against Clear Falls Dec. 4 at Clear Lake High School and then will play Strake Jesuit later in the day at Butler Field House on the campus of Clear Creek High School.

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Dobie boys third in D2 gold at MTI

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the two losses in pool play, wound up losing 62-49 to Klein Cain but then defeated the Pasadena Eagles 62-45. In the fifth place match-up, Cy-Ridge defeated the Trojans 66-51.

As for those Pasadena Eagles, pool play included Montgomery Lake Creek defeating the Eagles 63-45. Later in the day, the Eagles were no match for La Porte, which walked away with a 95-48 victory.

Like the Trojans, the Eagles remained winless in the event following a 48-45 loss to Dulles before the setback to South Houston. Overall, Pasadena finished at 0-4 in the event.

The Sam Rayburn Tex-

ans began play in the Division 2 bracket by defeating Aldine Nimitz 67-53, then fell 61-28 to Katy Taylor. The Texans were slotted in the silver bracket, where they fell to Houston Memorial 52-43.

The Texans then lost to Crosby, this time by a 61-55 score as they also were winless in the event. As for the Memorial Mavericks, they were 58-51 winners over Cy-Ridge in an early morning game Nov. 20, then were on the wrong side of a 52-42 score against Clear Brook. Also sent to the silver bracket, the Mavericks lost 54-45 to Lake Creek and then also lost by a 57-45 score to Stratford.

Dawson, also a top con-

tender in the 22-6A ranks, made its way to the Division 2 silver bracket and crushed Crosby 75-52 and then defeated Houston Memorial 54-42 to make its way to the championship game against Lake Creek.

Jones was certainly thrilled with the Longhorns performance over the course of the three days at the McDonald's event.

Winning four of five overall games at the event and starting the season at 5-2 overall, Dobie is off to a solid start.

The first-year head coach promised that his guys would focus heavily on the defensive end, and it's clear over the first week or so of the regular season that the

Longhorns will defend every live ball.

"I'm very happy for the guys. I realize that the guys didn't have that record that they hoped for last season. But that's all in the past. I would like for our guys to develop an expectation to win three, four, five games in a row.

"Develop an expectation to win every night. That's what we are looking to establish here. We went out there and got wins in four of our five games, and we had a couple of overtime scenarios to this point in the season and have played fairly well. But I also believe that it's on to the next game and focusing on today," said Jones.

Dickinson upends Pearland, carries 24-6A torch

Undefeated Dickinson built a 21-0 lead, then made a late defensive stand to hold off previously unbeaten Pearland Nov. 21 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster as the Gators advanced to the

regional semifinal round for the first time since 2015. The Gators represented the lone 24-6A still playing three postseason rounds deep.

District 22-6A went into the pre-Thanksgiving

evening with three programs still alive in the varsity football playoff season but saw things come to a quick end as Pearland, Manvel and Shadow Creek were all defeated.

Meanwhile, Dickinson, the 24-6A champion, will now face Strake Jesuit and 3,000-yard rusher John Hebert in the 6A Division 1 regional semifinal Nov. 28 at Bulldog Stadium in La Porte.

Pearland and Dickinson met for the seventh overall time in the postseason, with the Gators having won five of the previous six matchups.

This time around, the Gators, led by head coach John Snelson, a Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame inductee and former Pasadena Memorial varsity football head coach, got the better of the Oilers by building a 21-0 lead into the third quarter and then hanging on for the victory.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Gators started the scoring with a 1-yard run by Ja'Marion Payne for a 7-0 lead.

The Gators' defense came up big soon thereafter as Aydin Edison intercepted a pass to set up his team in the red zone.

From there, junior quarterback Lorenzo Aguirre tossed a touchdown pass to Kaibele Peterson for a 14-0 lead.

Ahead by two touchdowns at halftime, the Gators came up with another fourth down stop midway through the third quarter and turned it into a 21-0 lead as Peterson scored on a 24-yard run.

Pearland, looking to advance to the third round of the postseason for the first time under head coach B.J. Motte, got on the scoreboard with an 18-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jake Westmoreland to former Thompson Lion Jordan Hernandez.

Westmoreland helped his team get within 21-14 midway through the fourth quarter as he tossed a touchdown pass to Karon Johnson.

Seeing their lead cut to 21-14, the Gators gained further breathing room as Malachi Gamble took off on a 42-yard scoring run to highlight his return to the lineup after a five-game absence due to a foot injury.

Westmoreland and Johnson connected for a 33-yard scoring play through the air with just under two minutes to play. The Oilers then recovered the ensuing onside kick and gave themselves a chance at a game-tying score, but the Gators had consecutive sacks to end the threat as the Oilers' season ended at 11-1.

Elsewhere, the Manvel Mavericks were bidding to win their seventh overall game but watched an ultra explosive Summer Creek program advance in the 6A Division 2 bracket with a 72-35 victory. Summer Creek was a state finalist in 2024.

Also in the Division 2 bracket, Shadow Creek of 22-6A had hopes of advancing further but saw its season end following a 51-6 loss to C.E. King.

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