

#### Leader relocated at Kroger

Copies of the *Leader* have been relocated at the Kroger at Sabo Road and Beltway 8 from near the front door to the left side of the Starbucks inside the store. The relocation was done at the behest of Kroger's management. The *Leader* staff apologizes for any confusion.

#### Orchestra Christmas concerts

The Dobie High School Orchestra will present two Christmas concerts in the Dobie auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. each night. The Freshman Christmas Concert was on Tuesday, Dec. 1, and the Upperclassman Christmas Concert will be on Thursday, Dec. 3. The concert is free to the public.

#### SeAM holds Brown Bag Sale

SeAM Thrift Store, 2006 Houston Blvd. (Hwy. 3) in South Houston, will hold a Brown Bag Sale on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items included will be clothes, shoes and purses. The cost is \$5 per bag plus tax.

#### Lariaettes host dance clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Winter Dance Clinic Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dobie High, with a parent show at 3 p.m. in the gym. The clinic is open to pre-K through 12th grade. This is a great opportunity to let a son or daughter spend a day dancing, playing games and doing crafts with the Lariaettes while parents do some Christmas shopping. Lunch will be provided. Preregistration is \$40, or \$50 at the door, cash or money order only. Participants will also have the opportunity to perform in the Lariaette Spring Show on April 28-30. For more information, contact Christy Gonzalez at [chrstygznls@yahoo.com](mailto:chrstygznls@yahoo.com).

#### Christmas Parade Dec. 6

The Highland Meadow Christmas Light Parade is set to take place Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be given for the best decorated entry in adult and child categories. Parade lineup will be at 5 p.m. For more information, registration form or route, contact Rudy Alafa at [alafa20@yahoo.com](mailto:alafa20@yahoo.com) or 281-415-8003.

#### Christmas light contest set

Highland Meadow will hold its annual Christmas light contest on either Dec. 7 or 8, depending on the weather. Judging will begin at 6 p.m. Categories will include most religious, most colorful, most spirit and most creative.

#### Craft fair at high school

The Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School will hold a craft/vendor fair on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$1 per person or one canned good. The school is located at 1348 Geneva Red Bluff Road. All proceeds will benefit the Class of 2016. For additional information, call 713-740-5320 or email [ree@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:ree@pasadenaisd.org).

#### Highland Meadow to meet

The monthly meeting of the Highland Meadow HOA will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Questions prior to the meeting may be directed to Michael Quast with C.I.A. Services Inc. at 713-981-9000 or at [customer@ciaservices.com](mailto:customer@ciaservices.com).

#### ExxonMobil retirees luncheon

ExxonMobil retirees and guests (no solicitations) are invited to attend the Space Center ExxonMobil Retiree Club's Diamonds and Denim holiday luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Bay Area Community Center at 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

Fellowship is from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by a short business meeting including installation of 2016 officers and board members.

RSVP to Gillian Ford no later than noon on Monday, Dec. 7, at 281-482-4305. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 for nonmembers and guests, and \$10 for club members. Prospective members are entitled to one luncheon at no cost.

#### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 7. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least two northbound and two southbound main lanes and frontage roads on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Dec. 7. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

#### Bynum seeks blood cells

South Belt resident Milton "Pete" Bynum is seeking donations of white blood cells to help fight his fungal and bacterial infections. Interested parties should contact Program Coordinator Virgil Reddy at 713-794-1325 or [vreddy@mdanderson.org](mailto:vreddy@mdanderson.org).

## Precinct 2 deputy opens fire on suspect

### Suspect reportedly rammed squad car after burglarizing parents' house

A deputy from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office opened fire on a suspect who repeatedly rammed his patrol car early Wednesday, Nov. 25, during a pursuit near the Sageglen subdivision.

The incident began around 1:15 a.m. 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.

Garza 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.

#### College Place BMVs

Burglaries of motor vehicles continue to take place in the South Belt area, prompting ABC-13 to run a story about the crimes on Monday, Nov. 30. The ABC story focused on BMVs in the College Place subdivision, where multiple crimes have been reported in the past two weeks. Surveillance footage of the break-ins shows at least four men casually walking down the street checking for unlocked cars.

## Shots fired through windshield



Precinct 2 Deputy Julian Garza's patrol vehicle is shown above with three bullet holes in the windshield. Garza fired the shots in self defense after burglary suspect, Luis Robles, repeatedly rammed into the deputy's car during a pursuit in the 10100 block of Scarsdale early Wednesday, Nov. 25. After bailing out of his vehicle and fleeing on foot, Robles, 22, was apprehended without further incident in the parking lot of a nearby townhouse complex. He had allegedly burglarized his parents' home earlier in the evening. No one was injured.

Photo submitted

## Leader to hold Christmas drive

The holiday season is here, and once again it's time for the *Leader's* annual Christmas program.

Now in its 33rd year, the program provides food and toys to area families in need. The drive has grown from helping around 20 families the first year to more than 80 in 2014.

Area schools now play a much larger role, with local campuses not only collecting food and toys to donate but also providing information to the newspaper about which families need the most assistance.

Past participants include Atkinson, Moore, Stuchbery, South Belt and Frazier elementary schools, Melillo Middle School, Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediate schools and Dobie High School.

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

Desired items include toys for children of all

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

All gifts should be new and unwrapped.

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

All applicants must undergo a screening process to determine the family's need. This is done through various means, including verification from school nurses. To qualify, one must be a South Belt area resident and possess one form of identification verifying the address.

The *Leader* will accept applications from Monday, Dec. 7, to Monday, Dec. 14. First-time applicants must apply in person at 11555 Beamer on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only. Former applicants may apply for assistance online at [www.southbeltleader.com](http://www.southbeltleader.com).

## Melillo to host annual Jingle Bell Jog

Melillo Middle School, 9220 Hughes Road, will host its second annual Jingle Bell Jog at the school on Saturday, Dec. 5.

In addition to the race, the event will feature a disc jockey, a drawing for a turkey and other activities.

Everyone is encouraged to wear holiday gear. Entry fee per person is two nonperishable food items or one new unwrapped toy to be turned in

the day of the event at registration.

All toys and food collected will go toward the *South Belt-Ellington Leader's* annual Christmas drive.

Registration and shirt pickup will begin at 8 a.m. The race will start at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, email Melillo science teacher Michelle Rush at [mrush@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:mrush@pasadenaisd.org) or call 713-740-5260.

## Beltway bridge becomes EZ TAG only

In January 2016, the Sam Houston Tollway Ship Channel Bridge will transition to EZ TAG only. Frequent commuters should prepare now by purchasing an EZ TAG if they do not already have one.

#### Eases congestion

The Ship Channel Bridge is serving more drivers than ever before. Between 2011 and 2014, transactions at the toll plaza increased by more than 25 percent. Today, EZ TAG traffic at the plaza exceeds available capacity during peak travel times, and transactions are expected to grow another 15 percent by 2017. The transition to EZ TAG-only lanes will allow more vehicles to flow through the plaza at a time, and ease traffic congestion resulting from this continued growth.

#### Improves safety

Growing traffic volume at the Ship Channel Bridge toll plaza means increasing numbers of vehicles are required to make lane changes to pay tolls, and stopped traffic must merge with high-speed EZ TAG traffic within a very limited distance. The transition to EZ TAG-only lanes will allow traffic to flow better and more safely through the plaza and on the bridge. The improved traffic flow over the Ship Channel Bridge

will also enable emergency vehicles to pass more quickly.

#### Costs less

The reduced operational costs of electronic toll collection, compared to the costs of manual cash collection, have always been reflected by a lower EZ TAG toll rate than the cash rate. Customers who currently pay cash at the Ship Channel Bridge toll plaza will pay a lower toll rate by switching to EZ TAG.

#### What to expect

The Ship Channel Bridge will be closed the weekend of Jan. 9 to allow for the conversion to be completed. When it reopens the following week, the bridge will feature EZ TAG-only tolling; cash toll payment will no longer be accepted in the lanes at this location. To use this road, all drivers will need either an EZ TAG or other acceptable Texas toll tag.

#### How to prepare

Those who don't have an EZ TAG can set up an account any time using a major credit/debit card or bank account. Online account management makes it easy to update payment information, order new tags, review toll charges and more. For more information on setting up an EZ TAG account, visit [www.hctra.org](http://www.hctra.org).

## Early runoff voting underway

Early voting for the City of Houston's Dec. 12 runoff election began Wednesday, Dec. 2, and will continue through Tuesday, Dec. 8.

To be decided are the race for mayor, city controller and four at-large City Council seats.

Competing to replace term-limited Houston Mayor Annise Parker are state Rep. Sylvester Turner and businessman Bill King, while Bill Frazer and Chris Brown are vying for the position of city controller.

South Belt residents should be aware that while the International Brotherhood of Electrical

Workers Hall on Allen Genoa has served as an early voting location in years past, it is not one this year.

Local early voting polling locations include the Harris County Courthouse Annex No. 25 at 7330 Spencer Highway and the Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane.

Polling hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Dec. 5; 1 to 6 p.m. on Dec. 6; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 7-8.

For more information or to see a complete list of polling locations, visit [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org).

## Plumbing issue causes headache

A Sagemont resident is grateful to once again have working plumbing after a nearly two-week hiatus, thanks in large part to the actions of the *Leader* staff.

Gloria Newsome of the 11300 block of Sagewillow initially complained to the City of Houston Friday, Nov. 20, that a rupture in her main sewer line had caused a sink hole in her yard along her fence line, compromising the plumbing inside her home.

While a city crew was quick to respond to the issue and put up barricade tape and cones as a safety precaution, it neglected to return and fix

the problem for nearly two weeks, leaving Newsome without plumbing and preventing her from using the restroom in her own home.

When multiple pleas to the city for help went unanswered, Newsome contacted the *Leader* for assistance in the matter. The *Leader*, in turn, contacted Alvin Wright of the city's Public Works and Engineering Department. The following day, Wright had a work crew at Newsome's home, where it would stay until the job was complete.

Newsome is glad to have the work completed. "So far, so good," Newsome said. "It's finally been taken care of, and I'm happy about that."

## County awards Beamer design contract

Harris County Commissioner's Court recently approved awarding the contract to design the project to reconstruct Beamer from Dixie Farm Road to Tall Ships Lane to Lockwood Andrews & Newnam, Inc.

The endeavor involves completely replacing roughly 2.6 miles of the existing street. At this stage of the design phase, it is unclear whether the construction will incorporate new curbs and gutters for drainage purposes or just continue to use existing ditches.

Despite a recent change in design that would have kept Beamer as a two-lane street, county officials have now gone back to the original plan of expanding the area thoroughfare to four lanes.

Such a plan, however, is not without its challenges, as more than 80 pipelines are located along that stretch of road, according to Project Coordinator Larry Allen.

"It's a significant effort," Allen said.

Designers must either maneuver around the

pipelines or physically move them, a costly endeavor.

The design phase will take at least one year to complete, Allen said.

Replacing this section of Beamer is the second phase of a larger project to extend the area street to West Bay Area Boulevard.

A joint project between Harris County and the Texas Department of Transportation, Phase I will extend Beamer roughly one mile from Tall Ships Lane, the street's current dead end in the Heritage Park subdivision.

The project also involves constructing a detention pond south of El Dorado and a sound barrier from Tall Ships to El Dorado.

Allen said Phase I is currently around 30 percent complete. The \$10.3 million project is expected to be 100 percent complete by next summer, with a target date of July 2016.

Allen is hopeful work on Phase II will begin shortly after Phase I is complete.

## Candidate King visits South Belt



*Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger hosted a meet and greet Sunday, Nov. 29, for South Belt community leaders to get to know businessman Bill King (second from left), who is running for the position of Houston mayor. Shown above with King at the function are, left to right, Precinct 76 Chair Heather Harris, state House District 129 Rep. Dennis Paul, Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon and her husband John and Senate District 6 Committeeman Chris McDonald.

Photo by Sami Khaleeq

# In My Opinion

## Waits favors new leadership in King

Houston's leadership is coming under growing pressure. Mayor Parker attempted to share power with the GLBT when she tried an end run around the voters with the Hero Ordinance. When the pastors in Houston's churches led their congregations to oppose HERO, she insisted they send her copies of their sermons. That is when Mayor Parker's vision of "men in women's restrooms" crashed, while some of her backers, like Sylvester Turner, supported the HERO Ordinance in Houston's recent election. In that election a true leader for Houston emerged. Bill King did not think the HERO Ordinance was what our city needed, and most voters did not either.

In that election, HERO was defeated and Bill King became the best candidate for Houston's mayor. On December 12 the voters will be able to sweep out the old politics by voting in Bill King, and turning back Turner for his 3rd mayoral attempt.

Bill King will make sure that HERO will not make a comeback - Turner has stated that he will give it another chance if he is elected. King will also clean up the City Pension mess that Turner thinks is just fine and he will kick it down the road again. This is also true for the problems within the crime lab, overtime, health clinics, road repairs, drainage fees, and getting crimes solved.

The new leadership will look at the problem of growing used tires accumulating around the city. Bill King is developing a strategy of utilizing the old tires with the pothole filler to smooth out Houston's mounting backlog of road repairs. This will improve our traffic flow while it removes the unsightly, dangerous, and unhealthy mountains of used tires. New leadership is needed to see what new technologies need to be adopted and implemented by Houston.

Bill King will act on our mounting fiscal problems that Turner chooses to kick down the road - this includes bringing the city employees' pension plans in line with the comparable plans of the city taxpayers.

New leadership will make positive changes in the Crime Lab that will make it more efficient and cost effective. A review of all city functions and manpower will be conducted and improved where needed.

New leadership will require that all vehicles will be required to be registered and insured. If a vehicle is pulled over and not compliant with the vehicle requirement, it will be towed and not released until the requirements are met. This change has worked very successfully in Dallas, and will in Houston if the Bill King is elected.

Please join me in electing Bill King as the new mayor of Houston, and watch the city we love begin to look like, and function as the 4th largest city in the U.S.

Thank you, Gary Waits

## McCrutcheon backs Davis for City Council

Willie Davis - A Servant Leader for Houston

## Tax-Aide volunteers sought

Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, Houston-area AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help about 50,000 low-income taxpayers and those who are age 60 and over. For the 2016 tax season, volunteers are needed now for two weekly four-hour shifts as a Tax-Aide tax counselor, greeter, technology coordinator or administrator. Training will be provided in January at local Clear Lake-area churches. Speakers of Spanish and English are especially needed. Learn more and sign up at [www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8](http://www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8) (English only).

## Local library events set

### Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Thursday, Dec. 3, 4 p.m. - Movie Madness. Feature presentation is *Polar Express*, rated G. Friday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m. - Movie Time for Adults. Feature presentation will be *Roman Holiday*. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 3 to 4:30 p.m. - Workforce Solutions will present a workshop on resumes.

Wednesdays - Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Thursdays - Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays - Vietnamese Storytime. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

### Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for December at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint Road.

On Saturday, Dec. 5, the library will hold citizenship classes from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The course is free and is designed to guide participants through the naturalization process, prepare them for the interview, and to help increase chances of becoming a U.S. citizen.

Para los Ninos Storytime is held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, Toddler Storytime will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by Toddler Play Group at 11 a.m.

Santa Claus will be at the library on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday noon to 8 p.m., Friday 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

## First Baptist donates 100 Thanksgiving baskets



For the second consecutive year, First Baptist Church - South Houston, in partnership with the Pasadena Independent School District Office of Special Programs, donated 100 Thanksgiving baskets to PISD families. This year, the church provided nearly three times the number of baskets. Recipients were recommended by the district's Homeless and Migrant Campus Case Managers. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Dee Ramirez, Lidia Pena, Jennifer Valencia, (back row) Neitzzy Retta, James Borrego, Ana Gonzalez and Deborah Blakeslee. Photo submitted

## Stuchbery Accelerated Readers



Several Stuchbery Elementary fourth-grade students in Domingo Flores' class achieved their A/R (Accelerated Reader) goals for the month of October. Students who achieve the monthly goal get to enjoy snowcones with Flores. October A/R students are, left to right, (front) Josiah Hamlin, Ivan Sanchez, Julian Cavazos, Xavier Sanchez, (background) Alyssa Mata and Desire Cisneros. Photo submitted

## BMX show at Meador



Meador Elementary students selling two cases of World's Finest Chocolate were treated to a show put on by the Lone Star Action Sports Team, a BMX Stunt Team. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) top seller fourth-grader Adrian Hernandez, Pre-K student Emily Rossett, (back row) Jaren Grob, skater; Assistant Principal Amy Clowers; Principal Beverly Bolton; Lane George, stunt bike rider; and John Shaw, stunt bike rider. Photo submitted

# THE CONSTABLE CARES

## Preventing car burglaries, thefts

By Constable Christopher E. Diaz, Harris County Precinct 2

With the approaching holiday season upon us, we need to be aware that car burglaries and theft of contents from the inside of parked vehicles increases peak during this time. As people visit malls and businesses to shop we should be mindful of our surroundings. According to the Department of Public Safety (2014), a vehicle is stolen in Texas every 8 minutes, and a vehicle is burglarized every 2 minutes. Collectively, this amounts to over 68,000 annual car thefts and 261,166 thefts from cars. The data collected by Texas police agencies reveals alarming statistics. For example:

- Texas ranked #2 in the nation in car thefts, behind California.
- Ford trucks, followed by Chevrolet and Dodge trucks accounted for 66% of all vehicle thefts.
- The Honda Civic was the most popular car to steal in Texas.
- The average loss of each individual theft was \$790.00.
- The most commonly stolen items are small electronics, CDs, personal belongings, car seats, and shopping packages and bags.
- Stereo, wheels, airbags, truck tailgates, lights, mirrors, and catalytic converters accounted for most commonly stolen parts from vehicles.

### Targets

Criminals take opportunities to steal property when the property is relatively unsecured. Vehicles without trunks with exposed personal property, electronics, and anything of value are favorite targets. When there are briefcases, day planners, wallets and purses, jewelry, keys, mail, or anything of value easily visible, criminals will break a window or open unlocked doors to steal the property.

**What the burglar sees**  
Malls and parking lots are favorite places, as there are many vehicles, many unsus-

pecting drivers, low lighting conditions, and few people loitering around the parking areas. Also, the risk of apprehension is low, and the burglar does not usually experience any difficulty in selling computers and laptops, electronic gadgets, cell phones, MP3 players, GPS units, backpacks, etc. Some burglars steal checkbooks, cash, credit or debit cards, and private mail. They then either sell or exploit the owner name to steal their identity.

In increasing instances, expensive vehicles, and those which have been observed leaving a business such as a jewelry store or a bank, are specific targets for criminals and gangs. Often, an armed gunman will approach a driver at a red light or intersection, or in a parking lot and demand that the driver leave the vehicle under the threat of deadly force. In some cases, the "car-jackers," will shoot or stab a driver, leaving serious injuries or fatal wounds. Carjacking involves the use or threatened use of deadly force to steal the vehicle, and fit within the Texas Penal Code definition of aggravated robbery, which is a taking of property by force, threat of force, or by causing injury or death.

It is important to realize that in a carjacking situation, the safest course of action is to allow the perpetrator to take the possessions and property he or she is demanding under threat of deadly force. Too many owners have been seriously wounded or killed in an attempt to prevent the loss of property that may easily be replaced. It is much easier to replace an insured or protected item than it is to recover from a stab wound, gunshot, or a fatal injury. The better form of judgment is to consider obtaining a detailed physical description of the suspect(s) and reporting immediately to the police.

**Prevent being victimized**  
There are many precau-

tions to be taken to avoid a car burglary or theft. The following list details preventative measures to reduce risk and increase protection.

1. Take, Lock, Hide. This campaign has been successful in convincing owners to take possessions and valuables out of the vehicle or place them out of plain view or in their trunk. Hiding property is the least preventative measure to be taken.
2. Lock your vehicle, all doors, and ensure the windows are completely raised.
3. Set alarms or anti-theft devices.
4. Park in well-lit areas.
5. In after-market electronics, take the faceplate or place it in the trunk
6. Record serial numbers, make, models and brands
7. Consider placing identifying information on items with engraver (drivers license number, NOT social security number or date of birth, as these may inspire identity theft).
8. Be aware of your surroundings and report suspicious activity. Any of the below would be suspicious:
  - Persons hanging out in the areas adjacent to parking lots.
  - Persons disseminating handbills and flyers on vehicles.
  - Persons disembarking from a vehicle, with the vehicle continuing to cruise in the parking lot.
  - Persons walking to cars

and lifting the handles in search of unlocked doors.

9. When possible, travel in small groups, as a suspect is less likely to attempt a multiple offense when alone. However, while risk is diminished, there are some criminals who work in teams.

10. Do not leave the garage door opener in plain view.

11. Devices such as steering wheel locks and locking wheel nuts prevent thefts.

12. Never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running.

13. Be careful with car sales, as thieves may pose as potential buyers. Do not let the buyer go alone to test drive the car. Be careful with accepting personal or bank checks. If in doubt, contact the bank.

14. If your trunk can be opened from inside the vehicle, lock this feature when you leave. Do not use "hide-a-key" as thieves know how or where to detect these.

By following these simple guidelines, you will prevent the likelihood of car burglary or theft, and will enjoy a safe and secure holiday season.

For more information or to schedule a crime prevention presentation to your community or group, contact the office of Constable Chris Diaz at 713-477-2766 or email [info@hccp2.com](mailto:info@hccp2.com). The office is located at 101 S. Richey, Ste. C in Pasadena.

# Deaths

## Peggy Ann Bevill



Peggy Ann Bevill, 62, died peacefully at home Friday, Nov. 27, 2015. She was born on May 27, 1953, in Bethany, Mo.

Bevill is survived by her husband of 40 years, Gordon Bevill, daughter Camie Bevill, son Cody Bevill, daughter-in-law Courtney Bevill, grandson Kohen Bevill, sister Carolyn Van Houtan and brother Don Baker.

Gordon and Peggy were

married June 7, 1975. Peggy was a longtime employee of Food Town and a resident of the South Belt area. She was known to be hardworking with a good sense of humor.

The memorial service celebrating Bevill's life will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, at Niday Funeral Home - Beamer Chapel.

## Mildred Ruth Crockett



Mildred "Millie" Ruth Crockett, 70, died on

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015, after battling cancer. She was born Nov. 26, 1944, in Bellaire, Ohio, to Mary Leila Hammond and Marvin Ralph Gormley.

She graduated from Millby High School in 1962, where she was a member of the bowling club. She spent her career as an X-ray technician in Tucson, Ariz., and in Houston before retiring in 2007. She was a member of Sagemont Baptist Church.

Crockett is survived by her daughter, Toby Kilgore; siblings Dan Gormley and Linda George; nephew Shannon George; and niece Stacey Montemayor.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Millie Crockett to Friends for Life Animal Shelter & Sanctuary, 107 E. 22nd St., Houston, TX 77008.

## Holiday Tree Lighting & Kwanzaa Celebration on Almeda Dec. 12

On Saturday, Dec. 12, Council Member Dwight Boykins will host the second annual Holiday Tree Lighting & Kwanzaa Celebration on Almeda. Festivities will begin at 4 p.m. with live music, a one-of-a-kind fashion show and an interactive Kwanzaa Village.

In 2014, the free event attracted an audience of more than 2,000 people.

The Holiday Tree Lighting & Kwanzaa Celebration on Almeda is the official kick-off for the holiday season and is free of charge. The show features live performances by J. Paul Jr. and the Zydeco Nubreeds, Kwanzaa Drummers and Dancers, and Coldwell Elementary, among

others. Santa will also be on site for photos with children and the event also offers a fantastic kids zone, which includes a rock climbing wall.

Guests have the opportunity to enjoy a holiday beverage and food available from vendor stands and food trucks. Santa and Council Member Dwight Boykins will light a towering holiday tree, glowing with colorful Christmas lights and shimmering ornaments followed by a one-of-a-kind fireworks display.

This event is free and open to the public.

Title sponsor is Visit Houston/Houston First. Sponsors are Houston Southeast, Cigna, H-E-B, Centerpoint Energy, Verizon, AT&T and the Mayor's Office of Special Events.

For more information, visit <http://www.districtholidayhouston.com/>.

## Genealogy group meets Dec. 7

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Dec. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer.

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

Spring classes begin

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# J. Frank Dobie High School announces second six-weeks honor rolls

J. Frank Dobie High School recently released its second six-weeks honor rolls for the 2015-2016 school year. Students earning status are:

**Ninth grade Honor roll**  
Alondra Acevedo, Karla Daniela Alfaro Dimas, Alexandra Yosefin Andrade Ortiz, Brisa Antunez-Vargas, Olivia Gracianne Aranda, Josiah Elias Constanze Arenas, Arismendi Arysty, Elyssa Karmen Armenta, Rachel Arroyo Espinoza, Victoria Noemi Ayala and Ulvi Baktashi.

Corina Gisselle Banda, Madeline Berosppe, Christian Antoine Blackmon, Deon Jady Brown, Johnathan Al-Elen Brown-Klawuhn, Braelyn Jayde Burk, Meloni Camacho, Roberto Elias Campa, Christel Chantel Carpio Moni, Alyssa Lauren Carrico and Yazmine Athena Carrillo.

Iasis Lachelle Carrington, Jadda Marie Carter, Connor Anthony Caughlin, Elsa Ceiballos, Diocelina Chavez-Sanchez, Erik Cruz Cisneros, Tania Lashaun Collier, Sara Elaine Cortez, Angela Leticia Cruz, Luis Alberto De Jesus, Xian Alexander De La Garza and Kevin Dinh.

Jacklynn Le Duong, Katelynn Nguyen Duong, Tiffany Tram Duong, Elizabeth Bettye Early, Osasere Edo-Ewansiha, Mariela Elizondo, Adriana Escamilla, Angela Escamilla, Eric Escobedo, Jonathan Caleb Escobedo, Celine Nicole Espinosa, Destiny Ciara Estes and Emily Jovanna Estrada.

Carlos Enrique Figueroa, Joseph Venancio Flores, Katherine Flores, Rubin Flores, Atziri Galarza, Ana Isabel Gallardo, Jonathan Anthony Gomez, Natasha Rae Gangestad, Miranda Teresa Garcia Valdes, Jennifer Marcela Garcia, Krystalyn Rae Garcia and Yaleyty Leslie Garcia.

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Victoria Lauren Gonzalez, Daija Danielle Green, Karen Anh Green, Keishon Denae Groves, Jacqueline Marlene Guadarama, Elvis Domingo Guerra, Gisselle Guerra, Bianca Gabriela Guerrero, Megan Tien Harris, Carmen Paola Hernandez Iruab and Daniel Alexander Hernandez.

Katelyn Nicole Hernandez, Natalie Yamilet Hernandez, Roxanne Nicole Hernandez, Sofia Raquel Hernandez, Sofia Sofia Pena, Dominique Desiree Peralta and Alfredo Perez.  
Minh-Triet Ngoc Pham, Rachel Pham, Amy Nhi Phan, Khoi Kevin Phan, Joshua Allen Phan-Coy, Dominick Dante Pittman, Taylor Tress Pleasants, Rijja Rasool, Roberto Emmanuel Raul, Faith Renteria, Alexa Reyes, Hugo Cesar Rios, Ashley Crystal Rivera and Sara Kay Robison.

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Annellie Lana Mata, Alejandra Monserrat Mendez, Ezequiel Mendez, Erik Taylor Millis, Kaleb R. Monroe, Lisette Montalvo, Alondra Montelongo, Adrian Cristobal Montez, Jose Francisco Montiel Morales, Azul Itzel Mora Campos, Alejandro Moreno and Kristopher E. Morris.

Miah Lee Muniz, Jade Janae Nanez, Luis Andres Neira, Anh Thu Ngoc Ngo, Jeany Phan Ngo, Judy Ngo, Quoc-Truong George Ngo, Tuyen Mong Nguyen, Aaron Tyler Viet Nguyen, Alan Tui Nguyen, Andy Nguyen, Anh Ngoc Tu Nguyen and Bao Tran Nguyen.

Dalila Thao Nguyen, Dan-

ny Huy Nguyen, Elena Tran Nguyen, Jennifer Ngoc Nguyen, Justin Khang Nguyen, Khanh Mai Nguyen, Michelle Kim Nguyen, Natalie Mai Nguyen, Nikki Mai Nguyen, Randy Quang Nguyen, Ronald Tai Nguyen, Tai Tri Nguyen and Thy Doan Anh Nguyen.

Tiffany Ngoc Nguyen, Kevin Nunez, Precious Udodirim Oguamanam, Gabriela Olvera, Kassandra Mabelin Olvera, Katherine Valeria Orta, Alana Evonne Ortega, Melissa Osuna, Sara Christine Otwell, Wendy Marie Pantoja, Cayla Sofia Pena, Dominique Desiree Peralta and Alfredo Perez.

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Tyra Raejean Adams, Larry Herrera Aguirre, Adela-Marie Alanis, Pedro Alba, Raymond Alba, Thomas Alberto Aleman, Ja'Myriah Alexandria Anderson, Bailie McKenna Ankenbruck, Francesca Marie Arellano, Luis Omar Arellano, Rogelio Armenta and Clarissa Marie Arredondo.

Denise Rose Avalos, Louise Angel Ayala, Doan Kim Anh, Nicholas Aaron Barrientos, Garrett Raul Barrientos, Hillary Veronica Bauldua, Ce'briana Janae Rynicia Bell, Trinity Myshell Blockmon, Daniel Giovanni Botello, Kimberly Nhu Bui, Lily Uyen Bui and Ramon Cahue.

Miranda Fabiola Calderon, Caleb Chandler Campbell, Victor Xavier Campuzano, Christian Mike Cano, Kathy Cantu, Alyssa Maria Cardenas, Adamaris Celeste Ceja, Alyssa Isabel Chapa, Nathan Rene Chapa, Kimberly Ruby Chew, Jalen Morris Clark and Demaujay Rondell Cook.

Enrique Cordova, Cuauhtemoc Cornejo, Itzamari Corral, David Fernando Cortes, Ashli Amelia Cruz, Jessie Elizabeth Cruz, Jose Andres Cruz, Alexander G. Cuaping, Jackelyn Jinheth Davila, Julissa Vanesa Davila, Deishawn Davis, Andrea Del Villar Martinez and Daniel Michael Delarosa.

Graciella Del Rosario Delgado, Allyson Adriana Diaz, Vi Diem Diep, Thuy Thi Dinh, Natalie Michelle Diosdado, Rodrigo Diosdado, Miguel Aniel Elizarraras, Henry Lee Ellis, Mark Todd Embrey, Rianna Denise Emmett, Joel Alfredo Erazo, Alex Jacob Estala and Alfredo Estrada.

April Jestine Estrada, Zachary Taylor Fernandez, Maria Jose Figueroa, Eduardo Francisco Flores, Robert Garcia Flores, Charlotte Elizabeth Ford, Karina Frias, Alex Giovanni Fuentes, Michelle

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Angel Anh Nguyen, Dominic Minh Nguyen, Emily Quynh Nguyen, Justin Hoang Nguyen, Nam The Nguyen, Sean Hung Nguyen, Thi Ngoc Nguyen, Tina Nguyen, Tommy Thai Nguyen, Trinh Nguyen, Vincent Thanh Trung Nguyen, Vy Thuan Thao Nguyen and Huy Quang Ninh.

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Leslie Ashley Rodriguez-Rangel, Xochitl Kimberly Romero, Erika Rubio, Melissa Ruiz, Ruby Renee Ruiz, Jason Matthew Napoles Sabal, Valerie Alexandra Sahagun, Angelyn Marie Sanchez, Kazzandra Rico Sanchez and Noe Rolando Sanchez.

Joseph Emil Sargent, Alexandria Nicole Saucedo, Bryon Scott Schwausch, Amentanese Jashae Simien, Breanna L. Smith, Tyrique Da Shawn Smith, Andy P. Hung Ta, Victoria Ta, Jazmin Tabarez, Jeremy Rey Tajonera, Adrian Tamez, Amber Nicole Terrell and Laquavious D. Thomas.

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Sami Lin Yu, Monica Aidee Zabala and Stefany Elizabeth Zamora.

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Kianna Rochelle Banks, Kierra Roshun Banks, Bryce Alexander Baptiste, Kevin M. Bariya, Brianna Alexis Barrientos, Sean Michael Bayne, Chance Dennis Bittle, Allison Marie Bravo, Joseph Daylison Broussard, Ashley Monet Butler, Marissa Chanel Butler and Shanycie Marie Cabrales.

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Jordan Emmanuel Cervantes, Andrea Chapa, Diana Sarahi Chapa, Isabel Mercedes Chavez, Danielle Daviona Claiborne, Breanna Ja'Sanay Coleman, La-Dayjah Rykell Elise Cook, Emily Elizabeth Corona, Alyssa Victoria Corpus, Erick O. Covarrubias and Nathan Andrew Covarrubias.

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Pictured above are, left to right, (front row) Giselle Legoff, Melody Weaver, Starrlyte Jodway, Donnie Robinson, Ramon Ceja, Dominic Baptiste, (back row) Henry McCoy and teacher Glenda Sears.



Second-grade students at Stuchbery Elementary School celebrated Thanksgiving by re-enacting the first Thanksgiving feast.



Second-grade teacher James Maslonka (back center) with students, (front row) Blessing Akinloye, Lintzie Miranda, (back row) Brandon Jackson and Jayden Summerlin.



Left to right, (front) Jordan Obregon, Natalia Garcia and (back) Avian Arredondo smile for a photo.

## Carter Lomax MS Career Day a success

The faculty and students at Carter Lomax Middle School offered sincere thanks to the many community members who attended Carter Lomax Middle School's annual Career Day

on Wednesday, Nov. 18, and shared their personal and business stories with the students.

Teachers and students alike commented on how interactive the professionals

were, how much students learned from and enjoyed the visitors and how grateful they were that community members partner with Carter Lomax for the betterment of the students.



Pictured are, left to right, Principal Norma Penny, Pam Tingle, Cynthia Guerrero, Emilio DeLosSantos, David Miller, Donna Silva, Jennifer Johnson, Laura Whittenton, Michelle Horswell, Cynthia Pena, (middle row) Officer Bobby Keen, Edward

Cervantes, Eddie Perez, Xavier Bernal, Emmanuel Cavazos, Charles Swan, Christi Clark-Bonar, Lyndsey Fielding, Derek Ortt, (back row) William Minter, Tony Mickle, Rodney Cook, James Swain, Fabian Lopez, C.H. Ibarra and Dawona Miles.

## Bush kindergarten enjoys Thanksgiving Feast

Kindergarten students at Laura Bush Elementary celebrated a Thanksgiving feast with their parents on Nov. 19.



Principal Debbie Barrett (standing) visits with students, left to right, Ava Trevino, Isabella Rosales, Kimmie Escuadra and Luca Gracia.



Students enjoying the Thanksgiving feast with their parents are, left to right, (front row) Ashley Lara, Dylan Santiago, Heiby Munoz, Kevin Flores, (middle row) Dayra Rojas, Cruz Jasso, Alexis Gonzalez, (back row) Nadia Mares, Silvia Jasso, Cruz Jasso, Assistant Principal Maria Hernandez and Maria Gonzalez.

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# CCISD Science Magnet information meetings scheduled

If a child has a passion for science, they might be interested in learning about the Science Magnet Program at Seabrook Intermediate School, 2401 Meyer Street in Seabrook.

All fifth-grade students in the Clear Creek Independent School District are eligible to apply to the Science Magnet Program for their sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade years.

There will be several student and parent information meetings to learn about the Science Magnet Program and the application process.

Attendees will be able to meet teachers, tour the campus, meet current and former students, and have an opportunity to ask questions. The same information will be presented at all meetings.

Parents and students only need to attend one meeting.

**Science Magnet Information Meetings (English)**

Where: Seabrook Intermediate School cafeteria

When:

- Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m.

Contact Jan Larsen at Seabrook Intermediate at [jlarsen@ccisd.net](mailto:jlarsen@ccisd.net) or visit the CCISD website at [www.ccisd.net](http://www.ccisd.net) for more information about the Science Magnet Program.

\*\*Application information is presented during the meeting. Applications are currently not available.

# Harris Co. Precinct 8 K-9 wins top award

Harris County Precinct 8 Deputy Billy Williams and his K-9 partner, Storm, took first place in narcotics detection at the 2015 Texas K-9 Officer Conference and Trials recently.

K-9 units from all over the country came to Houston for the conference where they were able to attend workshops and compete in different categories.

"This was a huge honor for Precinct 8 and we are so proud of the hard work put forth by Deputy Williams and Storm that made this accomplishment possible," stated Jason Finnen, Chief Deputy, Harris County Precinct 8 Constable's Office.

Constable Phil Sandlin authorized the formation of a K-9 program for Precinct 8 in 2012. Storm was the precinct's first K-9 and was acquired following a generous donation from K9s4Cops, a local organization that provides trained police dogs to agencies who would otherwise not be able to afford the costs.

"Storm, a Belgian Malinois born on Jan. 12, 2011, comes from a great bloodline. His grandfather was actually a Dutch National Champion," added Finnen.

Storm is highly trained and is proficient in narcotics

detection. He is a great asset to Precinct 8 and to surrounding agencies when the need for a dog of his expertise is needed.

Williams was selected to be Storm's handler and both hit the streets in October 2012 following several weeks of intense training and certifications.

Since then, they have done an excellent job and are responsible for numerous narcotics arrests and seizures of illegal drugs as well as drug proceeds.

Sandlin was so pleased with the results of Storm and his abilities, that late last year he authorized the application of a grant to fund a second K-9.

In February, K9s4Cops approved the grant and K-9 "Evo" became part of the Precinct 8 team. Evo is a Belgian Malinois born on Nov. 2, 2012, in Holland. He is certified in obedience, article search, area search, tracking, building search, aggression control and narcotics detection.

Evo and his handler, Deputy James Wingfield, began patrolling the streets of Precinct 8 in March 2015.

To find out more about the work K9s4Cops are doing, visit the website at [k9s4cops.org](http://k9s4cops.org).

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRANCES!**  
**Frances Valigura** celebrates a birthday Dec. 5. Best wishes are sent from husband **Carl**, children **David** and wife **Katha**, **Donna** and husband **Gary**, **Deborah Lea**, and **Carl Wayne** and wife **LuAnn**. Their 13 grandchildren and great-grandchildren wish their beloved **MeMaw** the happiest of all birthdays with many more to come.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 3 through Dec. 9.

**Burnett Elementary**  
**Robert Hughes** is sent a birthday greeting Dec. 5. **Mary Davitt** enjoys a birthday Dec. 6.

**Bush Elementary**  
 Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Guadalupe Quintanilla Reyes** Dec. 8. Sing a happy birthday song to **Kelly Woods** Dec. 9.

**Meador Elementary**  
 Light the birthday candles Dec. 6 for **Alvina Villanueva**. Dec. 7 is the day for a cake for **Janet Armenta**. Enjoying a birthday Dec. 8 is **Miriam Reyna**.

**Moore Elementary**  
 Celebrating a birthday Dec. 9 is **Liana Luna**.

**South Belt Elementary**  
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Kristi Vinzant** Dec. 7.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
 Play a chorus of a birthday tune Dec. 6 for **Wendy Johnson**. Celebrating a birthday Dec. 9 is **Lehang Nguyen**.

**Melillo Middle School**  
 Dec. 5 is the day for a birthday cake for **Norma Castillo**.

**Roberts Middle School**  
 Light the birthday candles Dec. 5 for **Erin Gonzales**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
 Send a birthday greeting Dec. 3 for **Jo Griffin**. Dec. 5 is the day for a party for **Tracy King**.

**Dobie High**  
 A special birthday is celebrated Dec. 3 by **Robert Beynaerts** and **Eric Huysman**. Blow out the candles on a double-layer cake Dec. 4 for **Cheremie Hopper** and **Megan Lambert**. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Donna Branch** Dec. 6. The day for a party for **Patricia Landrum** is Dec. 7. On Dec. 8, **Catherine Roark** enjoys a birthday.

**FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
 The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a

birthday this week:  
 Thursday, Dec. 3: **Gaskill Sigsbee**, **Kyle Smith**, **Timothy Hardcastle** and **Allison Bobby**; Friday, Dec. 4: **Jackie Britton**, **Suzanne McGinnis**, **Nick Barnett**, **Nick Medina**, **David Miles**, **Mary Elliott** and **George Mejica**; Saturday, Dec. 5: **Shawn Sims**, **Jose Lozano**, **G.C. Coppens**, **Angela Domokos**, **Mandi Gulledge**, **Angelita Negrete**, **Anna Cavazos-Cantu**, **Suzanne Pollock** and **Craig Williams**; Sunday, Dec. 6: **Natalie Saucedo**, **Brandie Phillips-Bostick** and **Billie Benson**; Monday, Dec. 7: **Matt Adams**, **James Jaeger**, **Stacie Jaeger-Roundy**, **Amber Clark**, **Edna Elizalde**, **Tim Allen**, **Holly Rhodes** and **Bill Hanson**; Tuesday, Dec. 8: **Damon Miles**, **Athena Kalmus**, **Adriana Garza**, **Shannon Sims**, **Mandy Bennett** and **Susanne Cook**; and Wednesday, Dec. 9: **Angela Preciado**, **Derek Hartwell**, **Billy Hinton**, **Melissa Gallegos**, **Mary Bogan**, **Paul Garza**, **Jacob Pena** and **Alex Blancas**.

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 Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

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# Tantrums tamed at autism talk Dec. 12

Gain control of tantrums at the University of Houston-Clear Lake Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities presentation, *Preventing Meltdowns: How to Teach Your Learner to Ask, Wait and Accept No*, on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the university's Bayou Building, Garden Room, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The talk will be given by Lauren Phillips, UHCL graduate student, and is sponsored through the part of the Autism Speakers Series offered by the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. All are invited to the free presentation.

For more information or to register, contact AutismCenter@uhcl.edu or call 281-283-3452.

# CCART meets Dec. 8

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 8. Meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. There will be a short business meeting followed by a Holiday Choral Performance by Clear Lake High School under the leadership of Raul Dominguez, director.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and cookies with the business meeting beginning at 10 a.m. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$45.

# Israeli Folk Dancing in December

Israeli folk dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. December dates are Dec. 7, 14 and 21. There will be no dancing on Dec. 28. The cost, \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, will cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join - even if never having attended before.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston. For information, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at [cs.houston@gmail.com](mailto:cs.houston@gmail.com).

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# Remember When

**35 years ago (1980)**  
 Volunteer firemen from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to four fire calls and four ambulance calls during the past week.

Texas Commerce Bank South Belt had 15,000 pounds of real snow hauled in for its second annual Christmas celebration.

Emergency personnel from the Sagemont station of the Houston Fire Department made five pumper calls and three ambulance calls over the past week.

A resident in the 10200 block of Sagecourt in Sageglen was hit by burglars for the fourth time and suffered \$28,000 in losses. It was believed a large truck pulled

up to the home and loaded up with household furnishings.

Frazier Elementary, the first open concept educational innovation for the Pasadena Independent School District, was in its sixth year.

Two members of the 1980 Dobie cross-country team qualified for the National Cross Country 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.

**30 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 PISD Security which had filed arrest charges against the juveniles for allegedly setting fire to two of the school's boys' 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*.

**25 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.

**20 years ago (1995)**  
 Sagemont Park's Doan Nguyen and her two passengers were transported to Ben Taub Hospital's trauma center following a traffic accident on Beltway 8 at 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 Kilpatric, 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.

**15 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.

**10 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 game room

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**5 years ago (2010)**  
 Officers from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to the incident 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.

**1 year ago (2014)**  
 Emory Gadd, associate pastor at Sagemont Church, was recognized at the church's annual staff Christmas party for his 35 years of service. A longtime South Belt resident, Gadd had actually been a member of Sagemont Church for 44 years.

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# Pasadena ISD school board honors AP students with celebrations, rallies, check presentations

Excitement spread throughout the Pasadena Independent School District recently as members of the board of trustees, administrators and faculty honored Advanced Placement students with campus celebrations for successfully passing AP exams.

The Lewis Career and Technical High School held its first AP celebration, honoring students with a breakfast ceremony, Dobie, Pasadena Memorial and Sam Rayburn each spread cheer

with a pep rally in the gym. Additionally, Pasadena Memorial surprised AP Scholar students at their homes with a sign to display in their yards. South Houston held an assembly in the auditorium. Pasadena High School will host a celebration to honor AP students on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

At each celebration, students were awarded checks totaling more than \$174,700 for achieving qualified scores of 3 or higher on the AP exam.

Students earned \$100 for each AP exam they earned a qualifying score. The majority of the funding for the check donations was generously provided by the school board with contributions from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation.

Celebrations did not stop at the campus level. The district has been committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among students of all backgrounds at each high school campus. As a result, the district has significantly increased participation in the AP program over the last few years. The total number of AP exams has doubled from 2,924 in 2011 with 876 achieving qualified scores to 5,858 in 2015 with 1,721 achieving qualified scores of 3 or higher.

Pasadena ISD was recognized as one of only 14 Texas school districts, and 477 districts in the U.S. and Canada, to be named to the College Board's fourth annual AP District Honor Roll in 2013 for increasing student access to AP course work while increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on the exams.

Reaching these goals indicates that Pasadena ISD has successfully identified, motivated and prepared students who are likely to benefit from rigorous AP course work.

"We are proud of all the students who have participated and excelled in the AP program. This shows that our students are talented, ambitious and willing to take on challenges that reinforce their standard classroom lessons," said Mariselle Quijano, board president.

Students who take the end-of-year AP exams must achieve a score of 3 or higher to pass and earn credit, advanced placement or both from a college or university. Research indicates that students who pass the exams are successful in college and professionally.

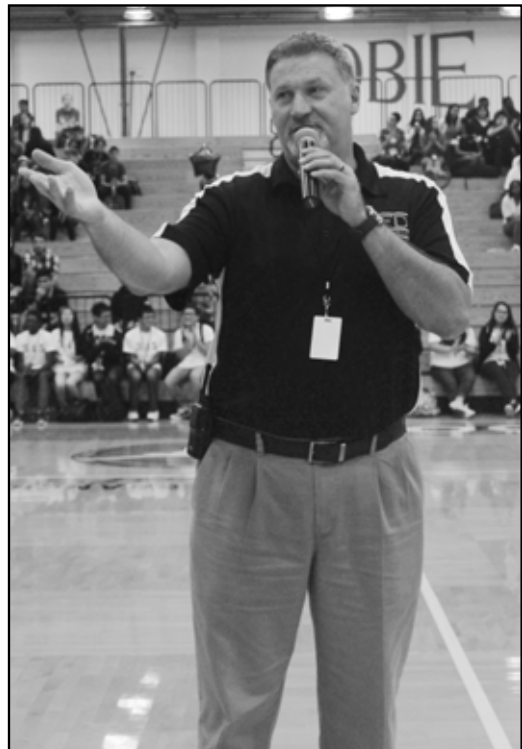
"Data has shown that students who take AP exams usually achieve higher GPAs and graduate from college in four years," Karen Hickman, Pasadena ISD associate superintendent said.

Hickman explained that the cash incentives and support from campus staff have helped boost participation in the AP program.

"The schools are doing a great job of encouraging

students to take challenging courses," Hickman said. "I think students do understand that hard work does pay off. We encourage students to

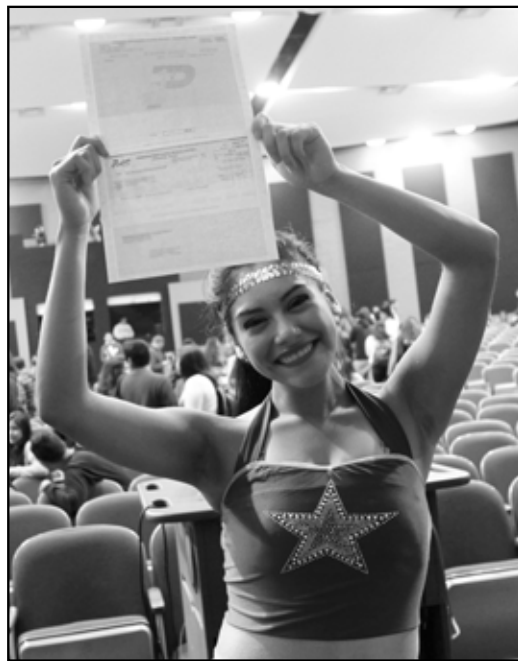
take advantage of the AP program. They can start as early as fifth grade as long as they are academically prepared and willing to work hard."



During a pep rally, Dobie Principal Franklin Moses announces the Dobie students who passed the AP exam.



The Lewis Career and Technical High School honored its first group of AP students during a breakfast ceremony. Pictured is 10th-grader Alexis Sanchez with school Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis.



South Houston High's Amy Perez earned a \$100 check for achieving a passing score on an AP exam.

# Thompson students excel during Den Time



Eighth-graders Bailee Dang and Karina Medina built the sturdiest bridge and won the challenge.

Thompson students are selected to participate in Den Time to help increase their level of understanding of concepts and focus not only on passing STAAR but also reaching a commended status. Thompson is in its second year of Den Time for enrichment programs for chess club and all-girl STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) group. The students in chess club meet daily to practice their skills and challenge each other to improve their game plan. They attend three tournaments throughout the year to compete against other intermediate students from the surrounding area.

The all-girl STEM group focuses on increasing awareness of STEM careers for females. Students in this group researched inspirational role models in STEM careers and created digital posters to be displayed (bottom photo). Students finished a popsicle bridge challenge (photo at left). During this challenge, students had to research a sturdy design, use limited resources and were under a time constraint to finish constructing their bridges, which were tested for strength by placing several bottles of water on top.

Photos submitted



Eighth-graders Sophia Colmenares and Quang Do compete against each other in Susie Haas' Den Time.



Eighth-graders Andy Neira and Jose Trujillo compete against each other in Susie Haas' Den Time.



Eighth-grade students who participated in the all-girl STEM Den Time are shown, left to right, (front row) Felicity Soto, Xitlali Martinez, Esperanza Cruz, Jade Garza, Carla Lopez, Alesia Bill, (back row) Dezy Villarreal, Karina Medina, Stephanie Alvarez, Aliyah Salas, Carolina Martinez, Bailee Dang, Nayelli Melendez, Selesté Martinez, Kaaynat Mistry and Azhia Alvarez.

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# Cafeteria ladies honored



Moore Elementary cafeteria ladies were honored after serving more than 800 turkey lunch plates to students, parents and staff. Pictured are, left to right, Norma A. Flores, Rita Reyes, Leonora Juarez, Shelia Carnival, Angelina Arias and Sofia Cuz.

Photo submitted

# College Night draws 700 students

More than 700 students participated in the annual College Fair Tuesday, Nov. 17, at Deer Park High School-South Campus. The event was a joint effort by Pasadena, Deer Park and La Porte independent school districts and First Baptist Christian Academy.

College Night welcomed representatives from 84 colleges and universities, technical and specialty schools and United States military and naval academies including San Jacinto College, University of Houston campuses, Rice, several University of Texas branches, Harvard, Yale, Penn State, and the U.S. Coast Guard, to name a few.

College Night gives students a chance to connect with representatives at various institutions at one time so they can begin planning the next step in their educational journey. Students also received financial aid information and tips on how to prepare for college.

Students to speak directly with campus representatives to get information about institutions including admissions criteria, financial aid options and additional items that may not be found online," Karen McCarley, Pasadena ISD college readiness and counseling director said. "Our district is thrilled to partner with local school districts to provide this opportunity for students interested in exploring post-secondary options."

This was a first-time experience for Hanan Ali, a sophomore at Pasadena Memorial High School. Ali immigrated from Saudi Arabia last year to take advantage of the educational opportunities in the U.S. and learn about American culture.

"The colleges and universities that students are graduating from in the U.S. are well known worldwide," Ali said. "You can pursue the same degree in America as other countries but here are more opportunities here after you graduate. I want to

keep up with the educational opportunities and we do not embrace what is going on around us, we are going to be left behind," Ali said. "We need events like College Night to increase awareness for students and to ensure the success of this nation."

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# South Belt Elementary releases 1st 9-weeks honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls

South Belt Elementary recently announced its first nine-weeks honor rolls for the 2015-2016 school year. Students earning status are:

**Kindergarten**  
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 Abigail Aguilar, Yosselin Banegas, Jasmine Brown, Emily Campos, Naomy Castellanos, David Corral, Danyel Gonzalez, Kingston Mitchell, Taylor Palacios, Jeremiah Ramos, Armando Reyes and Jeilyn Rodriguez.

**First grade**  
**Perfect Attendance**  
 Steven Aguilar, Lali Bowman, Ava Castillo, Uriah Coronado, Alina Farooq, Leisy Flores, Gabriella Garza, Mia Hamby, Julian Jimenez, Genesis Leal, Aubrey Lugo

and Alyssa Mariscal.  
 Monserrat Marquez, Rachel Martinez, Rodrigo Martinez, Madeline Medina, Emme Mejia, Geovanny Perez, Cullen Ponder, Heidi Potter, Aliyah Ramos, Julian Ricks, Emmanuel Vasquez and Robert Villareal.

**Second grade**  
**Perfect Attendance**  
 Anderson Aguilar, Celeste Arriaga, Christopher Berrum, Diego Betancourt, Adrian Corral, Oliver Fabian, Oniel Fabian, Courtney Goeman and James Gonzalez.  
 Marvin Gonzalez, Payton Louis, Nayelly Marquez, Kevin Martinez, Nayla Martinez, Addison McAfee, Krystal Molina and Malakai West.

**Third grade**

**Honor roll**  
 Chance Bess, Andre Espinosa and Rubi Martinez.

**Merit roll**  
 Lindzey Flores, Karyme Leal, Kaylynn McClain and Heidi Sanchez.

**Perfect attendance**  
 Julianna Aguirre, Grace Arriola, Julian Ayala, Chance Bess, Lorenzo Betancourt, Loriana Betancourt, Didiane Boijseaneau, Kaylie Bui, Alina Bustamante, Johann Castellanos and Valeria Deochoa.  
 Andre Espinosa, Lindzey Flores, Max Garza, Kai Gilhousen, Stacie Harris, Codi Hernandez, Dhailen Hopes, Kentrell Horton, Linus Maciekiewicz, Alex Martinez, Rubi Martinez and Kaylynn McClain.  
 Ariel Merkerson, Jenny Nguyen, Avery Owens, Jaysen Revuelta, Andre Reyes, Anais Romero, Heidi Sanchez, Daniel Silva, Nicholas Soza, David Williams and Joseph Wright.

**Fourth grade**  
**Honor roll**  
 Titus Giang, Shalini Johnson, Nathan Lind, Jazzlyn Moya, Victoria Ngo, Ariana

Perez and Belle Perridon.  
**Merit roll**  
 Kylie Alderson, Ezekiel Arriaga, Mya Bell, Qasim Boyd, Brooklyn Cartwright, Madison Fedler, Olivia McMahan, Michael Mendez and Joel Rivera.  
**Perfect attendance**  
 Ace Adams, Rey Aguirre, Jovan Anderson, Ezekiel Arriaga, Mya Bell, Diego Camacho, Ashley Cruz, Celeste Dammel, Emiliano Delatorre, Tiffany Flores, Yazmin Garza, Titus Giang, Karley Goeman, Kira Goeman, Alexa Gonzalez and Andres Gonzalez.  
 Christabel Gonzalez, Mackenna Houston, Oscar Huerta, Darius Jones, Isabell Leza, Nathan Lind, Ryley Malveaux, Anthony Martinez, Olivia McMahan, Michael Mendez, Laly Mercedes, Jazzlyn Moya, Victoria Ngo, Alex Nguyen and Alton Parker.  
 Julian Pena, Belle Perridon, Joel Rivera, Jeovany Rodriguez, Sophia Rodriguez, Damian Rosales, Evonny Ruiz, Evelyn Sifuentes, Joice Sims-Campbell, Nkeonyelu Uzomah, Darien Valdez, Briana Vela and Mary Young.

# Principals gobble through Moore



Moore Elementary Principal Jill Lacamu (right) and Assistant Principal Deedee Pitts gobbled throughout the school dressed as turkeys in celebration of students and staff surpassing the goal of 500 food items to be donated to the local South East Area Ministries. Photo submitted

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# Bay Area Chorus presents Holiday in Song Dec. 5, 6

*Holiday in Song*, the 51st season's Christmas concert by the Bay Area Chorus of Greater Houston, will be presented three times in the first weekend of December. Mark the calendar for this special

choral offering to welcome the holidays.  
 On Dec. 5, attendees can enjoy this concert in the Chapel at the Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale in Houston, at 3 or 6 p.m.

On Dec. 6, the concert will be performed in the sanctuary of Clear Lake Presbyterian Church, 1511 El Dorado in Houston. The Sunday concert will also include the Chancel Choir of the Clear Lake

Presbyterian Church singing original music composed and arranged by David Stocker, Christmas Processional and O Holy Night/Ukrainian Bell Carol.  
 Bay Area Chorus went

into intense rehearsals on its Christmas music after receiving rave reviews of a rousing, yet poignant, concert honoring veterans and military service members on Nov. 8 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

# Thompson Intermediate students earn a place in Region 19 All Region Choir

Seven Thompson Intermediate choir students made

Region 19 All Region Choir. There were more than 1,000

students who tried out in October.



Thompson choir students who earned a place in Region 19 All Region Choir are, left to right, (front row) Atiana Sanchez, Elissa Castillo, (middle row) Natalie Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen, Elyssa Arment, (back row) Andrew Garcia and Christopher Mendiola-Garcia. Photo by Choir Director George Martin

The region includes schools from Pasadena, Deer Park, Aldine, Humble, Galena Park, Channelview and New Caney.

This year, Thompson had more students make the Region Choir than they have had in several years.

The students began learning their music before school started in August and auditioned in October. They met on Friday evening and all day Saturday to work with guest clinicians.

The Region Choir Concert was held at the Deer Park Performing Arts Center on Saturday evening, Dec. 6.

Tickets for the concerts can be purchased from members of the BAC, at [www.seatyourself.biz/bayareachorus](http://www.seatyourself.biz/bayareachorus), by calling 281-326-1286 or emailing [info@bayareachorus.org](mailto:info@bayareachorus.org).

Ticket prices are \$15 in advance; at the door \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors 65 and older and \$10 for students. Door sales begin 30 minutes prior to each concert. Contact BAC by phone or email for group rates or other ticket inquiries.

# Care Partners meet Dec. 18

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. (near Alameda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
 Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend. All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program.  
 The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, Dec. 18. For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at [www.interfaithcarepartners.org](http://www.interfaithcarepartners.org).

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# Quiet hurricane season overshadowed by active floods

Nov. 30 marked the end of the 2015 Atlantic hurricane season. Despite the below average year, the Atlantic produced 11 named storms, four hurricanes, and two major hurricanes. The below-normal season is attributed to the existing atmospheric and oceanic conditions such as the strong El Niño.

Hurricane season had an early start when Tropical Storm Ana developed more than three weeks ahead of June 1.

"It is not always possible to accurately predict weather events," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "That is why it is so important to prepare because it only takes one storm to devastate a community."

Tropical Storm Bill was the only storm to strike Texas this year. It rapidly developed in the Gulf of Mexico making landfall in Matagorda Island on June 16 and weakened as it moved inland. Bill caused widespread flooding across East Texas, some areas got up to a foot of rain, but fortunately only a couple of inches of rain fell in Harris County.

So far this year, Harris County has activated its Emergency Operations Center six times for weather events. In May, the county experienced record rainfall, 10 to 15 inches

of rain, mostly during the Memorial Day weekend. Thousands of homes flooded and three people died in that storm. In October, the Halloween floods and tornadoes claimed the lives of two people and damaged dozens of homes.

"Tragic events like these remind us of the region's vulnerability and the importance of having plans in place for when disaster strikes," added Emmett. "Newcomers especially need to be aware of the emergencies that threaten this area and stay informed about how to protect their families."

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOSEM) this year produced four public service announcements (PSAs) on hurricane and disaster preparedness. The PSAs aim to remind residents that they cannot control when a disaster will strike, but they can prepare. HCOSEM also participated in dozens of outreach events and distributed thousands of preparedness materials in several languages.

As the 2015 hurricane season ends and winter takes over, residents are encouraged to remain informed and prepared. Go to [www.readyharris.org](http://www.readyharris.org) for the latest emergency information and preparedness tips.

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## Dobie baseball bingo at GAT

The Dobie Diamond Club, the official booster organization of the school's baseball program, is ready to host its fall bingo night to raise funds for costs associated with the baseball program.

The event is Saturday, Dec. 5, in the Thompson Intermediate cafeteria. Tickets purchased for the original date (October) will be honored at the door, and \$25 tickets remain for sale through Dobie baseball players or booster club members.

Eight of the 10 games played during the evening will pay \$100 each to the winner. A ninth game will pay \$250 to the winner, and a final game will pay \$500 to the winner.

Refreshments will be available for purchase, and door prizes will be awarded between games. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the bingo games will run from 6 to 10 p.m.

## SBHLL in-person sign-up Dec. 5

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will host its first in-person registration session Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park.

Youths ages 3 (must turn 3 by Jan. 1, 2016) through 16 may register for the season. Those signing up online may also take advantage of a payment plan if necessary.

The fee for 3- and 4-year-old players is \$125, and the fee for those age 5 through 16 is \$175.

The league will also host its fifth season of Challenger League play for youths with physical or mental disabilities, and there is no registration charge to compete.

The registration fee includes a jersey, hat, pants, socks and a belt.

Families will also be required to submit three forms of proof of residency, such as driver's license, utility bill, insurance documents, school records, etc. to league officials prior to the start of the season at tryouts or one of the in-person sign-up sessions.

For on-line registration options or additional league details, visit [www.eteamz.com/sbhll](http://www.eteamz.com/sbhll). SBHLL officials will also conduct in-person registration dates on Jan. 6, Jan. 9 and Jan. 13, 2016.

Late registration and tryouts will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, and Saturday, Jan. 23. There will be a \$25 late fee assessed at both the Jan. 16 and Jan. 23 sessions. Players are still being encouraged to register via the on-line options.

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## PISD athletic hall of fame class of 2016

# JFD legends get athletics hall call

By Al Carter  
PISD ISD Communications

Volleyball and baseball – as well as five athletes who played those sports at high pinnacles of amateur and professional success – will be in the spotlight next spring when the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame enshrines seven new inductees.

The gala induction banquet, set for April 9, 2016, will also feature two firsts:

The first inductee to be honored equally for achievements as both an athlete and a Pasadena ISD coach.

That distinction goes to Donna Branch, a volleyball standout at Sam Rayburn who excelled in two sports in college before coaching Dobie's volleyball team to local dominance over a 23-year span. Branch, now a Dobie assistant principal, is a 1975 Rayburn graduate.

And the first inductee

honored for contributions, not as an athlete, but as a local supporter and fan.

That honor goes to the late Walter Woodard, an ever-present source of support and inspiration at district and community sports events for more than three decades.

Woodard, who died in 2009, is still remembered as Pasadena's greatest sports fan. He was a 1966 Sam Rayburn graduate.



Donna Branch

Another new inductee is unique for reaching truly Olympian heights in a sport not offered in most Texas high schools.

Horace "Smitty" Duke, a 1960 Pasadena graduate, was an Eagles standout in baseball and basketball.

He applied his pitching and hitting skills to an All-American career at the University of Dallas and then joined the U.S.



Shane Nance

national men's volleyball team.

A 6-foot-3-inch jumping jack, Duke went on to compete in the 1968 Olympic Games and earned praise as one of the nation's top volleyball players. He died in 2010.

The inductee list also includes Brian Brazil, a 1983 Rayburn grad who went on to earn All-Southwest Conference honors as a TCU lineman and garner



John Scheschuk

even greater success in the Texas high school coaching ranks; Lilly Denoon, a 1990 Pasadena grad, who earned All-American honors in women's volleyball

at the University of Houston; and two Dobie grads who two decades ago contributed to the Longhorns' greatest championship run in baseball.

John Scheschuk, who graduated in 1995, twice earned all-district most valuable player for Longhorns as a pitcher/

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## District basketball races will separate real, pretend

The Clear Brook and Dobie varsity boys' basketball teams have gotten off to terrific starts early this 2015-2016 season.

Likewise, the Clear Brook varsity girls' team is also riding a wave of momentum this season, mostly due to a lengthy winning streak to open the campaign.

Can that early success turn into much greater rewards come playoff time in the respective District 24-6A and 22-6A races?

Clear Brook's varsity boys' team will have to go against the likes of defending Class 6A state finalist Clear Lake and also a very good Clear Creek team while trying to make its way to the playoffs.

In girls' play, the Lady Wolverines know the perceived team to beat in 24-6A is Clear Springs, and Clear Falls should also cause a stir or two in league action.

Within District 22-6A, the Dobie varsity girls' team, which finished fourth a season ago, will again have to find a way to deal with Dawson,

Manvel and Pearland, Houston and Dobie all figure to be in the mix for one of the four available playoff spots.

Friday, Dec. 4 – Dobie varsity girls host Memorial.

Tuesday, Dec. 8 – Dobie varsity girls host Pearland; Dobie varsity boys at Pearland.

Friday, Dec. 11 – Brook boys host Brazoswood; Brook girls at Brazoswood; Dobie boys host Manvel; Dobie girls at Manvel. All listed games at 7 p.m.

## Horns take triple OT victory

Jeremy Williams led five scorers in double figures with 15 points as the Dobie varsity boys' basketball team downed Clear Brook 76-72 in a triple-overtime thriller Dec. 1, at Scott Talton Gymnasium.

The Longhorns trailed by 10 at halftime and then fought their way back for much of the second half before forcing extra play.

Dobie led in both overtimes and actually appeared to have the game won with a 69-63 edge in the second overtime before the Wolverines responded to extend play.

Both teams were hurt by poor free throw shooting. The Wolverines went 3 of 10 from the line in

overtime, and Dobie took advantage. Royce Hunter added 14 points to go with 13 each from Tyler Giron and Jason Lester. Travores Gilbert.

The outcome left both teams at 6-2 this season with tournament action coming Dec. 3-5.

Clear Brook will contend for the Krueger/Carlisle Classic title at Clear Falls High School, opening against Galena Park.

Dobie, meanwhile, is set to take on a pair of pool play opponents (see Page 2B) at the Katy ISD Nike Invitational.

As for the annual neighborhood battle, the Wolverines seemed in control for much of the night.

However, the Longhorns had other plans in store for not just one overtime but three. It was just meant to be.

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At right, Clear Brook's David Azore (22) works his way past Dobie's Jeremy Williams during the Longhorns' dramatic triple-overtime win over the Wolverines Dec. 1, at Scott Talton Gymnasium. Williams led the way for Dobie, now 6-2 overall, with 15 points. Photo by John Bechtle

## High school soccer units start up preseason work

Regular season games don't start for another month or so, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty of excitement surrounding the upcoming high school soccer season.

Workouts officially began Nov. 30, meaning the regular season is in sight.

Perhaps nowhere is there more optimism than on the practice field at Dobie High School, where the varsity boys' team is expected to make a deep playoff push.

A season ago, Justo Manrique's second as head coach, the Longhorns went undefeated to win the District 22-6A championship and eventually fell in an area round playoff contest.

Sergio Quintanilla, the 22-6A Most Valuable Player last season, is now playing collegiately, but there is plenty of talent for Manrique to work with this season.

The Dobie varsity girls'

team is also seeking to bounce back this season after missing out on the playoffs in 2015 by a smidge.

Injuries to key players during the season certainly played a role, but the Lady Longhorns also allowed some winnable games to slip away.

Pearland, Alvin and likely Pasadena Memorial will all present challenges for the Lady Longhorns in District 22-6A action.

At Clear Brook, the varsity boys' team is also looking to return to the playoffs after a late-season run gave the team a bidistrict playoff date.

Head coach Chris Stromeier has several experienced players back on the field as the Wolverines reload and take aim in District 24-6A.

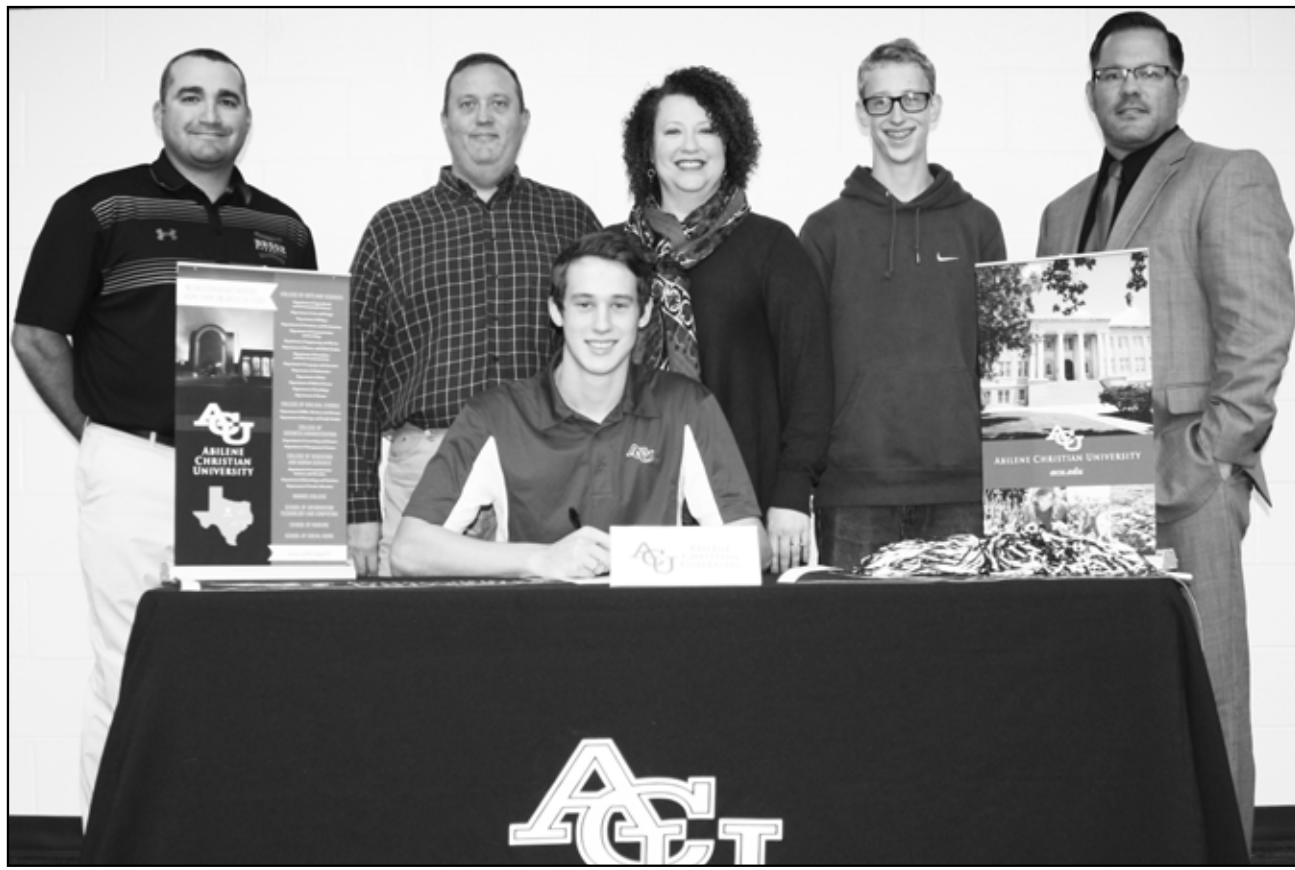
The Lady Wolverines of Clear Brook have had a couple of down seasons but also all looking to have a bounce back year while

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## Wolverines' Hill chooses Abilene Christian baseball



Clear Brook varsity baseball pitcher Bryce Hill (seated) will continue his education and playing career at Abilene Christian University in Abilene after inking a letter of intent with the Wildcats. Those with Hill at the signing included, left to right, (standing) Gene Flores (Clear Brook varsity baseball head coach), Christopher Hill (father), Carri Hill (mother), Shawn Hill (brother) and Brian Palazzi (Clear Brook assistant principal).

## San Jacinto College baseball players decide



Six current San Jacinto College sophomore baseball players have signed letters of intent to continue their education and playing careers at four-year institutions as of the 2016-2017 school year. The six players will play big roles beginning in January, 2016, as the Gators attempt to get back to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I world series. The signees are, left to right, (kneeling) Devin Smeltzer (Texas Tech University), Cody Nesbit (University of Houston), Montana Parsons (Baylor University), (standing) Tucker Cascadden (Baylor University), Colton Schmidt (University of Louisiana-Lafayette) and Brandon Montgomery (University of Miami).

## GAT, Lady Bears compete with PISD cross-country

Ashley Martinez of Beverly Hills and Thompson's Danielle Colunga led their teams as the Pasadena ISD hosted its second intermediate cross-country meet of the season.

Martinez and Colunga were among the leaders in the eighth-grade 2.5-mile race, which was eventu-

ally won by South Houston's Leslie Marban for a second straight week, this time at 13 minutes, 4 seconds.

Bondy came through with the easy team win, scoring a low of 39 for the championship. Thompson's 260-point total was seventh, and the Lady

Bears were 10th at 317. Martinez ran strong to the finish line, eventually placing third in a time of 13:22.

The Lady Bears waited a bit longer for the team's second overall finisher, which was Zoe Hernandez, 31st at 15:25.

Beverly Hills' other three official scorers included Yartzia Tinoco, 88th at 17:33.24; Charlize Tamayo, 94th at 17:47; and Allie Parker, 102nd at 17:56.

As for Colunga, she placed 11th overall in a time of 14:26 to pave the way for the Lady Lions.

In 50th place was Carrie Cubos, who was able to deliver a time of 16:13. Lexy Vela placed 59th in a time of 16:24, and 64th place with a clocking of 16:30 went to Miquela Guajardo.

Thompson's final official scorer was Hallie Nelms, whose time of 16:59 placed her 76th overall.

The Thompson and Beverly Hills teams fared a bit better in the final standings in the seventh-grade division, but Bondy once again cruised to the title with a low of 41 points.

Thompson placed sixth with 248 points, and the Lady Bears of Beverly Hills were ninth with 331 points.

San Jacinto's Audrey Serrato was the top overall medalist after making her way to the finish line at 13:36.

The Lady Lions were guided to the score sheet by top overall finisher Jasmin Benitez, 30th in a time of 15:37.49.

McKenzie Rankins was there with Benitez, eventually placing 32nd in a time of 15:40.

At 16:10.34, Karisa Hernandez was 48th for the Lady Lions, and Alayna Gonzalez was 66th with a clocking of 16:47.16.

Grace Castaneda rounded out the scoring for the Lady Lions as her time of 16:64 was 72nd.

Janya Hunt was Beverly Hills' best runner during the afternoon as she placed 17th overall in a time of 14:49.

Lizbeth Pineda was next up for the Lady Bears as she was 54th in a time of 17:19.

At 17:16.99, Destiny Pichardo was 83rd for Beverly Hills, with Daisy Gonzalez 85th in a time of 17:19.

Leslie Cruz rounded out the Lady Bears' scoring as she placed 92nd at 17:29.

## Sports Calendar

### BASKETBALL

#### Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 3-5

Dobie varsity boys at Katy ISD Nike Classic, TBA  
Brook varsity girls at Peggy Whiteley Classic, TBA  
Brook varsity boys at Krueger/Carlisle Classic, TBA  
Brook JV girls at Spring Branch ISD tourney, TBA  
Brook JV boys at Alief ISD tourney, TBA  
Dobie sophomore boys host PISD tourney, TBA  
Dobie freshman A boys at Rayburn tourney, TBA  
Brook freshman A girls at Deer Park tourney, TBA  
Brook freshman A boys at Humble ISD tourney, TBA

#### Friday, Dec. 4

Dobie varsity girls host Memorial, 7:00  
Dobie JV girls host Memorial, 5:30  
Dobie freshman A girls host Memorial, 4:00  
Dobie freshman B girls host Clear Falls, 4:00

#### Monday, Dec. 7

Beverly Hills 8th Light girls host South Houston, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 8th Dark girls host South Houston, 6:15  
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#### Tuesday, Dec. 8

Dobie varsity girls host Pearland, 7:00  
Dobie varsity boys at Pearland, 7:00  
Brook varsity girls at The Woodlands, 7:00  
Brook varsity boys host Galveston Ball, 7:00  
Brook JV boys host Galveston Ball, 5:30  
Dobie JV girls host Pearland, 5:30  
Dobie JV boys at Pearland, 5:30  
Brook JV girls at The Woodlands, 5:30  
Brook sophomore boys host Galveston Ball, 5:30  
Dobie sophomore boys at Pearland, 5:30  
Brook freshman A boys host Galveston Ball, 4:00  
Dobie freshman A girls host Pearland, 4:00  
Brook freshman A girls at The Woodlands, 4:00  
Dobie freshman A boys at Pearland, 4:00  
Dobie freshman B girls host Memorial, 4:00  
Dobie freshman B boys at Pearland, 4:00  
Brook freshman B boys host Galveston Ball, 4:00

#### Friday, Dec. 11

Dobie varsity girls at Manvel, 7:00  
Dobie varsity boys host Manvel, 7:00  
Brook varsity girls at Brazoswood, 7:00  
Brook JV girls at Brazoswood, 5:30  
Dobie JV boys host Manvel, 5:30  
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Dobie sophomore boys host Manvel, 5:30  
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## PISD Intermediate Cross-Country Finals

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Crenshaw Park, Pasadena, 4:30 p.m.

## JFD varsity boys at Katy ISD

# Clear Creek ISD hosts Whitley, Krueger/Carlisle Classics

There will be several Christmas time tournaments across the Houston area, but the Dec. 3-5 window is essentially the final stand for many of the biggest varsity basketball tournaments.

The Clear Creek boys' and girls' programs will both be involved in long-standing events hosted by the Clear Creek Independent School District.

Meanwhile, the Dobie boys' program will make its second tournament stop of its season, this time at the Nike Invitational, hosted by the Katy Independent School District.

**Big action Dec. 3-5**  
For the first time in decades, the Clear Creek ISD will host its annual boys' and girls' varsity basketball tournaments over the same 3-day span.

The Bill Krueger/Buddy Carlisle Classic will be held Dec. 3-5, with the majority of the games being contested at Clear Falls High School.

Boys' state tournament (2014-2015) finalists Clear Lake (Class 6A) and Houston Sterling (Class 4A) will meet in the first round of the event.

Clear Brook, which is coming off a boys' Division II gold division championship at the McDonald's Texas Invitational, will take on Galena Park Dec. 3, in a first-round game at the Clear Falls High School Field House. Tip-off is set for 4:30 p.m.

The Wolverines, whose only loss (66-55) has come to Pearland Dawson this season, will then face either South Houston or

Fort Bend Elkins in a second-round game Dec. 4.

The Krueger/Carlisle championship game is set for Dec. 5, at 3 p.m., in the Clear Falls Field House.

**Girls to play at Springs**  
The Clear Creek ISD's annual Peggy Whiteley Classic is also Dec. 3-5,

and will be hosted at Clear Springs High School.

North Shore and Cypress Woods highlight the tournament for the second straight season.

Clear Brook's varsity girls' team will face Brazosport Dec. 3, in a first-round game and could po-

tentially be in line to take on North Shore Dec. 4, in a second-round game.

Clear Brook lost its first game of the season in a 52-41 setback against Katy Tompkins Nov. 24, but then came back to defeat Fort Bend Austin 67-50 Nov. 27.

Nakayla Bell, who had 16 points against Tompkins, also led the way against Fort Bend Austin as she and Leanne Riman had 18 points each.

**Dobie boys at Katy**  
Coming off a pair of losses on its schedule, the Dobie varsity basketball

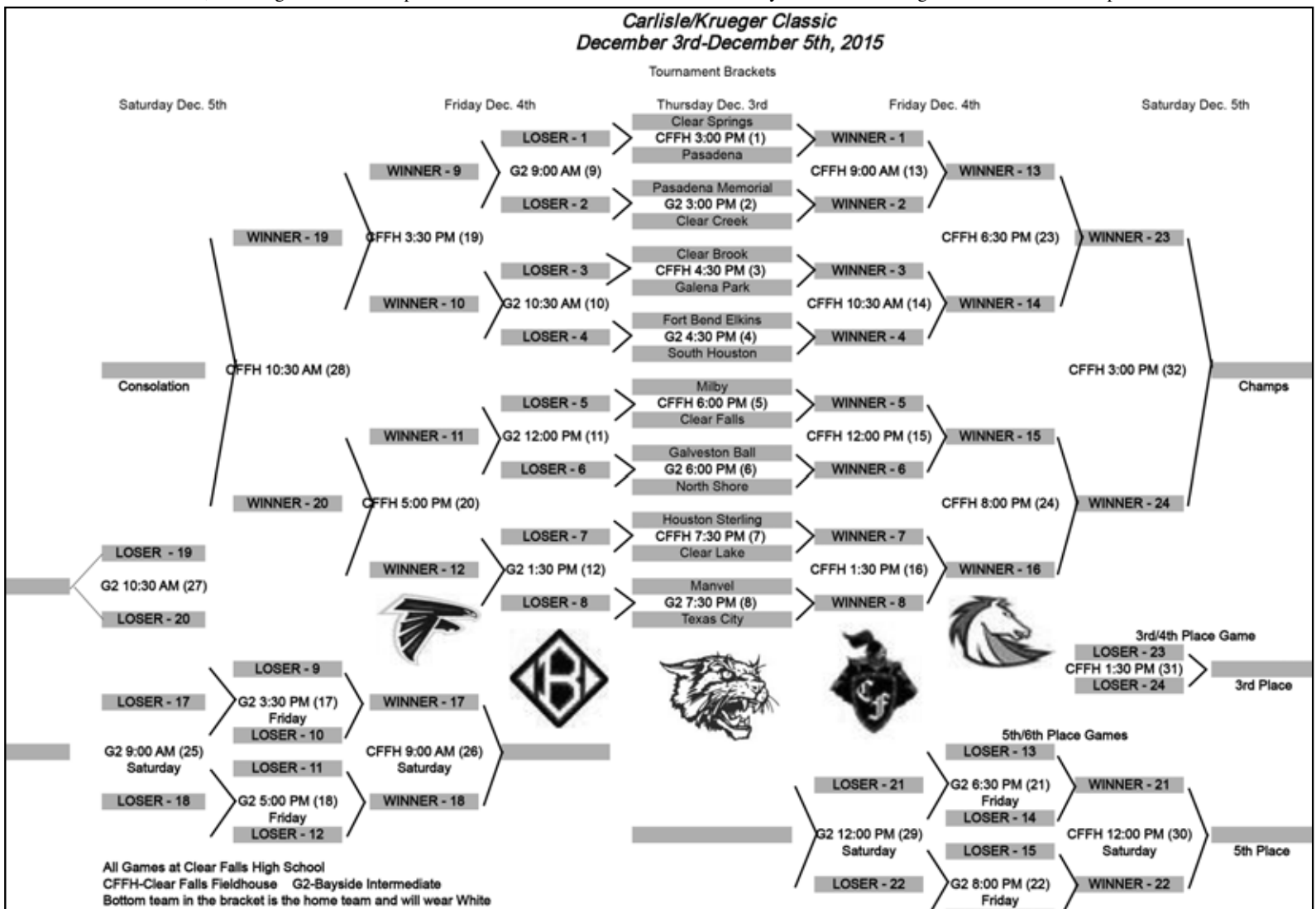
team is looking to rebound with an appearance at the Nike Invitational in Katy.

In pool play Dec. 3, the Longhorns will go against host Katy Taylor, beginning at 2 p.m., at Katy Taylor High School.

After a short break, the Longhorns will face Klein

Forest in a 5 p.m. game, also set for Katy Taylor High School.

Trophy round play will continue both Dec. 4 and Dec. 5 with each of the tournament's 24 teams sectioned into bronze, silver or gold division competition.



# Dobie's Branch, baseball stars to join Pasadena ISD athletics honorees

## Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame

2016 Induction Ceremony

Saturday, April 9, 6 p.m.

Donna Branch – Brian Brazil – Smitty Duke

Lilly Denoon – Shane Nance

John Scheschuk – Walter Woodard

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first baseman. He went on to play first base for four years at Texas A&M University, where he captained the Aggie team that reached the College World Series in 1999. And Shane Nance, a 1996 graduate of Dobie, lettered four years for the Longhorns as a pitcher and outfielder before signing with the University of Houston, where he quickly emerged as the staff ace and one of the nation's top southpaws.

Scheschuk and Nance contributed to three Dobie district championships, part of a run of five straight district titles that ranks as the longest streak of baseball championships in Pasadena ISD history.

Both were high draft picks and both played professional baseball with Nance appearing in 49 games as a pitcher with the Milwaukee Brewers and Arizona Diamondbacks.

Brazil and Denoon remain in the coaching ranks.

Brazil has held the football reins at Lewisville Hebron since the school opened in 1999.

In 2005, he guided the Hawks to an unbeaten season and a state championship.

Denoon, a former high-school volleyball coach at St. Pius X, now guides the Houston Juniors volleyball program.

The new inductees bring to 39 the number of individuals honored since the Hall of Fame was launched in 2012.

Plaques and historic memorabilia are on display in the Hall of Fame Museum, a part of the Phillips Field House complex.

The banquet, to be held at Phillips at 6 p.m. on April 9, 2016, will be the organization's fifth annual induction event.

Portions of the proceeds are used to fund senior scholarships and provide for other athletics-related needs in the Pasadena ISD.

A guest master of ceremonies will be announced in January. Broadcaster Dan Lovett, former Houston Oilers quarterback Dan Pastorini, former Houston Astros pitcher Larry Dierker and former University of Texas football coach David McWilliams make up the list of past emcees.

Tickets for the general public will go on sale in February.

Early purchase is recommended as tickets have sold quickly in past years.

Individuals or companies wishing to sponsor tables or partial tables are asked to contact Herman Williams, treasurer for the Hall of Fame organizing committee at 713-907-



Horace "Smitty" Duke

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The following are capsules highlighting each of the hall's inductees:

**Horace "Smitty" Duke**  
Pasadena High School  
Class of 1960  
Baseball and Volleyball

He was a sports renaissance man, ahead of his time in the sports arena, far too talented for the Pasadena community – or even the state of Texas – to keep in the palm of its hand.

Duke left Pasadena High in 1960 as not much more than a well-liked participant for the Eagles' basketball and baseball teams.

Just three years later, he was a record-setting All-American pitcher.

And just three years after that, Duke was competing in the Olympic Games, staring down the Russians on the men's volleyball court.

Ultimately, Duke's greatest athletic gifts were directed toward men's volleyball, a sport that – 56 years after Duke's high-school graduation – had yet to gain UIL sanction.

After a celebrated career pitching for the University of Dallas, Duke turned his attention to volleyball.

Within a half-dozen years after leaving Pasadena, he would be ranked by Sports Illustrated as one of the top six male volleyball players in the United States.

Duke made the U.S. national team as a lightning-quick hitter-setter.

He debuted as part of the team's 1965 North

American Tour.

In 1966, he competed in the World Cup, where he was named to the All-World Team, and in the 1966 World Championships in Czechoslovakia.

In 1967, Duke helped lead the Americans to the gold medal at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg.

And in 1968, Duke competed for the U.S. in the Mexico City Olympics, contributing to a 3-2 upset of Soviet Union on the first day of competition.

The Soviets, who had never lost an opening-round game, went on to win the gold medal, needing seven consecutive victories to do so.

Meanwhile, the Mexican press dubbed Duke "el hombre de las manos de oro" – "the man with the hands of gold."

With the national team in 1971, Duke won a silver medal at the Pan American Games in Cali, Columbia.

Duke played for the Dallas YMCA team and later took a stab at professional volleyball that lasted into the late 1970s.

He taught at a Dallas area high school, coached at his college alma mater and later at the high-school level in East Texas. Eventually, he retired to the hills of Tennessee.

Duke's pitching and batting exploits are well-remembered at the University of Dallas, where he twice earned All-America honors and set multiple school records.

Duke was said to be the best player on his team at every position on the field of play.

In 1990, Duke was named an "All-Time Great" by USA Volleyball magazine.

In 2000, he was inducted into the University of Dallas Hall of Fame. He died in 2010 at his home in Tennessee.

**Donna Branch**  
Sam Rayburn  
Class of 1975  
Volleyball and Track

Donna Branch has always packed a tremendous arm – and an even more impressive reach.

A standout multisport athlete in high school and college, Branch owns a reputation of coaching success unsurpassed in the history of girls' athletics in the Pasadena ISD.

The girls' volleyball coach at Dobie for 23

years, Branch amassed 523 victories and won 10 district titles.

Her teams earned seven trips to the regional quarterfinals and twice reached the regional finals.

In an era when only two teams from each district qualified for the state playoffs, Branch produced 15 playoff teams.

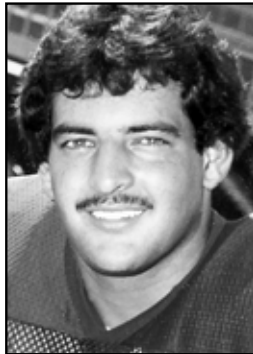
After reaching the regional quarterfinals in 2003, she accepted a position as an assistant principal at Dobie and retired from coaching.

The Branch legacy in athletics goes all the way back to the early 1970s when she played volleyball at Sam Rayburn and softball in the local recreational leagues.

She lettered four years in volleyball and was a cornerstone of Lady Texan squads that never finished lower than second.

In her junior year, Rayburn won a zone tri-championship and advanced to the playoffs.

Branch moved on to San Jacinto College, where she twice earned first-team All-American honors in volleyball while making a significant contribution to the Ravens' rich track and



Brian Brazil

field tradition.

With a right arm honed from her days as a softball catcher, Branch tried out as a javelin thrower and wound up finishing fourth and second, respectively, at two national meet appearances.

After San Jac, she signed on as a Texas A&M Aggie. At A&M, she excelled at both spiking volleyballs and slinging javelins.

As a senior, Branch set a school record in the javelin that stood for 12 years.

Twice, she competed for the South team at the National Sports Festival.

After a year of coaching at Miller Intermediate, she took over the Lady Longhorns' volleyball reins at Dobie in 1981.

For the past dozen years, she has served on principal Franklin Moses's staff of Dobie assistant principals.

**Brian Brazil**  
Sam Rayburn  
Class of 1983  
Football, Track and Field & Basketball

Few Pasadena ISD athletes have generated as much campus cheer – and football fear – as has Rayburn's Brian Brazil.

Twice the president of his class, student body

president his senior year, voted Most Likely to Succeed and, finally, Mr. Sam Rayburn for 1983, Brazil was known as much for his big smile as his big hits on the gridiron.

And after departing Pasadena, Brazil helped accomplish the impossible – planting smiles on the faces of long-suffering Texas Christian University fans.

After earning eight varsity letters at Rayburn – three each in football and track and two in basketball – Brazil signed on as part of head football coach Jim Wacker's first football recruiting class at TCU.

He played three games at defensive tackle as a true freshman, then moved to offensive tackle.

After redshirting in 1984 – a breakthrough season for the Horned Frogs, who produced their first winning record in 13 years – Brazil blossomed into one of the Southwest Conference's top players, earning all-conference honors as a senior in 1987.

Since then, Brazil has risen to the ranks of one of the most successful – and most respected – high school coaches in Texas.

Hired as the first head coach at Lewisville Hebron in 1999, Brazil quickly assembled one of the Metroplex's most powerful programs.

In 2005, he guided the Hawks to a perfect season, capped by a victory in the Class 4A Division II state title game.

As a high-school athlete, Brazil brought distinction to Rayburn in multiple ways.

As a sophomore, he contributed to a district championship in football, only the second title in school history.

An all-district linebacker from his sophomore year on, he blossomed as a



Lilly Denoon

senior, earning all-district recognition on defense and as a tight end on offense.

He even earned an all-district nod as the Texans' kicker.

In track, Brazil placed in the district and regional meets in the shot put while emerging as one of the area's best in the discus.

A second-place finish in the discus at the regional meet earned him a spot in the state meet.

As a senior in basketball, he averaged 10 points and nine rebounds a game. Now in his 17th season

as Hebron's head coach, Brazil continues to pile up accolades.

He is a past president of the Texas High School Coaches Association. He has been honored as an All-America Football Foundation coach.

And two years ago, Brazil was named the recipient of the prestigious Tom Landry Award by the THSCA "for outstanding contributions to the game of football by a Texas high school coach whose life and actions have provided a positive role model for athletes and a credit to the coaching profession."

**Lilly Denoon**  
Pasadena High School  
Class of 1990  
Volleyball and Basketball

She stood 6-foot tall in high school. But to her opponents on hardwood courts, it seemed more like 60.

For most of four high-school years – from the fall of 1986 to the spring of 1990 – Lilly Denoon was a dominating force in local volleyball and basketball circles.

The opportunity to play volleyball at the University of Houston expanded her fame across the continent, and a subsequent pro career made her a worldwide sports figure.

She lettered and started in both sports all four years at Pasadena.

Three times she earned all-district honors in volleyball.

As a senior, Denoon was named the district's Most Valuable Player after leading her team to a second-place finish and a spot in the state playoffs.

Twice she was named all-district in basketball. Pasadena compiled a 21-8 record her senior year, finishing in a tie for first place.

At UH, Denoon is fondly remembered as one of the top volleyball players in school history.

A middle blocker, she was named All-Southwest Conference three times and to the conference all-tournament team three times.

She had few equals on the college scene her senior year.

Denoon was named the SWC's player of the year and an All-American.

During that 1994 season, the Cougars compiled a 26-7 record, won the SWC regular-season title, swept the conference tournament and made it all the way to the NCAA South Regional finals.

After college, Denoon became a fixture on the international volleyball scene, leading her Team Gigantes from Puerto Rico to a run of championships.

When her playing days ended, she went directly into coaching, both on the high school and amateur levels.

She currently directs the Houston Juniors Club Volleyball program.

**John Scheschuk**  
Dobie  
Class of 1996  
Baseball and Football

John Scheschuk ranks as the most honored player in Dobie baseball history – and as one of the most natural athletes ever to represent a Pasadena ISD school.

Twice – and with equal consideration given for his pitching and hitting skills – he was chosen as the district's Most Valuable Player, twice was selected to the All-Greater Houston team and twice was named first team all-state.

At Texas A&M University, Scheschuk lettered four years as a hard-hitting first baseman, earning a reputation as a superb team leader.

As a senior in 1999, as captain of the team, he helped lead the Aggies to the College World Series.

The son of a former Texas Longhorns catcher and raised by his widowed mother, Scheschuk grew up as something of a South Belt sports prodigy.

With no youth football experience, he grabbed the quarterback reins at Thompson Intermediate as a seventh grader and held them through his senior year at Dobie.

As a Longhorn freshman, he made the varsity basketball team. He set basketball aside after his freshman year to focus on football and the sport he seemed destined to master – baseball.

A left-handed hitter and hurler, Scheschuk lettered three years and started three years for a Dobie team that consistently improved – from a playoff qualifier in 1993, to district champion in 1994, and to the regional championship game in 1995.

Although largely unrefined as a pitcher until he got to Dobie, Scheschuk quickly developed into an overpowering southpaw.

His pitching skills came to rival his considerable hitting abilities. For two years he led the district in nearly every hitting and pitching category, with stats that included back-to-back seasons hitting over .500.

The Aggies planted him at first base almost from the moment he hit campus. He batted .339 over his four seasons with 28 homers, still 10th on A&M's all-time list.

Scheschuk led his team to Big 12 regular-season titles as both a junior and senior.

A&M's trip to the College World Series his senior year was just the second in a 35-year span for the Aggies.

Scheschuk twice earned second-team All-Big 12 honors and in 1999 was named A&M's Most Valuable Player.

He signed with the San Diego Padres after being drafted in the seventh round in 1999.

He excelled up through

the AA level and played briefly in AAA, before retiring from baseball.

In September, 2015, Scheschuk was inducted into the Texas A&M Athletics Hall of Fame.

**Shane Nance**  
Dobie  
Class of 1996  
Baseball and Football

Although pint-sized in stature, Shane Nance was a giant on the baseball diamond.

From the time he first picked up a bat in a Sage-mount-Beverly Hills Little League game to the days when he stood tall on the mound as a pitcher for two major league teams, Nance was never considered anything less than a ball-playing dynamo.

A nephew of former Pasadena ISD Athletics Director Dick Nance, Shane was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 11th round of the 2000 draft after a stellar amateur career at Dobie and then the University of Houston.

A 5-foot-8-inch left-hander who developed a paralyzing slider to go with his pinpoint fastball, he soared through the minor leagues, hitting the big leagues with the Milwaukee Brewers in 2002.

After two seasons with the Brewers, he spent a year with the Arizona Diamondbacks before injury issues prompted him to retire.

As a Dobie Longhorn and a Houston Cougar, Nance was renowned for both his arm and his bat.

At Dobie, he played running back and defensive back for the football team. But his physical tools were even more apparent in baseball.

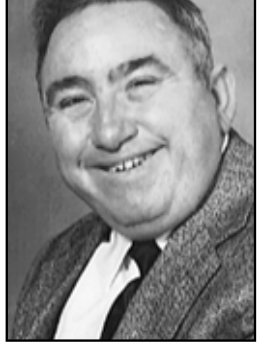
Nance became only the third player in school history to letter – and to start – all four years in baseball.

With Nance either in the outfield or on the mound – and always batting leadoff – Dobie made the playoff each of those four seasons, winning district titles in 1994, 1995 and 1996.

In 1995, Nance helped lead the Longhorns to the regional finals on a squad many still consider the best in school history.

A fellow Hall of Fame inductee this year, John Scheschuk, shared mound duties with Nance that season while Nance's brother, Josh, handled the catching chores.

Nance posted a 12-3 record on the mound as a ju-



Walter Woodard

nior and as a senior posted a 0.69 earned run average in district play, going 5-0. He hit .514 his senior year.

In 1995 and again in 1996, Nance was named to the All-Greater Houston team. As a senior, he made first-team all-state.

At UH the following spring, Nance was named Conference USA Freshman of the Year and a first-team freshman All-American.

As a sophomore, he was named first-team All-Conference USA.

He earned second-team all-conference honors as both a junior and senior.

In two different seasons, Nance struck out more than 100 batters, becoming only the third UH pitcher to accomplish that feat.

Because of his hitting skills, Nance rarely gave way to a designated hitter.

Often, he was the DH when not pitching. In 1998, he played for Team USA, going 6-1 with a 1.98 ERA and 67 strikeouts in 50 innings. Twice he played in the Baseball World Cup.

**Walter Woodard**  
Sam Rayburn  
Class of 1966  
Supporter and Fan

For most of his 62 years, he was the Pasadena community's universal coach. Honorary, you say?

Walter Woodard would have taken exception to that.

Without question, he was the biggest fan in the history of fans – around Pasadena or anywhere else. Walter would have liked that better.

Regardless of the sport, where Walter stood and where he paced – in the stands, along the rail or behind the backstop – is where the game was managed.

Generations of Pasadena ISD athletes, cheerleaders, band members, coaches and other fans knew him as a fixture of the game, as ever-present as a referee or a plate umpire.

In 2008, he was honored by the Pasadena ISD as "Coach of the Year" and praised as the district's greatest fan.

"There is not a student alive," school board member Fred Roberts said at the time, "from the late '50s to the '90s, who did not know Walter."

For anyone who attended most any sporting event in Pasadena during that period, it was almost impossible to not know Walter.

From whatever perch he chose, he yelled words of encouragement to the players, incited fans to show their support, barked strategy suggestions to the coaches and, at baseball games, ceremoniously bellowed "Foul Ball!" as if he were the one to make the determination.

And maybe he was. For many athletes, it was a high honor to have.

# CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.

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

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** – Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.

**Diabetes Support Group** – A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets monthly on the first Thursday (or second Thursday if that day is a holiday) at various area restaurants. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 information.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, at the First Presbyterian Church (youth building) on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Al-Anon (English Speaking)** – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway,

Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Alateen** – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**The Bay Area Writers League** – Meets the first Thursday of each month, Barnes and Noble, Bay Area Blvd. and the Gulf Freeway. 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
7 a.m.

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

**Un Dia a la Vez Alano Group (Spanish)** – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35),

Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
7:30 a.m.

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

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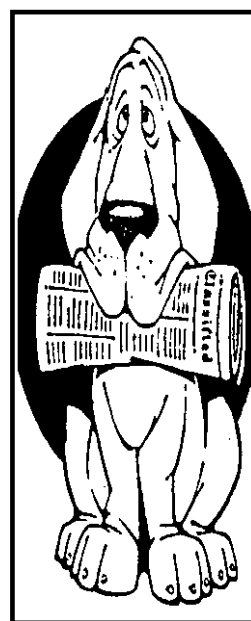
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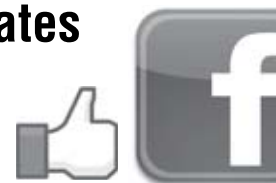
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## MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

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**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.

**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for information.

**New Directions Singles** - Group for ages 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. The dinner may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For information, call Bambi at 281-482-7143 or 281-795-4514.

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

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

**Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group** - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Biel at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery Program, open meeting meets every Monday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building, 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For information, call Russell Garcia at 832-483-6715.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

**CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, Sept. through 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 to attend and join. Annual dues are \$35.

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

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at [drglanford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drglanford@sbcglobal.net) or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.

**Tri-County Republican Women** - General meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Must have exact cash or make checks payable to Golfcrest Country Club. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon, at 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit [nailx@texascitizensbank.com](http://nailx@texascitizensbank.com).

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

**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

**Harris County Master Gardeners** - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening lectures the second Tuesday of each month at the Clear Lake meeting room (lakeside) at 5001 NASA Parkway. Programs will be held at 6:30 p.m. Visit the website for a list of topics and location at <https://hcmga.tamu.edu> or call 281-855-5600.

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**Houston Space City Lions Club** - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at various restaurants. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

**The Hobby Center for Performing Arts** - Theatre Under The Stars (TUTS) presents *A Christmas Story The Musical* Dec. 8 - 20 at Sarofim Hall, 800 Bagby St., 77002. Prepare for a red-blooded all-American Christmas in the holiday show heralded by the Associated Press as "a charming triumph infused with utter joy." In this clever musical adaptation of the 1983 film comedy, follow the childhood dreams and schemes of little Ralphie, whose heart is set on getting one thing for Christmas - the official Red Ryder, carbine action, two-hundred shot range model air rifle. Tickets are \$30 - \$125 online. For performance times or more information, visit [www.tuts.com](http://www.tuts.com) or call 713-558-TUTS.

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## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

**Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second Wednesday of November and December for a potluck meal at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Gainey at 713-991-3517 for more information. There is no meeting on the fourth Wednesday in November or December.

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**American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter** - Now meets at Perry's Steakhouse & Grille, 487 Bay Area Blvd., on the second Wednesday of every month. For information or to RSVP, call Lori Lynn Wynn at 281-388-5202.

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**Alzheimer's Support Group** - The free group meets the second Wednesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199 or 713-266-6400.

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**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy, between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit [www.bayareaturningpoint.com](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.com) for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

**Bay Area New Democrats** - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For information, visit [www.bayareanewdemocrats.org](http://www.bayareanewdemocrats.org).

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**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.

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**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - American Business Women's Association-South meets monthly on the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$20 and includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit [www.seen-abwa.org](http://www.seen-abwa.org).

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**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a list of all services.

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**Al-Anon (English Speaking)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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Clear Brook's David Azore (22), defending against Dobie's Jonathan Cooper (2) in a Dec. 1 game at Scott Talton Gymnasium, is off to a hot start this season despite a bit of an off night against the Longhorns. Azore, a junior, was named to the McDonald's Texas Invitational

All-Tournament team after leading the Wolverines to the Division 2 boys' gold bracket championship. Now, Azore and his teammates look to keep the momentum going as the majority of the season is contested within District 24-6A.

## Azore makes McDonald's all-tourney team

David Azore bounced onto the scene last year at Clear Brook High School as a sophomore newcomer, turning some heads as he led the varsity boys' basketball team in scoring. And already this season as a junior, Azore is proving what he did in 2014-2015 was no joke. Days after the completion of the McDonald's Invitational Basketball Tournament, officials included Azore on the boys' all-tournament team. And why not? Azore led the Wolverines in scoring over the course of five wins as the locals stormed their way to the gold bracket championship in the Division 2 field of teams.

Carson Edwards, who led Atascocita to the Division I boys' gold bracket championship for the second straight season, was named the Most Valuable Player out of the 48-team boys' field.

In the 32-team girls' division, the Duncanville High School light shone the brightest, with Ciera Johnson winning Most Valuable Player honors after Duncanville crushed North Shore in the Division I gold title game.

### Girls' All-Tournament Picks

#### Most Valuable Player

*Ciera Johnson, Duncanville*

*Zarielle Green, Duncanville*

*Chasity Patterson, North Shore*

*Megan Valdez-Crader, San Antonio*

*Brennan Ashlynn Dunbar, Clear Falls*

*Lexi Rich, S.A. Madison*

*DiDi Richards, Cy Ranch*

*Nancy Mulkey, Cy Woods*

*Cierra Lane, Pearland*

*Ja'Carria Ferrell, North Crowley*

### Boys' All-Tournament Picks

#### Most Valuable Player

*Carson Edwards, Atascocita*

*Fabian White, Atascocita*

*Deon Barrett, Lancaster*

*Jase Febres, Spring Westfield*

*Malcolm Epps, Spring DeKaney*

*Chris Parker, Plano East*

*Linton Acliese, Manvel*

*David Azore, Clear Brook*

*Isaiah Brown, Flower Mound*

*Jordon Myers, North Crowley*

*Alex Holcombe, FB Marshall*

*Alex Vilarino, McKinney*

*Curtis Hollis, Mansfield Summit*

*Brandon Averette, Richardson*

*Mitchell Clouse, Kingwood*

## Wolverines rule as neighboring varsity boys' hoops teams square off

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Dobie scored eight of the game's first 11 points to lead, but then Clear Brook surged ahead and actually led 32-22 at half-time.

The Wolverines continued to stay ahead of Dobie until the final two minutes, when the Longhorns turned a 52-46 defi-

cit into a 54-52 lead on a 3-pointer by Tyler Giron with just over a minute to play. Azore then hit a

3-pointer to tie the game at 56-56 with 3 seconds left in regulation, setting off a see-saw battle through

three overtime sessions. Dobie led by six, 69-63, late in the second overtime before Azore came up

with a steal and a 3-point-er. Spencer Schneider's 3-pointer for Clear Brook with 6 seconds remaining

forced another four minutes of bonus play for the fans. In the end, Dobie

held on for the 76-72 win, sending the team to Katy for the Nike Invitational with plenty of confidence.



Jonathan Cooper (2), who hit a pair of 3-pointers while helping Dobie outlast Clear Brook 76-72 in triple overtime Dec. 1 at Scott Talton Gymnasium fires up an off-balance shot while defended by Brook's Juwan Lyons (15).



Clear Brook's Onix Little (20) drives to the basket with pressure coming from Dobie's Jeremy Williams late in the action during the Longhorns' eventual overtime win. Trailing that play is Brook's Spencer Schneider (far left) and Dobie's Tyler Giron (32). Photos by John Bechtle

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