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Gunshot caught on video

A South Belt resident submitted a video to the Leader of man firing a handgun into the air at the Shell station at Scarsdale and the Gulf Freeway the night of Wednesday, Nov. 24. The resident said police responded to the incident. At press time, it was unclear if any arrests were made. No injuries were reported.

Melillo jog helps needy

Melillo Middle School will hold its annual Jingle Bell Jog Saturday, Dec. 11. This is a community event aimed at helping local families for the holidays. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., and the jog will take place at 8:30 a.m. All participants are asked to bring two nonperishable food items or one new unwrapped toy.

All the food and toy donations collected will go directly to the South Belt-Ellington Leader's food and toy drive. (See related story on this page.) Holiday dress is recommended. First- and second-place prizes will be awarded to Melillo boy and girl joggers. The Melillo band will perform, and a drawing will be held for a free turkey. For additional information, contact Kelly Jurek at 713-740-5260.

St. Luke hosts outdoor event

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, will hold its inaugural Christmas Under the Stars event Sunday, Dec. 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person or \$20 for a family of five. Admission includes a Christmas choir concert, a hayride, fun activities, food, hot cocoa and pictures with Santa Claus.

COVID cases continue

This marked the second consecutive week that active COVID-19 cases continued to climb after several consecutive prior weeks showed a downward trend. This also marked the second consecutive week, however, that there were inconsistencies with the data released the previous week by Harris County. As of Wednesday, Dec. 1, county records indicated there were 246 reported South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up three from the previous week.

Of the 7,820 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 140 remain active, up eight from the previous week. To date, 100 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up four from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 135 of the 6,004 confirmed cases remain active, up 21 from the previous week. A total of 66 from the ZIP code have died, one less than recorded the previous week.

Of the 6,050 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 131 remain active, up 14 from the previous week. To date, 80 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up three from the previous week.

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

Countywide, there have been 585,792 total confirmed cases. Of those, 569,221 have recovered from the disease, while 10,012 cases remain active. A total of 6,523 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Nov-1-Coronavirus.

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound exit ramp from Beltway 8 to SH 3/Old Galveston Road is closed until further notice. At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 7. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Sagemont Civic meets Dec. 7

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. For additional information, contact Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Dec. 9 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Dec. 10 (second Friday of the month). 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 more information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

Ellington e-recycling event

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 311.

Highway 3 closure planned

At least one northbound lane on SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed from FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard to El Dorado Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 27.

Sageglen hosts free concert

Sageglen HOA will host a free concert Saturday, Dec. 4, in the community center parking lot, 11610 Sageyork, from 10 to 10:40 a.m. "Sounds of the Season" will be performed outdoors by the Pearland Community Band. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Attendees should bring their own seats.

County to install traffic signal(s) near Riverstone

Plans call for installing 1, possibly 3, lights on Blackhawk, Riverstone

Harris County plans to install at least one and possibly up to three traffic lights in the South Belt community near the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. Intersections being considered for signaling by county officials include Hughes Road at Riverstone Ranch Drive; Blackhawk at Riverstone Ranch Drive; and Blackhawk at Hall Road.

Officials say the traffic lights may be necessary to accommodate the area's growing traffic congestion.

At a recent meeting with community leaders held at the Leader office, officials with the county's engineering department acknowledged that very few traffic studies have been conducted by the county during the COVID-19 pandemic, as results would be skewed due to irregular traffic patterns. The results would be particularly skewed near schools, for instance, as many students are now being dropped off, rather than riding the bus.

Traffic in the area is expected to be further impacted with opening the new Thompson Intermediate campus, which is expected to open in fall 2023 in the 8700 block of Hughes Road near South Belt Elementary.

Utilizing previous traffic data, county officials determined that a traffic signal is warranted at the intersection of Hughes Road at Riverstone Ranch Drive.

The county's next priority is the intersection of Blackhawk and Riverstone Ranch Drive, where a second signal is proposed.

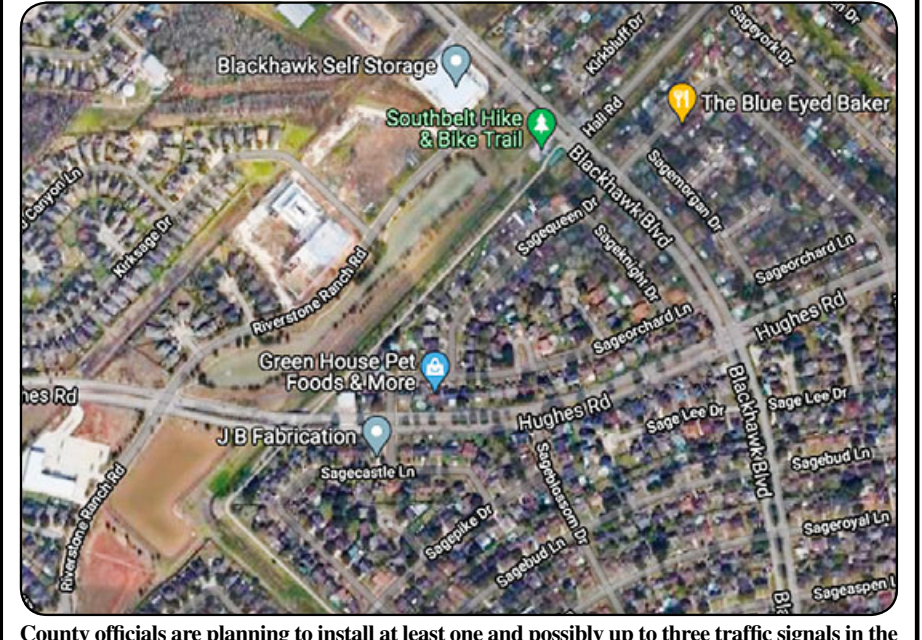
Although county data doesn't warrant a signal at Blackhawk at Hall Road, a third light is being considered there. Officials said, however, if a light is first being installed at Blackhawk and Riverstone Ranch Drive, they highly recommended removing the existing three-way/all-way stop sign at the intersection, then studying traffic flow before installing a turn signal.

Community leaders at the meeting expressed concern that such a removal might be dangerous because people are creatures of habit and might still think drivers on Blackhawk have to stop at the crossing.

Concerns were also raised about possible difficulties turning from Hall onto Blackhawk. Officials assured those in attendance that the existing signal at Hughes Road and Blackhawk and the proposed signal at Blackhawk and Riverstone Ranch would ideally be timed to allow access from Hall. Officials further said that studies show significantly more drivers utilize Kirkfair than Hall, except when church is in session at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

While draft plans called for installing all three of

Riverstone traffic addressed



County officials are planning to install at least one and possibly up to three traffic signals in the area near the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. Traffic signals are being considered for the intersections of Hughes Road at Riverstone Ranch Drive; Blackhawk at Riverstone Ranch Drive; and Blackhawk at Hall Road. Current plans call for first installing the signal at Hughes Road at Riverstone Ranch, then studying the remaining two intersections before moving forward.

Brook evacuated following bomb threat

Students and staff at Clear Brook High School were evacuated Tuesday, Nov. 30, after officials received a tip about a possible bomb on campus. Evacuees were allowed to re-enter the school once law enforcement personnel and bomb-sniff-

ing dogs gave the all-clear. Clear Brook parents received frequent updates and were asked to not pick up their children from school. Students were released early.

At press time, the investigation was ongoing.

Man dies in Hughes Road accident

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that took place around 1 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, in the 10700 block of Hughes Road at Sagepark Lane.

At press time, the identity of the male victim was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to police, the victim was driving a black Honda Civic at the above address 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.

Paramedics pronounced the driver of the Honda dead at the scene. The driver of the Saturn, a 33-year-old male, was transported to the hospital for minor injuries.

Police said the driver of the Saturn showed no signs of intoxication and agreed to a blood draw. No charges have been filed at this time. The investigation is continuing.

Booster now available to all over 18

Harris County Public Health is now offering the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 booster vaccines to all individuals 18 years and older, with or without pre-existing conditions.

This announcement comes following the recent approval of the expanded booster dose eligibility from the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The county encourages all residents to get their booster dose before the upcoming holidays as more people begin to travel and gather with friends and family.

Residents who completed their two-dose mRNA vaccine series (Pfizer or Moderna) at least six months ago and anyone who received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago are encouraged to get their

booster dose.

All COVID-19 vaccines provide strong protection for most people. A booster vaccine is an additional dose given after the protection provided by the original series has begun to decrease over time. The booster helps certain groups of people maintain their level of immunity longer.

COVID-19 vaccinations are free at all HCPH designated sites and appointments are not required, although recommended. To schedule an appointment, visit vacstrac.hctx.net or call 832-927-8787.

To find a nearby location, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Nov-1-Coronavirus/Register-for-COVID-19-Vaccine#COVID-vaccine-map-dashboard. If one is receiving their booster dose, they should remember to bring their COVID-19 vaccination card with them.

City promotes "Protect Our Pipes"

This holiday season, Houston Public Works is promoting its "Protect Our Pipes" campaign, aimed at preventing sewer overflows.

Sewer overflows are a backup of untreated wastewater into our streets and homes. Seventy percent of sewer overflows in Houston are caused by clogs from grease and wipes. Houston Public Works is asking the community to do their part to prevent this from happening.

Fats, oils and grease poured down the sink and wipes flushed down the toilet are the main cause of sewer overflows. Houston Public Works responds to twice as many sewer overflows during the holiday season due a significant increase of grease clogs.

The "Protect Our Pipes" campaign asks the community to put oils and grease in the trash, and to only flush the "three Ps" - pee, poo and (toilet) paper.

Neighbors can properly dispose of grease by following these three simple steps:
- Pour leftover oils and grease into a container.
- Cool it.

- Toss the container into the trash.
For helpful tips to help prevent sewer overflows, the community can visit ProtectOurPipes.org.

Frequently Asked Questions
What is a sewer overflow?
A sewer overflow is a release of raw sewage that can pollute our waterways and even back up into homes. This often results in property damage and threatens public health.

What causes sewer overflows?
The main cause of sewer overflows in Houston is clogged pipes from fats, oils, and grease poured down sinks and wipes flushed down toilets. These items build up in wastewater lines, causing blockages and overflows.

How can sewer overflows be prevented?
Put grease in its place - the trash. You can contain it in a jar, can, or heat resistant bag, cool it in the fridge or freezer, and once full, toss it in the trash. Also, only flush the Three P's - pee, poo and (toilet) paper - down the toilet.

What about flushable wipes?

Taylor won't seek re-election in 2022

State Sen. Larry Taylor, whose District 11 encompasses much of the South Belt community, announced Tuesday, Nov. 30, he will 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. See next week's Leader for more information.

Houston police offer holiday safety tips

With the holiday season now here, most people are preoccupied with the details of holiday plans and shopping. Unfortunately, the safety precautions normally taken are sometimes forgotten, or the excitement of the season causes one to let down their guard. The Houston Police Department wants residents to have a safe and joyous holiday season so they have provided the following safety tips:

- While shopping**
 - Stay alert to one's surroundings and the people around one. Trust one's instincts; if something doesn't feel right, it's probably not - call 911.
 - Shop with a friend; there is safety in numbers.
 - Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
 - Pay for purchases with a check, credit, or debit card.
 - Do not leave one's purse/wallet in shopping carts.
 - Do not carry wallets in a back pocket. It should be placed in a front pocket for safety.
 - Be alert, criminals look for the "high dollar store" shopping bags with one's purchases. When possible, slip bags/purchases in a plain nondescript bag.
 - Watch purchases while eating in mall food courts; bags as well as purses can easily be switched or taken.
 - Avoid overloading oneself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to open car doors, etc. When possible have packages sent to package pickup where they may be retrieved in a well-lit and heavily populated area.
 - Get keys in hand before leaving the store.

- Do not leave packages in vehicle. If changing locations, put them in the trunk before leaving one's destination and get to the other. Be watchful to observe if anyone is following in the parking lot or in a vehicle once leaving the store location.

- Shop early and leave early to avoid evening darkness and park in a high visibility and well-lit area as close to the store as possible.
- Put all personal valuables out of sight before going out to shop.
- If one feels uncomfortable, ask the security officer for an escort to one's vehicle.
- Walk briskly, confidently and directly through the parking lot. Do not be distracted by talking or looking at one's cellphone.
- Be cautious of people handing out fliers or asking questions in the parking lot.
- Watch for people who may be following inside as well as outside the store. If one suspects one is being followed, report it immediately to store security.

- At home**
 - Lock doors and close windows when leaving one's house, even if it's only for a minute.
 - When leaving home for an extended period of time, have a neighbor or family member watch one's house, pick up the mail and newspapers, or put a hold on mail and newspaper delivery.
 - More and more purchases are made online so if one is expecting a package and one will not be home, track packages online, ask a neighbor to pick it up or request a signature for proof of delivery.

Leader Christmas program begins

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

Now in its 39th 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.

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 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



Local constables deputize youth

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia (left) is shown with Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin (a former South Belt resident) at the recent "Coffee with a Constable" event, held Thursday, Nov. 18, at Taqueria Arandas in Pasadena. During the meeting, a child not associated with the event (shown to the left) told the constables that he too wanted to be a police officer when he grew up. The lawmen responded by deputizing the youth.

Publisher's Opinion

Tristan credited for Pledge thought

The Nov. 25 edition of the *Leader* included a letter from South Belt resident, and frequent contributor to the newspaper, James E. Muecke, in which he discussed the Pledge of Allegiance, or more specifically, its famous last words "with liberty and justice for all."

The letter emphasized that the word "all," suggesting it referred to the sum of Americans as a whole, rather than each American individually.

"The important word is 'ALL,'" Muecke said in his letter. "This means each and every one of us; Black, White, His-

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Unfortunately, wipes labeled as "flushable" still harm the wastewater system and should not be flushed. The same goes for facial tissues and paper towels. These items do not break down, and together with grease cause blockages and overflows.

What does Public Works do to prevent sewer overflows?

Houston Public Works routinely repairs and clears wastewater lines as ongoing preventative maintenance in areas with high levels of sewer overflows.

However, without the community's help to prevent clogs, this problem will only continue.

What do I do with grease?

Put grease in its place – the trash. Grease can also be reused or recycled at the City of Houston's Environmental Service Centers.

Dos and Don'ts

- Do keep fats, oils and grease out of the drain.
- Do pour, cool and toss.
- Pour: Scrape or pour grease into an empty container, such as a heat resistant bag, glass jar, or tin can.
- Cool: Cover the grease and let it cool. Store in the fridge until the container is full.
- Toss: Once full, toss the container in the trash (or recycle it at a City of Houston Environmental Service Center).
- Do use a sink strainer. Use a sink strainer to prevent food scraps, hair, and other items from going down the drain.
- Do use a paper towel. Use a paper towel to wipe grease from pots, pans, plates, and utensils before washing. Throw the paper towel in the trash.
- Do one's toilet duty. Only flush the three Ps.

- Pee. Pee is treated at our wastewater treatment plants.
- Poo. Poo breaks down and doesn't clog our wastewater pipes.
- Paper. Toilet paper easily dissolves in water.
- Don't put the following down the drain or in the toilet.
- Cooking grease and oil:
 - Meat fats.
 - Mayonnaise, salad, dressings and other sauces.
 - Butter, yogurt and cream.
- Chewing gum.
- Coffee grounds and/or filters.
- Paper towels.
- All wipes and rags – even flushables.
- Dental floss.
- Diapers.
- Feminine hygiene products.
- Q-tips or cotton balls.
- Hair.
- Plastics.
- Medicines and pharmaceuticals.
- Toys.
- Condoms.

To learn more, visit ProtectOurPipes.org.

BAC hosting two Christmas concerts

Christmas is a time of great peace, hope and joy. And what better way is there to experience Christmas than through the joy of music?

Join the Bay Area Chorus of Greater Houston (BAC) as they spread the joy at their "O Sing, My Soul" Christmas concert.

The concerts are scheduled:

- 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Road.
- For tickets, go to www.bayareachorus.org. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors (ages 65+) and \$5 for students. At the door, tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors.
- 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5, BAC joins GLO CPAs for "A Very Merry Christmas"

Espinosa honored at Melillo



Valerie Espinosa (left), fifth grade science teacher, was named Spotlight of the Month for November at Melillo Middle School. Espinosa goes above and beyond for her team and her department, embracing a growth mindset and maintaining a positive attitude while seeking new ways to engage her students in learning. She collaborates with her team and comes up with solutions. She makes learning fun and exciting by providing students with different hands-on activities, station rotations, blended learning and new experiences to apply what they learn to the real world. She has high expectations for her students and pushes them to reach their full potential by giving them opportunities to collaborate and discuss what they are learning. Her students love and respect her and can't wait to go to her class every day.

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Teach children to do the same thing but never let the stranger know they're home alone. Tell them their parent is busy and can't come to the door.

- If they seem suspicious, call 911 immediately.
- Don't leave keys hidden outside or in fake concealment rocks. Burglars often know how to spot the most common hiding places quickly.

Decorations

Pick the right holiday lights. Check for broken or burnt out bulbs. Choose LED lights over incandescent lights.

- Be smart about one's decorations. Do not leave decorations near the fireplace. Placement of decorations and wires should be carefully considered.
- Don't overload one's outlets. Don't go over the maximum that the extension allows. Overloaded outlets are a fire hazard.

Traveling

- Don't post on social media that one is traveling. Never advertise an empty house.
- Check all fluids, tire pressure and tire tread and get any maintenance needed before getting on the road.
- Always have an emergency safety kit in your vehicle (first aid, water, snacks, blankets, flashlight, flares, jumper cables and cellphone charger).

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

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.

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Sunday	8 a.m. and 10 a.m.*
Sunday	1 p.m. Misa en Español*

*Also Available on Facebook Live

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	9 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.

Parish Office: 281-481-6816
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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.

Thursday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m. Parker Williams Book Club member reads "The Red Address Book," by Sofia Lundburg. Contact the branch to reserve a copy today. The meetings are the last Thursdays of the month over Microsoft Teams. Contact Tanner Adams at tanner.adams@hcpl.net for more information and an invite.

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time. Join John Harbaugh for a program on Facebook Live at [Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary).

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook group posted pictures of an individual who was caught on video surveillance looking for unlocked vehicles Wednesday, Nov. 24, between 2:20 and 2:30 a.m. in Ashley Pointe subdivision. The member stated that the suspect was in an older Chevy Astro van. The member advises the community to be aware and lock their vehicles.

A member of *Sagemont Pets* group is helping a neighbor look for their Yorkie named Gucci that has been missing since Friday, Nov. 26 and was last seen running down Sage- glen Drive from Fruitwood Drive. The member shared a picture and a number to contact the member with any information.

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San Jac celebrates past, present, future

On Friday, Nov. 12, Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor, delivered the State of the College to elected officials, board of trustees, community members and faculty and staff both virtually and in person.

The presentation addressed the journey that led San Jac to where it is today and the roadmap created for the college's future.

The chancellor highlighted many of the accomplishments that San Jac has achieved in the past year, including:

- Dispersing \$32 million to students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund allowing students to continue their education goals despite any hardships from COVID-19.
- Distributing 140,000 pounds of food items through the food market to students, faculty and staff during the pandemic.
- Erasing \$2 million in student debt so that students could continue with their coursework despite the hardships of COVID-19.
- Hosting grand openings for five new buildings as a part of the 2015 bond project, including San Jac's newest campus, Generation Park.
- Opening the EDGE Center at the hub of the Houston Spaceport.
- Founding the 21Forward scholarship as a part of the \$30 million MacKenzie Scott and Dan Jewett donation.
- Designating the Maritime Technology and Training Center as a Center of Excellence for domestic maritime workforce training and education by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration.
- Projects that the chancellor mentioned in the near future include:
 - Expanding the Promise at San Jac scholarship to all in-district high school seniors by establishing an endowment with funds from the Scott and Jewett donation.
 - Opening the classroom building on the San Jac Central Campus in 2022, the largest academic building in the United States to be constructed from mass timber.

- Continuing the work on Generation Park to expand the campus offerings.

The address ended with the Chancellor thanking supporters for their assistance in making the educational goals a reality for students at San Jac.

"We have made and will continue to make an impact in our community, and we couldn't do it without the support of each of you, the support of each of our taxpayers and our community at large."

Leader Christmas program begins

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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.

Additional COVID-19 safety measures will be in place when families are later picking up donations.

Those wishing to donate items should visit the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* office, located at 11555 Beamers at Beltway 8.

Applicants must submit the following pieces of information: name; address; phone number; why help is needed; whether or not help has been sought elsewhere; and whether or not the *Leader* has provided assistance before in past years.

Applicants must apply online by emailing mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no in-person applications will be accepted this year.

Stuchbery Stallions run at South Belt 5K



The South Belt 5K Run, hosted by Dobie High School staff members at El Franco Lee Park, drew plenty of neighborhood support as students from Stuchbery Elementary took part in the fun. This race is an annual fundraiser for the Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship, which provides academic scholarships to Dobie graduates. The Stallions' students and faculty from Stuchbery included, left to right, (front row) Jesse Hernandez, Zoe Fernandez, Matthew Pantoja, Moises Campos, Devany McVea, (middle row) Isaiah Andrade, Emma Lopez, Victoria Neira, Moriah Rodney, Sofia Cavazel, Gift Obah, Jayce Gutierrez, (back row) coach James Maslonka, Jessica Portzline (music teacher), coach Susan Brady and Shannon Garris (counselor). Not pictured are Demetrius Robinson (fourth-grade teacher), Courtland Smith, Charlotte Kearby, Savannah Hernandez, Victoria Escamilla and Jazlyn Villeda.

Thompson names its second six-weeks honor roll

Thompson Intermediate officials announced their second six-weeks honor roll.

Seventh grade

Deacon Akinloye, Tyler Albert, Isabella Allen, Kaleigh Antoine, Adeliz Barahona, Adelle Bongfen, Jasmine Cabrera, Cuthbert Chau and Mia Creekmore.

Aidan De La Rosa, Linkin Dinh, Anahi Echeverria, Adham Elghawi, Alisha Escobar, Emma Espino, Courtney Fletcher, James Flores and Fabian Fraide.

Kareli Garza, Romeo Gill, Ezequiel Gonzalez, Dezirae Hall-Garner, Vivian Hang, Muzna Hasan, Julian Hernandez, Julius Hernandez and Alexia Hoang.

Marina Kostikoglou, Duy Lam, Sheyla Le, Genesis Leal, Hayden Limas, Leyla Limon, Allyson Marquez, Ashley Martinez and Miah Martinez.

Jaiden Medina, Madeline Medina, Dylan Mohwinkel, Morgan Momie, Aden Moore, De Yanhi Moses, Junied Munshi, Anh Nguyen and Hayly Nguyen.

Jeffery Nguyen, Nicholas Nguyen, Ijeoma Nmezi, Lilly Oliva, Nathaniel Padilla, Jonny Pham, Cullen Ponder, Jeremy Rangel and Olivia Razo.

Ana Reyes, Aubree Rodriguez, Christopher Rubio, Kaylee Salazar, Jonathan Sanchez and Manuel Sanchez.

Persephone Soria, Aiden Teran, Anne Tran, Elijah Ugalde, Angelina Vu and Rajanae Woods.

Eighth grade

Anderson Aguilar, Blessing Akinloye, Sureal Alcorta, Joel Alvarenga, Henry Armenta Alonso, Celeste Arriaga, Sean Arroyo, Kendall Ashworth and Lahnay Avendano, Ivan Ayala and Makayla Ballard St. Romain.

Alexander Baumgartner, Erika Calvillo, Anthony Cancel, Liliana Cano, Ashley Cantarero and Lealanie Casiano

Kimberly Castillo, Ethan Cavazos, Kennedy Cavazos, Alonzo Chapman, Elena Charles, Kevin Chau, Ryan Chau, Jaslynn Chavez, David Contreras and Cecilia Cruz.

Hailey Cubos, Ryleigh Cummings, Arianna Davidsson, Leila Davila, Natalie De Hoyos, Hadi Elghawi, Cooper Estes, Cheyenne Evans and Daniella Figueroa Pitti.

Savannah Flores-Lewis, Calvin Flowers, Roxann Franco, Helio Frausto, Oziel Fuentes, Angel Garcia, Julieta Garcia, Max Garza and Emily Golenko.

Adam Gonzales, Frank Gonzales-Adame, Guillermo Gonzalez Diaz, Abel Gutierrez, Abigail Gutierrez, Jakob Hasbell, Lance Heath, Maddox Hernandez and Morgan Hill.

Nathan Jimenez, Davion Johnson, Isabella Labra, Rayne Larson, Alex Le, Dan-

ton Le, Nathan-Cuong Le, Daeveon Love and Donovan Luu.

Kenia Machuca Cedillo, Ava Macias, Abraham Martinez, Jorge Martinez, Sarah Masey, Mia Mata, Edgardo Mateo, Morgan McGee and Tristan McKissick.

Dulce Mejia Hernandez, Kiara Merckerson, Jalyn Mondragon, Aziel Moreno, Ayden Munoz, Jawad Naser, Heidi Nguanuy, Quoc-Bao Ngo and Gia Nguyen.

Haley Nguyen, Harry Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen, Victory Nwosu, Jonathan Orellana Sarmiento, Awele Ozieh, Amairani Pena and Luke Penaloza.

Alex Perez, Thi Pham, Emyly Pineda, Izelle Pineda, Jazmin Pineda, Wilson Ponce, Brianna Puga, Yvette Ramos and Natalie Rangel.

Jaylyn Requeno Ortiz, Sebastian Rincon, Luis Rocha, Vincent Rodriguez, Roger Ruiz, Angela Salas Arzola, Carlos Salgado, Julian Salinas and Nicholas Sepulveda.

Isaiah Solorzano, Alison Soriano Gonzalez, Daniel Soto, Mia Sudario Garza, Parker Tran and Alexandra Trevino.

Fernando Vargas, Marisa Vasquez, Juan Vega, Aidan Veitia, Zoey Vuong and Olivia Wheeler.



Atkinson announces Eagles of the Month

Atkinson Elementary staff members announced their Eagles of the Month for October. These students work hard and show school pride inside and outside their classrooms. The school is so proud of each individual for working hard and continuing to be an example to other students in the school.

Shown left is Christina Verdacia who is a student in Mercedes Schreiber's pre-K class. Verdacia is a great role model for her class. She is always willing to help the teacher with tasks in the classroom as well as her classmates if they need help.



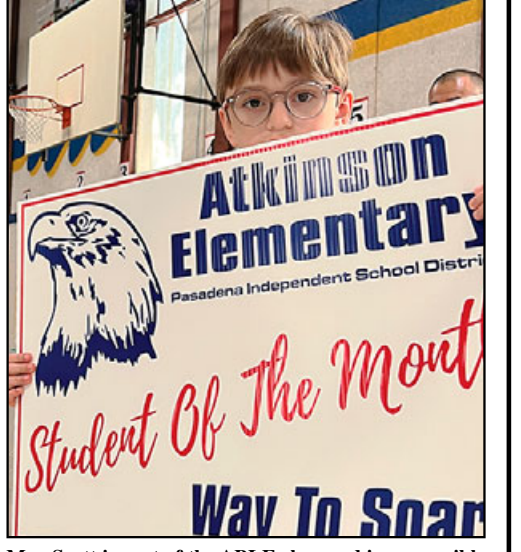
Valeria Vega is a student in Samantha Coyle's kindergarten class. Vega takes responsibility for her actions and her work. She works hard in class and at home, taking pride in each assignment and ownership over learning. Vega is a good role model to her peers in responsibility and also in respect and self-control.



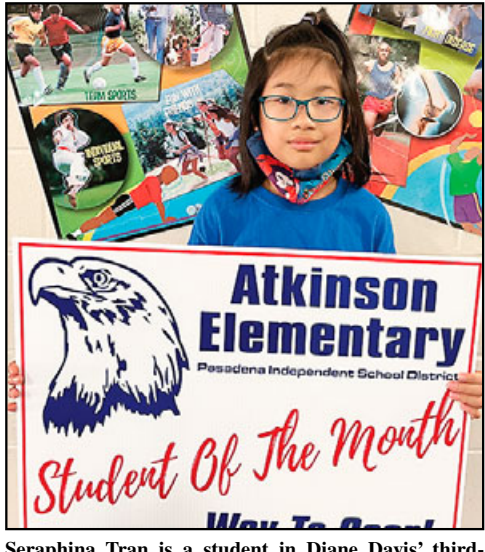
Kaylee Garcia is a student in Dee Davis' first-grade class. Garcia is a model student who is always at school and ready to work. She is polite, friendly and a good friend to others. She always does her best work and is proud of the work she produces.



Genesis Martinez is a student in Kathie Teuscher's second-grade class. Martinez sets a good example of citizenship in the classroom by paying attention to her lessons and participating in discussions. She is a student who displays perseverance in every assignment. She is kind and helpful to adults and peers.



Max Scott is part of the ABLA class and is responsible because he is always on task and reminds his peers to do the same. He works hard to reach his goals on a daily basis.



Seraphina Tran is a student in Diane Davis' third-grade class. Tran takes responsibility for her work and mistakes, she works hard on her daily assignments and puts forth maximum effort on each of them. She is always prepared for class and demonstrates responsibility each week by bringing back all her library books and homework on time.



Thien Ho is a student in Jennifer Youngblood and Tracey Nguyen's fourth-grade class. He is a model student who takes his roles and responsibilities as a patrol very seriously and is always attentive when he is completing his job. In the classroom, he puts forth 100 percent in all that he does and strives to do the best he can, even when the task is difficult.

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South Houston announces its second six-weeks honor roll

South Houston High School officials announced their second six-weeks honor roll.

Ninth grade
Dalilah Acosta, Agustin Aguilar, Angel Alvarado Cardal, Carolina Alvarez, Jose Aragon, Jocelyn Aranda, Saomy Astudillo Rodriguez, Amiah Atkinson and Jonathan Ayala.

Jacob Balderas, Charles Banks, Maria Barboza Castro, Johana Barragan, Aryana Benitez, Jazmin Bocanegra, Susan Bonilla Acosta, Jordan Buackner and Reynaldo Cabrera.

Michelle Cano, Yeison Carbajal, Cynthia Cardoza Garcia, Jarrell Carpenter, Emiliano Castilleja, Adamari Castillo, Melanie Chaverria,

Da'jonae Citizen and Lee Cleveland.

Perla Colmenero, Rosa Contreras, Lester Cortes Varela, Jeady Cruz, Bryan De Leon, Krystal Delgado, Lorenzo Delgado, Angelis Diaz and Valeria Duran Iracheta.

Elizabeth Erwin, Kayleen Erwin, Aaron Escareno, Kevin Espinal Lemus, Ruby Espinoza, Enrique Flores, Jennifer Flores, Ariana Franco and Kylie Gale.

Briahna Garcia, Diego Garcia, Lupita Garcia, Xzaviana Garcia, Rogelio Garibay, Aldemy Garza, Alina Garza, Giselle Garza and Samyra Garza.

Mia Gaytan, Deborah Getu, Cecilia Gomez, Joselyn Gomez, Gustavo Gonzalez, Diana Gracia, Yenny Grana-

dos, Aldo Guajardo and Amy Guerra.

David Guevara, Karina Guillen, Rayne Hale, Ana Herrera, Kaitlyn Houston, Destini James, Anyia Johnson, Marina Joya Campos and Adrian Juarez.

Edward Juarez, Xavier Lecompte, Elizabeth Linares Cruz, Emmanuel Llanos, Na'tareious Long, Frankie Lopez Guevara, Francisco Lopez Tejada, Adrian Lopez and Antonio Lopez.

Jazmin Lopez, Juan Lopez, Luis Lopez, Yaslene Lucio, Patricia Luna Argueta, Raquel Malbro, Jorge Manchame Rodriguez, Valentina Martinez Gamboa and Amanda Martinez.

Emely Martinez, Joanith Martinez, Raphael Martinez,

Ximena Martinez, Jose Mejia, Pricilla Mendiola, Cindy Molina, Miguel Montano and Jonathan Morales.

Kevin Morales, Kiara Moya De La Rosa, Gerald Murillo, Camila Navarro Moran, Kimberly Negrete, Kristi Nguyen, Leslie Oliveros, Eric Orellana and Ilian Pacheco Villafranca.

Mayker Pacheco Zapata, Noah Parras, Vicente Payne, Kesly Pedraza, Christopher Pena, Edwin Perla, Thien Pham, Jovanny Portillo and Valerie Portillo.

Jonathan Quezada, Jovanny Quezada, Felipe Quinteros-Amaya, Alan Ramirez, Camila Ramirez, Cierra Ramirez, Fatima Ramirez, Nathaly Ramirez and Ximara Ramirez.

Tatyana Ramos, Hugo Rangel, Lilisbeth Rios Diaz, Cassandra Rivas, Carlos Rivera, Jennifer Rivera, Chelsea Robertson, Jonathan Rocha and Mahia Rodriguez Agraz.

Giovany Rodriguez, Evelyn Rojas Garay, Aldamaris Roman Tellez, Rosalinda Salazar, Anthony Sanchez, Deevanie Sanchez, Lindsey Sanchez, Diego Santillan and Jonathan Saucedo.

Irma Sosa Villafranca, Irene Soto, Rodrigo Tapia, Natalie Terrones, James Thomas, Kyra Tillman, Sheryln Torres Cabrera, Xiomara Torres and Nancy Trevino.

Joaquin Vargas, Jonathon Vargas, Maniah Velez, Sairah Villalobos, Mariah Vizcaino, Remona Washington, Crystal Zavala and Ruby Zuviri.

10th grade
Mikaela Acosta, Andrew Alcantar, Jessica Alfaro, Christopher Almanza, David Alvarado Paz, Pedro Alvarez, Daniel Arias, Jennifer Avendano Gaytan, Andrea Ayala and Jonathan Barrientos.

Breana Benitez, Titeanna Broussard, Ovidio Bustillo, Alfredo Calderon, Rosa Campos, Jeremias Cantillano Pavon, Jose Cardoza, Evelyn Carranza and Aaron Chavarria.

Rosana Correa, Ashley Cruz, Angelina Damian, Dalia De La Rosa Pantoja, Paola Diaz Galvan, Aiden Diaz, Abraham Escareno, Everth Flores and Jayden Flores.

Jesus Flores, Jonathan Flores, Monika Franco, Amely Fuentes Gomez, Natalie Funes, Manuel Gamboa, Aldo Garcia Loya, Abraham

Garcia and Alexia Garcia.

Angela Garcia, Naomy Garcia, Santiago Garcia, Emily Garza, Ethan Garza, Trinita Garza, Chrisma Gipson, Angel Gonzalez Torres and Christian Granados.

Nefertiti Guzman, Edwin Hernandez Angeles, Cristian Hernandez, Martin Hernandez, Valeria Hernandez, Angela Herrera, Elissa Herrera, Jordyn Hodge and Jose Labra.

Kayleen Leal, Abril Leon, Stormy Lindsey, Hakimuddin Lokhandwala, Yair Lopez, Carmen Lule Zamora, Daniela Maldonado, Kassandra Martinez and Nevaeh Martine.

Raul Martinez, Anjelina Mason, Tristan McGuffery, Ariana Mendoza, Jahliyah Miranda, Josue Miranda, Aldo Navarro Moran, Edgar

Orozco and Michelle Perez.

Ryan Pham, Adrian Pineda, Fernando Pruneda, Giselle Quintero, Kaylee Ramirez, Joanna Ramos, Rachel Ram Singh, Rosa Reyes and Stacie Rivera.

Cheyenne Robertson, Jermaine Robinson, Karina Robledo, Josephine Robles, Silvio Rodriguez Suarez, Mansa Rogers, Carlos Roman, Dina Romero and Rigoberto Ruiz Mendez.

Luis Salas Mercado, Renata Salas Mercado, Jose Salazar, Natalie Salinas, Braylan Sanchez, Urva Shah, Emmanuel Solano, Miracle

Soto and Bryanna Suarez.

Kevin Terrell, Mariela Urias-Sarmiento, Gabriel Valenzuela, Jamileth Vasquez, Noemi Vasquez and Daniel Vazquez.

Oscar Vilchis, Angela Villafranco, Lashira Williams, Jayren Young, Ashley Zarate and Leslie Zavala.

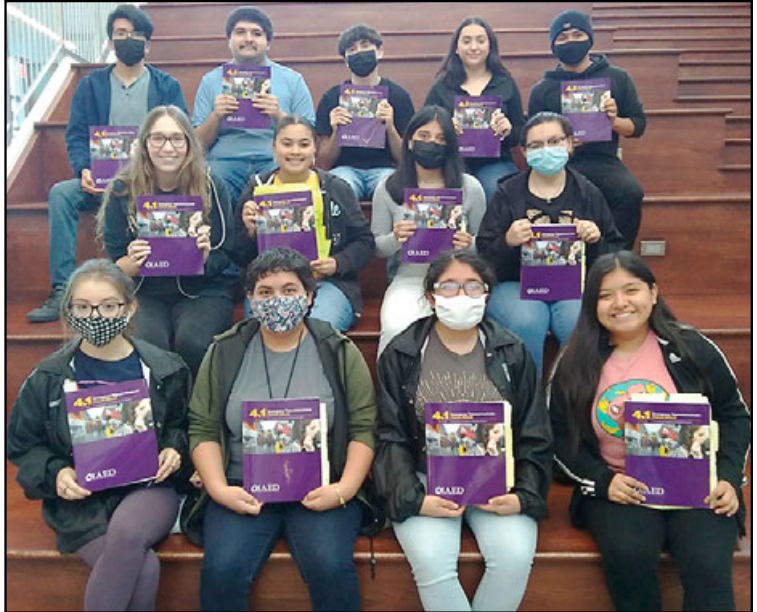
11th grade
Edith Acosta, Denisse Aguilar, Alejandra Arredondo, Edgar Banuelos, Stephanie Barrientos, Samantha Beltran Gonzalez, Jacqueline Bocanegra, Jocelyn Caballero, Isaac Camacho and Arri-

NASA Aglow meeting set Dec. 9
NASA Aglow Lighthouse is holding its meeting and Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon at Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3.
Anyone wishing to come together to enjoy the presence of the Lord is invited.

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CTHS criminal justice seniors pass IAED

Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School would like to announce that 24 of their criminal justice seniors passed their IAED Dispatch Certification the week of Nov. 15. Six students had perfect scores: Victor Torres, Raul Casso, Angela Salazar, Marcy Martinez, Valerie Sosa and Alexa Medellin.



Shown right, left to right, are (front row) Jaqueline Gonzalez, Marcy Martinez, Angela Salazar, Yuliana Zarate, (middle row) Loren Voight, Junilexis Rodriguez, Alison Sanchez, Dominique Hernandez, (back row) Angel Cores, Pablo Gonzalez Elizondo, Jake Sanchez, Denali Chapa Hernandez and Danny Morales.



Shown above, left to right, are seniors (front row) Destany Moczgyemba, Alexa Garcia, Sophia Perez, Tiana Garcia, (middle row) Jacqueline Merlan, Kim-

berly Lizardo Puebla, Alexa Medellin, Valerie Sosa, (back row) Raul Casso, Nicholas Vasquez and Victor Torres.

Dobie Main, Dobie9 FFA compete

Dobie High School main campus and Dobie9 campus staff members congratulated their Future Farmers of America leadership development teams as they participated in the Gulf Coast District FFA contest the week of Nov. 8. They placed fourth in Greenhand Radio Broadcasting and Spanish FFA Creed and advanced to area. They also did well in Greenhand Creed Speaking, Greenhand Quiz, Job Interview, Chapter FFA Quiz while several of the students served on the District's Hospitality Committee. The school and FFA teacher could not be more proud of them and all their hard work.



Shown above, left to right, FFA members from both campuses are (front row) Khloie Snook, Dobie9; Sofia Perez, Dobie main campus; Brianna Almagueer, Dobie main campus; Kenzie Snook, Dobie main campus; (back row) Angelina Paquinto, Dobie9; Madison Ford, Dobie9; Angel Rhodes, Dobie9; Gabriel Lopez, Dobie9; and Alvaro Estrada, Dobie9. Not pictured is Ty Bennett, Dobie main campus.



Shown above, left to right, are Dobie9 students Angelina Paquinto, Khloie Snook and Angel Rhodes.

Remember When

45 years ago (1976)
Contrary to what local residents believed, Ellington Air Force Base was not closed. In fact, 900 full-time and hundreds of part-time employees were working at the base.

A rash of burglaries hit the South Belt area, including nighttime burglaries with no one home, nighttime burglaries while residents were watching TV and one daytime robbery on the corner of Sageleaf and Beamer Road.

40 years ago (1981)
Gene Branscome Investments was constructing a 244-unit apartment complex at the Southpoint project located near Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway.

The McAllister family of the Sagemont townhouses spent Thanksgiving sorting through belongings trying to determine losses from a burglary which occurred while they were out of town.

35 years ago (1986)
More than 6,000 people attended the community preview of the new Memorial Southeast Hospital.

After a Kirkwood burglary, William Christopher, 53, was sentenced to life in prison for his 22nd conviction.

30 years ago (1991)
The Pasadena Independent School District had the second lowest tax rate in the county and spent less per student than any other district.

Christine Nguyen was one of two Clear Creek Independent School District seniors along with 700 students nationally who won achievement awards in writing from the National Council of Teachers of English.

25 years ago (1996)
Dobie principal Jerry Speer announced that Dobie would go to standardized dress.

Dr. Parker Williams, San Jacinto College South cam-

pus president, announced her retirement.

Joseph Vincent Currett was charged with the beating deaths of his ex-wife and her sister in Pasadena.

20 years ago (2001)
Kingwood businesswoman Addie Wiseman defeated retired Clear Lake chemical engineer Bernard Maristany for the Houston City Council District E seat. Wiseman won 57 percent to 43 percent.

Dr. Caryl Wilson, principal of Clear Brook High School, was named the Region IV High School Principal of the Year by the Regional Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.

15 years ago (2006)
While homes in Sagemont

and Kirkmont were being bought out through a federal program because of flooding problems, a new apartment complex was being built less than one mile away. The new complex was allowed to use drainage plans that had been drawn approximately 10 years prior and did not require a detention pond.

To allow the sale of fireworks or not to allow was the major discussion at a Sagemeadow MUD meeting. Some owners of fireworks stands urged the MUD not to enter into an agreement with the city of Houston which would keep fireworks from being sold along county portions of Hall and Beamer roads.

At a competition in San Antonio, the Clear Brook High School marching band ranked 19th out of the top 32 bands in the state.

10 years ago (2011)
A local deputy from Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Gary L. Freeman's office was relieved of his duties over allegations that he sexually assaulted a woman on Thanksgiving. The incident reportedly took place at an apartment complex while the deputy was working off-duty.

The fatal shooting of a man allegedly trying to break into a car in the 10900 block of Gulf Valley was to be referred to a Harris County grand jury to determine if charges would be filed in

the case. Nicolas Sanchez, 25, suffered a single gunshot wound and was pronounced dead at the scene.

5 years ago (2016)
An attempted robbery at the Wendy's in the 10200 block of Alameda Genoa near the Gulf Freeway Monday, Nov. 28, escalated into a SWAT standoff that sent two Houston police officers to the hospital - neither at the hand of the suspect. One officer was injured when another officer's weapon accidentally discharged, and the gunfire reportedly frightened a K-9 unit, leading it to attack another officer. The two officers were taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital to be treated for minor injuries.

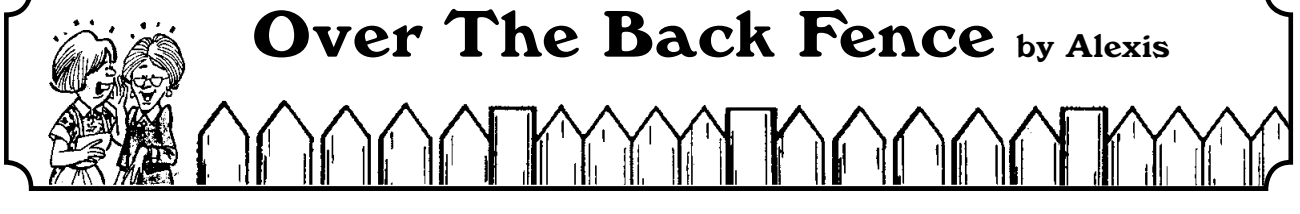
The suspect, Brandon Ortiz, 22, was eventually apprehended without incident and charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.

1 year ago (2020)
A juvenile male was shot Saturday, Nov. 28, in the 10600 block of Sabo Road. The victim, 16, was transported to an area hospital in stable condition. According to police, the victim was walking to a convenience store with friends when he began arguing with an unidentified male suspect. The suspect then shot the victim in the right arm and torso before fleeing. No immediate arrests were made.

A 21-year-old man wanted for the murder of a wom-

an in Galveston County was arrested Saturday, Nov. 28, in the 10900 block of Sageleaf. Anthony Castellanos was charged with murder for the killing of Megan Ficklen, also 21. The pair were reportedly dating. According to police, Ficklen was shot multiple times that morning in the 300 block of 7th street in San Leon, where it is believed the couple lived together.

Ficklen was transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital, where she later died. At the time of his arrest, Castellanos was on parole for two drug charges and had an open warrant for a parole violation.



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 14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren **Riley** and **Kinley Whitted**, **Bryce Williams** and **Pressley Williams**, **Lanse Rogers**, **Auddy Valigura**, **Abigail Tindall** and **Alana Hoston** 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. 2 through Dec. 8.

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.

Meador Elementary
Celebrating a birthday Dec. 8 is **Miriam Reyna**.

Meillo 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 shoutout Dec. 4 to **Holly Yaple** for a wonderful birthday. Dec. 5 is the day for birthday cake and ice cream for **Cynthia Mills** and **Jorly Thomas**, principal.

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

Thompson Intermediate
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
Break out the birthday balloons Dec. 4 for **Megan Lambert**. The day for a party for **Patricia Landrum** is Dec. 7.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Dec. 2: **Lenae Fowler** and **Aaron Herridge**; Friday, Dec. 3: **Gaskill Sigsbee**, **Kyle Smith**, **Timothy Hardcastle** and **Allison Bobby**; Saturday, Dec. 4: **Nick Barnett**, **Nick Medina**, **David Miles**, **Mary Elliott** and **George Mejica**; Sunday, Dec. 5: **Shawn Sims**, **Angela Domokos**, **Mandi Gulledd**, **Angelita Negrete**, **Anna Cavazos-Cantu**, **Suzanne Pollock** and **Craig Williams**; Monday, Dec. 6: **Natalie Saucedo** and **Billie Benson**; Tuesday, Dec. 7: **Matt Adams**, **Amber Clark**, **Edna Elizalde**, **Tim Allen**, **Holly Rhodes** and **Bill Hanson**; and Wednesday, Dec. 8: **Damon Miles**, **Adriana Garza**, **Shannon Sims**, **Mandy Bennett** and **Susanne Cook**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Hoopsters stand out as season progresses

The varsity basketball programs at Clear Brook and Dobie are playing well as district play inches closer.

JFD boys solid
With wins over Terry and Jersey Village, the Dobie varsity boys' team had won seven of its first 10 games before going against state-ranked Clear Brook Nov. 30 after press time.

On Nov. 26, the Longhorns used a 24-12 second-quarter push to get past Terry 77-68, then a day later rallied from a nine-point deficit in the first quarter to down Jersey Village 64-45 to move to 7-3 for the season.

Following a trip to the Barbers Hill Gulf Coast Classic Dec. 2-4, the Longhorns will play at Clear Springs Dec. 10. Dobie will open District 22-6A action Dec. 18 at

Channelview.

Dobie girls sit 5-5
The defending 22-6A champion Dobie varsity girls' basketball team was at 5-5 heading into a Nov. 30 nondistrict game against Clear Springs.

The Lady Longhorns also have nondistrict games coming against Clear Creek Dec. 5 and against Pearland Dec. 7 before playing at Sam Rayburn Dec. 11 to start league play.

Brook girls roll on
The Clear Brook varsity girls' team has positioned itself for a strong run in 24-6A after a 9-2 start to the season, with Alyssa Berry, Rezia Castillo and Ashlee Seymour filling up the scoring column on a regular basis.

As District 24-6A play begins Dec. 10, the Lady Wolverines will take on Alvin on the road.



Onozie is 22-6A volleyball MVP

There were many responsible for the great success of the Dobie volleyball program, which saw the varsity group win 25 matches for the first time since the 2003 campaign.

Following the season, many of those Lady Longhorns were honored for their play as well as outstanding work in the classroom as post-season honors were announced.

At the top of the District 22-6A list was Dobie's Natalie Onozie as she was named overall Most Valuable Player of the league following a senior season that was her best over a

sensational varsity career that began during her freshman season. For her career on the court, Onozie collected nearly 1,300 assists, more than 850 digs, 463 kills, two shy of 200 service aces and 75 blocks to become one of the program's all-time career leaders in several categories. Off the court, Onozie has stacked up many achievements in the classroom. The 22-6A Most Valuable Player was a Texas Girls Coaches Association and Texas High School Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State honoree, a Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association All-Academic honoree and a 22-6A Academic All-District pick.

Onozie was also during the season honored by FOX 26 television station as its Making the Grade Athlete of the Month.

Kaely Richardson, Pasadena Memorial's stand-out outside hitter who led the Lady Mavericks to a third-place finish in District 22-6A, was named

the league's Offensive Player of the Year.

The 22-6A Defensive Player of the Year was Angelina Cruz of Pasadena as she led her team to the postseason via a fourth-place finish within 22-6A. District 22-6A champion

Deer Park saw McKenna Malone named the Blocker of the Year, while Cayley Hanson was the Setter of the Year. The league's Newcomer of the year was Pasadena Memorial's Aleya LeBlanc.

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Wolverines headline Krueger/Carlisle

The Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball squad, having climbed to No. 4 in the Texas association of Basketball Coaches 6A state rankings, highlights a 20-team field at the Krueger/Carlisle Classic Dec. 2-4.

The Wolverines, the defending District 24-6A champions and winners of eight of nine games to start the season, will host



Ja'Michael Young (11) and his Clear Brook teammates will go title hunting at the 2021 Krueger/Carlisle Classic varsity boys' basketball tournament as Clear Creek ISD teams host games Dec. 2-4.

Brook hosts Galveston Ball
Dec. 2, 1:30 p.m.
Brook hosts S.A. Northside
Dec. 2, 6 p.m.
Brook vs. F.M. Marcus
Dec. 3, 7 p.m.
Carlisle F.H.

Galveston Ball, Flower Mound Marcus and San Antonio Northside in pool play at Clear Brook High School and Clear Creek High School's Carlisle Field House over the first two days of the event before bracket play completes play Dec. 4.

Clear Falls' pool includes Fort Bend Clem-
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Lion boys' runners lead cross-country

The Thompson boys' cross-country teams highlighted things locally at the Pasadena ISD Championships Nov. 15 at Dobie High School, winning the seventh-grade boys' team crown and taking second in the eighth-grade division.

Rory Martinez was the seventh-grade boys' top overall medalist as he covered the two-mile course at 12 minutes, 8 seconds for the win by a 20-second margin as he led the Lions to the team title with a low of 53 points.

With Martinez dominating the field, the Lions also saw their other four official scorers land within the top 15.

The Lions also got outstanding efforts from Jaiden Medina (14:55), Tyler Albert (15:25), Rodrigo Martinez (15:56), Javien Chavez (16:02), Coc Hughes (16:31), Dkarai Parker (16:32), Jack Kearbey (16:50), Cody Nguyen (17:10), Jerrett Daniels (19:10) and Carlos Sanchez (21:03).

Not to be outdone, the Lions' eighth-grade boys' team took second place

Next up for the Lions

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22-6A volleyball honors its players

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For Dobie, seniors Maya Scott and Montserrat Alba as well as sophomores Aly Frias, Ariana Garza and Alexa Gonzalez were named to the 22-6A All-District First Team.

Second team All-District honors for Dobie went to sophomore Bella Perez, while honorable mention nods were extended to Ashlee Garcia and Haley DeHoyos.

In addition to the Lady Longhorns' success at the varsity level, the junior varsity team went 18-9, while the freshman A squad finished 24-4.

At right, Dobie's Aly Frias (4) was one of the area's top performers from her libero spot as she led the Lady Longhorns in digs, making her an easy first team All-District pick. Talented on the court as a sophomore, Frias was also a 22-6A All-Academic squad honoree.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf



Dobie senior Maya Scott (2) had a great season for the Lady Longhorns up front as she provided attacking to the tune of more than 200 kills on her way to first team all-district honors. An All-Tournament Team selection at the Santa Fe Invitational, Scott also earned praise for her outstanding work in the classroom, including 22-6A Academic All-District, Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association All-Academic, Texas High School Coaches Association All-Academic second team and Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State.

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22-6A All-Academic – Dobie

Montserrat Alba – Ariana Borrego – Haley DeHoyos – Aly Frias – Ariana Garza – Alexa Gonzalez – Alana Goree – Hailey Hernandez – Mattison Mitchell – Natalie Onozie – Bella Perez – Nicole Portillo – Maya Scott



Montserrat Alba (3) of Dobie had a memorable senior season as she delivered nearly 200 kills for 2021 and was named a District 22-6A All-District first team honoree for her play on the court and also earned 22-6A Academic All-District, Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association All-Academic, Texas High School Coaches Association All-Academic second team and Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State accolades.

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All-District 22-6A Volleyball First Team Picks

Montserrat Alba, Dobie

Aly Frias, Dobie

Ariana Garza, Dobie

Alexa Gonzalez, Dobie

Maya Scott, Dobie

Saije Yokum, Channelview

Valeria Nunez Contreras, Pasadena

Montserrat Montalvo, Pasadena

Haley Salisbury, Pasadena Memorial

Avery Brasher, Deer Park

Tatum Busch, Deer Park

Ella Gilbert, Deer Park

Madison Vaughn, Deer Park

Alyssa Flores, South Houston



Thompson's Rory Martinez was the top overall finisher at 12 minutes, 8 seconds in the Pasadena ISD intermediate school cross-country championships Nov. 15 at Dobie High School to guide the Lions to the seventh-grade boys' team crown.



Thompson's Johan Villencia was the top overall eighth-grade finisher at the Pasadena ISD Cross-Country Championships.

PISD intermediates run at championships

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at the championships as Thompson's Johan Villencia was crowned the event's top overall medalist, reaching the finish line at 11:38 for a victory over 28 seconds.

After Villencia, the Lions had Quoc-Bao Ngo 12th overall in a time of 13:00, with Jorge Flores in at 13:09 for 14th place.

Thompson's two other qualifying finishers included 17th overall runner Patrick Green at 13:20 and Adam Williams, 23rd at 13:31.84.

Also running in the championship event for the Lions was Rendy Obah (13:52), Tristan McKissick (14:07), Orlando DePaz (14:11), Luke Penalzoza (14:12), Nathan Rodriguez (14:22), Dereon Steans (15:29) and Isaiah Solorzano (19:38).

Others in the championship event for the Lions was Rendy Obah (13:52), Tristan McKissick (14:07), Orlando DePaz (14:11), Luke Penalzoza (14:12), Nathan Rodriguez

(14:22), Dereon Steans (15:29) and Isaiah Solorzano (19:38).

BHI 8th boys fourth

The Beverly Hills eighth-grade boys' team finished the season with a fourth-place outing at the championships as Jezreel Rameles led the Bears with a time of 12:27.

Andres Valdez was 11th for the Bears in a time of 12:48, and Cadyn LaGrone (13:25) and Aaron Sanchez (13:28) finished 19th and 20th, respectively. The Bears' fifth official finisher was Braylon Delarosa, who was 25th at 13:38.

Other finishers for Bears included Julian Calderon (13:46), Marcus Jones (14:55), Jorge Torres (15:25), Christian Carabaja (15:34), Allen Campos (15:36), Luis Hernandez (16:09) and Kevin Martinez (16:41).

BHI boys' 7s are ninth

Deshawn Singleton's time of 14:16 for 31st place paced BHI's seventh-grade team to a ninth-place finish.

Jorge Martinez was next for the Bears as his time of 14:29 was 37th-best, and a time of 14:54 placed Nate Campos 48th. The Bears' other official scorers included Hugo Escudera (78th at 16:19) and Warren Hawkins (86th at 16:55).

Cory Blackmon (17:18), Xavier Rubalcava (17:24), Emmanuel Morgan (17:46), Matthew Dunn (18:13), Daniel Arroyo (18:52) and Jaedon Sinclair (19:26) also competed for the Bears.

7th BHI girls third

In the seventh-grade

girls' two-mile race, Princesa Valdez claimed the top overall finish in a time of 14:04 to guide her San Jacinto squad to the win.

From Beverly Hills, Aracely Alvarado was sixth in a time of 15:08 and teammate Ashlyn Coleman's time of 15:35 was ninth-best as they combined to lead the Lady Bears to third place as a team.

A time of 16:41 placed Beverly Hills' Alex Mikulski 19th overall, and Desiree Lozano was in at 17:32 for 39th place. Beverly Hills' fifth official finisher was Alicia Diaz with her 42nd-place time of 17:43.

Others running for the Lady Bears included Kaylin Rodriguez (18:05), Natalie DePaz (18:07), Morgan Alejo (18:23), Esther Avila (18:45), Yamileth Rameles (19:20), Ashley Moreno (20:15) and Eva Gonzalez (22:11).

Lady Lions' 7s fourth

Isabella Allen had a time of 15:55 for 12th place overall as she helped her Thompson seventh-grade girls' team to fourth place overall.

Jazmine Cardone was next for the Lady Lions as her time of 16:54 was 26th-best, and Jordan Alaniz's time of 17:00 was 29th.

The Lady Lions' other official scorers were Ana Reyes, 31st in a time of 17:06, and Ariel Ortiz, whose time of 18:08 placed her 49th.

Others running for the Lady Lions were Alena Moya (18:48), Mia Creekmore (19:54), Kiara Torres (19:55), Madisyn Saenz (20:04), Alezey Hernandez

(20:58) and Laila Martin (21:40).

BHI 8th girls fourth

Lexie Martinez was 12th overall in a time of 15:20 as she guided the Lady Bears' eighth-grade squad to a fourth-place team finish.

San Jacinto's Melany Gallegos was the top overall finisher in the two-mile race with an impressive time of 13:37.

Also for Beverly Hills, Christina Rodriguez crossed the finish line at 15:26 for 14th place, and Isabella Byron was 20th in a clocking of 15:54 to give the Lady Bears three runners within the top 20 places.

At a clocking of 16:09 for 25th place, Beverly Hills' Audrey Volper was the team's fourth qualifying finisher, and Sweney Onyango was in at 17:05 for 39th place.

The Lady Bears also had Esbeydi Fonseca (17:35), Cynthia Pineda (18:01), Victoria Torres (18:13), Karyme Galvan (18:14), Lindsey Perrett (18:42), Mikayla Bain (18:50) and Aylin Infante (20:25) competing.

GAT 8th girls ninth

Thompson's eighth-grade girls' team wound up ninth in the final team standings as Isaura Correa led with a 36th-place finish of 17:01.

The Lady Lions' Courtney Goeman was 59th in a time of 18:17, and 61st place with a time of 18:26 went to Kayli Vanhouten. Olivia Wheeler was 67th at 18:47, and Emily Golenko was 81st with a clocking of 20:56.



Dobie sophomore Alexa Gonzalez (11) proved to be a dual threat for the Lady Longhorns as she was one of the team leaders in kills and assists, earning her District 22-6A first team honors for her on-court play. Gonzalez was also a 22-6A All-Academic pick.

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Dobie's Ariana Garza (8) came up big for the varsity team in her first season as she was named to the 22-6A All-District first team for her play on the court and was also a 22-6A All-Academic Team honoree.

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Wolverines to appear at Krueger/Carlisle hoops

Krueger/Carlisle Classic

Dec. 4 Championship Games

Carlisle Division

Carlisle Field House, 4:30 p.m.

Krueger Division

Krueger Field House, 3 p.m.

Gold Division

Carlisle Field House, 3 p.m.

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ents, Houston Madison and Strake Jesuit, while Clear Creek's group includes Brazosport, Heights and Texas City.

The Clear Springs Knights' foursome includes Friendswood, Lake Creek and Coppell, while Clear Lake's group holds Lake Dallas, Leander Glenn and Manvel.

On tournament trophy Saturday, Dec. 4, the Carlisle (overall championship) bracket title game is at Carlisle Field House at 4:30 p.m., while the Krueger Bracket title game is at Krueger Field House on the campus of

Clear Lake High School at 3 p.m. The Gold Bracket title game is at 3 p.m. at Carlisle Field House.

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George and Buddy Carlisle were both longtime head coaches at Clear Creek High School with long strings of success.



Clear Brook sophomore Jmar Frankin (24) and his Wolverine teammates won eight of their first nine games heading into action Nov. 30 against Dobie and will look to keep things rolling at the Dec. 2-4 Krueger/Carlisle tournament.

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9:30 a.m.
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7 p.m.
AA - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open, 11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479.
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
11:30 a.m.
St. Paul's Anglican Church - See 12/5.
Noon
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
Noon
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m.
St. Paul's Anglican Church - See 12/5.
9:30 a.m.
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Winston honored at Melillo



Meillo Middle School student Jarron Winston (center), sixth-grader, has a Melillo Heart that Cares. During PE and in the halls, Winston continually looks out for students. He greets them to help build social skills and lends a hand during PE with equipment. The school is proud to have him as a student. Shown with Winston are Alexander Vasquez (left) and Samuel Gonzales.

County plans lights

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Ranch Drive, then analyzing any changes in traffic patterns at the other two intersections.

Despite the new tiered approach to the projects, officials said they planned to still move forward with the design phase of the traffic signal at Blackhawk at Riverstone Ranch Drive due to right-of-way issues associated with an Exxon pipeline easement in the area. Such issues can often add costly time to construction, should studies determine the light is needed at the intersection.

At press time, it was unclear when construction on the first project would begin.

See future editions of the Leader for additional information.

the new traffic signals, Amar Mohite, who serves as the county's director of Planning and Infrastructure, told attendees at the meeting the county had not yet considered community input.

Some at the recent meeting expressed concerns that the three traffic signals – all located within 1,500 feet of each other – would be too close to each other, possibly worsening traffic conditions.

Concerns were tamed, however, when officials agreed to address the projects one at a time, starting with the most pressing.

Current plans call first installing a new traffic light at Hughes Road at Riverstone

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Dobie cheerleaders host Friendsgiving



Dobie High School cheerleaders hosted their annual Friendsgiving on Sunday, Nov. 14, and donated items this year for care packages to the HOME (Help Our Military Endure) organization. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Giselle Valencia, Laura Rios, Angelina Sanchez, (back row) Gabbi Lozano, Makayla Johnson, Izzy Romero, Kimmy Tovar, Adrianna Avila, Jazmyn Martinez, Audrey Paredes, Leilani Moorman, Damaris O'Der, Destiny Ramirez, Zoe Espinoza, Ashlyn Otero, Alyssa Allen, Giselle Aguirre, Bella Rivera and Isabella Lara. Not pictured are Sarah Salazar, Vianey Alanis, Brissa Marroquin and Malia Martinez.

San Jac Gator baseballers sign letters of intent



The national power San Jacinto College baseball program announced that seven players have inked NCAA Division I baseball letters of intent as part of National Signing Day Nov. 10 at the college. Those who signed will play with the Gators next spring before moving on for the 2022-2023 school year. They include, left to right, (front row) Alan Shibley (Washington State), J.J. Sanchez (Arizona State), Dillon Janac (Texas A&M), Hunter Hollan (Tech Christian), (back row) Harold Coll (Arkansas), Armani Sanchez (Houston) and Calin Knight (Washington State). Shibley, Armani Sanchez, Hollan and Coll were major contributors during the 2021 season at San Jacinto College as the Gators went 51-15 overall en route to a fourth-place finish at the JUCO World Series. Shibley hit .336 over 36 games, driving in 25 runs, while Armani Sanchez hit .320 over 53 games with 11 doubles and 37 runs driven in. Hollan, a left-handed starting pitcher, was 10-3 with a 3.08 earned run average with a no-hitter in the mix. Coll hit .341 over 48 games with nine doubles and 32 runs batted in. The Gators will begin the 2022 season in the latter part of January.

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