

Nov. 5 general election results tallied

The results from the Nov. 5 general election have been tabulated, with Republicans making big gains across the board at nearly every level.

In the highly publicized race for U.S. president, Republican candidate, former President Donald Trump, narrowly defeated Democratic opponent, Vice President Kamala Harris, with votes being counted into the early morning hours. Trump gave a victory speech at approximately 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, EST from his Florida residence. Harris had yet to deliver her concession speech at press time Wednesday.

At press time Wednesday with roughly 98 percent of local precincts reporting, Trump had received around 56 percent of the vote (6,367,136 total votes) to Harris' 42 percent (4,794,235 votes). Green Party candidate Jill Stein received 0.7 percent of the vote (82,144 votes) and Libertarian Party candidate Chase Oliver received 0.6 percent of the vote (68,759 votes).

That trend continued in the U.S. senate race, with Republican incumbent Ted Cruz narrowly defeating Democratic challenger, former professional football player Colin Allred. Cruz received approximately 53 percent of the vote (5,965,605 votes) to Allred's 44 percent (4,990,348 votes).

Libertarian candidate Ted Brown received around 2 percent of the vote (265,666 votes).

In the contest to fill the U.S. House District 18 seat formerly held by U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, former Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner easily defeated Republican opponent Lana Centonze, receiving around 69 percent of the vote (150,045 votes) to her 31 percent (66,388 votes).

U.S. House District 22 Republican incumbent Troy Nehls easily defeated Democratic challenger Marquette Greene-Scott, receiving roughly 62 percent of the vote (208,763 votes) to her 38 percent (126,835 votes).

In the U.S. House District 29 race, Democratic incumbent Sylvia Garcia handily defeated Republican challenger Alan Garza, receiving 65 percent of the vote (98,465 votes) to her 35 percent (52,599 votes).

At the state level, Republican incumbent Dennis Paul will maintain his House District 129 seat, easily defeating Democratic challenger Doug Peterson. Paul took home approximately 61 percent of the vote (52,124 votes) to Peterson's 39 percent (33,412 votes).

Former South Belt resident Jeff Barry (Republican) was successful in his run for House District 129, handily defeating his Democratic opponent Adrienne Bell. Barry received 61 percent of the vote (49,603 votes) to Bell's 39 percent (30,999 votes).

At the county level, Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado (Democrat); Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia (Democrat); and Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin (Republican) all ran unopposed.

At press time Wednesday with 685 of 700 precincts reporting, voters were narrowly supporting Proposition A, a tax rate increase from the Harris County Flood Control District, with 51 percent of voters (722,273 votes) voting in favor of the measure and 49 percent (684,281 votes) voting against it.

CCISD holds meeting

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

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

Holiday markets set

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

Knights to host blood drive

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

Beltway closures planned

Two northbound and two southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice. Significant delays are expected.

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

Sageglen to meet Nov. 18

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

Hughes/Sabo closure set

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

Telephone closure planned

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

COVID cases reported

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in the South Belt community is roughly on par with the previous several weeks, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 5, there were 295 active cases in 77089, no change from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

Statistics are updated weekly and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulativedata.

Kirkmont III, IV to meet

Kirkmont III and IV will hold their annual meeting Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. All homeowners/residents of Kirkmont Sections III and IV are urged to attend. Annual maintenance fees and deed restrictions will be discussed, and board members will be elected. Homeowners attending this meeting may be eligible for a discount on their 2025 maintenance fees. For more information, call Alfredo Huerta at 832 283-4895.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Britany 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.

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Space Craft wins big at EOC



Space Craft BBQ & Taps was the big winner of the night at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual Evening of Cuisine, taking home awards for Best Entrée - Judges Selection; Best Entree - People's Choice; and Best of Show - People's Choice. Shown above at the event from the restaurant are Aaron Timmons (left) and Ben Muths. Scrumptious Bites also performed well at the event, taking home awards for Best of Show - Judges' Selection and Best Dessert - People's Choice.

Chamber's annual Evening of Cuisine a success

Space Craft BBQ & Taps takes home Best Entrée, Best of Show awards

The recent Evening of Cuisine event achieved significant success, attracting nearly 500 attendees.

This culinary celebration took place at the Lone Star Flight Museum, situated in the South Belt-Ellington area, and showcased the region's rich food culture through the participation of eighteen respected restaurants. Each establishment presented its unique flavors and specialties, offering a diverse and enriching experience for all food enthusiasts present.

The evening was further elevated by a captivating performance from The Slags, whose music provided continuous entertainment and energy throughout the event.

The success of the Evening of Cuisine underscores the strong community spirit and deep passion for culinary arts within the region.

Participating vendors included Bakkhus Taverna, Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, Dave & Buster's, Dobbie Culinary Arts, Interstellar Confections, Jack in the Box, Maggianos Baybrook, Minuti Coffee, Mornings Kolache, Nothing Bundt Cakes, PF Chang's, San Jacinto College Culinary Department, Saltgrass Steakhouse, Sandra's Carolina Kitchen, Savannah's Cafe & Bakery, Scrumptious Bite, SpaceCraft BBQ & Taps and Taqueria El Barbon.

Space Craft BBQ & Taps was the big winner of the evening, taking home the following awards:

- Best Entrée - Judges' Selection.
- Best Entrée - People's Choice.
- Best of Show - People's Choice.

Also performing well was Scrumptious Bites, which won the following awards:

- Best of Show - Judges' Selection
- Best Dessert - People's Choice

J. Frank Dobie High School's Culinary Arts department took home the award for Best Dessert - Judges' Selection.

The following individuals served as judges for the evening:

- Jennifer Lopez Fuller, Bay Area Houston Food Lovers.
- Susana Castillo, Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office.
- Chris Clark, Clear Brook City MUD board of director.

Founder of the popular Facebook group Bay Area Houston Food Lovers, Lopez also served as the event's inaugural celebrity guest.

Originally from The Woodlands, Lopez moved to the Bay Area in 2015 and noticed a need for online communities dedicated to local dining. Inspired by her love for discovering great restaurants, she created the group to connect food enthusiasts and support local businesses.

Since its inception, the group has grown to nearly 65,000 members. In 2019, Lopez introduced the Bay Area Houston Food Lovers Card, a membership card offering discounts and special deals at participating restaurants. The card started with 35 restaurants and now includes more than 250 establishments and costs \$25 a year.

Lopez's initiative has fostered a vibrant community of food lovers and significantly boosted local businesses. Her efforts have been featured on platforms like Houston Life, where she shares her journey and encourages others to explore and support the local food scene.

To view video from the event, visit www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1074656560363375.

CCISD inducts Hall of Honor athletes

2 state championship teams, 7 student athletes inducted

Hundreds gathered at Challenger Columbia Stadium Fieldhouse Oct. 19, as Clear Creek ISD inducted the 2024 Class of its Athletics Hall of Honor.

Recognized at the ceremony were two state championship teams and seven student athletes representing three CCISD high schools.

To be eligible for the prestigious Hall of Honor, athletes must have been a graduate of Webster, Clear Creek, Clear Lake or Clear Brook high schools between 1948 and 2002.

The following is a list of inductees into Clear Creek ISD's Athletic Hall of Honor 2024 Class:

Student athlete honorees:

- Darrell Williams, Clear Creek High School 1972 (cross country/track).
- Fredrick W. Machell, Clear Lake High School 1974 (diving).
- Scott Jones, Clear Lake High School 1980 (cross-country/track).
- James G. Patton, Clear Creek High School 1988 (football).
- Brendan Daly, Clear Creek High School 1991 (baseball).
- Bryce Cramer, Clear Creek High School 1991 (cross-country/track).
- Chameka Nicole Scott*, Clear Brook High School 2002 (basketball).

Team honorees:

1984 Clear Lake High School girls volleyball 5A UIL State Champions

- Staff: coach: Angie Chivers; assistant coach: Janis Balsamo; assistant coach: Laurie Briggs; manager: Deanna Bazar; manager: Jane Reece; and manager: Roger Schmitt.
- Students: Stacey Branch Bradshaw – 1985; Joelle Condon Brauweiler – 1985; Jill Blumenstein Brown – 1987; Heidi Chumley – 1987; Deborah Shelley Huston – 1986; Christine Liller Idinge – 1986; Jennifer Thorson Kosel – 1985; Gina Light Cotter – 1987; Kathleen Riley* – 1985; Sue Schellhout – 1985; Susan Schmitt – 1985; Moxie Sinclair – 1986; Dara Cox Wheeler – 1986; and Julie Fournet White – 1985.

1998 Clear Brook High School girls track/field 4A UIL State Champions

- Staff: coach: Ed Farrington; assistant coach: Darryl Cope; assistant coach: Shari Lippe; athletic trainer: Willy Kyle; and athletic trainer: Cathy P. Supak.
- Students: Aadaeze Ugwu – 2001; Natasha Davis – 2000; Naima Williams Johnson – 1999; Gladys Harvey Sonnier – 1999; Alicia Emanuel Wade – 1998; Tierra Walker – 1999; and Brandy Walker – 2001.

*Posthumously.

To view photos from the Hall of Honor Ceremony, visit clearcreekisd.smugmug.com/CCISD-Photos/2023-2024-School-Year-Photos/CCISD-Athletic-Hall-of-Honor-2024-Induction-Ceremony.

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Former Dobie Principal Jerry Speer dies

Longtime educator also spent 14 years on PISD board



Jerry Speer

Former Dobie Principal and Pasadena ISD Board Member Jerry Speer died this past weekend, according to officials from the area high school.

"This weekend, our Dobie community mourned the loss of a cherished leader, Coach Jerry Speer," a post on Dobie's Facebook page said Tuesday, Nov. 5. "Serving as assistant principal and then principal from 1986 to 2000, he was a pillar of our school, working closely with fellow principal Frank Braden. Known affectionately as Coach Speer, his legacy extended beyond retirement through his service on the Pasadena ISD board."

Originally from Bowlegs, Okla., Speer graduated from Bowlegs High School in 1954, before studying at University of Central Oklahoma, earning a bachelor's degree in biology in 1962. Speer would later attend University of Houston-Clear Lake, where he earned a master's degree.

A Pasadena resident, Speer spent 52 years in education, working as a teacher before becoming an administrator. Speer began his Pasadena ISD career at Beverly Hills Intermediate in 1962, serving as a math/science teacher/coach.

Speer then moved to Pasadena High School, where he continued to teach and coach, before moving again to Dobie.

In 1986, Speer replaced Braden as the school's principal, staying for the next 14 years, being succeeded by Steve Jamail in 2000.

Jamail would serve as the final Dobie principal at the location on Beamer near Fuqua, before moving to its current Blackhawk location in 2003 under Jamail's guidance.

Following his retirement in 2000, Speer continued to be involved in education, serving as a Pasadena ISD board member for another 14 years.

During his tenure, the Academic Decathlon won the state and national title both in 1992 and 1996. Dobie's Latin Club team also had its share of success, claiming multiple state and national titles under Speer's leadership.

Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 8706 Alameda Genoa, will serve as the funeral home. Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at St. Frances Cabrini, 10727 Hartsook St. Burial to follow at noon at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 8701 Alameda Genoa. See next week's Leader for obituary.

Clear Creek ISD inducts athletes



Clear Brook High School's 1998 girls track and field team was inducted into Clear Creek ISD's Athletics Hall of Honor Class of 2024 at a ceremony held Oct. 19 at the district's Challenger Columbia Stadium Fieldhouse. The group was one of two state championship teams and seven student athletes representing three Clear Creek ISD high schools to be inducted this year. Team members and coaches from the 1998 Clear Brook team shown above at the event are, left to right, Darryl Cope (assistant coach), Alicia Emanuel Wade, Tierra Walker, Gladys Harvey Sonnier, Naima Williams Johnson, Aadaeze Ugwu, Brandy Walker, Ed Farrington (varsity coach), Cathy Supak (athletic trainer) and Willy Kyle (athletic trainer). See related story and photos on Page 8.

In My Opinion

King: More info on comptroller issue

Mario Diaz, an investigative reporter for KPCC, broke a story that the station had obtained emails Loop Capital, the lone \$50,000 sponsor for Hollins' conference, receiving a large contract around the time it committed to the sponsorship.

The contract in question was to manage the placement of financing for improvements at IAH. The improvements will ultimately be paid for by United Airlines but the is using bonds to finance them. An Aug. 1 email showed that United was pressing for Bank of America to lead the placement of the bonds. However, on Aug. 16, Vernon Lewis, Hollins' representative on the Finance Working Group, sent an email to "Ray and the Loop Capital team" to inform them the firm had been selected to "co-lead" the financing.

We do not know exactly when Loop Capital committed to be the "Platinum" sponsor for Hollins' event, but it must have been either shortly before or after its appointment to this lucrative contract. Lewis opening the Investor Conference. Meanwhile, to divert attention away from the growing scandal involving his solicitation of six-figure sponsorships for his office's investor conference, Hollins has called for an OIG investigation of the recent State of the City (SOTC) event co-sponsored by Houston First and the Greater Houston Partnership.

So, in fairness, I thought I should look at the SOTC event to see if it was comparable to Hollins' event. It is not. Here is what I found.

Let's begin with transparency. When I contacted the City about the SOTC, I was immediately sent an accounting of the event and a list of sponsors. In contrast, we still do not have an accounting of Hollins' event and still do not know where the sponsorship money is going other than a donor-advised fund at the Great Houston Community Foundation. We have no information on who will actually control the disbursement of the funds or whether any money has already been disbursed.

The SOTC lunch was sponsored by the Greater Houston Partnership (GHP) for decades until a kerfuffle between Mayor Turner and the GHP over its refusal to oppose the State's new voting restrictions. Turner pulled the event in retaliation and Houston First became the new sponsor. This year, the event was co-sponsored by Houston First and the GHP.

The event took in about \$582,000 and had expenses of \$472,000, leaving about \$110,000 in excess proceeds. Those were split with roughly two-thirds going to GHP and one-third to Houston First. The largest sponsors of the event paid \$25,000. They were the Kinder Found-

ation and Chevron. There was one \$15,000 sponsor, Enchanted Rock Energy. None of the three are City Vendors. There were another 105 sponsors that donated between \$1,500 and \$10,000. The average was about \$4,700. In return, the sponsors received certain special privileges, including a VIP reception to which Hollins referred. However, rather than being a private dinner, several hundred tickets were made available to the sponsors for their employees and guests to attend the reception which was held just before the lunch.

The overwhelming majority of the sponsors are GHP members. Looking down through the guest list, I would break them down into three groups. Certainly, there were City vendors among the group. There were also sponsors which have regulatory matters before the City. The final group appeared to be long-time GHP supporters with no direct interest in the City. The GHP and Houston First both told me that Whitmire played no role in soliciting sponsorships. I can tell you from attending this event many times over the years, that almost all of the sponsors have been sponsors of this event for many years.

I personally have never liked that the Mayor's State of the City address was sponsored by an outside entity, that citizens had to pay hefty ticket prices to attend, or that it was held on a weekday at lunch when most Houstonians are working. When I was running for mayor, one of my campaign promises was that the State of the City would be held on a Saturday and would be open to the public, free of charge. I understand that Whitmire may consider changes in that direction for future State of the City addresses.

But regardless, the character of the two events could not be more different. For State of the City luncheon, we know exactly who contributed and where the money went. For Hollins' event, we are still in the dark on both accounts.

As far as I am aware, an elected official has never used a City sponsored event to benefit a charity where that official chose the charity. I think allowing one elected official to make such unilateral decisions about such events, especially when substantial sponsors are involved is a very bad idea - whether it is the mayor, controller, or anyone else.

Hopefully, the Whitmire administration and Council will use this controversy as an opportunity to codify exactly how such events will be conducted in the future. The rules should include conflict-of-interest provisions, procedures for the solicitation of sponsorships, and, especially, how any excess proceeds are to be distributed.

Bill King

Elected officials share their words

Senator Cornyn, 10 other senators demand answers on immigration

U.S. Senator John Cornyn, along with Senators Jim Risch, Ted Cruz, Mike Crapo, Kevin Cramer, Steve Daines, John Hoeven, James Lankford, Roger Marshall, M.D., Markwayne Mullin and Tim Scott, on Oct. 31 sent a letter to President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas demanding the Biden-Harris administration answer for their direct role in eroding the U.S. immigration system, compromising the safety of American families, and fueling a national security crisis through a series of destructive executive orders:

"Within hours of taking office, your administration weakened our national security and undermined the integrity of U.S. immigration laws through a series of flawed executive orders and proclamations," said the lawmakers.

"Instead of addressing the flow of illegal immigration and illicit drugs across our borders, your administration has turned its back on those who wish to immigrate here legally and welcomed illegal aliens with open arms. Instead of directing resources to securing our borders and processing legal immigrant applications, your administration has crippled our immigration enforcement capabilities and prioritized amnesty applications."

"The administration has one job—to enforce the law of the land. Instead of detaining and deporting illegal aliens, your administration has shown a blatant disregard for the rule of law and national security," they wrote.

Full text of the letter follows.

October 31, 2024
The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House, Washington, D.C.
The Honorable Kamala D. Harris
Vice President of the United States
The White House, Washington, D.C.
CC: Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW, Washington, D.C. 20528
Dear President Biden and Vice President Harris,

We write to you with serious concerns regarding the failure of your executive leadership to secure our southern border, enforce longstanding immigration policies, and protect the American people.

Your administration has prioritized illegal aliens over the safety of American communities since day one. Within hours of taking office, your administration weakened our national security and undermined the integrity of U.S. immigration laws through a series of flawed executive orders and proclamations.

On Jan. 20, 2021, your administration arbitrarily proclaimed the national emergency at the southern border "unwarranted" and halted construction of the border wall. With one proclamation, your administration terminated a project critical to fortifying our southern border and pulled security resources—leaving our nation more vulnerable than ever to illegal crossings, drug trafficking, and potential terrorist threats.

1. https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/proclamation-termination-of-emergency-with-respect-to-southern-border-of-united-states-and-redirection-of-funds-diverted-to-border-wall-construction/
On Feb. 2, 2021, you signed an executive order to "restore faith in our legal immigration systems."

2. It unequivocally had the opposite effect. The order destabilized immigration enforcement by unilaterally expanding pathways for illegal aliens to stay in the country. It strained resources needed to process legitimate claims, and directly impacted the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers to detain and remove illegal aliens. In short, your administration knowingly undercut CBP and ICE officers' capacity to execute the law.

Your administration reversed years of progress made under the Trump administration and fueled a crisis that spread from the southern border to small towns across America.

Under your administration, the Department of Homeland Security made the decision to terminate the Migrant Protection Protocols, commonly known as the "Remain in Mexico" policy, causing an unprecedented surge at the border.

3. Our CBP and ICE enforcement personnel and border facilities were overrun, allowing thousands of illegal aliens to enter the U.S. with little to no vetting. Your administration briefly reinstated MPP as a result

of litigation—but only further weakened it by reducing the standard migrants had to meet to be exempted from the program.

4. To make matters worse, your administration suspended and terminated agreements with El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras that would have required migrants to seek asylum in those countries.

5. In addition to your administration's attempts to circumvent Congress by implementing immigration policy through executive orders, your administration has taken every opportunity to bend existing immigration law in its favor. Now, immigration officials are applying case-by-case processes like humanitarian parole to large classes and groups of people. Under this administration, the parole process, originally designed to be limited in scope, is now a tool for mass amnesty.

Instead of addressing the flow of illegal immigration and illicit drugs across our borders, your administration has turned its back on those who wish to immigrate here legally and welcomed illegal aliens with open arms. Instead of directing resources to securing our borders and processing legal immigrant applications, your administration has crippled our immigration enforcement capabilities and prioritized amnesty applications. The administration has one job—to enforce the law of the land. Instead of detaining and deporting illegal aliens, your administration has shown a blatant disregard for the rule of law and national security.

2. https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/02/executive-order-restoring-faith-in-our-legal-immigration-systems-and-strengthening-integration-and-inclusion-of-forts-for-new-americans/
3. https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/21_1029_mpp-termination-memo.pdf

4. https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/biden-administration-re-start-trump-era-remain-mexico-policy-n1285215
5. https://www.state.gov/suspend-ing-and-terminating-the-asylum-cooperative-agreements-with-the-governments-el-salvador-guatemala-and-honduras/

The border crisis is not an accident—it is a direct result of this administration's deliberate choices. As members of Congress, we demand accountability to restore common-sense immigration enforcement policies that prioritize the safety and security of the American people.

In light of the foregoing facts, and for the purpose of oversight and accountability, we demand comprehensive responses to the following questions by November 30, 2024:

1. How many illegal aliens crossed the U.S. southern border between your administration's executive order halting border wall construction and the October 2023 determination that existing laws must be waived "to ensure the expeditious construction of barriers and roads" along the southern border?

2. Has the implementation of the DHS's rule to terminate the MPP policy significantly impacted the immigration court backlog? Has the number of immigration officials processing asylum applications increased?

3. How many DHS personnel were reassigned from other responsibilities specifically to process parole applications?

4. Describe the responsibilities and locations from where immigration officers have been reassigned to process parole applications as well as the number of officers.

5. Did DHS consider the impact the Biden-Harris parole-in-place program would have on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services fee revenue? How much will this program cost? Sincerely, (Signed) James Risch, US Senator; Mike Crapo, US Senator; John Cornyn Ted Cruz, US Senator; John Hoeven, US Senator; Tim Scott, US Senator; James Lankford, US Senator; Steve Daines, US Senator; Kevin Cramer, US Senator; Roger Marshall, M.D., US Senator; Markwayne Mullin, US Senator;

6. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/10/05/2023-22176/determination-pursuant-to-section-102-of-the-illegal-immigration-reform-and-immigrant-responsibility.

Kensley Jo Hobbs



With heavy hearts, the Hobbs family announce the passing of their beloved child, Kensley Jo Hobbs, who left too soon on Oct. 31, at 11:11 a.m. at the tender age of 6. She brought immeasurable joy and light to the family with her sweet innocence. Though her time with them was brief, the love and memories they shared will forever remain in their hearts.

Kensley Jo is preceded in death by her uncle Brian Aeschbacher. Kensley Jo is survived by her father and mother, Christopher and Erin Hobbs; brother Jase Hobbs; grandparents David and Connie Hobbs, Bill and Sylvia Aeschbacher and Virginia Adler; aunts and uncles Shane Hobbs, Phillip Hobbs, Steve and Jennifer Farris, Scott and Shannon Lawrence, Troy Whittington and Summer Whittington; cousins Brooke Lawrence, Sydney Lawrence, Colton Farris Kaylee Farris, and Austin Hobbs; and nurses Tracy Wilson, Allie Good, Anne Farley, Val Bland and Phoung Barber.

J. Frank Dobie football club plans pop-up

Dobie Football Booster Club will hold the second annual Holiday Pop-Up Market on Saturday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot of Moore Elementary.

Deaths

A celebration of Kensley Jo's precious life will be held on Nov. 6. Friends and family are welcome to share stories and remember a life that touched all deeply.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. with a service immediately following from 7 to 8 p.m. at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 8706 Almeda Genoa Road Houston, Texas 77075.

If one would like to make a donation in Kensley Jo's honor, consider donating to National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association.

Peggy Mason Fojt



It is with great sadness that the family of Peggy Mason Fojt announce her passing. On Nov. 2, 2024, Peggy Mason Fojt of Houston and 50-year resident of Sageglenn community became an angel at the age of 84.

She was surrounded by family, and will be lovingly remembered by her children, grandchildren, brothers, friends and extended family.

Peggy was predeceased by her husband of 40+ years Allen Roy Fojt, mother Florence Reagan Mason, father

Jo Mason, grandson Aiden Oliver Fojt and many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins. Peggy is survived by her son and daughter Stephen Allen Fojt and Kaysie Fojt Roach; brothers George Mason and Robert Butch Mason; grandchildren Connor Allen Roach, Stephen Miles Fojt, Emily Sue Roach, and Tristan Allen Fojt; and many nieces, and great-nephews and other greats.

Peggy was born in Junction City, Ark. and spent her school days and her college years in many parishes of Louisiana, while completing her final semester at Louisiana Tech where she accepted an opportunity at Control Data Corporation bringing her to Houston. She loved the city, the traveling, the excitement; and quickly moved into management. She met her husband-to-be, married and quickly decided to grow a family. Peggy and Allen adopted boy/girl twins in 1977 and their parenting journey began. Peggy loved all things family - reunions, birthdays, holidays, weddings - any event that brought family together. Peggy was a kind, nurturing and caring animal lover. She was patient, smart, beautiful, understanding, and the most wonderful mother, daughter, granny, sister, aunt and friend.

Peggy loved traveling, shopping, quilting, family dinners, crossword finds, puzzles, and a rum and Coke or margarita now and then. She loved working and meeting new people and was forever young at heart. She will be missed but never forgotten.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer.

Houston to salute heroes, veterans

Mayor John Whitmire invites the public to the annual "Houston Salutes American Heroes Veterans Day Celebration." The event will honor the brave men, women and families who fight for the country's liberty and freedom. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m., Nov. 11, at City Hall, 901 Bagby and features speaker Vice Admiral James W. Crawford III, president of Texas Southern University at 10 a.m. It begins at 11 a.m. and ends with a 21-gun salute and a moment of silence in honor of the signing of the WWI Armistice. The "Houston Salutes American Heroes" parade is a cornerstone of Veterans Day in the United States and will begin at 11:30 a.m. Parking is free in the Theater District Tranquility Park garage. Use entrances #2 and #5 to receive the complimentary parking.

Elected officials share their words

Commissioner Garcia announces multi-million flood agreement

Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia is proud to announce the approval of a multi-million-dollar agreement to bolster flood mitigation and environmental conservation in this region.

The purchase sale agreement will add 1,137 acres to the Armand Bayou Nature Center, saving the area from development.

This significant expansion will help protect nearby homes and businesses from potential flooding while preserving an essential green space that serves as a carbon sink for the entire region.

"This historic step reaffirms our commitment to building resiliency in our region. With this expansion we are protecting our communities from flooding while preserving the natural systems that make Harris County a great place to live," said Garcia.

This milestone would not have been possible without the collaboration, partnership, and leadership of Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee.

"This acquisition is a prime example of what good, collaborative government

looks like. I'm proud to work together with Precinct 2 and our external partners to bring this vision to life," said Menefee.

The purchase agreement marks one of the largest land conservation deals in Harris County's recent history. The additional acreage will significantly increase floodwater detention capacity, preserving native habitats, supporting local wildlife and crucial green space.

"We are so grateful for our partnership with the county—in particular, Commissioner Garcia, his staff, and the County Attorney's Office! We could not have done this without them. This collaboration shows what can be accomplished when local government, industry, and local nonprofits come together to save precious natural resources," said Tim Pylate, Armand Bayou Nature Center Executive Director.

The expanded Nature Center will continue to serve as a vital educational and recreational resource for the community, providing enhanced opportunities for environmental education, conservation awareness and outdoor recreation.

St. Luke the Evangelist blesses veterans

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

Sagemeadow Festival Rescheduled to Nov. 9

The Sagemeadow Fall Festival will now be on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. We will have a variety of craft and product vendors, food trucks, fun activities for all and the Dobie Marching Band! There will also be a costume contest for the kids.

COVID cases reported

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in the South Belt community is roughly on par with the previous several weeks, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 5, there were 295 active cases in 77089, no change from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week. Statistics are updated weekly and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data.

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Lariaette of the Week, Nov. 1



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week of Nov. 1 is junior Kaitlyn Baines, a second-year line member.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. 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. Closed Sundays.

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Parker Williams Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit the website at https://www.hepl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library or call 832-927-7870.

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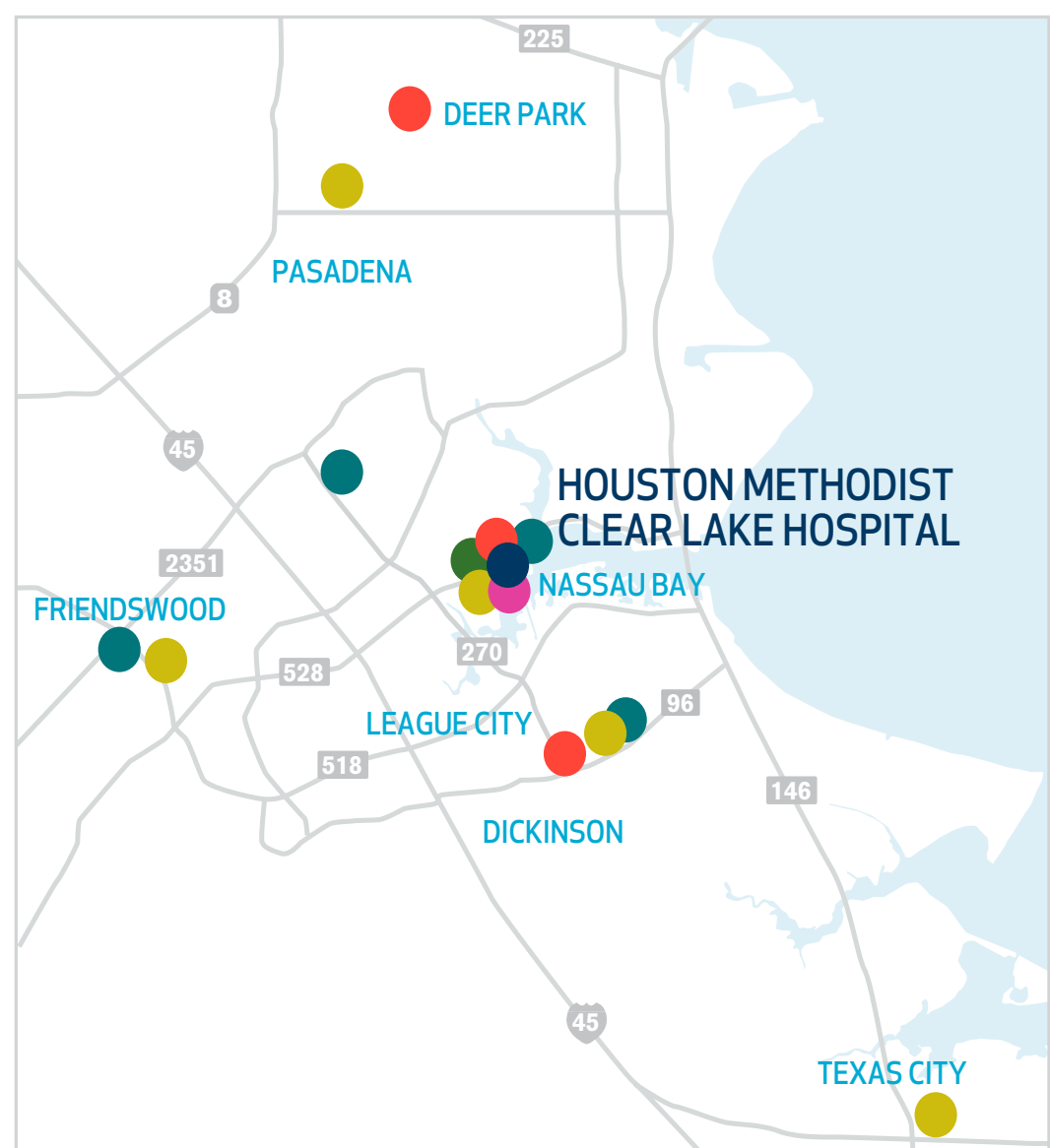


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Genoa flag patrol shows leadership



Genoa Elementary flag patrol, led by Steven Sawyer, raise the flags each morning at Genoa. They come early each day to show and demonstrate their leadership skills and their respect for the country and the flag that symbolize freedom. Pictured, left to right, are Arianna Mora, Savannah Espinoza, Ivana Gonzalez, Savannah Rodriguez, Melanie Sandoval and Juan Hernandez. Photo by Steven Sawyer

South Belt Elementary celebrates Red Ribbon Week



South Belt Elementary celebrated Red Ribbon Week with "Give Drugs the Boot!" day. Left to right, are Logan Lozano, Dominic Sanchez, Grace Okwuonu, Genesis Limon, Alivia Bhakta, Christabella Martinez, Analia Posada, Jose Lazo, Lucas Avila and Aidan Barton.



Celebrations continued with "Say Peace Out to Drugs" day. Left to right, are (front row) Ayanna Munoz-Romero, Evalinh Moore, Madilyn Davis, Bryce Garcia, Matilda Sok, Danica Mendoza, John Thomas, (back row) Malachi Santos, Jase Garcia, Kenneth Hernandez, Rhett Sullivan, Ryder Orlea and Alex Rodriguez.

CCART sets November meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its November meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. There will be a business meeting featuring Carla Meuth representing the TRTA Foundation and Juana Glavan from Crime Stoppers discussing home security and situational awareness. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee. The business meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. The program will be followed by a Thanksgiving potluck dinner. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. The meat dish will be provided. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$50.

Stuchbery announces students of the month



Stuchbery Elementary announced its September students of the month. Left to right, are (first row) Adan Castillo, Aaron Quiroz, Kristian Rivas, Dontreal Williams, Grayson Johnson, Eliana Moreno, Victoria Rangel, Brielle Broussard, Alaina Burleigh, Skylar Perry, (second row) Olivia Brito, Macie Salinas, Mateo Martinez, Braylon Jenkins, Sebastian Dominguez, Blaine Lev, Stanley Campos, (third row) Sophia Morales, Alan Cummings, Olivia Mendez, Paulette Del Villar, Joseline Ruiz, (fourth row) Ramon Escamilla, Katalyna Chapa, Charles Cummings, Alex Nguyen, Santiago Lara. Not pictured are Danyela Rico, Coby Pescina, Lexie Amaro, Sarabeth Hernandez, Remmi Ortiz, Franco Baca, Carlos Martinez, Olivia Mendez, Itzae Ramirez and Elyzah Balderas.



Stuchbery October students of the month, left to right, are (first row) Kenneth Rogers, Karter Williams, Kamaiyah Howard, Valentina Rodriguez, Kingston Nguyen, Luka Garza, Elias Cavazos, Jaleel Moshay, Kammy Bookman, Kinsley Davila, (second row) Arianna Allen, Omar Carballo, Ayleen Garcia, Edwin Luna, Giselle Rodriguez, Sophia Banda, Kevin Arredondo, Cassidy Baines, (third row) Onyinye Phillips, Dakota Conaway, Carlos Rodriguez, Leyla Caudillo, Julian Villeda, Madeline Jacuinde, Sonaya Lopez, Aiden Lopez, Alyssa Valdez, (fourth row) Zahir Bhalai, Katie Garza, Gilberto Reyes, Anabell Amezcua, Ava Borders, Clara Kearby and Cassie Harris. Not pictured are Benjamin Brito, Eliana Gomez, Ana Flores and Sophia Turrubiarres.

BHI, Thompson cheerleaders cheer on Dobie



J. Frank Dobie High School played against South Houston High School Friday, Oct. 18. The Beverly Hills and Thompson cheerleaders cheered Dobie on to a victory score of 62-42. Left to right, are (front row) Kallie Troxlar, Gabriella Franklin, Nicole Fonseca, Aria Holcomb, Skylar Glayzer, Arielle Martinez, Isabella Squier, London Rodriguez, Xara Oddo, (back row) Brianna Scott, Kayleigh Mitchell, Nevaeh Caballero, Madison Ramsey, Sophia Gonzalez, Bella Hernandez, Dora Campos and Brooklynn Reyes. Photo by David Flickinger

Moore donates books



Moore Elementary teachers made book character pumpkins for children at Texas Children's Hospital recently. They made 106 book characters out of craft pumpkins, donated them to the hospital, then had storytime in the hospital library. Children picked a book and a character from that story, and the teachers read the books to them. Teachers also delivered many books and pumpkins to children in the hospital rooms. The five teachers who delivered the pumpkins are, left to right, Lourdes Guenard, Sheryl Munn, Krishellejoy Rangel, Paula Carter and Anita Nickelson.

BAC celebration of veterans

Be in the audience on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. for BAC's annual celebration of veterans. Program include: - Recognition of veterans and their family members by branch of service, including the U.S. Space Force. - Uplifting and inspiring works by American composers. - Hymns and patriotic favorites. - Special musical guests: Houston Boychoir. Admission is free for veterans and active military; \$20 adults; \$15 seniors and first responders; and \$10 students. The event will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Road.

Operation Christmas Blessing

Southeast Area Ministries provides Christmas gifts for children up to 14 yrs old. They ask that one will consider sponsoring a child or family at \$65 per child. A SeAM representative can be reached via phone at 713-944-0093 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday until Nov. 15.

Bites of the Bay, Shaar Hashalom

Embark on a gourmet adventure like no other at the 22nd Annual Bites of the Bay Epicurean event. Sample an array of culinary delights from more than 20 local restaurants and food purveyors Nov. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Bay Area Community Center at 5002 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. In addition to the food and beverages there will be a huge silent auction with more than 70 items, and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door on the day of the event, \$12 for children ages 6-12, children under 5 are free. Tickets are available at www.ShaarHashalom.org/event/2023BOTB.

This epicurean event is sponsored by Congregation Shaar Hashalom. The main sponsor is Amoco Federal Credit Union. The event will benefit childhood and adult education classes, and will support Bay Area communities with food and fellowship.

City solid waste has new hours

Effective now, the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department changed hours of operation for its six Neighborhood Depositories to 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., to adjust with the end of Daylight Saving Time. The following locations will be open Tuesday through Sunday, except on city holidays. Arrive at least 30 minutes before closing to allow time for unloading. Houston residents can bring recyclables or dispose of junk waste at the following locations: North - 9003 N. Main; North west - 14400 Sommermeier; Northeast - 5565 Kirkpatrick; South - 5100 Sunbeam; Southwest - 10785 SW Freeway; Southeast - 2240 Central. To use the depositories, residents must provide proof of residency, such as a Texas driver's license, a valid Texas ID, or a current water/utility bill or city property tax receipt. The depositories accept the following items: Junk waste: furniture, tree limbs, stoves, and large appliances (Appliances with refrigerant must have a certified tag stating a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant.) Up to five (5) automobile tires per month per residential unit Maximum of four cubic yards of building material (excluding roofing shingles, brick, and plaster). Recyclables: tree waste, concrete, mattresses, aluminum and tin cans, all plastics - all numbers and symbols accepted, newspapers and magazines, cardboard, glass bottles and jars and used motor oil. Clothing and shoes are accepted at the North and Southeast depositories. Depositories will not accommodate trailers more than 16 feet long or four feet high. Residents are reminded to separate recyclables by material for efficient drop-off.

Remember When

45 years ago (1979)
Construction was under way on a proposed home development on Kingspoint Road by developer John Leba. A total of 86 homes were scheduled to be built by Astro Homes on 16 acres behind Atkinson Elementary School. Dobie High School football player Troy Leland set a District 23-4A and Greater Houston area record by kicking a 55-yard field goal in Pasadena Memorial Stadium.

40 years ago (1984)
The undefeated district champion Dobie High School Longhorns lost their postseason playoff game to La Porte. Steve Sanders, vice president of Memorial Southeast Hospital, reviewed the features of the new hospital with a model and drawings at a meeting of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

35 Years ago (1989)
Sagemont Baptist Church minister John Morgan received a nomination for president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. South Belt area high schools hosted College Night for their seniors.

30 years ago (1994)
Ten of the 26 campuses of the Clear Creek Independent School District were recognized as exemplary (4) or recognized (6) by the Texas Education Agency for their outstanding scores on the 1993-94 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills. Clear Creek and Pasadena independent school districts, the city of Houston and Harris County all boosted taxes for 1994.

25 years ago (1999)
The long anticipated South Belt showdown between Dobie and Clear Brook high school football teams was to

be played at the Astrodome. The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees approved holding a bond election which would result in \$199.05 million improvements to the district.

20 years ago (2004)
After winning a bond election by almost a 2-to-1 margin, PISD officials started moving forward with construction of two new local schools. In less than four hours, two Sagemont homes, four blocks apart, were run into by cars. In a mock presidential election, fourth-grade students at Moore Elementary re-elected George W. Bush over John Kerry by 370 votes to 186. The San Jacinto College South's soccer team was headed to the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament for the second time. This was after winning the Mid-South District title game 4-0 over Hines Community College. A female driver was killed instantly on the Gulf Freeway when her vehicle, which was reportedly traveling at a high rate of speed, overcorrected on a curve in the road. She lost control of the car, and slammed into a concrete overpass support.

Dobie seniors Adrian Dennis and Funaki Kefu were named king and queen at the homecoming game against South Houston.

15 years ago (2009)
South Belt resident Fernando Medina, a structural test engineer specialist with ERC, was awarded NASA's prestigious Silver Snoopy Award. He received the award for his outstanding engineering contributions to the STS-120 on-orbit support of the Space Station Solar Array Repair procedure. Friendswood resident Karl Gallagher was traveling by motorcycle west on Dixie Farm Road as the driver of a

silver Toyota Tundra pickup was turning north from Dixie Farm Road onto the Gulf Freeway feeder. While making a left turn, the pickup driver failed to yield the right of way, causing Gallagher's motorcycle to strike the Toyota's passenger-side door. Gallagher, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene. The 147 Reconnaissance Wing of the Texas Air National Guard officially unveiled its first MQ-1B Predator Remotely Piloted Vehicle at Ellington Field. While the aircraft had just arrived at Ellington, crew members from the 147th had been flying overseas missions with it for the previous two years. The Kroger at 11701 South Sam Houston Parkway was robbed at gunpoint. No immediate arrests were made. The bank inside the store had been robbed just two weeks earlier.

10 years ago (2014)
The house of longtime South Belt residents Anthony and Tracy Schillaci, located in the 11400 block of Blackhawk, was destroyed by fire. According to Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chuck Tylka, the blaze started in the home's garage before spreading to the rest of the residence. Emergency efforts were hampered by multiple explosions taking place in the garage. Tylka said the blasts were likely caused by ammunition and propane tanks. Investigators from the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office determined the blaze was accidental in nature. No one was injured.

5 years ago (2019)
The results from the city of Houston were tallied, with many races then headed to a Dec. 14 runoff. In the city's mayoral race, incumbent Sylvester Turner received 47 percent of the vote to second-place finisher Tony Buzbee's 28 percent. In the race to fill Dwight Boykins' vacant District D City Council seat, Carolyn Shabazz and Brad "Scarface" Jordan headed to a runoff after Shabazz received 17 percent of the vote to Jordan's 15 percent. While she made a strong third-place showing in a crowded field of 11, South Belt resident Ericka McCutcheon was unsuccessful in her bid to become the At-Large Position 4 City Council member, losing to candidates Anthony Dolcefino and Nick Hellyar, who advanced to the December runoff.

1 year ago (2023)
The results from the Nov. 7 general election were tallied, with the mayoral race between state Sen. John Whitmire and U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee headed to a December runoff. In the District E race to replace term-limited Dave Martin as City council member, former South Belt resident Fred Flickinger was victorious over opponent Martina Lemond Dixon. A Dobie graduate, Flickinger is the son of *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger and Clear Brook City MUD board member David Flickinger.



DICK CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!
Special birthday wishes are in order for longtime South Belt resident and local business owner **Dick Orth** who celebrates a birthday Friday, Nov. 11, from family, friends and staff of the *South Belt Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 7 through Nov. 13.

Atkinson Elementary
The day for **Emily Childs** and **Aaleyah Dorman** to celebrate with ice cream and a double-layer birthday cake is Nov. 7. Sing a chorus of a birthday song to **Michelle Lopez Nov. 9**. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 12 to **Jessica Herring**. Remember to wish **Ashley Riley** a happy birthday Nov. 13.

Bush Elementary
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Aimee Ingalls Nov. 8**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Adriana Blanco Nov. 13**.

Frazier Elementary
The day for a celebration for **Andrew Arriaga** is Nov. 10.

Genoa Elementary
Nov. 7 is the day for a party for **Amanda Egan**. Nov. 8 is the day for a fun celebration for **Aizlyn Garza**. Join in the birthday celebration Nov. 11 for **Itzel Ramirez Prado**.

Meador Elementary
A day of celebration for **Ana Bradford** is planned Nov. 8.

Moore Elementary
Cristina Poore enjoys a birthday Nov. 7. The day for cake for **Kristi Donaho** is Nov. 11.

Stuchbery Elementary
Maria Guerrero enjoys a birthday Nov. 3. **Karla Rosales** celebrates a birthday Nov. 4. Birthday greetings go out to **Michelle Tijerina Nov. 6**. Nov. 9 is a day of celebration for **Sarah Straubinger**.

Melillo Middle School
Nov. 8 is the day for a cake for **Gabriela Alejandro**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Marking a birthday Nov. 7 is **Alejandra Read** and **ShaNaria Grant**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Janet Hatch Nov. 11**.

Thompson Intermediate
Gina Teston marks a birthday Nov. 8. **Dobie High**
Break out the balloons and party favors Nov. 7 for **Charles Washington** and **Tonie Noise**. Blow out the candles Nov. 8 for **Jasmine Hooker**. **Patrick Nava** celebrates a birthday Nov. 9. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 11 to **Schuyler Morris**. Send a humorous birthday card Nov. 13 to **Kelley Finley**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Friday, Nov. 8: **Karen Swearingin, Matt Laas, Chris Lee** and **Gina Ramirez-Salinas**; Saturday, Nov. 9: **Raul-Lisa Rodriguez** and **Patricia Overby**; Sunday, Nov. 10: **Kevin Aguilar** and **John Gentry**; Tuesday, Nov. 12: **Mark DeVries, Janie Clark** and **Robin Zacks Grosso**; and Wednesday, Nov. 13: **Jane Tillery, Vicki Brinkley, Chris Herpin** and **Edgar Whorton**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES



Tight end Adam Perez (82) reeled in a throw from quarterback Will Joiner III as part of a 35-yard catch and run for a touchdown against Alvin in a 49-34 win over the Yellowjackets Nov. 1 in Alvin. Dobie also got three rushing touchdowns from Cameron Mathews.

Dobie senior offensive lineman Markel Terry (75) has already been a key contributor to two playoff teams with the Longhorns at the varsity football level, including the 2023 District 22-6A championship squad and hopes his final season will extend past the regular-season finale against Manvel.

Photos by Gloria Wallace

Pioneer cross-country excels at 5A state meet

Sophomore Jeremy Gaitan placed fifth overall as he guided the Lutheran South Academy varsity boys' cross-country team to a fourth-place finish at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools State Cross-Country Championships on a 5,000-meter course at the Cottonwood Creek Golf Club in Waco Oct. 28.

Junior Adrian Rule of San Antonio Christian was the 5A overall boys' gold medalist in the grand finale, finishing at 16 minutes, 17 seconds. SAC put together a dominant performance to easily claim the team championship in the 5A division.

Gaitan was in at 17:03.63 to top the Pioneers' list of official qualifiers, followed by 30th-place finisher Nicholas Pena, also a sophomore, in a time of 19:02.06. LSA freshman Brock Boessling earned a time of 19:03.39 for 32nd place.

Sam Hergenrader, a junior, was 59th in the state results with a time of 20:00.74, and sophomore Theron Ayala was the Pioneers' fifth and final official qualifier as he was 62nd overall in a time of 20:08.16.

Following the graduation of a couple of future collegiate signees from the 2023 team, the Pioneers had one of the youngest teams by grade classification in the Houston area this season but still excelled.

In finishing fourth at State as a team, the Lutheran South boys were the top performing program from the Houston area at the state meet.

For 2025, Lutheran South could potentially

return as many as three freshmen and two juniors in addition to seniors Hergenrader and Reid Toner to the top of the varsity group.

The Lutheran South varsity girls' team also competed at the state meet as freshman Jayde Barefield was 35th overall to lead the Pioneers in the two-mile race. LSA was 12th overall as a team in the final 5A state standings.

Barefield finished at 14:18.71 to pace her team to the finish line, with teammate Mia Fulton, a senior, in at 14:47.24 for 46th place.

At 15:18.88, junior Elisabeth Hergenrader placed 80th for Lutheran South, and junior Cays Rodriguez clocked in at 15:25.39 for 87th place.

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JFD baseball hosts golf

The Dobie Diamond Club, the official booster club of the Dobie baseball program, has finalized plans for the Longhorns' annual fundraising golf tournament. The 2024 event is set to be held at the Pasadena Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, Nov. 16. Foursome teams are encouraged to enter at \$500 per team, while individual player registration will also be accepted at \$125 per player.

Tent sponsorships are available for \$250 each, and hole sponsors are \$125 each. Registration includes a light breakfast as well as lunch. Check-in is at 7 a.m., and the tournament will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Proceeds from the event will be utilized to cover a variety of costs associated within the baseball program throughout the school year. For more information, direct email to jfdobiediamondclub@gmail.com.

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Longhorns need 17-point win over Manvel in finale

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Scoring a head-to-head victory over a suddenly red-hot Manvel team was always going to be tough enough. Faced with the added caveat of needing to produce a victory of 17 or more points over the Mavericks is another thing entirely.

But that's the hand that the Dobie Longhorns dealt themselves with a 1-3 run midway through league play.

As the locals prepared for their District 22-6A varsity football season finale Nov. 7 against Manvel at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, Longhorns' head coach Danny Fitz-

morris was plenty confident that his team would give it everything it had and more for a chance to go to the postseason.

On the same night that the Longhorns used a late push to defeat Alvin 49-34 at Alvin ISD's Veteran Stadium Nov. 1, Manvel was busy dismantling the Dawson Eagles by a 48-7 count.

The Mavericks have thus qualified for a 6A Division 2 playoff berth courtesy of a four-game district win streak, leaving the Longhorns in a tiebreaker scenario with a postseason spot on the line.

"We know we have to win the game by 17 points or more," Fitzmorris said. "I know my guys are going

to give it everything they have and leave everything out there on the field. I already give our guys credit for continuing to fight, continuing to battle out there on the football field to put ourselves in a position to have an opportunity to get into the playoffs.

"We know it's a tall task. Manvel is an outstanding football program. They have really figured it out over the last month and, credit to them, have qualified for the playoffs. We dug ourselves a little bit of a hole, and now we have to come up with a victory against an outstanding football program. But we're going to go out there and make our fans

proud and do everything we can in all phases of the game to come away with a win.

"We are going to have to win in all three phases of the game, probably play our best football of the season, but I know our coaches and our players will be ready to go out there and make a run at it. That's all you can do."

As the playoff picture stands in the 22-6A ranks, district champion Shadow Creek (8-1, 7-0) is in as the league's Division 2 top seed. Second-place Pearland (7-2, 6-1) has also qualified for the playoffs and will be the top seed from 22-6A in the Division 1 postseason bracket.

Manvel (5-4, 5-2) is headed to the Division 2 bracket as the No. 2 seed, leaving Dawson and the Longhorns to decide just who will hold the No. 2 seed in the Division 1 postseason bracket. Dawson holds an advantage over the Longhorns at this point, having defeated the locals 51-36 to open league play back on Sept. 13. Hence the need for the 17-point victory margin over Manvel.

JFD tops Alvin Dobie star running back Cameron Mathews made a triumphant return to the lineup against Alvin after missing about seven full quarters of football due to injury.

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Mathews, who now leads the District 22-6A ranks in rushing with 1,414 yards and 15 touchdowns, went for 259 yards and three touchdowns against the Yellowjackets. The senior running back, who has rushed for better than 1,000 yards in three separate seasons with the Longhorns, saw his status as the league's top rusher slip away as he exited Dobie's victory over South Houston on the final play of the first quarter with an apparent arm injury and subsequently missed his team's victory over Sam Rayburn.

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McDonald's Texas Invitational coming Nov. 21-23

Two-time defending Division I gold bracket boys' champion North Crowley and 2023 Division I gold girls' trophy-hoister San Antonio Brandeis are back to headline the 2024 McDonald's Texas Invitational basketball tournament, which plays out Nov. 21-23.

North Crowley paces the lineup of 48 varsity boys' basketball teams that will be in attendance, including 24 in the Division 1 bracket and 24 more in Division 2. Clear Brook is in the Division I boys' field and will take on San Antonio Brennan Nov. 21 at South Houston High

School in a 10:30 a.m. tipoff.

The Wolverines will then go up against Grand Oaks to wrap up pool play at South Houston High School in a 7:30 p.m. feature game.

The Dobie varsity boys' team is in the Division 2 mix and will host Angleton at 9 a.m. and Cy-Ridge at 1:30 p.m., both at Dobie main.

San Antonio Brandeis tops an impressive 32-team girls' lineup, including 16 within Division 1 and another 16 teams within Division 2.

Division 2 includes Dobie, which will host Har-

din-Jefferson at noon and Cy-Lakes at 4:30 p.m., both Nov. 21 at Dobie main. The Longhorn girls will also host Galena Park Nov. 22 in pool play at 1:30 p.m., also at Dobie main.

Phillips Field House in Pasadena will host the Division 1 girls' then boys' gold bracket championship games on Nov. 23.

The tournament's other game locations include Pasadena Memorial High School, Dobie's main campus, South Houston High School, Sam Rayburn High School, Pasadena High School, Deer Park ISD's Auxiliary and Wat-

kins campuses, Dobie9, and Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Three-day tournament passes purchased on or before Nov. 21 are \$20 each, while two-day passes are \$15 each. Adult single game tickets are \$5 each and student tickets are \$2 each. Children under seven are admitted free with an adult present. Game day tickets, three-day purchase passes and commemorative T-shirts are among the available items for sale at each of the tournament locations.

The event will again feature nearly 200 games played over the course of

three days at 10 venues. All proceeds support the Pasadena ISD and Deer Park ISD education foundations. The education foundations were created to support educational programs for both the students and staff of district programs. The foundations provide funds for educational programs and activities which either have not been funded or have been underfunded through the normal operating budget.

For additional information, visit the official tournament website at www.texasinvitational.com.

The event will again feature nearly 200 games played over the course of

of a pool that includes Atascocita and Ridge Point.

Dobie will take on Ridge Point Nov. 7 at Butler Field House at 3:30 p.m. before going against Atascocita at 6:30 p.m., also at Butler Field House.

The tournament field is headed by Hitchcock and Pearland, who reached the 2023 gold bracket championship game, with Hitchcock defeating Pearland.

The 2024 lineup also includes Alief Taylor, Bridgeland, Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Springs, Cypress Woods, Fort Bend Bush, Fort Bend Hightower, Galveston Ball, Heights, Humble, La Porte, Magnolia West, North Shore and Shadow Creek.

The Nov. 9 championship games at Butler Field House will include bronze at 8 a.m., silver at 9:30 a.m. and gold at 11 a.m.

Whitley hoops boasts loaded field Nov. 7-9

The 2024 Clear Creek ISD Peggy Whitley Classic will deliver an exceptionally competitive 24-team field, including several Houston area powers to highlight the conclusion of the first week of the high school varsity girls' basketball season.

Playing out Nov. 7-9, pool play will be held Nov. 7 at Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Falls and Clear Springs high

schools, while bronze, silver and gold medal championship games will be contested Nov. 9 at Virginia Butler Field House on the campus of Clear Creek High School.

Clear Brook, the 2022 Whitley Classic gold bracket champion, is led by the senior trio of Rezia Castillo, Kamryn McLaurin and Chardell Terrell, with Castillo returning to the lineup after missing

last season while recovering from an injury.

The Wolverines are part of a pool that also includes Dulles and Grand Oaks, with the hosts taking on Dulles Nov. 7 at 11 a.m., then taking on Grand Oaks at 2 p.m., both at Clear Brook High School.

Dobie, led by first-year head coach Rachel Flores, will also compete in the Whitley Classic. The Longhorns are part

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Peggy Whitley Classic Nov. 7 Action

Clear Brook vs. Dulles
11 a.m., at Brook

Dobie vs. Ridge Point
3:30 p.m., Butler F.H.

Clear Brook vs. Grand Oaks
2 p.m., at Brook

Dobie vs. Atascocita
6:30 p.m., Butler F.H.

Cowboys' peewee team advances

The Sagemont Cowboys' Peewee division youth football program defeated the Hitchcock Red Raiders 39-29 in the first round of the Bay Area Football League playoffs and will now take on the League City 49ers Saturday, Nov. 9, at the home of the Pearland Patriots.

Kickoff is at 8 a.m. The same Cowboys' peewee team won the BAFL Super Bowl a season ago and remain in contention for a repeat but will take on a tough League City program that defeated the Texas City Stingrays 60-25 in the first round of the playoffs The Pearland

Patriots and Manvel Texans will match up in the other peewee division semifinal for a chance to reach the Super Bowl. In the freshman division, Pasadena will take on Bay Area while Hitchcock will go against Manvel in the Final Four for a chance to reach the Super Bowl round.

The Bay Area football league's sophomore division semifinalists include Angleton going against La Porte, while it'll be Bay Area and Hitchcock in the other semifinal.

In the junior division, League City will go against Hitchcock in one semifinal, with Angleton taking on Southeast Houston in the other semifinal.

The senior division Final Four includes League City going against Manvel, while Texas City and Hitchcock will also go head-to-head.

The Bay Area Football League's annual drill competition is Nov. 16, the All-Star game is Nov. 23, and the Super Bowl 48 extravaganza is Dec. 7 at Rice Stadium in Houston.

South Belt football predictions



John Bechtle



Emory Gadd



Troy Leland



Stephen Sutton



Debbie Vaughn

Manvel at Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Manvel
Clear Brook at Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood
Deer Park at Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Deer Park
Kingwood at Humble	Humble	Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood
North Shore at Summer Creek	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Friendswood at Kempner	Friendswood	Kempner	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
Texas City at Iowa Colony	Iowa Colony	Iowa Colony	Iowa Colony	Iowa Colony	Iowa Colony
Cypress Christian at Lutheran South	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA
Clear Creek at Clear Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs
Clear Falls at Clear Lake	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls
Last Week's Results	7-3	6-4	8-2	6-4	8-2
Season record	73-27	77-23	78-22	73-27	82-18

Thompson Lions Girls' Basketball

Date	Opponent
Nov. 13	Scrimmages TBA
Nov. 20	Jackson
Dec. 4	San Jacinto
Dec. 11	at Miller
Dec. 18	Beverly Hills (at Dobie main)
Jan. 8	at Southmore
Jan. 15	Bondy
Jan. 22	at South Houston
Jan. 29-30	7B tourney at Beverly Hills
	8B tourney at Thompson
Feb. 3-4	7A tourney at Southmore
	8A tourney at Jackson

B Division games start at 4:30 p.m., A games follow; Tourney games times TBA

Thompson Lions Boys' Basketball

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Nov. 20	Park View
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Jan. 8	Southmore
Jan. 15	at Bondy
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Beverly Hills Bears Girls' Basketball

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Nov. 13	Scrimmages TBA
Nov. 20	at Park View
Dec. 4	Jackson
Dec. 11	Bondy
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Jan. 15	at San Jacinto
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By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Its Class 6A Division 1 playoff berth already secured, Deer Park has one remaining task at hand as it looks to complete an impressive run of the table within the District 24-6A varsity football race.

But to win the district championship, the Deer will have to defeat defending league champion Dickinson in its own house, Sam Vitanza Stadium in Dickinson Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.

The Deer, new to the 24-6A field beginning this season in accordance with the arrival of the University Interscholastic League's realignment cycle, always figured to bring plenty of tough competition to a district that already included perennial playoff powers such as Dickinson, Clear Springs and Clear Falls.

Now Deer Park, having

already secured at least a share of the league championship courtesy of its 17-14 home victory over Clear Springs Nov. 1 in Deer Park, can secure sole possession of the trophy with a victory over the Gators.

Clear Springs entered action against Deer Park with its own solo Championship hopes, but a late fumble at the Deer Park one-yard line, initially ruled differently by game officials, resulted with the Deer holding on for the win while the Chargers saw their overall win streak again at seven games.

Deer Park and Dickinson will represent 24-6A as the Division 1 postseason representatives and will match up against North Shore and or Atascocita from District 23-6A when the district playoffs begin Nov. 14-16.

It's just a matter of who plays who, and where.

The same can be said for the Division 2 postseason bracket as Clear Springs is the top seed from 24-6A and will host a bidistrict playoff game against anyone of a trio of opponents that could include C.E. King, Humble or Kingwood.

Clear Falls has earned the other division 2 playoff berth out of 24-6A and will travel to take on Summer Creek in the first round.

Summer Creek was the 6A Division 2 Region III champion a season ago and played in the state championship game against eventual state champion DeSoto.

While the four pack of programs including Brazoswood, Clear Brook, Clear Creek and Clear Lake have had little to say about it, Clear Springs,

Deer Park and Dickinson delivered plenty of excitement in the last several weeks of the regular season as the race to the league championship has been one of the most highly contested in the region. Clear Springs struck the first blow with a home win Oct. 25 over the Gators.

But now its Deer Park with the lone remaining opportunity at a solo championship. As luck would have it for the Deer, powerhouse Dickinson stands in the way.

In the key Clear Springs/Deer Park matchup Nov. 1 in Deer Park, the hosts got a five-yard scoring run from Christian Gomen and a 5-yard scoring toss from quarterback Landon Kieselhorst to Jack Paradyz to lead 14-0 at halftime.

The Deer held that same two-touchdown lead

late in the third quarter before the Chargers stunned Deer Park with a pair of scores within a minute to knot the game at 14-14.

A muffed punt and subsequent recovery by the Chargers led to a short field and an eventual three-yard touchdown run by Clear Springs running back Adam Hawkins.

On the ensuing Deer Park possession, Clear Springs' defensive back Joshua Dickey stepped in front of Kieselhorst's third-down pass for an interception and returned the ball 35 yards for a touchdown to tie the game.

Deer Park's Andre Jackson, who has been one of the top defensive players throughout the league this season, forced a key change of possession midway through the fourth quarter with a big tackle for loss on fourth down.

The Deer would eventually get a 38-yard field goal from kicker Xavier Hurtado to lead 17-14 with just over 3 minutes remaining in the game.

Clear Springs began its final drive 93 yards away from paydirt yet came away with a couple of big plays to position itself in scoring range.

On the key play of the night, Clear Springs' quarterback Julian Salazar completed a pass to Hawkins inside the five-yard line, only to have Deer Park defensive back Bryce Medley deliver a big hit that jarred the ball free at the one-yard line.

Officials initially ruled Hawkins down by contact at the one-yard line but then reversed the call to credit Medley with a fumble recovery, essentially providing the game-winner for the Deer.

For as much as Deer

Park has accomplished this season as part of an 8-1 overall record, sole possession of the league championship will indeed be a challenge against host Dickinson.

Bouncing back from a tough loss the previous week to Clear Springs, the Gators retained their share of first place following a 69-28 victory over Clear Falls Nov. 1 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

Falling behind early by a pair of touchdowns, Dickinson subsequently turned four turnovers into 28 points and scored 35 unanswered points all together to improve to 6-3 overall, including 5-1 in 24-6A.

Clear Falls fell to 3-3 in 24-6A play following the loss but clinched a playoff spot after Brazoswood defeated Clear Creek. Clear Lake defeated Clear Brook.

District 24-6A Varsity Football Standings

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

Clear Springs vs. Clear Creek
Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
Challenger Stadium

Clear Brook at Brazoswood
Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
Hopper Field

Clear Falls vs. Clear Lake
Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
CCISD Veterans Stadium

Deer Park at Dickinson
Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
Vitanza Stadium

22-6A varsity football playoff picture in focus

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had scoring receptions. "We could see Alvin's safeties crowding the line of scrimmage in an effort to slow the run, so we felt like it was an excellent opportunity to cut it loose a little bit," Fitzmorris said.

"We are very proud of Will for what he was able to put together. Will did an

outstanding job of throwing the football, and our receivers did a great job of making the plays when they had the opportunity. All in all, it was a great victory for us. Alvin has a solid program in their own right.

"Playing on the road in this district is never easy. We knew we had to have

the win in order to give ourselves a chance in this last week, so as a coaching staff we're very proud of the guys for continuing to believe in the process and just doing whatever it takes to get the job done."

Dobie has rushed for a league-high 2,851 yards through nine games and is averaging 435 total yards

of total offense per game, also a league best. Manvel has allowed just 963 total yards rushing through nine games, so something has to give in the finale.

Manvel quarterback Cam Renfro has passed for 19 touchdowns, including seven to Joshua Irvin and four more to Antoine Wilder.



Dobie receiver Tariq Riley (6) and quarterback Will Joiner III (17) celebrate after hooking up on a 64-yard touchdown play against Alvin Nov. 1. Joiner threw

for a season-high three touchdowns in all as the locals improved to 5-4 overall this season with a remaining game against Manvel. Photo by Gloria Wallace

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
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.
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. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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, 5215 Preston Ave. Pasadena, 77505 Call 713-419-2635 for details.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** See Friday's notice.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for details.
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 Rd., 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.
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 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
10 a.m. **CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
10:30 a.m. **Tri County Republican Women** - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$20. Exact cash or a check requested. To RSVP, visit www.tricountyrvw.club/.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth

Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org. In-person address 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn, at 832-722-9061 for information.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
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 Ballroom Dancing - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, one may ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Clear Lake High School 1984 Lady Falcons volleyball state champions, then and now



In 1984, the Class 5A Lady Falcons' state champion varsity volleyball team members were, left to right, (first row) coach Angie Chivers, assistant coach Janis Balsamo, (second row) Dara Cox Wheeler, Heidi Chumley, Deanna Bazar, Jane Reece, Julie Fournet White, Stacey Branch Bradshaw, Sue Schelfhout, Christine Liller Idinge, Susan Schmitt, Gina Light Cotter, (third row) Missy Godeke, Kathleen Riley, Joelle Condon Brauweiler, B.E. Davis, (fourth row) Moxie Sinclair, Jill Blumenstein Brown, Jennifer Thorson Kosel, Christie Longnecker Courson, Deborah Shelly Huston and Roger Schmitt.

Clear Lake High School's 1984 state champion volleyball team was inducted into the Clear Creek ISD Athletics Hall of Honor in October. Those in attendance were, left to right, (front row) Stacie Branch Bradshaw, Jennifer Thorson Kosel, head coach Angie Chivers, Heidi Chumley, (back row) Sue Schelfhout, assistant coach Janice Balsamo, assistant coach Laurie Briggs, Jill Blumenstein Brown, Gina Light Cotter and Moxie Sinclair.

Clear Creek ISD welcomes 2024 Athletics Hall of Honor inductees

With their friends, family and biggest fans looking on, the eighth class of elite alumni athletes was inducted into the Clear Creek ISD Athletic Hall of Honor on Oct. 19 at the CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium Field-house. The Class of 2024 included two state championship teams and seven student athletes representing three CCISD high schools. Each year, the reception-turned-reunion draws together CCISD alumni from the past several decades, members of the CCISD board of trustees and district administrators, the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor board of directors as well as those who supported the inductees from the stands and sidelines throughout their athletic careers. To qualify for induction in 2024, the nominees must have been a graduate of Webster, Clear Creek, Clear Lake or Clear Brook high schools between the years of 1948 and 2022. "It is truly a privilege to be in the same room with so many who love Clear Creek ISD, and our rich history in athletics, just as I do," said CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor Board President Mary Latulippe in her opening remarks. "Thank you to everyone who took time to be here today, especially those who traveled great distances to help us honor this elite group of individuals." Hall of Honor Board Member, Former CCISD Athletic Director and recent inductee into the Texas High School Athletic Directors Association (THSADA) Hall of Honor Debbie Fuchs served as emcee for the afternoon. Guests were treated to a stirring national anthem, reminiscent of Jimi Hendrix's 1969 iconic rendition, by Clear Springs student and guitarist Jonathan Vance.

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