

### Santa to visit South Belt

South Belt residents are invited to hop aboard the Clear Brook Express Sunday, Dec. 11, at the holiday train station at the Clear Brook City MUD Building, 11911 Blackhawk, from 5 to 8 p.m. The event will feature free photos with Santa, free hot cocoa and cookies, while supplies last. Guests are encouraged to bring one nonperishable can of food per person. Either human or pet food will be accepted.

### Christmas market Dec. 4

A Christmas gift shopping market will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

### Ellington e-recycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Residents are encouraged to arrive early, however, as the event ends once trucks are full. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cellphones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit [www.houstonwaste.org](http://www.houstonwaste.org) or call 311.

### Sagemont to meet Dec. 6

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited. Meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of the month.

### Heavy trash pickup set

City of Houston residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Dec. 8. City residents north of Fuqua and west of the I-45 will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Dec. 9. December is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted. Due to a larger amount of debris being discarded during the COVID-19 pandemic, pickups may be delayed. For additional information, visit [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste) or call 311.

### Local COVID cases reported

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community remained roughly on par with the previous week, according to county health officials.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 29, there were 69 active cases in 77089, down three from the previous week. To date, 137 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up one from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 31 active cases, up one from the previous week. To date, there have been 83 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 35 active cases, down seven from the previous week. To date, 89 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 90 deaths the previous week.)

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

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit [covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data](http://covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data).

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday, March 31.

Both the northbound entrance and southbound entrance ramps from FM 518 in League City will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the entrance ramps from SH 96.

The northbound exit ramp to FM 517 in Dickinson will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the northbound exit ramp to Holland/Hughes.

Two outside northbound frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from West Medical Boulevard to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, May 5.

One middle northbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, May 22. Two outside southbound lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Texas City Railroad to SH 6/SH 146 in La Marque nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

### Beltway closure planned

Two northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 30. Significant delays are expected.

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

## Ogg launches investigation into county elections

### State Supreme Court: Election Day votes cast after 7 p.m. to count

By James Bolen

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg this past week officially announced her office is conducting an investigation into problems associated with the county's Nov. 8 elections.

"Free and fair elections are the bedrock of our democracy," Ogg said in a statement. "When we get credible complaints of election irregularities, we are statutorily required to investigate. That's why we've called for the assistance of the Texas Rangers. The results of their investigation will be turned over to a Harris County grand jury. We do this regardless of the party affiliation of the complainants. After the 2020 election, we charged three Democrats and two Republicans. It is my

duty as the elected district attorney to follow the evidence and follow the law, and I will."

The announcement came just two days after Gov. Greg Abbott called for an investigation into the matter.

"The allegations of election improprieties in our state's largest county may result from anything ranging from malfeasance to blatant criminal conduct," Abbott said in a statement. "Voters in Harris County deserve to know what happened. Integrity in the election process is essential. To achieve that standard, a thorough investigation is warranted."

Despite Ogg being a fellow Democrat, County Judge Lina Hidalgo said the investigation stems

from a national trend of "election denying."

"I for one recognize how corrosive and how destructive Election denialism is to democracy," said Hidalgo. "Whether other elected officials want to do that and want to get spun around, that's their prerogative. But, I think the people of this county elected us to do our jobs and to tackle the problems that really matter."

The Texas Supreme Court ruled Tuesday, Nov. 22, that Harris County could include ap-

proximately 2,100 ballots cast during an extra hour of voting on Election Day following morning delays.

Attorney General Ken Paxton had petitioned the court to discard the votes prior to the county's final canvassing. The additional hour of voting was granted by a district judge on Election Day after various issues forced around a dozen polling locations to open about an hour late.

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## 5-year-old cancer patient gets private 40-person performance

Chara Christian Dance Academy gathered 40 of its young dancers on World Kindness Day to give a private dance performance to 5-year-old Juliana Lara, who was diagnosed with leukemia amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dancers set up at the end of the family's street as Lara's parents brought her outside under the assumption that she was going to ride her bike. From there, she was ushered to the front row where studio parents, extended family and neighbors had gathered to watch the showcase of young dancers there to brighten Lara's day.

Lara's family and supporters celebrated with snow cones after the presentation.

"The performance was such a wonderful surprise," said Judith Lara. "Juliana loves putting on her old recital outfits, dance clothes and shoes. She misses her dance studio and friends so she was excited to see everyone. She has always

loved watching the performance companies dance and having her own performance at home was beyond amazing. She couldn't stop talking about how much she loved it." "I was so surprised...I loved their outfits and dancing," said Lara.

Lara was in her third year at Chara Christian Dance Academy in Friendswood at the time she was diagnosed and entered treatment. Since that time Chara Christian Dance Academy staff and students have maintained connection and shown their support for the young dancer by sponsoring numerous blood drives, sending cards, delivering meals and gifting Lara with costumes during recital time for her enjoyment.

Lara will enter the maintenance phase of her treatment plan this January and is looking forward to re-entering dance classes at Chara soon after.

## Annual Leader Christmas drive begins

### Charitable program now in 40th year

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

Now in its 40th year, the program is aimed at helping area families in need.

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

This charitable behavior continues today with several different local organizations taking part. Local schools that have participated in past programs include Atkinson, Moore, Stuchbery, South Belt and Frazier elementary schools, 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.

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

Anyone who knows of local families who are experiencing special circumstances are asked to contact the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 or [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com).

The *Leader* is currently seeking donations for the annual drive.

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. Unlike in previous years, all recipients must apply in person, as online applications will no longer be accepted.

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

The application process will begin Tuesday, Dec. 6. To apply for assistance or to donate items to the drive, visit the *Leader* office, located at 11555 Beamer at Beltway 8, during normal business hours. The office is closed on Friday.

## Third murder trial in Armstrong death

A third capital murder trial has been announced for Antonio "AJ" Armstrong Jr., accused of killing his mother, 1992 Dobie graduate Dawn Whitley Armstrong, and her husband, Antonio Armstrong, at the family's Bellaire-area home in 2016.

The first two trials ended in a hung jury.

"Two people were murdered in the night, each shot in the head as they slept in their own bed," a statement from the Harris County District Attor-

ney's Office read. "We will continue our fight for justice and we look forward to presenting all the evidence to jurors."

Now 22, Armstrong was only 16 at the time of the alleged capital murder but is being tried as an adult. The story has made international news, as Antonio Armstrong was once a star football player at Texas A&M University and briefly played in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins. The third trial is expected to begin Feb. 24.

## Chara performs for Lara



In honor of World Kindness Day, 40 dancers from Chara Christian Dance Academy in Friendswood recently performed a private performance for 5-year-old South Belt resident Juliana Lara (front center), who was diagnosed with leukemia amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Shown above at the private performance are, left to right, (first row) Natalie Gunter, Avery Howard, Grayce Wettenstein, Bella Yang, Kaly Brambila, (second row) Julianna Guillory, Jenaeva Guillory, Isabel Clements, Amelie Osborne, Kaydee McGee, Seraphine Clements, Sadie Zelenski, Penelope Caballero, Kate Kirkpatrick, Collins See, Kaela Homestead, Harper Richardson, Addyson Neal, Camilla Sorenson, (third row) Madeleine Barker, Elyn Mays, Eliana Castro, Cadence Peterson, Kendall Ellis, Lydia Newton, Katie Sims, (fourth row) Tabby Wright, Aida Vela, Avery Crawley, Sarah Cole, Kaitlyn Clements, Avery Simmons, Skylar McKinney, Suri Morales, Grace Vandembosche, Grace Kirkpatrick, Anna Reyes, Eve Richardson and Tanner Sapaugh.

## City boil notice, prompts school closures

The City of Houston issued a boil notice late Sunday, Nov. 27, for all residents who receive water service from the city.

Officials said the notice was necessary after water pressure dropped below the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's required minimum during a power outage at the East Water Purification Plant early Sunday.

"We believe the water is safe but based on regulatory requirements when pressure drops below 20 psi we are obligated to issue a boil water notice," Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said during a press conference Sunday evening.

According to Clear Brook City MUD officials, residents living within the district are unaffected by the boil notice, as the MUD takes added precautions during its purification methods.

As a result of the boil notice, city residents are urged to adhere to the following recommendations:

- Do not drink the water without boiling it first.
- Bring all water to a boil for at least two minutes.

## Woman robbed in own driveway

### Police offer tips to prevent "jugging"

A 59-year-old woman was robbed in her own driveway as she unloaded groceries about 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, near Blackhawk and Fuqua.

Houston Police Department officials suspect the woman may have been the victim of a crime known as "jugging," as she had just left the drive-thru ATM at the First Service Credit Union off Clearwood Drive and the Gulf Freeway.

According to the Sr. Officer Richard Buitron, community service liaison for the HPD Clear Lake Division, jugging refers to a crime in which the suspect(s) will sit in a bank parking lot and watch customers, then follow them in hopes of burglarizing or robbing them when given a chance.

As the victim began unloading her vehicle upon arriving at her residence, she was approached by a man who grabbed her purse. The woman initially resisted but later relinquished the bag after being dragged halfway across her yard by the suspect.

The woman was hospitalized overnight for her scrapes and bruises.

- Let it cool before using.

- Individuals without power to boil water are advised to use bottled water for consumption.

In addition to drinking, water consumption includes showering, brushing teeth and washing hands/face.

Children, seniors and persons with weakened immune systems are particularly vulnerable to harmful bacteria, and should follow all these directions, city health officials said.

Pasadena ISD canceled all classes Monday and Tuesday out of precaution.

"Late this evening, we were made aware of the City of Houston boil water notice," a Pasadena ISD notification read. "After communication with water department contacts, we were informed that all Pasadena ISD schools are impacted. We have determined that due to lack of bottled water availability and food preparation requirements, it is in the best interest of safety for students and staff to close all Pasadena ISD schools and offices."

The boil notice was lifted Tuesday, allowing students to return to class Wednesday.

0700 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

To help prevent residents from becoming the victim of jugging, the Houston Police Department offers the following tips:

- Be aware of vehicles when banking**
  - Occupied vehicles backed into parking spaces with clear view of the front doors of the bank, ATM machines or commercial drive-thru lanes.
  - Vehicles with dark tinted windows with little or no visibility of the occupants.
  - Vehicles changing parking spaces for no apparent reason.
  - Vehicles with multiple occupants.

- Other protective measures**
  - Always be aware of one's surroundings.
  - Conceal money before leaving the bank.
  - Never carry bank bags, envelopes or coin boxes openly and easily seen.
  - Be aware of anyone following from the area of a bank.
  - If one suspects they are being followed or targeted, call 911 from cellphone and keep the dispatcher informed of location, direction of travel and keep driving until a marked police vehicle is able to locate them.
  - One should never leave or try to hide bank bags in their vehicle when they exit at the next destination, even if it's a one's own residence.
  - Try to make your banking activities the last stop on one's list of things to do.

## Beamer Ditch work to resume



The Mud Gully Channel Conveyance Improvements Project, also known as the Beamer Ditch Project, is scheduled to go before Commissioners Court Dec. 13, the lone court meeting this month due to the Christmas holidays. Abandoned by the original contractor this past February, the project must now be reauthorized by Commissioners Court before moving forward. Concrete piping is shown above at the dormant site. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Threads of Healing reaches out to Uvalde families



St. Luke the Evangelist Threads of Healing was contacted by a nonprofit organization through CT Church, New Caney. The goal of the Uvalde project was to provide support to the families of the 19 children and two teachers whose lives were tragically taken last May at Robb Elementary School. Threads of Healing ministry members agreed without hesitation. Threads of Healing is assisting by donating a prayer

quilt to each of the 21 families in memory of their loved one. They were displayed for the St. Luke's community and brought tears to many who viewed them. The prayer quilts and gifts donated by their supporters were delivered to the families on Nov. 12 in Uvalde. Shown at left, from left to right, are Karen Ross, Jerry Arthur, Sara Pena, Mary Flores, Delia Medina and Margaret Palacios.

## Pasadena Memorial names honor roll for 2nd 6-weeks

Pasadena Memorial High School officials recently named their honor roll students for the second six-weeks of the 2022-2023 school year.

**Ninth grade**  
Isabella Abrego Soriano, Helen Acosta, Shia Adriano, Amanda Aguilar, Jasiel Altamirano, Gael Alvarado, Gwendalynn Alvarado, Jose Alvarez, Raul Alvarez, Manu- el Anderson, Aracely Andrade, Sarah Angel, Abel Antony, Jair Araujo, Camila Arguello, Alexander Arias, Omar Arizpe and Manuel Arredondo.

millie Barahona, Sonia Bar- raza, Eric Barrera, Albert Bar- ron, Kayleen Basurto, Aileen Becerra, Preston Bellamy, Ver- onica Berrones, Xavier Blan- co, Ceanna Boekhoudt, Breana Borja, Alan Bracho, Kaitlyn Breen and Colton Broussard.

Elizabeth Bui, Ethan Bui, Nathan Bui, Tran Bui, Camden Butcher, Joaquin Caballero, Lucas Calderon, Tyson Cald- well, Daniela Camarillo, Val- erie Campos, Christian Cantu, Rolando Caraves, Dafne Car- mona, Sophia Carnes, Amaya Carr, Israel Carrascal, Ange- lico Carrasco, Karen Castillo and Edwin Catalan.

na Chapa Franco, Eden Cha- pa, Jaslyne Chapa, Angelina Chavez, Leah Chavez, Nevaeh Chavez, Victoria Chioreanu, Kylie Christiansen, Ava Con- dado, Aguarena Cortez-Fajar- do, Casey Crawford, Edelmiro Cruz, Adrian Cuevas, Camila Davila and Jacob Davis.

Lilyana Davis, Alberto De Jesus De Alba, Daniela De Leon, Alysabeth Dele- on, Marissa Deleon, Ja'niya Denmon, Addeyln Dinsdale, Calla Dockery, Sofia Duffey, Kimberly Duran, Zaid Ed- gar, Fabian Elizondo, Mariana Escamilla, Nathan Escamilla, Yuliana Escobar, Evelyn Fer- nandez, Jennifer Fernandez, Kenzie Fernandez and Adan Flores.

Angie Flores, Azhael Flores, Luis Flores, Sigrid Flores, Shelby Fox, Xavier Franco, Landon French, Har- old Funez, Raiden Garay, Fa- vio Garcia Cueva, Isabelle Garcia, Lauren Garcia, Caleb Gardner, Silvana Garza Perez, Galilea Garza and Jose Garza.

Julian Garza, Brissa Gaytan Montemayor, Josiah George, Madelyn Gerber, Aidan Gi- ron, Alfredo Gomez, Ashley Gomez, Jayden Gomez, Osiel Gomez, Anthony Gonzales,

Arlene Gonzalez, Genesis Gonzalez, Mia Gonzalez, Vic- toria Gonzalez, Bryan Goytor- tua, Kayden Green, Sanaa Green, Alexae Gudino, Maria Guerra and Sofia Guerra.

Henrik Guerrero, Menelik Gumell, Rangel Guzman, Di- ego Hernandez, Isaiiah Hernan- dez, Kamila Hernandez, Kian Hernandez, Matthew Izagu- irre, Alejandra Jimenez Torres, Logan Johnson, Cadie Jones, Elena Juarez, Leantwan King, Rayne Larson, Ellen Licona, Citlali Loera, Micah Longoria and Eliuth Lopez.

Benjamin Ruiz, Aytza Russell, Sophia Sagastizado, Alexa Salazar, Melanie Salcedo-Mo- lina and Brenda Sanchez.

Camila Sanchez, Julian Sanchez, Samantha Sanchez, Marlene Sandoval, Mario Santiago, Evan Santos, Kassandro Saucedo, Emilia Schneider, Morgan Schmetler, Dianey Serna, Alejandro Ser- rano, Tomas Serrano, Abigail Smith, Braden Smith, Sebastian Solis, Ventura Solis, Syd- ni Stewart, Matthew Tavera, Debora Teodoro, Janie Tepox, Khanh To and Dominic Torres.

John Tran, Melanie Tran, Nicole Tran, Rachel Tran, Jolie Trejo, Samantha Trevino, Loc Truong, Rodrigo Valdez Gonzalez, Manuel Valladares Morales, Sofia Vallejo, Arturo Valles, Elanya Vasquez, Rocky Vasquez, Luna Vazquez, Juan- maria Vazquez-Mendez and Angel Vega.

Annette Vela, Cather- ine Vigil, Joshua Villanueva, Daniella Villarreal, Jaxon Vil- larreal, Francisco Villatoro, Matthew Villegas, Joshua Washington, Piper Welborn, Vanessa Wu, Alexia Zamora Manrique, Juan Zamora, Nora Zapata Oyervides, Catherine Zelaya, Keyla Zeledon More- no, Yuliana Zetino and Karen Zuniga.

## Dancing night planned of Dec. 3

An evening full of dancing is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3, from 7 to 9:45 p.m. at the League City Community Center, 400 South Kansas, League City. The DJ is Neva Schroder. The attire is always "dress as you like" from casual to Christmas glitz. This is an alcohol-free event, and bottled water is provided. There is plenty of paved, lighted parking. The floating dance floor is refinished 1938 hardwood and spacious. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the ambiance of this Art Deco facility, formerly League City Elementary, refurbished to serve as an excellent community center.

Alexandra Avalos, Victor Ayala Aguirre, Emberlynn Ayala, Kyele Ayala, Savannah Ayers, Mahmoud Azzam, Ca-

Max Cazares, Vanessa Cedillo, Joshua Cerda, Aly-

Charles Mitchell, Amirah Mohammed, Katy Moncayo, Miguel Mondragon, Adam Monreal, Alfa Montalvo, Eric Montemayor, Savannah Montes, Kailey Montoya, Aimee Morales, Dalia Morales, De- lylah Morales, Devani Mo- rales, Juliet Moreno, Mark Motal, Alexis Munoz, Marian- gel Navarro, Victoria Navarro, Gidalti Neri, Anh Ngo, Antho- ny Nguyen and Delayla Ngu- yen.

Tien Nguyen, Karina Nino, Samantha Nix, Alex Nunez-Hernandez, Ma'lay- iah Nunley, Taleik O'Guinn, Melanni Ochoa Flores, Cris- tofer Ochoa, Alana Oliver, Greco Olvera, Karla Ornelas, Lindsey Orocio, Chelsy Orta, Brodie Ortiz Cantu, Benjamin Ortiz, Ignacio Ortiz and Jenni- fer Ortiz.

Monserrat Osorio, Isabella Pacheco-Lathe, Lina Parada, Emilee Paredes, Kera Peavy, Jasleen Penaloza, Ethan Perez, Khanh Phan, Victoria Prado, Anya Quezada, Noemy Quint- anilla, Priscilla Quiroga, David Ramirez, Maynor Ramirez, Mikaela Ramirez, Lane Ra- mos, Luis Rangel, Natalie Rangel, Alexa Reed, Dayami Reyes, Samson Rios, Jayson Rivera and Devan Robison.

Gracie Robles, Alexander Rodriguez, America Rodrí- guez, Ashly Rodriguez, Bianca Rodriguez, Davian Rodriguez, Jacklyn Rodriguez, Jocelyn Rodriguez, Osvaldo Rodrí- guez, Grace Romano, Ryan Roque, Karen Rozon Santos,

## Local library events set

**Bracewell Branch Library**  
Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sundays.

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Outdoors storytime for all ages. Plan to enjoy a good story at Bracewell in the fresh outdoors, weather permitting.

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

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

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

**Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"**  
- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.  
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.  
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.  
- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.  
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.  
Hours are Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sundays. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

## Ogg to investigate

**Santa comes to your home or party!**  
713-703-6496  
Please book early.

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Precinct 1 County Commissioner Rodney Ellis said Paxton's efforts undermines the will of Harris County voters and that federal protections may be necessary to ensure local voices are heard.

"Voters from across the political spectrum went to cast their ballot after a judge ordered Harris County polls to remain open," Ellis said in a statement.

"The attorney general's last-minute legal maneuver to toss out valid votes is the latest strike in the state's war against Harris County. Voters don't deserve to be caught in the state's cross-hairs - they deserve to have their vote count.

In a coordinated effort to subvert our elections and

deny people the right to vote, Harris County has repeatedly been singled out by state extremists in court and the Legislature.

"The state cannot be trusted to act fairly or in good faith, and Harris County cannot defend our democracy without federal protections and oversight."

In at least one contest, the late-cast ballots could impact the outcome.

Prior to provisional and mail-in ballots being counted, Democratic incumbent DaSean Jones was trailing Republican opponent Tami Pierce in the race for the Harris County's 180th Criminal State District Court seat.

After the supplementary ballots were also counted, however, Jones surmounted, narrowly defeating Pierce.

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## Deaths

### Roger Anthony Ratisseau Jr.



Roger Anthony Ratisseau Jr., 82, passed away Monday, Nov. 7, 2022.

He was born March 22, 1940, in Galveston to Roger Ratisseau Sr. and Evelyn Jett Ratisseau.

He was a longtime resident of Deer Park and the Sagemeadow area.

Roger was a 1959 grad-

uate of Ball High School in Galveston, former member of the Deer Park Volunteer Fire/EMS Department, and former small business owner (Recycle Rebuilders) in Deer Park. He retired from OxyVinyls in La Porte in 2005.

Roger leaves behind his wife, Carol Springer Ratisseau; children, Amber Ratisseau, Steven Ratisseau and Jennifer Ratisseau Solis and her husband, Ruben Solis; grandchildren, Lylian Ratisseau and Maleah Ratisseau Murray; brothers, Carl Ratisseau and Bobby Ratisseau and his wife, Rhonda Travis Ratisseau; sister-in-law, Sharon Henson Ratisseau; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ronnie Ratisseau and Ray Ratisseau; former wife, Carol Merritt Ratisseau; and nieces, Lisa Ratisseau McKenzie and Lea Ann Ratisseau Kruzcek.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10, at Rosewood Funeral Home, 3939 Pasadena Blvd., Pasadena.

graduated from Mount Carmel Catholic School in 1966. Cheryl is preceded in death by her youngest son, Zachary Coyle and her parents.

Cheryl is survived by her husband of 45 years, William H. Coyle III (Bill); her children John Sharp and wife Sunny, Jennifer Valdez and husband Raul, Brian Coyle and wife Courtney, Jason Coyle and wife Sonya, and David Coyle; eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and siblings Jack Leonard, Debbie Bordelon and Deana Hunter.

Cheryl's life was grounded in one of her most cherished Bible verses, Psalm 33:20, "We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield."

She was a dedicated mother and was lovingly known to her grandchildren as "CC." More than anything, she enjoyed spending time with her family. Being a mother of six children, she was a patient and strong woman whom her children admired greatly. Being a mother was her greatest joy in life.

A visitation was held Nov. 30 at South Park Funeral Home in Pearland. The funeral service will also be held at the funeral home, 1310 N. Main St., Dec. 1, at 10 a.m.

### Cheryl Coyle



Cheryl Coyle, 74, of Galveston and formerly from Sagemont and Friendswood, passed away peacefully on Nov. 21, 2022, at her home in Galveston.

A native Houstonian, Cheryl was born Oct. 4, 1948, in Houston to John and Geraldine Leonard. She attended Catholic schools and

### Dora Alyc Houston-Jones



Dora Alyc Houston-Jones, longtime South Belt resident was born in Cape Girardeau, Mo. on

July 14, 1943, to Opal and David "Sam" Houston while her father, a career Navy man, served in WWII. Like many children born during wartime, she didn't meet him until she was more than a year old. She grew up in the small town of Ilmo, Mo. and lived there until she moved to Houston in 1971. In 1985, she moved to Kaufman and married the love of her life on Jan. 22, 1988. While living in Kaufman, she served as regional manager of The Salvation Army-Kaufman as well as serving in the local prison ministry. In 2013, she and her husband moved back to Houston.

To everyone's surprise, this born and raised, di- hard Southern Baptist woman did the unthinkable and converted to Catholicism. She continued to answer her calling to serve in the prison ministry as a group facilitator in the Bridges To Life Program. She loved her "guys in white" unconditionally, and the feeling was reciprocated.

After suffering a stroke in 2018 that left her with only the use of her right arm and hand, she feared she would never return to her beloved prison ministry. Her paralysis didn't stop her, though - where there's a will, there's a way. Her love of the prison ministry was contagious, resulting in she and her daughter serving together as group facilitators at the Darrington Unit in Rosharon every week, even after she moved to a nursing home.

She never met a stranger and was loved wherever she went. She had plenty of love to go around and could always be counted on to lend a sympathetic and encourag- ing ear. She was the person to go to if someone needed to feel loved and support- ed, or just be told what you wanted to hear. She always seemed to know what to say to someone needing com- fort. She had the most gen-

tle and soft touch.

Living with paralysis was not easy, but she made the best of her situation by al- ways having a positive atti- tude, spreading her warmth, love, and unique perspective on life to the nursing home residents and staff. Her family catered to her every want and need during her time there; her husband spared no expense to keep her com- fortable, more importantly to just make her happy.

The great loves of her life were her husband, her children, being "Granny" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her Lord, antiques, antique glass, the prison ministry talking on the phone all day to her family and friends and Diet Dr. Pepper. Her unshakable faith in God guided her throughout her life.

In the early morning hours of Nov. 22, "the roll was called up yonder" and her family was shocked and devastated to see her name was on it. Passing away in her sleep, she was reunited with her parents, her grandpar- ents, her aunt Virginia Reeves and uncle Don Reeves, her friends, and the many dogs she had loved over the years. Had someone told her she would pass away, she would have been devastated to leave her family, yet relieved to be freed from her paralysis and be whole once again.

She is deeply missed and forever cherished by her hus- band Jeral "Ray" whom she referred to as "My Jonesy;" five children; ten grandchild- ren; six great-grandchild- ren; a beloved cousin; her sister-in-law; her treasured friend at the nursing home; her roommate; her nurse; the CNAs and nurses who loved her; and many other friends.

Her family's and friends' lives will never be the same without her.

A visitation was held and a rosary was recited Nov. 29, while funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 30.

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# South Houston High School second six-weeks honor roll

South Houston High School officials recently announced their honor roll for the second six-weeks of the 2022-2023 school year.

**Ninth grade**  
Melody Acosta, Ludvin Aleman Retana, Abel Alvarez Recendiz, Erik Arana, Audel Arellano Duarte, Yefferson Argueta Argueta, Christopher Avila, Isabella Avila, Ruby Ayala, Emelley Becerra and Alan Bello.

Madison Bennette, Jason Bonilla, Ronald Brown Torrac, Jesse Camacho, Arelyn Castillo, Katia Chavez, Gregory Contreras, Tiana Costa, Kristal Delacruz, Raul Duran, Oscar Escamilla Barrientos, Nicole Escobar, David Flores, Gideon Fowler and Diego Franco Morales.

Angela Galindo, Joheli Garcia Gonzalez, Yoandri Garcia Gonzalez, Alivia Garcia, Dayana Garcia, Carlos Gomez, George Gonzalez Agulla, Rachel Gonzalez Rodriguez, Antonio Gonzalez, Delilah Gonzalez, Joel Gonzalez, Raul Gonzalez, Meagan Grays, Brianna Grimaldo, Sumayah Guadalupe and Ana Hernandez.

Saleste Hernandez, Dayanis Hinojosa, Ann Hounmetin, Ja-

nette Hurtado, Anthony Jaime Fraga, Averie Lasalle, Anahi Ledesma, Axel Lopez Carbajal, Anahi Lule, Hillary Madrigales Caceres, Dayris Malasquez Montalvo, Helen Maradiaga Munoz, Diego Martinez and Dylan Martinez.

Gerardo Martinez, Maximo Mendoza, Magaly Mercado, Beatriz Meza, Luis Miranda Escobar, Jonathan Mojica, Isai Morales, Juan Morales, Obed Morales, Eliseo Orozco Am-brocio, Arianda Ortiz, Genesis Palma Romero, Madelaine Palma, Ria Pandya, Andrea Pato and Adrian Pena.

Jayden Pena, Wendy Perez Morales, Gabriela Portillo, Jessica Pulido, Ernesto Quiroz, Johana Ramirez, Alexis Rangel, German Realejo Morataya, Katherin Realejo Morataya, Yasmine Reyes, Martha Reyes-lechado, Luis Rico Parra and Samir Rivera Garcia.

Stefany Rivera Valdez, Jacob Rivera, Grecia Rodriguez Agraz, Junior Rodriguez Ramirez, Alexy Rodriguez, Valerie Rodriguez, Rubi Rosario Cruz, Brandon Salazar, Guadalupe Salgado Ayala, Freddy Sanchez Lopez, Jhazmany Sanchez, Ricardo Sanchez and Brandon Sanders.

Scott Santana, Alexandra Santiago, Sophia Saucedo, Gabriel Serrato, Shannon Shaw, Andrea Silva, Eric Silva, Grace Sonnier, Sarah Suarez, Erendira Torres, Hayden Tran, Valery Trevino, Vanessa Vargas, Isabel Vasquez, Amairani Vega, Jayden Victoria, Annethe Zacarias Trevizo, Emely Zarate and Estrella Zavala.

**10th grade**  
Dalilah Acosta, Agustín Aguilar, Carolina Alvarez, Kevin Alvarez, Anderson Amaya Urias, Jose Aragon, Jocelyn Aranda, Ashley Ayala Garcia, Galia Barbosa, Johana Barragan, Aryanna Benitez, Jazmin Bocanegra, Suany Bonilla Acosta, Jordan Buckner, Benito Cadena and Christopher Calderon.

Emiliano Castilleja, Natalia Castillo, Eric Centeno, Selina Chamorro, Melanie Chaverria, Da'jonae Citizen, Lee Cleveland, Barbara Collazo, Perla Colmenero, Rosa Contreras, Victoria Contreras, Lester Cortes Varela, Jeady Cruz and Bryan De Leo.

Valerie Del Valle, Krystal Delgado, Lorenzo Delgado, Nathan Diaz, Valeria Duran Iracheta, Elizabeth Erwin, Kayleen Erwin, Aaron Escareno, Kevin Espinal Lemus, Dariana Fierro, Jennifer Flores, Ariana Franco, Kylie Gale, Carlos Garcia, Joey Garcia and Lupita Garcia.

Rigoberto Garcia, Xzavian Garcia, Alinna Garza, Giselle Garza, Isabella Garza, Mia Gaytan, Deborah Getu, Fabian Gomez Pegueiros, Cecilia Gomez, Christopher Gomez, Diana Gracia, Jonathan Guerra Chacon, Amy Guerra, Cynthia Guerrero and David Guevara.

Debanhy Guillen, Karina Guillen, Alexia Hernandez, Ana Herrera, Kaitlyn Houston, Rosa Huerta, Adrian Jimenez, Aniya Johnson, Marina Joya Campos, Adrian Juarez, Antonio Lopez, Jazmin Lopez, Juan Lopez, Luis Lopez, Patricia Luna Argueta, Raquel Malbro, Edith Maldonado and Alonso Marquez.

Brianna Martinez, Daniel Martinez, Diamond Martinez, Eduardo Martinez, Emely Martinez, Giselle Martinez, Joanith Martinez, Raphael Martinez, William Martinez, Ximena Martinez, Cindy Molina, Jonathan Morales, Kevin Morales, Miguel Moreno, Yazmine Moreno, Kiara Moya de la Rosa and

Paulina Moyeda Gonzalez, Gerald Murillo, Camila Navarro Moran, Kimberly Negrete, Kristi Nguyen, Leslie Oliveros, Mizaél Olivo-Urbina, Jeremiah Orta, Vanessa Ortiz, Diego Osejo, Ilian Pacheco Villafranca, Noah Parras and Kelly Patel.

Christian Perez, Victoria Perrett, Cojisce Peterson, Thien Pham, Jack Phu, Jovanny Portillo, Valerie Portillo, Jovany Quezada, Christy Ram, Camila Ramirez, Fatima Ramirez, Xiomara Ramirez, Caitlin Ramos, Tatyana Ramos and Aliyana Rangel.

Hugo Rangel, Roselyn Rangel, Abigail Retiz, Inary Reyes, Cassandra Rivas, Carlos Rivera, Jennifer Rivera, Chelsea Robertson, Mahia Rodriguez Agraz, Angel Rodriguez Castillo, Giovanny Rodriguez, Aldamaris Roman Tellez, Alexis Romero, Carlos Salinas, Alex Sanchez Canelas, Deevanie Sanchez, Lindsey Sanchez and Jovante Sandles.

Diego Santillan, Jonathan Saucedo, Madison Scott, Irma Sosa Villafranca, Irene Soto, Natalie Terrones, Kyra Tillman, Xiomara Torres, Betzabet Trinidad Yezpe, Joaquin Vargas, Jonathon Vargas, Maniah Velez, Pamela Viera, Sairah Villalobos, Annalisa Villarreal, Remona Washington, Corbin Wright, Courtney Wright, Marlen Zavala and Evelin Zavaleta.

**11th grade**  
Mikaela Acosta, Andrew Alcantar, Lynkon Alexander, Jessica Alfaro, Elizabeth Almager, Christopher Almanza, David Alvarado Paz, Georgianna Alvarado, Rebecca Alvarez Torres, Pedro Alvarez, Daniel Arias, Andrea Ayala and Jonathan Barrientos.

Christopher Bowshier, Ovidio Bustillo, Rosa Campos, Ashly Canales Arias, Adrian Canales, Gustavo Cano-Mercado, Jose Cardoza, Abel Castellano, Emily Castillo, Jenny Chau, Aaron Chavarria, Rosana Correa, Dalia De la Rosa Pantoja, Arlet Delgado, Jose Delgado, Paola Diaz Galvan, Xavier Diaz and Abraham Escareno.

Syntrel Evans, Everth Flores, Monika Franco, Natalie Funes, Manuel Gamboa, Aldo Garcia Ioya, Alexia Garcia, Angela Garcia, Nathalie Garcia, Emily Garza, Ethan Garza, Julie Gonzales, Angel Gonzalez

Torres, Ray Gonzalez, Edie Guerrero, Azael Gutierrez, Nefertiti Guzman and Will'aysia Harris.

Edwin Hernandez Angeles, Cristian Hernandez, Mia Hernandez, Valeria Hernandez, Angela Herrera, Elisa Herrera, Jordyn Hodge, Kayla Hughes, Dashan Jefferson, Benjamin Jimenez, Khloe Johnson, Jose Labra, Kayleen Leal, Natalie Leon Jordam, Abril Leon, Stormy Lindsey, Carlos Lopez Montoya, Francisco Lopez Tejada and Yair Lopez.

Carmen Lule Zamora, Daniela Maldonado, Judith Martinez, Kassandra Martinez, Raul Martinez, Ariana Mendoza, Jonathan Mendoza, Josue Miranda, Edgar Najera, Aldo Navarro Moran, Jaui Navarro, Laila Olmos, Anamarie Olvera, John Orozco, Rogelio Palma, Emily Parra, Michelle Perez, Ryan Pham, Junior Pineda Zuniga, Adrian Pineda and Eryn Ponce.

Fernando Pruneda, Kaylee Ramirez, Joanna Ramos, Melissa Rangel, Rosa Reyes, Stacie Rivera, Cheyenne Robertson, Karina Robledo, Josephine Robles, Silvio Rodriguez Suarez, Mansa Rogers, Carlos Roman, Victoria Romano, Monika Romero, Nathan Rosales and Jose Salazar.

Natalie Salinas, Roselyn Sanchez, Axel Saucedo Estrada, Roselin Serna, Urva Shah, Jacob Sheppard-Rubio, Salomon Sosa, Adrian Soto, Miracle Soto, Chamia Starks, Bryanna Suarez, Caleb Trejo, Mariela Urias-Sarmiento, Gabriel Valenzuela, Noemi Vasquez, Oscar Vilchis and Angela Villafranco.

**12th grade**  
Edith Acosta, Jamie Aguirre, Nevaonna Alfred, Alejandra Arredondo, Steve Ayala, Nelson Banks, Samantha Beltran Gonzalez, Roland Benavides, Jacqueline Bocanegra, Cristian Briagas, Jocelyn Caballero, Krystela Cabrera, Isaac Camacho, Briana Camarillo, Ariana Cantu, Jose Cardenas and Daniel Carrillo.

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Hakimuddin Lokhandwala, Aileen Lopez, Manuel Lopez, Sonia Lopez, Joel Luque, Alyssa Madrigal, Stephanie Maldonado, Jase-lyn Martinez Huerta, Natalia Martinez, Angel Mejia Mercedes, Daisy Mendoza, Tomas Meza, Mi'jai Mickles, Maribel Montalvo and Stephanie Montes.

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Isaac Valdez Gonzalez, Alexandra Vazquez Garcia, Christian Vera, Kristal Villa, Makaiyah Walden, Demarcus Whitaker, Ariel Zamora, Cynthia Zavala, Josue Zuniga, Noemi Zuniga and Angie Zuviri.

# PISD educators win Growth award



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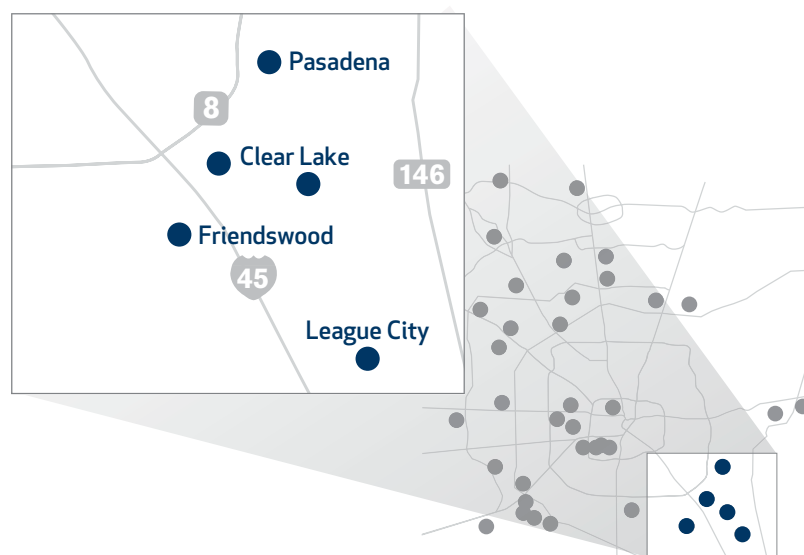
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# Meador Elementary kindergarten students experience farm life



Meador Elementary kindergarteners recently enjoyed a trip to Old McDonald's Farm, where they had the opportunity to feed animals, ride horses and trains, visit the pumpkin patch and many more activities.

Shown at left are, left to right, Dilan Escobar, Alonso Sepulveda, Kaisley Ramos, Allan Rivas-Lopez, and Samantha Jimenez at the farm.

Shown at right is Uriah Boyd making friends with a goat.



Shown above is Kensley Kemp testing out her horse-back riding skills.

## Remember When

**45 years ago (1977)**  
J. Frank Dobie's Edward O'Brien was named Outstanding Running Back of the Year in the annual All-District coaches selection.

Residents of the subdivisions of Woodmeadow and Sageglen were without water service and electricity for a week after lightning struck near the Municipal Utility District 13 water plant.

**40 years ago (1982)**  
A local 17-year-old was attacked by two other young males with a baseball bat. The two males asked the 17-year-old for a cigarette, and after he gave it to them they attacked him. He ran to a nearby neighbor to escape the males.

**35 years ago (1987)**  
Call volumes north of Hobby Airport dictated the relocation of Houston Fire Station 61's advanced life support ambulance unit to Fire Station 36, located at 7220 Airport.

While state law as of Sept. 1, 1987, prohibited students from smoking on school campuses, Clear Creek Independent School District considered taking that restriction a step further to prohibiting smoking by faculty and staff at the new Clear Brook High School.

**30 years ago (1992)**  
South Belt resident Roy Love was named Officer of the Year for the Clear Lake division of the Houston Police Department.

The Pasadena school board selected Rick Schneider as interim superintendent of the school district to replace Larry Vaughn.

A bond sale was being negotiated to provide \$12 million for construction of three San Jacinto College buildings, including a library for the South campus.

**25 years ago (1997)**  
Actor Bill Murray and Walt Disney film crews were causing excitement at Memorial Herman Southeast Hospital while they were shooting scenes for the movie Rushmore.

Three Dobie students were assigned to Highpoint for possession of alcohol at school-related functions.

**20 years ago (2002)**  
Two teens charged with the murder of 81-year-old Green Tee resident Veda Sutton were certified to stand trial as adults and were scheduled to be arraigned in court.

Sen. Mike Jackson of South Belt filed Senate Bill 14 legislation granting the Texas insurance commissioner increased rate oversight on homeowners insurance.

**15 years ago (2007)**  
1978 Dobie graduate Diane (Jewell) Wheeler was named the principal of the future middle school on Hughes Road at the Pasadena Independent School District board meeting. In a unanimous vote, the school was also officially named for Dr. Dixie Melillo, founder of the nonprofit organization The Rose. Begun in 1986, The Rose makes mammography available to any woman regardless of her ability to pay.

IBM officially opened the doors to its new South Belt location at 12301 Kurland, near

the METRO Fuqua Park & Ride. The new location would house the company's Global Services division previously located in Nassau Bay.

**10 years ago (2012)**  
Police responded to an aggravated sexual assault in progress call at Time Out Sports Bar on Fuqua at roughly 5 p.m. Upon their arrival, police were directed to the rear of the building, where they found a naked woman sitting on the ground.

She had been badly beaten, as one witness had initially reported. A witness then spotted the suspect, Delvin Ray Morris, return to the scene on foot. After being positively identified by the victim, Morris, 41, was apprehended. According to police, the victim had been inside drinking with the suspect before going outside for a smoke. Once outside, the suspect reportedly told the female she would be allowed to leave only if she had sex with him, which led to an alleged assault. The victim, who police describe as being disoriented, said she was unsure if she had

been raped. Emergency crews responded to the incident and took the woman to a nearby hospital. The case was under investigation by HPD's Special Crimes Division. Morris could face additional charges if authorities determine the victim was also sexually assaulted.

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church officially broke ground on its future parish on Riverstone Ranch Road. The facility would replace the church's building on Hall Road. Construction was expected to be complete by November.

**5 years ago (2017)**  
The Pasadena Independent School District named John Sweitzer its 2017 Distinguished Citizen of the Year. The Founding CEO of the Pasadena Health Center and a longtime supporter of Pasadena ISD, Sweitzer first aligned with the school district in 2014 when he joined the Pasadena ISD School Health Advisory Council, where he learned about

the need for CPR training among students. In response, Sweitzer donated CPR mannequins to each high school and organized the first mass CPR training for freshmen at Pasadena High — an effort that he continues to support each year. The donation was made in honor of Sweitzer's sister, Cindy, who passed away at age 49 from a heart attack. For nearly three decades, Sweitzer's name has been synonymous with humanitarian and volunteer efforts in Pasadena ISD. Sweitzer continuously works with school nurses to provide medical and dental services for children in need, in addition to organizing health fairs where he provides backpacks, school supplies and health screenings for district families. As a member of the Pasadena Noon Optimist Club, Sweitzer supports young tennis players during the annual Junior Open/Harry Taylor Scholarship Tournament by sponsoring T-shirts and helping to raise schol-

arship funds for Pasadena ISD students. During weekly Optimist meetings, Sweitzer sponsors outstanding high school students as a way of inspiring them to continue to be successful. Sweitzer is a member of the Healthy Living-Matters-Pasadena Community Task Force, an organization comprised of business, school district, city and county officials, dedicated to increasing healthy behaviors in the area. The task force is an active participant in the BUILD Health Challenge, a \$250,000 grant award given to Pasadena ISD to create a sustainable food system and eliminate conditions that lead to food insecurity. Sweitzer played a crucial role in receiving the award as a community partner. Sweitzer was also the driving force behind startup efforts to build SPARK (school park) playgrounds at Hancock Elementary and Gardens Elementary.

**1 year ago (2021)**  
A man was killed in an automobile accident Sunday, Nov. 28, in the 10700 block of Hughes Road. Alfredo Patino was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Patino was traveling at a high rate of speed when the driver of a Saturn pulled from the stop sign at Sagepark and entered into the intersection, causing a collision. The driver of the Saturn showed no signs of intoxication and agreed to a blood draw. No charges were immediately filed.

State Sen. Larry Taylor, whose District 11 encompasses much of the South Belt community, announced Tuesday, Nov. 30, he would not seek re-election in 2022. Taylor was first elected to his current position in November 2012. Prior to that, he had served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives from 2003 to 2013. Taylor previously served as mayor pro tem and city council member with the City of Friendswood.

## Over The Back Fence by Natalie

**CRYSTAL CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to former *South Belt Leader* staffer **Crystal Saucedo** Dec. 4 from friends and the *Leader* staff.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRANCES!**  
**Frances Valigura** celebrates a birthday Dec. 5. Best wishes are sent from children **David** and wife, **Katha Valigura**; **Donna** and husband, **Gary Whitted**; **Deborah Lea Tindall**; and **Carl Wayne** and wife, **LuAnn Valigura**. Their grandchildren and great-grandchildren **Riley** and **Kinley Whitted**, **Bryce Williams**, **Pressley Williams** and **Weston Williams**, **Lanese Rogers** and **Kellan Rogers**, **Addy Valigura**, **Abigail Tindall** and **Alana Huston** wish their beloved **MeMaw** the happiest of all birthdays with many more to come.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 1 through Dec. 7.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Enjoying a winter birthday Dec. 6 is **Jennifer Chapa**.

**Frazier Elementary**

Send a birthday greeting Dec. 7 to **Lupe Palacios**. **Ashley Kirkpatrick** enjoys a birthday Dec. 8.

**Moore Elementary**  
Blow out the candles on a special birthday cake Dec. 1 for **Rita Reyes**.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Break out the birthday balloons and party favors Dec. 2 for **Jamie Torres**.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Joshua Garcia** Dec. 2. Give a shout-out Dec. 4 to **Holly Yaple** for a wonderful birthday. Dec. 5 is the day for birthday cake and ice cream for **Cynthia Mills**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Sing a chorus of a birthday song to **Tracy King** Dec. 5.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Send a happy birthday wish Dec. 1 to **Natasha Butler**. Remember to wish **Maria Pena** a happy birthday Dec. 2. The day for a celebration for **Sally Thacker** is Dec. 3. Birthday balloons and cake are in order for **Cynthia Mills** Dec. 5.

**Dobie High**  
Dec. 1 is the day for a double-layer birth-

day cake for **Lawson Hartwick** and **Sonja Mull**. Break out the birthday balloons Dec. 4 for **Megan Lambert**. Dec. 5 is the day for a cake for **Jorly Thomas**, principal. The day for a party for **Patricia Landrum** is Dec. 7.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
Thursday, Dec. 1: **Jessica Bowlin**, **Miles West**, **Damon Griffin**, **Kim Middleton** and **Melissa Ray**, Friday, Dec. 2: **Lenae Fowler** and **Aaron Herridge**; Saturday, Dec. 3: **Gaskill Sigsbee**, **Kyle Smith**, **Timothy Hardcastle** and **Allison Bobby**; Sunday, Dec. 4: **Nick Barnett**, **Nick Medina**, **David Miles**, **Mary Elliott** and **George Mejica**; Monday, Dec. 5: **Shawn Sims**, **Angela Domokos**, **Mandi Gulledege**, **Angelita Negrete**, **Anna Cavazos-Cantu**, **Suzanne Pollock** and **Craig Williams**; Tuesday, Dec. 6: **Natalie Saucedo** and **Billie Benson**; and Wednesday, Dec. 7: **Matt Adams**, **Amber Clark**, **Edna Elizalde**, **Tim Allen**, **Holly Rhodes** and **Bill Hanson**.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Carlisle/Krueger hoops tip off

Host Clear Lake will look to continue its hot start to the 2022-2023 season as the Carlisle/Krueger Classic plays out Dec. 1-3, with tournament trophy round and championship games playing out at Clear Creek High



School's Carlisle Field House and Butler Field House Dec. 3.

Clear Lake, looking to bounce back after missing the playoffs a season ago, won seven of eight games to open this season.

Clear Brook, which took third place in last year's Carlisle/Krueger event, will host an array of pool play games Dec. 1, with another set of pool play games taking part at Clear Falls.

The Wolverines will take on Clements at noon before facing Heights at 6 p.m., both Dec. 1 at Clear Brook.

The full field of programs at the event includes Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Lake, Crosby, Flower Mound Marcus, Fort Bend Bush, Fort Bend Clements, Galveston Ball, Heights, Texas City and Westbury.

The Carlisle family is the biggest name in CCISD basketball history. See Page 6 photo.

At left, Clear Brook's Broderick Jackson will lead his varsity boys' basketball team into action at the Clear Creek ISD Carlisle/Krueger Classic Dec. 1-3. The trophy round games come Dec. 3 at Clear Creek High School.

Photo by Andy Tolbert

## Clear Creek ISD Carlisle/Krueger Classic Dec. 1-3, Brook, Falls, Lake and Creek

**Dec. 1 at Brook** – Brook vs. Clements, noon; Clear Lake vs. Crosby, 1:30 p.m.; Clements vs. Heights, 3 p.m.; Crosby vs. Texas City, 4:30 p.m.; Brook vs. Heights, 6 p.m.; Clear Lake vs. Texas City, 7:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 3 at Butler Field House and Carlisle Field House** 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Trophy games



## PISD Athletics Hall of Fame Committee names Class of 2023; past Dobie stars take center stage

Some of the most legendary names in Dobie High School sports lore will step to the forefront next April as the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame honors its Class of 2023 honorees.

Past inductees coach John Bryan and Guwain Guy will again be featured as Bryan's 1981 state champion Dobie boys' track and field team is inducted in April at the Pasadena Convention Center.

Bryan, who also led the 1980 JFD cross-country team to a state title, was a hall of fame inductee in 2013. Guy, an individual state champion in cross-country and track and field, was enshrined that year.

Former Dobie multi-sport coach Rhonda Foster, who guided the girls' softball program to state crowns in 1995 and 1997, will also be inducted. She also led the 1995 boys' cross-country team that featured Class of 2023 inductee Scott Lengefeld.

For Class of 2023 details, including bios, see Page 8.

At left, the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2023 will include, clockwise from top left, Scott Lengefeld, Shane Nolen, Steve Massey, Charla Moore, Ben Meador, John Eddie Williams, Jeff Neal, Rhonda Foster and, at bottom, the 1981 Dobie boys' track and field program.

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## District 22-6A football's top players honored

Channelview quarterback Darius Clark-James scored 22-6A Most Valuable Player honors while Deer Park defensive line-man was the league's

Defensive Most Valuable Player as District 22-6A head coaches announced the All-District varsity football squads following the season.

A junior, Clark-James led the Falcons to their first 22-6A championship in the current alignment as he passed for 2,360 yards and 29 touchdowns, rushing for another six scores in his first season as the Falcons' starter.

Deer Park lineman Luke Webb recorded 11 tackles for loss on his way to being named Defensive Most Valuable Player as the Deer were second in the 22-6A standings en route to the Division I playoff top seed.

Mathews got a taste of varsity action as a freshman in 2021 and then burst onto the scene during his first full season in 2022 as a sophomore.

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Channelview, which went 8-2 overall and a perfect 6-0 in District 22-6A play, saw senior receiver Marques Neal nab Utility Player of the Year honors after he had 45 catches for 915 yards and a league-best 13 touchdowns.

Dobie was 4-6 overall but grabbed the Division I second playoff seed as sophomore Cameron Mathews was a first-team pick at running back. Senior running back Raynard Hall and junior offensive lineman Evan Jordan were

also first-team honorees. Mathews got a taste of varsity action as a freshman in 2021 and then burst onto the scene during his first full season in 2022 as a sophomore.

Hill and Kelley both had more than 70 total tackles, and Hill was one of the most disruptive front seven players across the 22-6A ranks.



Second among all 22-6A rushers with 1,122 yards as a sophomore, Dobie's Cameron Mathews (2) was a first-team All-District selection following the 2022 season. Mathews, who gained more than eight yards per carry, also scored 11 touchdowns. See more All-District selections on Page 6.

Richard led Dobie with three interceptions, while Bradley was second in 22-6A with five pass break-ups. See more all-district news on Page 6.

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# Longhorns earn All-District football honors in 2022

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In addition to those named to the 22-6A first team, Dobie had many other top-performing players named to the All-District second team. Others were honorable mention selections following the season.

Roderick Drumgo was named a second-team defensive lineman, and linebacker Dempsey Spears also earned his way on to the second team. Dobie had two defensive backs – Jackson McCall and Cohen Landry Jr. – named to the second team as well. Senior and three-year starter Jalen Baldwin was a second team honoree at running back, and offensive lineman Franky Aleman also was a second-team pick. Dobie had offensive lineman Markel Terry named to the honorable mention group. Place-kicker Daniel Campero was an honorable mention pick after he was 2 for 2 on field goal tries and successfully converted each of his 24 extra-point conversion kicks. Honorable mention defensive selections for the Longhorns included linemen Anfornee Lee and Darius Jones in addition to defensive back Terrance Thomas.

## Wolverines look to Carlisle/Krueger



Clear Brook sophomore forward Logan Sariga (20) played exceptionally well as the Wolverines won four of five overall games at the McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 17-19. Now the Wolverines will play for top honors at the Dec. 1-3 Carlisle/Krueger Classic within the Clear Creek ISD ranks.

Photo by Andy Tolbert



A team captain, C.J. Richard (7) had a big senior season in the secondary for the Longhorns, capping his final season with first team All-District accolades as he had three interceptions to lead the Dobie squad.



Nigel Hill (1) of Dobie was one of the most disruptive defensive players in the 22-6A ranks from his linebacking spot as he had more than 70 total tackles, including five for loss on his way to All-District first-team honors.

## Newsomes headed to NCAAs



Jaden Newsome (3) of Iowa State University and her sister, Kailin Newsome of Southeastern Louisiana University, are headed to the NCAA postseason tournament with their respective programs beginning Dec. 2. Jaden Newsome, a fifth-year senior with the Cyclones, will look to extend her career as Iowa State opens play Dec. 2 against Florida Gulf Coast in Gainesville, while Fla. Southeastern Louisiana takes on host Minnesota Dec. 2 in Minneapolis. The Newsomes are Clear Brook High School graduates, with Jaden Newsome part of the 2017 class and Kailin Newsome graduating in 2020.



A punishing running style allowed Dobie senior running back Raynard Hall (23) to rush for more than 700 yards and nine touchdowns as he was a 22-6A first team All-District selection at his position.

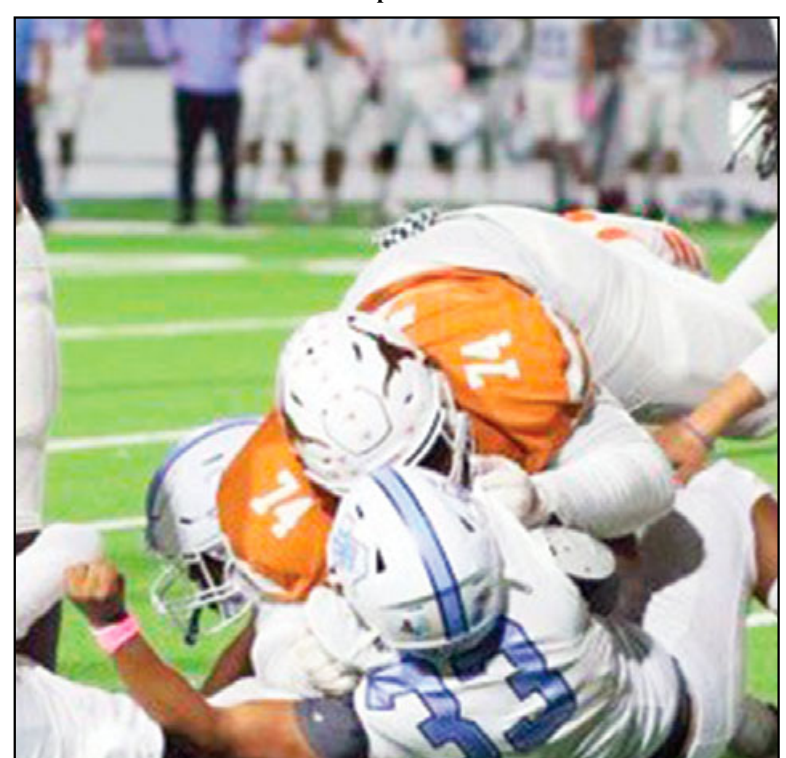


Junior Derrick Kelley (12) was in on a lot of action for the Longhorns this season as he had more than 70 total tackles and also intercepted a pass as he was one of four 22-6A first team All-District selections on defense for Dobie.

## Baldwin shines in UNLV win



Johnathan Baldwin (3) had a 55-yard scoop-and-score touchdown and intercepted a pass as he helped the UNLV Rebels close out Mountain West Conference play with a 27-22 victory over Nevada Nov. 26. The Class of 2021 Dobie graduate punctuated his first full season as a starter at safety with a late pass breakup as the Rebels won the Battle of the Fremont Cannon with the win. UNLV snapped a six-game losing streak with the win and finished the regular season at 5-7. It was UNLV's first win over Nevada since 2019. Baldwin had eight tackles in the game, the fumble recovery touchdown, fumble recovery and two pass breakups as he was named the Mountain West Defensive Player of the Week. With the Rebels in 2022, Baldwin was in on 56 total tackles, with a forced fumble and the pickoff in the final game.



Evan Jordan (74) was truly dominant along the offensive front as he earned All-District first-team honors for the Longhorns. A two-year starter, Jordan will return in 2023 to anchor the offensive line group.



22-6A first team All-District honors went to Dobie senior defensive back Jeremiah Bradley (11) as he was second among all defenders in the league with five passes defended.

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7:30 a.m. Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at either Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce website (calendar) or call 281-485-3634.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.  
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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
7:30 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.  
11 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or visit https://www.houstonalanon.org/.  
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8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - worship at 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). Call 281-479-7285.  
2 p.m. Grief Support Group - Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787.  
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Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.  
1:30 - 3 p.m. Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Call 281-554-1180.  
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7 p.m. AA - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting in the Education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.  
7 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Friendswood chapter meets at 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. Call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau 713-875-8820.  
7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Monday's notice.  
11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
11:30 a.m. Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.  
6:30 p.m. Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild or call Carol at 713-253-2521.  
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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake. Call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.  
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12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance - See Monday's notice.  
7 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
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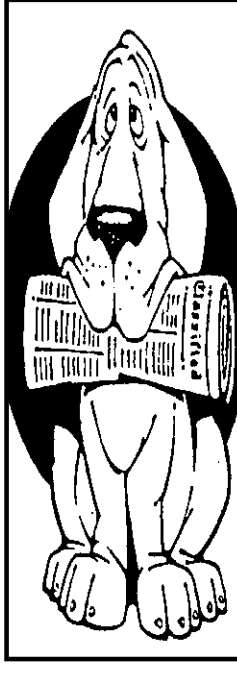
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# Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame announces Class of 2023 stars

**By Al Carter**  
**Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame**

The emergence of the Pasadena ISD as a softball powerhouse 30 years ago is reflected in the exploits of two of the eight individuals selected for induction next April in the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame.

The slate of 2023 Hall of Famers includes Rhonda Foster, who coached Dobie to state softball championships in 1995 and 1997; and Charla Moore, a 1997 Sam Rayburn High graduate who pitched the Lady Texans through two state playoff runs – one of which included a now legendary regional championship game against Foster's Lady Longhorns.

Foster, who took on a variety of coaching assignments at Dobie, also played an important role in grooming another new inductee, 1995 Dobie graduate Scott Lengefeld. Foster coached Lengefeld, her first cousin, in cross-country, a sport in which he qualified for the state meet in 1994 and 1995.

Lengefeld went on to earn All-America honors at Texas A&M University. Other athletes chosen for induction are John Eddie Williams, Pasadena High, Class of 1972; Shane Nolen, Pasadena High, Class of 1975; Steve Massey, Rayburn High, Class of 1976; and Jeff Neal, South Houston High, Class of 1986.

The induction list also includes one of the most prominent names in the Pasadena community – Ben Meador, the chief executive officer of Meador Staffing Services and the founder of the highly successful McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Meador, a 1957 Pasadena graduate, will be inducted for "Meritorious Community Service." For the fourth time, the Hall of Fame committee will honor a Pasadena ISD team, this time the 1981 Dobie track squad that won the state title under Hall of Fame coach John Bryan.

The inductees will be honored at the Hall of Fame's spring banquet, set for April 20, 2023.

For the second year in a row, the event will be held at the Pasadena Convention Center.

The latest inductions will represent a Hall of Fame reunion of two pairs of former high school teammates who went on to play together in college.

Nolen, whose contributions on the baseball diamond helped Pasadena High reach the state semifinals in 1974, will follow his former Eagles teammate, Fritz Connally, into the Hall of Fame.

Both went on to play at Baylor, where they helped lead the Bears to the school's first two College World Series berths.

Massey, a prized lineman and tight end for Sam Rayburn, later played alongside his Texans' teammate, Hall of Famer Jimmy Johnson, at the University of Texas.

The two other football inductees took unusual routes to public prominence beyond their college playing days.

Neal played college ball at Howard Payne University and later turned his attention to powerlifting. After winning two world championships, he launched a public-speaking career for a Christian ministry organization that he founded.

Williams was a star lineman at Pasadena High in the early 1970s and a prized football recruit for Baylor.

He gave up football to study law – and now ranks as one of the most prominent trial attorneys in the country.

### 1981 Dobie H.S. Boys Track Team

Six months after coaching the Longhorn cross-country team to a state title, Bryan took his track squad to Austin and captured the state championship in dominating fashion.

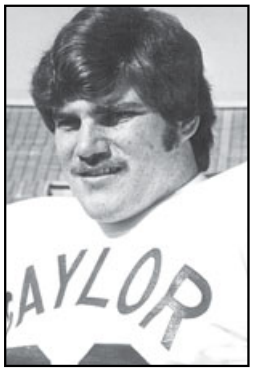
Dobie's title remains just the second state track crown ever won by a Pasadena ISD school. (Pasadena High School claimed the championship in 1957.)

Five different Longhorns placed in the top four in their respective events at the state meet.

Hall of Famer Gawain Guy, who had won the state cross-country title the previous fall, led the Dobie contingent by winning the gold medal in the 1,600 meters.

Paul Miller took silver in the pole vault. Lawrence Mitchell, in the 100 meters; Sammy Shiffesell, in the 800; and Greg Johnson, in the 3,200, all claimed fourth-place finishes.

**John Eddie Williams**  
**Pasadena, Class of 1972**  
After earning state-wide recognition as an Eagles lineman, Williams seemed to be on his way to a rewarding college football career. Then the



John Eddie Williams

law got in the way. Law school, that is.

A two-time all-district selection, he became a part of the first Baylor recruiting class assembled by Grant Teaff, who would go on to win more games than any football coach in school history.

But after two years of opening holes for running backs, Williams said goodbye to football and fixed his gaze on the law.

Today, he's one of the nation's best-known litigators. In 1995, he brought a landmark case against Big Tobacco that resulted in a \$17.3 billion settlement – at that point, the nation's largest legal settlement.

Williams also ranks as one of his alma mater's biggest benefactors. The playing field at Baylor's new stadium is named in his honor.

**Shane Nolen**  
**Pasadena, Class of 1975**  
Nolen earned eight letters in three sports at Pasadena.

Still, his performance in a 1974 baseball playoff against Milby is something veteran fans in the community still talk about. In an 11-inning, regional final thriller, Nolen hurled a complete game, striking out 10.

Then, with the game still scoreless in the bottom of the 11th, the Eagles junior belted a game-winning home run. The victory helped propel Pasadena

## Pasadena Memorial names 2nd 6-weekshonor roll

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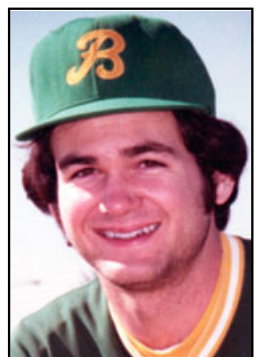
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to the state tournament.

At Baylor, Nolen earned All-Southwest Conference honors as a freshman and junior.

In 1977 and 1978, he

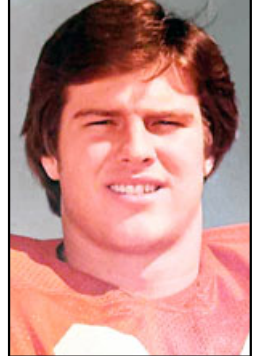


Shane Nolen

teamed with Connally to help lead Baylor to the school's first two CWS berths.

### Steve Massey

**Rayburn, Class of 1976**  
Regarded as one of the Pasadena ISD's most prized defensive line re-



Steve Massey

cruits, Massey went on to play in three bowl games for UT while helping the Longhorns maintain their reputation, earned throughout the 1960s and 1970s, as one of the best defensive teams in college football.

Massey shook off injuries early in his college career to earn three varsity letters.

His playing breakthrough came in 1978, when he registered nine sacks for a team that walloped Maryland 42-0 in the Sun Bowl.

As a junior in 1979, he helped the Longhorns earn the nation's No. 1 defensive ranking.

Selected as one of four team captains his senior season, he recorded a career high for tackles.

### Jeff Neal

**South Houston, Class of 1986**  
Undersized and largely overlooked, Neal blossomed on the gridiron at Howard Payne, where he earned All-America honors and was later inducted into the school's Sports Hall of Fame.

He spent five seasons in pro football but found his niche in powerlifting. In 1993, while a member of the Houston Oilers practice squad, he was honored as the NFL's "Strongest Man."

In 1998 and 1999, Neal won consecutive World Powerlifting Champion-

ships.

Then, in 2000, he es-

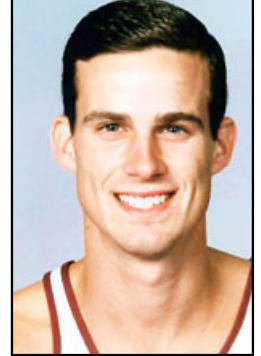


Jeff Neal

established Team Impact Ministries, an evangelical organization providing inspirational speakers to churches and schools around the country and internationally.

### Scott Lengefeld

**Dobie, Class of 1995**  
Lengefeld left a championship imprint in three sports in high school – and



Scott Lengefeld

it's hard to say which was more impressive.

Twice he won the district cross-country title and twice finished in the top 15 at the state meet.

In track, he claimed district laurels in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs both his junior and senior years.

And in baseball he started at either shortstop or second base for three straight playoff-qualifying teams – the last of which, in 1995, saw the Longhorns reach the regional finals.

At A&M, Lengefeld emerged as one of the top three-sport runners in the Big 12.

As a senior, he finished fourth at the conference cross-country meet and then 14th at the NCAA meet to earn All-America designation.

In both indoor and outdoor track, he etched his name in the Aggie record book, winning Big 12 gold in the 10,000-meter indoor run as a senior. His school record in the outdoor 10,000 still stands.

### Charla Moore

**Rayburn, Class of 1997**  
A four-year letter-winner at Rayburn, Moore was named All-Greater Houston three times while posting a phenomenal career earned run average of 0.72.

As a sophomore, she went head-to-head with Dobie ace Christa Williams, another Pasadena

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ISD Hall of Famer, in the regional semifinals.

The Lady Longhorns,



Charla Moore

coached by Foster, won 1-0 in a 19-inning classic in which both Moore and Williams went the distance.

Moore (now Charla Crochet) went on to pitch four years at the University of Texas, where she remains one of the school's career ERA leaders.

### Rhonda Foster

**Dobie Coach, 1983-2007**  
Foster's versatility as a coach was matched only by her success.

All told, she coached

went 35-0. Two years later, she guided a team that had finished third in district to another state crown.

She stands as the only coach in Pasadena ISD history to win two state titles in the same sport.

### Meritorious Community Service

**Ben Meador**  
**Pasadena, Class of 1957**

A three-sport athlete in high school, Meador has never lost his fondness for sneakers and whistles.

Long an icon in the Pasadena business com-



Ben Meador

munity, Meador has built a record of support for Pasadena ISD activities, both academic and athletic, that few can rival.

Foremost among his contributions is the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament, which he founded in 2003.

The tournament, one of the largest preseason basketball events in the nation, has brought in nearly \$3 million since its inception, with most of the proceeds going to the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation. Meador served as tournament chairman from 2003 to 2015.

Meador, now semiretired, maintains his position as chairman and CEO of Meador Staffing Services, which maintains offices in Clear Lake, Deer Park, Pearland, The Woodlands and a corporate office in Pasadena.

He was recognized by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce as Pasadena's Citizen of the Year in 1991.

In 2000, he was named a Distinguished Alumnus by the Pasadena ISD, adding to his honors.



Rhonda Foster

six different sports in her 25 years at Dobie – four for girls and two for boys.

In addition to her state softball titles in 1995 and 1997, she guided three boys' teams and one girls' team to state cross-country meets.

Two of her runners won state titles: Raz Bowman, who took the 800 meters in 1998, and Brian McKinstry, who claimed the cross-country title in 2001.

Still, softball provided Foster with a lasting legacy.

With Williams on the mound, her 1995 team

## Longhorn basketball headed to Beaumont

The Dobie varsity boys' basketball squad returns to head coach Franklin Paul's old stomping grounds in Beaumont with a Dec. 1-3 appearance at the 2022 South Texas Shootout, hosted for a 69th season by the Young Men's Business League in Beaumont.

Paul, the top varsity boys' basketball assistant at Beaumont West Brook before taking over the Dobie program, will lead the Longhorns in pool play action Dec. 1 against Aldine Nimitz (10 a.m.) and Beaumont United (2:30 p.m.).

Bracket and trophy round play comes Dec. 2 and Dec. 3 as Dobie, Nimitz and United are joined

by Aldine, Angleton, Channelview, Dallas Madison, Goose Creek Memorial, Grace Academy, La Grange, Silsbee, West Brook, West Orange-Stark and Willowridge at the event.

Dobie has been up and down through the early going but does own a win over Silsbee, ranked third in the state in Class 4A Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

The Longhorns will also see 6A state-ranked United (No. 21) in pool play in Beaumont.

Dobie will open its defense of the District 22-6A championship when it goes against Pasadena Memorial Dec. 20.

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