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Leader holiday deadlines set

The Leader office will close at noon Wednesday, Nov. 25, and remain closed until Nov. 30. The deadline for copy will be Thursday, Nov. 19, at noon, and the deadline for paid advertisements and classified word ads will be Monday, Nov. 23, at noon. The Thursday edition of the Leader will be available Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Local HOAs to meet

Kirkmont Section 3 and 4

Kirkmont Section 3 and 4 Community Association will hold its annual meeting Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Kirkmont M.U.D. at 10102 Blackhawk. The 2016 annual maintenance fees and deed restrictions will be discussed, and board members will be elected.

Sageglen

The Sageglen Community Association will hold its November meeting on Monday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Sageglen Community Building located at 11610 Sageyork.

Ashley Pointe

Ashley Pointe Homeowners Association will hold its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sageglen Community Building at 11610 Sageyork.

Kirkwood

The Kirkwood Civic Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Sagmont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 6:30 p.m.

Knights sell fish Nov. 13

Knights of Columbus will sponsor a fund-raising fish fry dinner Friday, Nov. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road. The menu includes a 9-11 oz. farm-raised catfish fillet, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob, and iced tea or lemonade. Cost is \$10 eat in or take out.

LSA Open House Nov. 15

Lutheran South Academy, 12555 Ryewater Drive, will host an open house for prospective families on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. Lutheran South is a PreK-12, fully accredited, college prep Christian school, with certified Christian educators who prepare students for higher education and life to become the Christian leaders. During the open house, parents will take a tour of the facilities, meet the faculty and see firsthand what Lutheran South is all about. For information, contact Lee Ann Kerr, director of admissions, at 281-617-5619 or at leeann.kerr@lutheran.south.org.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Nov. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

PIP meeting Nov. 17

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. The featured speaker will be Officer Richard Buitron, who will discuss holiday safety tips. For information, call Buitron at 281-218-3900.

Church serves holiday dinner

Gulfhaven Church, 10716 Sabo, will host a community Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, Nov. 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the dinner, fun and fellowship. To register, call Jean Hagen at 713-562-4580.

Day care sale set

The Little Learners preschool program at Kirkwood South Christian Church has ended operations. A sale of toys, furnishings, teachers' supplies and classroom decor will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. until noon at the church. Everything from cribs to craft supplies to curriculum is available. These items would be suitable for a day care, an in-home day care, home school or children's playroom.

San Jac dance concert set

San Jac South will host the SJC Dance Performing Arts Company in *Evolve*, an original dance works created by San Jac dance faculty, students and guest artists. The concert, featuring a variety of dance styles, will be held at the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center Nov. 20 and Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Admission at the door is \$10 per person, \$5 for San Jac students. The concert will showcase selections created by San Jac faculty members Jennifer Salter, Laura Harrell, Wendy Ellis, Stephanie Henderson and Jamie Williams, as well as guest artist Laura Gutierrez, named one of *Dance Magazine's* '25 to watch' in 2014.

Bullying event rescheduled

HUGS for Autism's Halloween Run, Walk, Skip Against Bullying event has been rescheduled for Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Burke Crenshaw Park pavilion, 4950 Burke in Pasadena, beginning at 2 p.m. Originally scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 31, the event was canceled due to inclement weather. The event will feature a 2.5K walk/run and a 1K skip route. Children will still be allowed to trick or treat.

Lone Star Flight Museum breaks ground

The Lone Star Flight Museum officially broke ground on its new facility at Ellington Airport on Monday, Nov. 9.

"From early gliders to one of the few remaining flyable B-17s, the Lone Star Flight Museum has captured an intricate glimpse of aviation history," said Houston Mayor Annise Parker. "This

special museum will be based at Ellington Airport with its special designation as a spaceport and is poised for future expansion. This is a wonderful attraction for visitors from around the region and the country."

In addition to a collection of award-winning historic aircraft, the 130,000-square-foot museum

will feature interactive, educational exhibits focusing on the science, technology, engineering and math concepts essential to flight while allowing visitors to explore Texas' rich aviation heritage.

Lone Star is moving from its current location in Galveston as a result of damage suffered during Hurricane Ike.

"We have enjoyed our time in Galveston and greatly appreciate the support of the Galveston community," said Scott Rozzell, chair of the board of directors for the Lone Star Flight Museum. "However, we felt it important to protect our collection by moving the museum further inland. We are excited to be a part of all the great things now going on at Ellington."

Among the highlights of the new facility will be a \$1 million Aviation Learning Center and the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. The Aviation Learning Center, originally developed at the Seattle Museum of Flight, will be replicated for the first time at the new museum.

"The Aviation Learning Center program will be aligned with Texas academic standards, such as the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, which will assist teachers in their STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) content and project-based curriculum," said Dr. Bonnie J. Dunbar, former NASA astronaut, director of the University of Houston's STEM Center and co-chair of the Lone Star Flight Museum's Education Committee, along with Dr. Rod Paige. "It is also part of our program to

provide teachers with professional development credits."

"The center will provide a hands-on, interactive learning environment focusing on aircraft aerodynamics and design, climate science as it affects aviation, the air traffic control system, aircraft maintenance and dispatch and more," said Paige, former U.S. Secretary of Education and co-chair of the museum's Education Committee.

Students in grades 5-12 will work together to employ these skills to plan and prepare for a flight and then experience that flight in a simulator.

The Texas Aviation Hall of Fame honors the aviation heroes and pioneers of Texas. Inductees include President George H. W. Bush (who is also honorary chair of the museum's capital campaign), Howard Hughes, Bessie Coleman and Debbie Rihn Harvey; World War II aviators Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Ben Love, John Bookout, Tom Landry, the Doolittle Raiders, the Tuskegee Airmen and the Women Air Service Pilots; astronauts Alan Bean and Gene Cernan; and airline greats Gordon Bethune and Herb Kelleher. The newest group of inductees into the Hall of Fame will be honored at the museum's 2016 gala and induction ceremony, set to take place May 7.

In addition to aviation, STEM and history exhibits, an archive and research facility and eye-catching airplanes, the museum will offer a number of amenities for visitors to enjoy, including a

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Museum renderings released



An official groundbreaking for the Lone Star Flight Museum, to be located at Ellington Airport, took place Monday, Nov. 9. Currently located in Galveston, the new \$35 million, 130,000-square-foot facility is scheduled to open in February 2017 to coincide with Houston's hosting of Super Bowl LI. Artistic renderings of the museum are shown above.

Hobby to add extra parking garage

More than a million people are expected to be added to the annual passenger total at William P. Hobby Airport (HOU), thanks to the recent arrival of regional international air service.

This projected increase, along with the current unprecedented levels of passenger growth, is what prompted the Houston Airport System

(HAS) to move forward with several high-profile construction projects, including a new 3,000-space multilevel parking garage and a bilevel roadway that extends across the face of the newly opened international concourse.

"Our goal is to offer our customers a variety

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JFD students train guide dogs



Three Doberman Pinscher puppies were selected to raise guide dogs for the blind. Under the leadership of FFA Advisor Schuyler Morris, Doberman is one of only five schools in the state to participate in the program. The students received the dogs on Tuesday Nov. 10, and will train them from 8 weeks to 18 months. Shown above receiving the animals are, left to right, Junior Kenneth Hold (with dog Linden), Senior Bethany Cook (with dog Larkin) and sophomore Sydney Bonner (with dog Grazie). Photo by Joe De La Cerda

County to move monthly tax sale

In a move unanimously approved last week by Harris County Commissioners Court, Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan announced that the monthly tax sale will move to the Bayou City Events Center, 9401 Knight, early next year.

"For almost two centuries, Harris County tax sales were required to be conducted on the steps of the county courthouse," Sullivan said. "Thanks to legislative changes, we are now able to move the auction to a site that better accommodates the needs of today's bidders. In addition, with legislative changes initiated earlier this year by state Sen. Paul Bettencourt and state Rep. Dan Huberty, we will be able to host online tax sales. This is yet another accomplishment toward bringing the tax office into the 21st century."

Currently, the tax assessor-collector's office works with county constables and departments, taxing jurisdictions and collections attorneys to organize and host a massive tax sale on foreclosed

properties at the Harris County Family Law Building.

"The sale outgrew the current location years ago, resulting in many people being unable to participate in the process," Sullivan said. "My legal responsibility is to collect all taxes, and a successful tax sale helps me accomplish that."

The new tax sale site will provide easier access, better customer service and result in a more pleasant experience for bidders.

"Rather than fighting the elements and unpredictable Houston weather, our bidders will be indoors in a more comfortable setting," Sullivan said. "This will improve the experience for everyone involved, including the jurisdictions I represent, the constables and other county departments who provide support. This is a real win-win for everyone involved."

The new location will host its first tax sale on Feb. 2, 2016.

Settlement reached in PISD beating

A former South Houston High School student who accused a former Pasadena Independent School District police officer of using excessive force has settled his \$1 million federal lawsuit with the district for \$60,000.

Cesar Suquet Jr. was a 16-year-old sophomore at the time of the incident, which took place in May 2014. In the suit, Suquet alleged that Michael Y'Barbo, an on-campus PISD police officer, repeatedly struck him with a metal baton, causing bodily injury and psychological damage.

According to reports, the incident began in the principal's office at the high school when Suquet was attempting to retrieve his cellular phone that had been confiscated earlier that day. It is South Houston's policy (which the student's family signed off on) that phones are to be used for instructional purposes only. Confiscated phones may be retrieved on Friday between 2:30 and 3 p.m. after paying a \$15 fine, and this incident took place on a Thursday.

When school officials refused to return the phone, the discussion reportedly got heated, and Suquet was told to leave.

As Suquet was being led out of the campus by an assistant principal and Y'Barbo, he admittedly used profanity directed at the officer.

At that point, the suit contended, Y'Barbo told Suquet he was under arrest and attempted to handcuff him. Suquet, who denies hearing the command, said Y'Barbo then twisted his arm and began to beat him with a metal baton.

The school's surveillance system shows that Suquet was struck 18 times, nine of which while he was already lying on the ground. Suquet was subsequently arrested for disorderly conduct, a charge that was later dropped. Two months later, he was issued a ticket for using abusive language.

Photographs taken by Suquet's parents the night of the incident document cuts, bruises and swelling on the back of the student's arms, legs, elbow and neck. He later went to the hospital to be examined but was not admitted for care.

An internal affairs investigation conducted by the PISD Police Department cleared Y'Barbo of any wrongdoing.

At the time of the alleged attack, district police had used nightsticks four times since 2012. Three of the four incidents involved Y'Barbo — just one of 35 officers on the force.

Y'Barbo has since resigned from the PISD police force, according to district spokeswoman Renea Ivy.

Now 18, Suquet no longer attends the school.

Pasadena ISD honors Flickinger

By Reesha Brown of Pasadena ISD

Founder and publisher of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, Marie Flickinger, has been selected to receive the Pasadena Independent School District 2015 Distinguished Citizen award. She will be honored by the district and the Board of Trustees at a reception



Marie Flickinger

on Jan. 28, 2016 at the Lewis Career and Technical High School.

Each year, the award is given to a community member whose leadership and committed efforts enhanced the educational experience of PISD

students and improved the quality of life for residents.

"Marie genuinely cares about the welfare of students and residents in the community and it reflects through her work at the newspaper, her selfless acts of kindness and her leadership," PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis said. "She is vocal and well-respected in this community and builds relationships that promote the common good. This is a tribute that is well deserved."

Flickinger found her niche in the newspaper

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Black-eyed Pea closes

The Black-eyed Pea on Fuqua near the Gulf Freeway has permanently shuttered its doors. The nearby Golden Corral has also closed, but the move is only temporary, as a new facility is being constructed on the site.

Deputies arrest burglary suspects



Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office recently arrested three Doberman Pinscher puppies who were suspected of breaking into a home on Chelsea Brook Lane in the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision. After a resident spotted the trio allegedly trying to enter the home, the three fled south on Blackhawk, where they were pulled over and detained on Sagebud Lane. Two 17-year-olds and one juvenile were charged with criminal trespassing.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Muecke on Berry Bayou flood plain

The following is the current status for the work going on to relieve this area of flooding caused by Berry Bayou. This has been a 40 year battle and the last 10 years we have finally made some progress.

The issue is that we are at approximately the same elevation as Sims Bayou where the water flows to. So detention ponds are needed, but to find sufficient property to build in this built up area, was hard to find. Well mission accomplished. The first pond C-506-02-00-E004 is across Shaver street from the HL&P facility and this is about complete. Just a little finish up on the tie in. Property has been secured across Hwy 3 from the HL&P (C-506-01-00) behind the Citco station. A 13 acre pond has been constructed to help the Shaver street area. Work has started on this property and about 10K cubic yards (20%) has been removed and work is continuing in this area. Approximately 25 acres (C-506-03-00-E001) was purchased off Hwy 3 and Richey street in Pasadena. Most of the work on this pond has been completed but additional property has been secured so to complete this pond is now extended to August 2016.

Over the last 10 years we were able to get HCFCD to better maintain the ditches including cleaning the bottoms and removing blockage. You also notice that a better job is being done in mowing the ditches which helps water flow.

Berry Bayou, which was concrete lined/rebuilt from Gilpin street north into South Houston was completed about 8 years ago. Ditch C-106-08 which runs parallel to Hwy 3 and the railroad tracks from where Berry Bayou crosses Hwy 3 to the area about where the HL&P property is, was also concrete lined about 8 years ago. Now that the detention pond across from the HL&P facility is about complete, ditch(C-106-08-00-C04) is now being concrete lined from Shaver street to where it ended and should be completed by the end of this year.

Now we get to the real trouble ditch, C-106-03-00-C002 Phase 2, nicknamed the "Bastard" ditch. This ditch was the main cause of flooding not only Edgebrook but the many homes, numerous times. At the February 2015 Flood meeting we were told construction on this section of ditch, Phase 2, would start in March. Well this did not happen which caused a 6 month delay. A pipeline was just parallel to this ditch and negotiations had to be done with the pipeline company. This issue has been resolved and the contractor moved in, in late September. He is really getting in it, starting at both ends. The north end is in South Houston at Dakota street where the ditch is being concrete lined and making good progress except for the recent heavy rains. The contractor is also working on the south end where the Bingo Parlor is located on College street. The old Boxed ditch has been removed and new twin 8 ft x 8 ft conduits have been installed. The work on this section of ditch will be completed August 2016. Phase 3 (C-106-03-00-C006) of this ditch runs from the Houston city limits across Edgebrook to I-45 S. Engineering is about 90% complete but some additional sections of property needs to be secured, a pipeline and over head HL&P lines need rerouting. The Shawnee street bridge was replaced about 4 years ago as it was in very bad shape and was determined to be unsafe for vehicle travel. With this construction the two wooden bridges at Globe and Elton streets will be rebuilt. Estimated bid date is 3-29-2016.

After completion of this construction, the Berry Bayou Flood Plain area will be re-evaluated and there is good reason to believe that the cost of flood insurance will be reduced. This is great news on two fronts, less

street and home flooding and the home owners save money on insurance.

This has not been easy to accomplish. Many hours of phone calls, emails, drive around, meetings took place to accomplish this. What we do need to remember and want to thank the many political office holders over these years helped us get this accomplished. Without their help and support, we would still be flooding. Currently, Commissioner Mr. Jack Morman funded this with \$20 million dollars. Now we want to go way back and thank Mr. Coles Stringer, who had the Ace Hardware store in the 900 block of Edgebrook. He is the one that got all this started. Thank you Mr. Stringer.

James E. Muecke
Project Coordinator

FOTPS responds to SAT score results

The College Board released the results of the recent SAT exam earlier this month. The results showed that the average score of the Class of 2015 on the math section of the SAT dropped nine points from last year to 486 and the critics once again wasted no time condemning our schools as failures. Placing emphasis on SAT scores is a disservice to the students and teachers who are working hard to increase the number of students aspiring to higher education.

At Friends of Texas Public Schools we are committed to educating Texans about the strengths and achievements of Texas public schools. My wife Leslie and I founded this organization in 2004 with the mission of facilitating respectful conversations about Texas public schools through honest communication, productive dialogue, and relentless encouragement. We believe that our students, teachers and administrators deserve a great deal more credit than they are given, particularly in light of the release of these SAT scores.

We agree with Commissioner Williams that the increased participation rates are actually a positive reflection on Texas schools and their efforts to get more students to consider post-secondary education. In a state with one of the highest percentages of students on free lunch, LEP, and single parent homes our goal is not to manipulate scores by limiting participation as many states do. Rather, we would prefer to have more students from all backgrounds aspiring to higher education, even if that causes our scores to decline.

Alief Superintendent, HD Chambers, also said that it stands to reason that SAT scores will be lower when more students are taking the test. He said that scores would improve if we align our TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) curriculum with the standards of norm-referenced tests like the SAT and ACT exams. "We align our coursework to the TEKS, not to the SAT," Chambers said. To his point, I say, it's like eating an apple then taking a test on what an orange tastes like.

Some have attributed the lower SAT scores in math to the recent decision in the state of Texas to no longer require all high school students to take Algebra II. Bill Hammond, one persistently misinformed critic of public education with impure motives, is quoted as saying that not requiring students to take Algebra II and other challenging courses dooms our students to lower paying jobs and a mediocre education. We disagree. College preparation is not the goal set for public schools by the state. Rather, we focus on helping our students meet state curriculum requirements known as TEKS. Our students are excelling at that goal.

Sincerely,

Scott Milder
Founder
Friends of Texas Public Schools

LegalLine offered Nov. 18

LegalLine will be available Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 5 to 9 p.m. LegalLine is a Public Service of the Houston Bar Association where attorneys offer free legal advice over the telephone. Call the HBA office at 713-759-1133.

Lariaettes hold Winter Dance Clinic

The Dobbie Lariaettes will hold their annual Winter Dance Clinic on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dobbie High School, with a parent show at 3 p.m. in the gym. The clinic is open to pre-K through 12th grade. This is a great opportunity to let a son or daughter spend a day dancing, playing games and doing crafts with the Lariaettes while parents get some Christmas shopping done. Lunch will be provided.

Pre-registration is \$40, or at the door is \$50, cash or money order only. Participants will also have the opportunity to perform in the Lariaette Spring Show on April 28-30. For more information, contact Christy Gonzalez at chrstygznls@yahoo.com.

Genoa UMC sells Thanksgiving dinners

Genoa United Methodist Church is accepting orders for its annual turkey dinner sales. Orders are currently being accepted for Friday, Nov. 20, deliveries or pick up. Meals include turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, masked sweet potatoes, green beans, roll and cake. Friday orders must be received by Nov. 17. Call 713-946-2312 to place order. On Saturday, Nov. 21, dinner will be served for dine-in or pick-up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Genoa UMC is located at 12501 Palmsprings in Houston. Worship service is Sunday at 11 a.m. (English service) and 9:30 a.m. (Spanish service). Sunday School is at 10 a.m., Bible study is Thursday at 6 p.m., and ESL classes are on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

New AA meeting at St. Luke's

Saint Luke's Group, a new AA meeting - 12 step recovery program, holds an open meeting every Monday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, contact Russell G. at 832-483-6715.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

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

Thursday, Nov. 12, 4:30 p.m. - Computer Kids - Microsoft Word. Computer Kids is a program to help give school-aged children exposure to using computer programs that will be encountered throughout their school years.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Ask a Lawyer - Bring questions for William Hemby and Tiffany Wade, attorneys at law. November is Citizenship Month in Houston, so the theme of this session will be the citizenship interview. However, other questions are also welcome.

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

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

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

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

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for November at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingsport Road.

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, Para los Ninos Storytime will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Every Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - Family Storytime, followed by a Storytime-themed craft and playtime at 11 a.m.

Every Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. - Toddler Storytime, followed by Toddler Playtime at 11 a.m.; 2 p.m. - Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. - Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. - Intro to MS PowerPoint.

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

The Bracewell Branch Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and Nov. 27, for Thanksgiving, and will reopen Saturday, Nov. 28, for regular hours. There will be no programs the week of Thanksgiving.

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

Hobby to add extra parking

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of convenient and economical parking options, whether their preference lies with valet parking, covered parking or the surface lot," says Ian Wadsworth, chief commercial officer for the Houston Airport System. "It's crucial that all of the options remain consistently available and by adding 3,000 new spaces, this new garage is a tremendous step forward in meeting that goal."

The new garage, which is located directly to the west of the existing covered parking structure, will have a partial opening in mid-November, with approximately 1,500 spaces expected to become available to the traveling public.

Once fully constructed, the completed facility will offer the full inventory of 3,000 spaces, while also giving customers access to a number of attractive new features.

When approaching the new garage, drivers will find a more direct entry into the building. Once inside, clear, simple signage with integrated car counts will enable drivers to know how many spaces are available in a given direction. Some special fea-

tures travelers can expect with the new garage is a guidance system that shows open spaces using single-stall overhead LED indicators; ramps that are 30-feet wide, whereas a typical highway is 24 feet wide; and vehicular bridges between the new and existing garages at every level to minimize the time it takes to find an available space.

"This new parking garage will not only address the capacity needs associated with the unprecedented growth being experienced at Hobby Airport, but it will also represent a significant customer service enhancement," says Wadsworth. "With an air-conditioned walkway and user-friendly space locator system, the new garage will offer guests a comfortable and efficient parking experience."

For the environmentally conscious traveler, the parking garage will come equipped with 10 charging stations for electric vehicles, smart LED lighting that dims and brightens according to natural light levels, modern traction elevators and abundant landscaping. Bright lighting, long sight lines and blue security call boxes will provide added levels of security. Other custom-

Property tax bills in the mail

Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan has announced that more than



900,000 property tax bills are in the mail and on the way to Harris County property owners.

"Property owners need to be on the lookout for their property tax bill," said Sullivan. "Once received, property owners are encouraged to pay their bill

as soon as possible, as they are due by Feb. 1, 2016." Harris County residents can pay their property taxes by mail, phone at 713-274-CARD (2273), online at www.hctax.net or in person at any of the 16 tax assessor-collector's offices throughout Harris County. Taxpayers should review their tax bill carefully and determine if they are receiving the proper exemptions. "I want to reduce tax burdens and increase the number of exemptions for residents who may qualify," said Sullivan.

"If you would like to learn more about property tax exemptions, please visit the Tax Assessor-Collector Website at www.hctax.net or contact the Harris County Appraisal District at 713-957-7800."

In addition, the tax assessor-collector's office

has offered its e-bill service to taxpayers who want to receive their tax bill online. "This is a convenient option that saves taxpayer money and sends tax bills electronically," said Sullivan. "Currently, we have more than 5,000 taxpayers who have opted for an e-bill instead of a paper bill."

If property owners would like to receive an e-bill, they can sign-up at www.hctax.net and using the unique e-statement code that is located on this year's tax bill. The Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office Property Tax Division maintains more than 1.6 billion tax accounts and collects property taxes for 71 taxing entities including Harris County. The tax assessor-collector's office collects more than \$5 billion in property taxes.

Pasadena honors Flickinger

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business when she co-founded what was then the *South Belt Press* in 1976 with Bobby Griffin. The name was later changed to the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*.

The duo was heavily involved in Little League baseball and initially published news about the games. As the only newspaper that generated highlights about Little League baseball, she captured the attention and support of numerous community members and leaders.

Now on the eve of its 40-year anniversary, the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* continues to grow, featuring stories and photos about school district achievements, academics and athletics.

As a passionate supporter of education, Flickinger has been an active and visual presence in PSD and its partner, San Jacinto College. She has served on numerous superintendent advisory boards and search committees in the district. Through editorials, personal communication with area community members and by serving on the bond steering committee, Flickinger was instrumental in the passing of the 2014 School Bond measure.

Flickinger has supported district initiatives that helped increase graduation rates. These include the expansion of dual credit options, particularly College Now, which is available on all high school campuses; and career and technical initiatives, such as the Lewis Career and Technical High School project.

"I believe in the dual credit options and the Lewis CTHS because those are going to make the biggest difference for students, and ultimately, the community," Flickinger said.

Flickinger has cultivated many positive relationships with local businesses and organizations that continuously support educational initiatives. She encouraged San Jacinto College to explore the "school within a school"

model for four high schools in PSD. Due to her efforts, the college components of this program were part of the San Jacinto College bond package.

In addition, she has championed efforts to create the Early College High School Pilot program, which now boasts 20 first-generation college graduates.

"We had some Pasadena High students show up at our board meeting who made the dean's list," Flickinger said. "There was a student, her mother and a child at the meeting. The mother did not speak English, and yet, here was her high school daughter, an Early College High School student, being recognized for being on the dean's list. How can you top that?"

Flickinger has taken part in career day activities, various campus fundraising initiatives and the Education Foundation. Through her leadership, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce backs the work of the school district in many ways, including sponsoring a luncheon to honor the top 10 graduates of Dobbie High School for their outstanding achievement.

Flickinger's involvement in the community is not only limited to PSD. In 1995, she became the first woman elected as a member of the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees and later served as board president. Nearly 30 years ago, she became the chief organizer and founding president of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and has often served as the organization's president.

She has coordinated Christmas drives for needy families and taken the lead in organizing annual Fourth of July activities, including an annual parade and fireworks display.

Flickinger's efforts have helped the South Belt area flourish. Through the newspaper, she raised awareness of the Brio Superfund Site which had disposed of toxic materials into the neigh-

borhood. Even though she had no formal background in science, she attended conferences throughout the country to gather research to present to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Ultimately, her investigation and coverage led to a method of containment making the community safe again.

"We were able to overturn a federal judgment between approximately 200 chemical companies and the EPA - a battle that lasted about 10 years. Today, I am chair of the EPA for this area," Flickinger said.

She has served in several prestigious community positions including membership on two mayoral transition committees for the City of Houston, chairman of the leadership group for the State Education Leadership Board of Trustees and chair of the Community College Association of Texas Trustees.

Flickinger has been recognized for her leadership and humanitarian efforts locally and statewide. For her noted service to the school district, she was inducted into the Hall of Honor at Dobbie High School, and the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building on South campus is named in her honor. In 2013, Flickinger earned the prestigious Association of Community College Trustees M. Dale Ensign Leadership Award as the national community college trustee of the year.

She can now add the PISD Distinguished Citizen award to her list of accolades.

"When I learned that I was selected distinguished citizen, I was shocked," Flickinger said. "I know my ideas have not always been widely accepted, but I believe in being vocal because I believe in the community. I believe in this district, and I want the very best for the residents living in this area. I am thankful to Dr. Kirk Lewis for always putting students first and for working with me all these years to provide the students of Pasadena ISD with a quality education."

Local drug trends a hot topic

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, the Bay Area Alliance for Youth & Families partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration, HIDTA, and the U.S. Attorney's office to bring some of the best speakers from around the state and the nation to share key information about the problems facing the community.

Synthetics have become a buzzword across the community, but many people still don't understand what they are and how they impact users. Nidal Moukaddam, M.D., Ph.D., Menninger Department of Psychiatry,

Baylor College of Medicine, discussed some of the specifics seen in emergency departments throughout Houston.

Joseph Arabit, DEA Special Agent in Charge, Houston Division, provided an update on what the local DEA office is seeing in Houston.

Sgt. Dale D. Quigley, Aurora, Colo., Police Department and the intelligence manager of the Investigative Support Center at Rocky Mountain HIDTA in Denver, educated attendees on some of the issues that the Rocky Mountain HIDTA has faced recently.

Leonard Kincaid, direc-

tor of the Houston Recovery Center, provided information on the Houston Recovery Center and the Houston Recovery Initiative that are making huge strides to help those most deeply impacted by drug and alcohol addiction.

This free conference was held at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Blvd. in League City.

For more information on the conference or the Bay Area Alliance, visit www.ccisd.net/alliance or call 281-284-0370.



Shown are, left to right, JJ Freeze, Harris County DA Investigator; Chief Keneth Cook, Clear Lake Shores PD; Special Agent in Charge Joseph Arabit, DEA Houston Office; Sgt. Dale Quigley, Rocky Mountain HIDTA; Mike McDaniels, Houston HIDTA; Chief Greg Rikard, Kemah PD; Chief Joe Cashiola, Nassau Bay PD; Chief Daniel Presley, Webster PD; Deputy Constable Jason Finnen, Harris County Constable Precinct 8.

Photo submitted

Elected officials speak out

Rep. Green gives statement on Keystone Pipeline decision

On Friday, Nov. 6, President Barack Obama announced that the Keystone XL Pipeline project will be denied. Rep. Gene Green released the following statement in response:

"I am disappointed that the president made his final decision today. After more than six years of procrastination and delay, the White House denied the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline. Unfortunately, the KXL pipeline became a rallying cry and fundraising tool for some groups resulting in the postponement of an important infrastructure project. For too long our energy infrastructure has been held up by unreasonable demands. Pipelines are the safest, most environmentally sound way of moving oil and gas. While some groups

don't believe we should use these resources, the reality is these resources are the drivers of our economy.

"For more than 40 years, the National Environmental Policy Act has been in effect and we have approved more than 25 cross-border infrastructure projects under this environmental law.

"It is my hope that today's decision doesn't become standard operating procedure on cross-border infrastructure decisions. There are 10 more projects at the Department of State and we need timely decisions on these projects. Even with today's job numbers, more people can be put to work. Those jobs can come from energy infrastructure projects like KXL and others.

"I think it's time we move past ideological disagree-

ments and put folks to work building pipelines that will make our economy, environment, and country safer."

San Jac culinary arts, cosmetology set open house

The San Jacinto College cosmetology and culinary arts programs will host an open house to allow people to meet faculty members, tour facilities, and watch students present live demonstrations.

The open house will take place Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the North Campus Interactive Learning Center, Room 124, located at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston. Light refreshments will be served.

Culinary arts students will present cooking and pastry demonstrations.

Cosmetology students will present braiding, hairstyling, and facial treatment demonstrations.

Information brochures about the two programs will be available for visitors. Tours will also be available of the North campus cosmetology and culinary arts facilities.

Tax-Aide volunteers sought

Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, Houston-area AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help about 50,000 low-income taxpayers and those who are age 60 and over.

For the 2016 tax season, volunteers are needed now for two weekly four-hour shifts as a Tax-Aide tax counselor, greeter, technology coordinator or administrator.

Training will be provided in January at local Clear Lake-area churches. Speakers of Spanish and English are especially needed. Learn more and sign up at www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8 (English only).

Moore third-graders receive dictionaries



Each year, the Pasadena Rotary Club provides every third-grader at Moore Elementary, and third-graders at other area schools, with a new dictionary. Students use them throughout the year to assist with writing, spelling and other skills. Students may take them home at the end of the school year. Moore third-graders pictured are, left

to right, (front row, kneeling) Pablo Lopez, Joyce Gossett, Jacky Nguyen, Andrea Aguilar, (middle row) Cameron Mathews, Martin Ramos, Leslie Sarduy, Emma Zamora, Caitlyn Tran, and (back row) Pasadena Rotary members William Barmore, McQuelyn Barmore and Boy Clark.

Photo submitted

Pasadena ISD's ACE keeps the Lights On Afterschool

The Pasadena Independent School District community united in support of afterschool programs on Oct. 22 for Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration dedicated to highlighting the significance of educational activities when the school day ends.

The event was organized by Pasadena ISD afterschool staff and welcomed community members who explored

afterschool campuses in the district. Students demonstrated skills learned through the program with live performances and interactive demonstrations. Several special guests gathered at the administration building for an art unveiling, proclamation reading and to sign a petition for federal funding of afterschool programs. These individuals include state Rep. Gilbert

Pena, R-Pasadena; Allison Morrison, on behalf of state Rep. Wayne Smith, R-Baytown; councilmembers Darrell Morrison, Pat Van Houtte; and Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees Marshall Kendrick and Kenny Fernandez. Superintendent Kirk Lewis is kicked off the festivities with a proclamation reading emphasizing the importance of Lights On Afterschool. He also expressed his support of

the afterschool programs. "Pasadena ISD is committed to providing quality afterschool programs because they allow students to continue learning beyond school hours in a safe and nurturing environment," Lewis said. After the proclamation, Rayburn High School students unveiled a new art display across from the board room, which features origami ornaments and floor to ceiling

paintings of the sun and the moon. Attendees watched a 10-minute stop motion animation film made in collaboration with afterschool elementary, intermediate and high school students. Pomeroy Elementary students demonstrated the process used to create stop motion animation. Milstead Middle School students showcased their math and science skills with a clever game of Bat-

leship and Keller Middle School students provided snacks. "I never get tired of seeing the joy expressed by students when learning happens naturally," Steven Villano, the district's afterschool project director, said. "That is why I love this work. Afterschool programs give what I call 'disguised learning' a venue. Having fun is what makes learning stick."

The Pasadena ISD afterschool program has been serving district students and parents since 2011. Since its adoption, more than 7,860 students and 8,000 parents have taken advantage of this extended learning opportunity, which is offered at 19 campuses in the district. Afterschool students participate in engaging hands-on activities that reinforce the regular instruction. In addition, students gain knowledge and skills in science, technology, engineering and math based subjects - preparing them for college and a career. For information about the PISD ACE (Afterschool Centers on Education) program, visit the webpage.



Superintendent Kirk Lewis turns a light on in support of the Pasadena afterschool program.



State Rep. Gilbert Pena, R-Pasadena, celebrates afterschool programs during Lights On at the Administration Building.

Frazier loves the Astros!



Frazier Elementary students and staff recently wore Houston Astros shirts to support the team as they proceed through the playoffs. Sporting Astros shirts are, left to right, (front row) Yvette Franco, Roxann Franco, (back row) Gabriel Preciado, Ava Richardson, Valley Richardson and Nate Bennett.



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Eder Torres, Aidan De La Rosa, Giselle Santos, (back row) Aimee Shelton, Brooke DuPont, Charity Boone, Marissa Gutierrez and Maria Arriaga. Photos submitted

Clear Brook debate team a success at Clear Lake High

The Brook Debate Team traveled closer than usual on Halloween weekend to Clear Lake High School.

Brook was able to rack up many more trophies and state points, once again defending their reputations on the local circuit.

The Public Forum team of Elizabeth Isabell and Kiara Soliz advanced all the way to finals and placed second, a huge feat since this was

their first time competing as a team. The two now have 6 out of the 12 state points needed to qualify for the Texas Forensics Association (TFA) State Competition in Austin later next year. Isabell also has 21 additional state points in public forum with her primary partner, Matthew Garcia.

Additionally, the novice PF duo of Michael Villarreal and Arshaq Tantu exceeded

everyone's expectations, moving all the way to finals and placing second overall at their first tournament. The two will soon be competing in varsity PF due to their outstanding performance at Lake.

Champion PF member Andrew Ayala, partnered with Stephen Tijerina, was also able to earn the third best speaker award in public forum, helping to assert

Brook's dominance on the circuit.

Brook's Lincoln Douglas division saw many successes at the Clear Lake tournament, too. Dhiren Wijesinghe and Lizna Lakhani were able to advance to octofinals, earning 2 state points each for themselves. Lakhani now has 2 state points, and Wijesinghe has 10, both working toward their qualifications for state. Furthermore, Sheri Naqvi,

Nolan Wu, and Suketh Subramanya each moved on to quarterfinals, earning themselves 3 points each. They have accumulated 10, 6, and 16 points, respectively. Naqvi also received the award for second best speaker in the LD division.

Syamantak Pyra proved to be a brilliant debater, earning third place overall in Novice Lincoln Douglas at his first tournament and brought home a trophy for the team.

Brook debaters also conquered Lake's speaking events. Naqvi, Wijesinghe, Gabriel Rivera, Keion Rasti, and Adarsh Suresh all moved

on to semifinals in foreign

simultaneous speaking. In domestic extemp, Isabell advanced to semifinals, while Hannah Alsobrook earned 2 state points by ending up in finals. She hopes to earn her state qualification in the next few tournaments.

Overall, Clear Lake's local debate tournament was a huge success for Clear Brook High School's debate team. With already many trophies at home, Brook hopes to earn even more in the upcoming weekend at South Houston High School. No doubt, the Brook debaters will perform exceptionally, as always.



Clear Brook debaters earned several awards at a tournament at Clear Lake High School on Halloween weekend. Team members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Elizabeth Isabell, Michael Villarreal, Hannah Alsobrook, Syamantak Payra, Nolan Wu, (middle row) Kiara Soliz, Arshaq Tantu, Erica Lee, Sheri Naqvi, Adarsh Suresh, Vashti Singh, Syed Rahman, (back row) Andrew Ayala, William Li, Dhiren Wijesinghe, Suketh Subramanya, Auva Shariatmadari, Keion Rasti and Gabe Rivera.

Frazier releases first 9-weeks rolls for 2015-16

Frazier Elementary School recently announced its first nine-weeks honor merit and perfect attendance rolls for the 2015-2016 school year.

Students earning status are:

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

First grade Perfect attendance
Steven Aguilar, Lali Bowman, Ava Castillo, Uriah Coronado, Alina Ferooq, Leisy Flores, Gabriella Garza, Mia Hamby, Julian Jimenez, Genesis Leal, Aubrey Lugo, Alyssa Mariscal, Monserrat Marquez and Rachel Martinez.

Second grade Perfect attendance
Anderson Aguilar, Celeste

Arriaga, Christopher Berrum, Diego Betancourt, Adrian Corral, Oliver Fabian, Oniel Fabian, Kourtney Goeman and James Gonzalez.

Fourth grade Honor roll
Titus Giang, Shalini Johnson, Nathan Lind, Jazzlyn Moya, Victoria Ngo, Ariana Perez and Belle Perridon.

Merit roll
Kylie Alderson, Ezekiel Arriaga, Mya Bell, Qasim Boyd, Brooklyn Cartwright, Madison Fedler, Olivia McMahan, Michael Mendez and Joel Rivera.

Perfect attendance
Julianna Aguirre, Grace Arriola, Julian Ayala, Chance Bess, Lorenzo Betancourt, Loriana Betancourt, Didiene Bojseaneau, Kaylie Bui, Alina Bustamante, Johann Castellanos and Valeria DeOchoa.

Third grade Honor roll
Chance Bess, Andre Espinosa and Rubi Martinez.

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

Perfect attendance
Anderson Aguilar, Celeste

Anais Romero, Heidi Sanchez, Daniel Silva, Nicholas Soza, David Williams and Joseph Wright.

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Merit roll
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Perfect attendance
Ace Adams, Rey Aguirre, Jovan Anderson, Ezekiel Arriaga, Mya Bell, Diego Camacho, Ashley Cruz, Celeste Dammel, Emiliano Delatorre, Tiffany Flores, Yazmin Garza and Titus Giang.

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MHSH solutions to launch seminars to discuss Memorial Hermann Advantage Plans and benefits

Memorial Hermann Health Solutions has launched a series of weekly seminars at Memorial Hermann Southeast hospital to discuss the benefits of its Memorial Hermann Advantage HMO and PPO plans in conjunction with the start of the Annual Election Period (AEP). Memorial Hermann Health Solutions contracts with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to offer Memorial Hermann Advantage plans to Medicare beneficiaries throughout Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery counties.

Memorial Hermann Health Solutions can now enroll in the Medicare Advantage Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plans. The enrollment period began Oct. 15 when anyone with Medicare could change their Medicare health plan and prescription drug coverage for 2016. The AEP concludes Dec. 7.

To help with the process, information seminars will be held each Monday at 10 a.m.

at the Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For information regarding the location at the hospital where the seminar will be held, go to <http://healthplan.memorialhermann.org/medicare/about-medicare/find-a-seminar/?mh=mh>. Potential enrollees will have the opportunity to get information or ask questions about Memorial Hermann Advantage plans.

"With the Memorial Hermann Advantage HMO and PPO plans, enrollees will have the reassurance of knowing our plans are backed by a full-service, clinically-integrated health system that has been dedicated to advancing the health in this region for more than 100 years," said Debra Baverman, business development officer, Government Programs, Memorial Hermann Health Solutions. "In this changing health care environment, enrollees need peace of mind that we are committed to their care.

"Considering all of the various Medicare insurance

coverage plans out there, it's a huge decision to select one that best fits your needs," Baverman continued. "However, enrollees should rest assured knowing that the Memorial Hermann Advantage plans are supported by the largest health system in the region giving them access to more than 5,000 affiliated doctors, 13 Memorial Hermann hospitals and five hospitals in other health systems, as well as numerous specialty centers throughout the Houston region."

One is eligible to enroll in or switch to a Memorial Hermann Advantage Plan by meeting the following requirements:

- Are currently enrolled in Original Medicare (Medicare Part A and Part B)
- Live within the Harris, Fort Bend or Montgomery counties in Texas

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people ages 65 or older, but others younger than 65 may also be eligible if they have

certain disabilities or diseases

such as end-stage renal disease (ESRD) or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), otherwise known as Lou Gehrig's disease, or you have permanent kidney failure requiring regular dialysis or a kidney transplant.

Memorial Hermann Advantage HMO and PPO are health plans with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in these plans depends on contract renewal.

Memorial Hermann Health Solutions, Inc. is the parent company of Memorial Hermann Health Insurance Company and Memorial Hermann Health Plan, Inc., both of which are Medicare Advantage organizations.

The Memorial Hermann Advantage plans will provide many enhanced benefits that original Medicare does not cover. For additional information, call 1-888-624-4540 or visit the Memorial Hermann Health Plan website at healthplan.memorialhermann.org/medicare.

Chemical association awards scholarships to four students pursuing STEM paths

Four San Jacinto College students have been named recipients of Houston Chemical Association scholarships for this academic year.

Quyen Vu, Altovely Uriostegui, Yaimari Argueta, and Oscar Charria each will receive a \$500 scholarship toward their studies in fields related to science, technology, engineering, and math (commonly referred to as STEM fields). One of the purposes of the Houston Chemical Association, according to the website, is to foster and promote the education of its members and the public by gathering and distributing information of general interest within the

field of chemical manufacturing and distribution.

"It feels great to be rewarded for my studies," said Uriostegui, whose goal is to transfer to a university for a degree in chemical engineering. Uriostegui is also the recipient of a Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (T-STEM) Challenge scholarship. C2 STEM Transitions- NASA Grant scholarship, and a Bridges to STEM Careers scholarship. "My time at San Jacinto College has been challenging, pushing me forward for my next step. My professors have really guided me in the right direction."

Charria and Vu also plan

to pursue careers in chemical engineering. Argueta plans to pursue a career in chemistry and is also the first in her family to go to college.

Throughout the years, the Houston Chemical Association has donated approximately \$10,000 toward scholarships for San Jacinto College students pursuing careers in the STEM fields. San Jacinto College has increased its initiatives surrounding STEM education through the formation of the STEM Council, a group of administrators, faculty, and staff members whose work is to increase awareness of education and career opportunities related to the fields

of STEM. The Council sponsors activities throughout the college and region and works with community members to promote the STEM fields, while forging strong partnerships with universities and industries for further education and workforce training. "We are very grateful to everyone with the Houston Chemical Association for their support of our students," said Ruth Keenan, executive director of the San Jacinto College Foundation. "It is through their donations that our students are able to achieve their education and dreams in STEM."

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Care Partners meet Nov. 20

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. (near Alameda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend. All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program.

The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, Nov. 20, and the theme will be *Turkey Trot*. For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

AARP 199 meets Nov. 13

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet Friday, Nov. 13, at 10 a.m. at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Each month, the group has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch.

The entertainment for Friday, Nov. 13, will be The Over the Hill Gang, a group of instrumentalists and singers. Their repertoire includes gospel, old-time favorites, western, patriotic, and also classical jazz styles such as Big Band. The chapter will be buying the meat for the Pot Luck Holiday Lunch. Members and visitors are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on Wednesday, Jan. 6, to the Cockrell Butterfly Center at the Houston Museum of Natural Science and the Life Flight Command Center at the Houston Medical Center. Lunch will be at Luby's cafeteria or Fuddruggers.

For those who are interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. For more information, contact Quin Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

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Lariaette of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Nov. 2 through Nov. 6 is senior Crystal Garza. She is a three-year line member and is the daughter of Leticia and Gerardo Garza.

Holiday Gift Bag Drive set

A Holiday Gift Bag Drive will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – rain or shine – in front of the Family Dollar at 10996 Fuqua (Sabo at Fuqua) to collect donations for items to make gift bags for seniors who receive Meals on Wheels. Items needed in ‘standard’ sizes include shampoo, conditioner, bars of soap, lotion, mouthwash, toothbrushes, toothpaste. Items needed in one-size-fits-all and unisex include gloves, beanies, scarfs, small blankets/throws and socks. Seniors will be given the gift bags with the first meal delivered to them in December.

Stuchbery Walk-A-Thon Nov. 13

Stuchbery Elementary will host its second annual Charity Walk-A-Thon on Friday, Nov. 13. All money collected will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project. Last year, students and staff presented WWP with a check for more than \$4,100. Students will walk during the school day at their scheduled PE times. Parents, community members and veterans are welcome to walk alongside the students and staff. For more information, call Stuchbery at 713-740-0752.

UHCL hosts job fair

Discover opportunities for job fair will run from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the UHCL Bayou Building Atrium I and II, 19, at University of Houston-Clear Lake. UHCL Career Services sponsors the event, which features employment opportunities for current or graduating teachers. The

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HAPPY 7TH BIRTHDAY, ARMANDO! Happy birthday wishes and love are sent to Armando ‘Manditosaurus’ L. Garcia, who celebrated his birthday Nov. 11, from parents Toni and Armando Garcia; maternal grandparents Sandra and Enrique Mendoza; paternal grandparents Silvia and Juan Garcia; great-grandma Petra Moreno; and aunts, uncles and cousins. Also wishing him a happy birthday from heaven are great-grandparents Antonio Calbillo and Raul Moreno.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 12 through Nov. 18.

Atkinson Elementary
Light the birthday candles for Nancy Vazquez Nov. 18.

Burnett Elementary
A birthday greeting is sent to Tammy Dayrit Nov. 14. Blow out the birthday candles Nov. 15 for Maria Lerma. Sing a birthday song to Nohemi Garcia Nov. 17.

Bush Elementary
Adriana Blanco and Peggy Watts celebrate a double birthday Nov. 13. Sing a happy birthday song Nov. 14 to Emily Vega.

Frazier Elementary
Marking a birthday Nov. 14 is Maria Jarazo-Gonzalez. Blow out the birthday candles for Gustavo Gomez Nov. 17.

Moore Elementary

Light the birthday candles Nov. 15 for Kevin Morales. On Nov. 17, a birthday wish is sent to Maury Klann.

South Belt Elementary
A birthday greeting is sent to Tanya Hensley Nov. 15. A double birthday is celebrated Nov. 16 by Cameron Dodson and Torrie Wilson.

Stuchbery Elementary
The day for a cake for Angelica Silva is Nov. 14. Demetrius Robinson celebrates a birthday Nov. 15. On Nov. 16, Perla Montemayor marks a birthday. Enjoying a birthday Nov. 17 is Tonya Davis.

Meillo Middle School
On Nov. 15, blow out the birthday candles for Wendy Lefever. The day for a party for Cassie Troup is Nov. 16. Celebrating a birthday Nov. 18 is Carol Zann.

Roberts Middle School
Marking a birthday Nov. 12 is Laura Smith. Blow out the birthday candles for Kimberly Lidrbach Nov. 15.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
On Nov. 12, light the birthday candles for Catherine Smith. Danielle Pitre enjoys a birthday Nov. 16. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Colina Poullard Nov. 17. Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent Nov. 18 to Brandy Knust.

Thompson Intermediate
The day for a birthday cake for Carol Waters is Nov. 12. Madelyn Rodriguez celebrates a birthday Nov. 13.

Dobie High
Light the birthday candles for Ruth Gonzales Nov. 13. Norman McIntyre enjoys a birthday Nov. 15. Nov. 16 is the day for a cake for Irvin Theodile. Send a birthday wish Nov. 17 to Nicole Barnes.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends enjoying a birthday this week:

Thursday, Nov. 12: Mark DeVries, Janie Clark and Robin Zacks Grosso; Friday, Nov. 13: Jane Tillery, Vicki Brinkley, David Elam, Courtney Bigley, Russell Wiggins, Chris Herpin and Edgar Whorton; Saturday, Nov. 14: Gene Sockwell, Justin Sims, Noel Aleman, Andrea Martinez, Kat Kiel, Valerie McCoy and Tracey Harnamji; Sunday, Nov. 15: Dolores Servin, Larry Soto, Diana Jimenez and Silvia Serna; Monday, Nov. 16: Crystal Batson, Randy Garcia, David Romere, Stephanie Hallmark and Bobby Taylor; Tuesday, Nov. 17: Cynthia McGowen, Elizabeth Lewis, Donna LaRoche, Michael Tangedahl, Blake Robinson and Joe Jasso; and Wednesday, Nov. 18: Nicole Doyle, D’Juana Oxford, Jennifer Swartz, Patrick Patterson and David Rendon.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
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Lariaette Escort of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette Escort of the Week for Nov. 2 through Nov. 6 is Christian Cano. He is a sophomore and is the son of Luis and Rachel Cano.

PISD connecting students to personal learning experience

By Melissa Trevizo
PISD Communications

Three Pasadena Independent School District schools are participating in a national landmark personalized learning program in partnership with Summit Public Schools.

Summit Public Schools’ model, a personalized learning plan called Connect, allows students to become self-directed learners and to receive consistent, relevant and personalized support including weekly one-on-one mentor time with instructors.

Three Pasadena ISD schools, Carter Lomax Middle, Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High, were chosen to join 19 total schools across the nation to participate.

Students in the program carry out their entire school day within the structure of the Connect Program. Students work at their own pace, mastering concepts in a way that works best for their own

learning style, while teachers receive real time information on the students’ progress.

This allows teachers to address learning gaps before they become major problems and students to become active participants in their education, building the knowledge and learning skills that will help them succeed in college and the workplace.

“Every student has a Personalized Learning Plan within an online platform where they are able to access learning resources at any time, 24/7,” Vickie Vallet, Pasadena ISD Director of Instructional Technology said. “Students use the PLP to set goals, access learning resources, submit work and track their progress.”

The program is divided into two sections: personalized learning time and project time. During personalized learning time, students learn through a combination of online playlists that provide diverse learning resources like videos, presentations and reference texts, peer-to-peer coaching and one-on-one tutoring from their teachers.

Students also participate in project time where as a group, students use what they have learned and put it to work in a real world application using problem-solving, critical thinking and communications skills to tackle challenging problems.

A large part of Connect is the mentoring program. Each student in the Connect Program is paired with a faculty mentor to meet every week to discuss progress, goals and how the student is dealing with challenges. Mentors push students to become self-directed learners who

can set and achieve goals and seek new challenges.

“This allows me to get to know every single one of my students on a personal level,” Monique Luis, Carter Lomax Connect teacher said. “I have 21 students and I sit with five of them a day, one-on-one for 10 minutes at a time. The students show me their timeline in the PLP, we go over their grades and projects, and it also allows time for us to connect. I have been able to create a totally different relationship with my students than ever before.”

Teachers who volunteered for the Connect program are seeing great results in the classroom.

“This has been the best teaching experience I’ve ever had,” Luis said. “It’s not about removing the teacher from the process, if anything I’m more involved. This program is about making the students responsible for their learning. I’m no longer in front of the room trying to reach 25 students. Each student is now receiving personalized time with

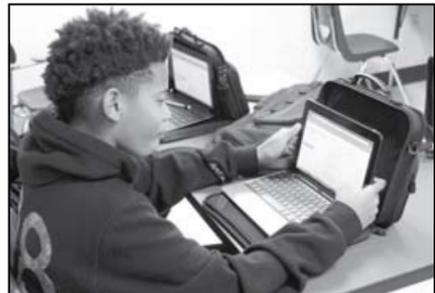
me and with other Connect teachers. We are able to reach more students in a shorter amount of time. This program has proven to me that students are capable of learning on their own, they have really accepted this responsibility and taken to it very quickly.”

These teachers and administrators spent two weeks at Summit Public Schools in California this past summer learning about their new role as a Connect classroom teacher and how to use the Personalized Learning Plan software.

“The teachers and administrators in this program have changed their way of thinking to approach this new model of learning,” Vallet said. “Teachers are driving the program, they are invested in its successful execution and are essential to help build students’ habits and skills required to excel in school and in life. The buy-in of our teachers and administration is driving the momentum of this culture shift in education toward personalized learning.”



Thompson Intermediate students Meghan Godeke and David Gomez work together in the Connect program.



Thompson Intermediate student Jonathan Jean works on his personalized learning time in the Connect program.



Thompson Intermediate teacher Pamela Crawford (right) helps her student, Daniela Montoya, navigate through the personalized learning process.

Remember When

30 years ago (1985)

A ruling was expected in the next three to four months from the Texas Commissioner of Education regarding whether Pearland’s Green Tee subdivision would remain in the Clear Creek Independent School District or if it would be annexed by the Pearland school district.

A group of Woodmeadow homeowners who did not receive compensation from a recent out-of-court settlement regarding flood damages six years prior, organized an action committee to recoup their losses.

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15 years ago (2000)

Niday Funeral Home opened on Beamer Road.

Andy Pettitte was honored at San Jacinto College Foundation Golf tournament. The foundation honored him with an honorary associate of arts degree and a \$100,000 endowment scholarship in his name.

10 years ago (2005)

The intersection of Beamer and Scarsdale was the location of six motor vehicle collisions within a 30-hour period. A representative from Harris County Commissioner El Franco Lee’s office said the high number of accidents warranted a traffic study. Timing of the lights was adjusted soon after.

The Brio Site Task Force reached an agreement with state and federal conservation agencies to provide approximately 142 acres of land to replace the defined losses.

South Belt state Rep. Robert Talton was honored by the Texas Eagle Forum as the most conservative lawmaker in Austin.

PISD was seeking nominations for the district’s annual distinguished alumnus award.

5 years ago (2010)

After a few construction delays, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department celebrated the grand opening of its new station at 10510 Scarsdale with an open house. Funded by a Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District bond that voters approved in March 2007, the station cost roughly \$2 million to construct and occupied approximately 9,500 square feet. The facility was the third in the area for the department, along with two located on Hughes Road and would serve as its main station and first large-scale disaster headquarters.

1 year ago (2014)

The house of longtime South Belt residents Anthony and Tracy Schillaci, located in the 11400 block of Blackhawk, was destroyed by fire. According to Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chuck Tylka, the blaze started in the home’s garage before spreading to the rest of the

residence. Emergency efforts were hampered by multiple explosions taking place in the garage. Tylka said the blasts were likely caused by ammunition and propane tanks. Investigators from the Harris County Fire Marshal’s Office determined the blaze was accidental in nature. No one was injured.

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Laura Bush Elementary lists first 9-weeks rolls

Laura Bush Elementary recently released its first nine-weeks honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls for the 2015-2016 school year. Students earning status are:

Kindergarten
Perfect attendance
 Yamila Arguello, David Brown, Javanni Capuchino, Brianna Castillo, Natalie Cazares, Damian Chavez, Jaren Conley, Giovanni De La Garza, David Del Toro, Melina Flores, K'Von Fontenot, Erik Galvan, Esther Garcia, Priscilla Garcia, Damian Garza and Natalia Garza.

Sebastian Garza, Yurielys Guerrero, Criss Gutierrez, Jose Gutierrez, Draven Harris, Noelani Huerta, Andrew Jaramillo, Nicholas Jenkins, Savannah Jones, Alexander Limachi, Reya Long, Noah Maldonado, Stephanie Ochoa and Briana Olvera.

Ariadne Portales, David Ramirez, Sansa-Rios Ramsey, Aiden Rios, Mariana Rodriguez, Kristabel Salinas, Brandon Saucedo, Kolby Stubblefield, Christian Tejada, Christian Thumann, Kathleen Tran, Tina Tran, Ava Treviño, Jacob Velazquez and Kimberley Villanueva.

First grade
Perfect attendance
 Khalee Abrams, Brianna Aleman, Jesse Alvarado, Alejandro Arellano, Ethan Bell, Arianna Bermudez, Derrick

Bonilla, Hailey Bonilla, Byanca Borjas, Joushua Brown, Andrew Bryant, Joshua Bryant, Jacqueline Calvo, Reagan Cameron, Reginald Cameron and Anthony Capetillo.

Jarvis Carraway, Benjamin Chacon, Max Chagoya, Andrew Chavez, Melanie Chavez, Miranda Chavez, Alaina Dang, Elizabeth Dinh, Daniel Escamilla, Vanya Espinoza, Brianna Figueroa, Alexa Flores, Elijah Garcia, Sofia Garcia and Victoria Garcia.

Gabrian Garza, Orlando Gomez, Sarah Gonzalez, Kaylee Guevara, Kevin Hernandez, Sofia Hernandez, Xitlaly Hernandez, Oscar Hernandez-Garza, Nhu Ho, Tram Hong, Issac Ibarra, Joshua Jamaica, Daniel Jasso, Da'Shy Johnson and Huy Le.

Daisy Lopez, Nathan Maldonado, Edgar Martinez, Juan Martinez, Yenner Martinez, Mih Nguyen, Lazaro Obregon, Jayden Perdone, Vicent Pham, Emely Quijano, Adrian Raitaru, Marcus Resendez and Carlos Rodriguez.

Marcus Rodriguez, Christian Rojas, Eduardo Sanchez, Natalie Sanchez, Yohan Santiago, David Serrano, Natalie Soto, Christian Teruel, Serenity Thomas, Daniel Tran, Isaac Vasquez, Eduardo Velazquez and Amaya Wilson.

Second grade
Perfect attendance
 Evan Amezcua, Camila

Arguello, Alexander Arias, Isabella Avila, Hannai Ayala, Jaidyn Belgrave, Tanner Bo, Diana Bonilla, Yahir Bonilla, Demyan Borjas, Joaquin Caballero, Sebastian Calderon, Ethan Cavazos, Lucas Cena and Mark Chase.

Daniel Chavez, Jacob Chavez, Kenneth Clinton, Camila Contreras, Christina Dang, John Davila, Jacob Davis, Alberto De Alba, Ivette Del Toro, Darian Diaz, Hayden Do, Zaid Edgar, Nathan Elisarrara, Chloe Estes, Yudany Estrada and Jeremy Flores.

Alyria Galvan, Katlynn Galvan, Jayden Garcia, David Garza, Mayra Gomez, Carlo Gonzalez, Massiah Gordon, Kaelyn Grice, Daniela Guerrero, Edward Guerra-Guerrero, Mia Hernandez, Mike Hernandez, Paul Hernandez and Michael Hernandez Jr.

Kenny Ho, Jeremy Jackson, Jonah Jefferson, Jordan Johnson, Kevin Lara, Nayeli Leal, Jandel Leon, Joselyn Lima, Kristina Ly, Abraham Martinez, David Martinez, Ian Martinez, Lexie Martinez, Sofia Martinez, Hania Martin, Atiana Medrano, Jaylene Melo and Heidi Montano.

Gael Munoz, Ryan Ngo, Gia'An Nguyen, Nair Oliveira, Nathan Paredes, Amairani Pena, Josellin Perales, Mariah Ramirez, Ximena Rios, Aileen Rivera, Jayson Rivera, Camron Robertson, Osvaldo

Rodriguez, Sophia Sagastizado, Aaron Sanchez, Britanny Sanchez and Nancy Sanchez.

Julio Saucedo, Christopher Sellers, Alejandro Serrano, Angie Tinajero, Jenna To, Kaylanie Tran, Jolie Trejo, Matthew Trevino, Miguel Valencia, Anthony Van, Jared Villareal, Aiden Vo, Clayton Washington, Maeson Washington and Cobi Watts.

Third grade
Honor roll
 Milaycia Brown, Anthony Dinh, Latrell Hall, Christian Hernandez, Jeshua Moreno, Thinh Ninh, Roberto Nuñez, Michelle Pham, Timmy Pham, Isaiiah Pineda, Adam Rocha, Sebastian Saenz, Andrea Saegastizado, Yahir Sanchez and Stephen Wilson.

Merit roll
 Mia Arana, Danielle Chenier, Yanneli Garza, Daniela Mendoza, Thuy Nguyen, Bruce Nyguyen, Anna Parra, Kaitlyn Phan, Andrew Saucedo, Izaya Vasquez and Jo'Anna Williams.

Perfect attendance
 Casey Aleman, Janely Arias, Antonio Bonilla, Astrid Bonilla, Diego Bonilla, Milaycia Brown, Spencer Cash, Iris Conejo, Adam Daley, Galilea De La Garza, Anthony Dinh, Emmanuel Ealy, Eric Escamilla, Daniel Estrada, Desmond Etienne, Steven Fernandez and Kevin Flores.

Mayeli Flores, Kassandra

Garcia, Pablo Garcia, Alexandra Garibay, Ashton Gibson, Luis Gonzales, Atziri Gonzalez, Isaiiah Gonzalez, Tyree Griffin-Strode, Jonathan Guerra, Camille Haynes, Ashley Hernandez, Christian Hernandez, Daniel Infante and Gregorio Jaimes.

Melanie Jaramillo, Lauren Jones, Aolant Joya-Elisarraras, Lya Juarez, Dominic Leija, Amanda Marler, Mariana Melendez, Annette Mendez, Daniela Mendoza, Khang Minh, Thinh Ninh, Roberto Nuñez, Michelle Pham, Timmy Pham and Kaitlyn Phan.

Isabelle Pichardo, Isaiiah Pineda, Angel Pulido, David Reyna, Diego Rios, Adam Rocha, Ivan Rodriguez, Sofia Rodriguez, Marco Saavedra, Sebastian Saenz, Sebastian Saenz, Yahir Sanchez, Rhema Sami-Thomas, Jemarcus Sellers and Gabriel Sifuentes.

Camron Stegall, Emily Stephens, Lucas Sumrall, Ashley Teruel, Patience Thomas, Leonard Thumann, Barbara Valdez, Ulysses Valdez, Daniell Velazquez, Brandon Vigil, Rudy Villanueva, Jorge Villareal and Andie Williams.

Fourth grade
Honor roll
 Kevin Ayala, Nico Barr, Jade Butler, Julian Ceniceros, Gisselly Garza, Jocelyn Guerra, Kasie Hoang, Jady Johnson, Trinity Lopez, Kaleb Luna, Han Ly, Jessica Ngo and Linh Ngo.

Axel Olmedo, Axel Olmedo, Vina Pham, Sydney Reyes, Ariznelly Rivera, Gia Robinson, Itzel Romero, Isabella Saenz, Savannah Smith, Evelyn Tran and Tyler Vo.

Merit roll
 Isaac Alvarenga, Giancarlos Alvarez, Dinh, Anna, Manilo Arango, Jaydon Bonilla, Adrian Cazares, Hugo Estrada, Emmalee Lopez, Trey Medlock, Joel Morales, Joel Morales, Cathy Nguyen, Jacky Ochoa, Zoe Rivera, Eric Solis and Kiet Tran.

Perfect attendance
 Elizabeth Aguirre, Walter Alexander, A'Myri Allen, Alyssa Allen, Alyssah Allen, Isaac Alvarenga, Giancarlos Alvarez, Manilo Arango, Victoria Arnsworth, Mauricio Banda, Viviana Barrientos, Jaydon Bonilla, Jayla Buchanan and Jade Butler.

David Cardona, Maxwell Cash, Johnathon Castillo, Daniel Charles, Torry Chase, Christian Davis, Max Davis, Anna Dinh, Hillary Do, Emmanuel Elizondo, Brian Erazo, Hugo Estrada, Jennifer Estrada, Steven Flores, Joana Flores, Monica Flores, Steven Flores and Fabian Franco.

Baleria Gallegos, Jonathan Gamez, Daniel Garza, Gisselly Garza, Oscar Garza, Jose Gomez, Karla Gracia, Manuel Grajales, Jocelyn Guerra, Jose Guerra-Chacon, Roberto Hernandez, Thy Ho, Enrique Jasso, Alyssa Jones, Angle Limachi and Angel Limachi.

Jacob Lopez, Joshua Lopez, Trinity Lopez, David Lozoya, Kaleb Luna, Han Ly, Arturo Martinez, Melissa Mendez, Sildy Mireles, Jamiah Molden, Joaquin Montemayor, Gabby Montes, Alex Montoya and Keren Morales.

Jessica Ngo, Linh Ngo, Cathy Nguyen, Kylie Obregon, Jacky Ochoa, Axel Olmedo, Axel Olmedo, Jennifer Olvera, Daniel Ortega, Arianna Ortiz, Arianna Ortiz, Vina Pham, Annie Phan, Nathaniel Pina, Moises Ramos, Moises Ramos, Ariznelly Rivera and Zoe Rivera.

Gia Robinson, Juan Pablo Rodriguez, Kevin Rodriguez, Itzel Romero, Isabella Saenz, Eytzel Sanchez, Karol Sanchez, Savannah Smith, Kiet Tran, Ngoc Tran, Thomas Tran, Frederick Triplett, Abigail Unica, Jamiyah Washington and Antwoine Wilson.

Pasadena Rotary visits Bush Elementary



Third-grade students from Laura Bush Elementary were visited by the Pasadena Rotary Club and received free dictionaries to help them as they continue their education. Students were thrilled and could not wait to begin using their new reference tools. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Samantha Pulido, Christian Oyervidez; Barbara Valdez, (middle row) Daniela Mendoza, JoAnna Williams, Daniel Velazquez, Anthony Dinh, Rebecca Santana, Sebastian Saenz, Christian Hernandez, (back row) Jerry Sudduth, Gerald Nickelson, Cecil Gormley and Scott Loomis. Photo submitted

Roberts MS celebrates Veterans Day



Fred Roberts Middle School honored Veterans Day by inviting parents and community members for a breakfast and Veterans Day program. The Roberts Middle School choir and orchestra performed patriotic songs. Pasadena Independent School District Officer and Army veteran James Boggs spoke at the assembly. The program closed in reflection as Taps was played by band director Diana Garcia.



Attending veterans included, left to right, (front row) Eluterio Perez, Luis Ramirez, Tito Arrollo, Jimmie McCann, Sara Carroll, Larry Showalter, Marco Martinez, Shannon Brown, (back row) Rachelle Shadden, Officer James Boggs, Corey Smith, Ernest Escalona, Ruben Guerra, Jerry Duarte, David Blakeley, Luis Valles and Brian Brown. Photos submitted

Surgical program receives needed equipment

The San Jacinto College surgical technology program is now home to an anesthesia machine and three additional medical scopes thanks to Bayshore Medical Center.

Surgical technology students benefit from such medical equipment donations to prepare for their clinical rotations, which begin as early as their first semester at San Jacinto College. The anesthesia machine helps to add to a realistic operating room setting, while the medical scopes are devices that pro-

gram graduates might use throughout their careers.

"Everything that we see and use in class is what we're seeing and using in the field for our clinicals," said Dorothy Mitchell, surgical technology student. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mitchell already has previous medical work experience. She decided to enroll in college for an associate degree and is completing her clinical rotation at The Woman's Hospital of Texas. "Donations like this are very important to us as students because they allow

us to train on equipment that we'll be working with in the field. I would say 99 percent of what I am seeing at the hospital is what we have already learned about in this program."

Catherine Yendell, program director for surgical technology at San Jacinto College, said equipment donations are key to a successful program. "It's imperative, especially for such a high demand field as surgical technology. The Texas Workforce Commission projects a 40 percent employment growth,

in just the Texas Gulf Coast region alone, for surgical technologists by 2022.

"These donations allow our students the hands-on training they need to work successfully in this field," said Yendell. "Bayshore Medical Center is a very big donor of ours. We couldn't provide this training without our donors."

For more information about the San Jacinto College surgical technology program, visit sanjac.edu/career/surgical-technology.

Expansions, graveyard shift courses, degrees, certificates help move more into welding

Eddie Foster's hometown of Mont Belvieu, Texas, may be a small town on the map, but it's becoming a hot spot for workers traveling to the state for the jobs that industry simply cannot fill fast enough.

"I guarantee you that just in Mont Belvieu alone, all of the camping spots for trailers are filled to the brim with craft tradespeople because they know the jobs are here," said Foster, who's worked as a welder since the 1970s and is now department chair of industrial technology at San Jacinto College. "The Gulf Coast workforce opportunities are through the roof — from Louisiana down to Corpus Christi, Texas."

Within a couple of years, the welding technology program at San Jacinto College has undergone three expansions across its North and Central campuses and added additional course offerings including a graveyard shift. Such a response stems from the region's shortage of workers that Foster said resulted from years of swaying many away from the craft trades and the layoffs from decades ago.

"When the oil bust hit in the 1980s, a lot of helpers were laid off," said Foster. "This left welders and pipefitters. When they eventually retired, there were no helpers, those entry-level workers, to move up. During that time, the university route was being encouraged. Because of this, we lost the connection with young people to consider welding and other craft trades as careers of opportunity."

Today's workforce landscape is driving current welders to work overtime, 10 plus hours a day, with overtime pay, according to Foster. He anticipates the demand will remain high, well beyond 2020. For welders, the Texas Workforce Commission projects a 26.3 percent growth by 2022.

"I have talked to the employers, and they're hiring welders," said Juan Manuel Garrito, a boilermaker who works alongside welders and pipefitters and is currently training at San Jacinto Col-

lege to add welding to his resume. "I see all of the job listings around here, and I have plenty of friends who are welders and working."

Garrito may have a great advantage. Picking up certificates and degrees in a variety of craft trades is a move that many are making to become skilled in multiple crafts and receive the opportunities that industry is offering to attract talent.

"People with two skills can do both jobs," said Maria Guzman, recruiting manager for Tradesmen International, who places workers in refineries, chemical plants, and shipyards. "It's also very important that people show that they have the education in the basics and field experience. It's important that they have NCCER (National Council for Construction Education and Research) certification. Also, companies want to see where a person has attended school. All of this matters."

Juan Garcia worked as a welder for six years until he realized an associate degree would provide him with better opportunities at the hiring table. He now teaches welding at San Jacinto College.

"In this industry, people want to hire those who can be taught and who want to move up," said Garcia. "It's a great career to get into with starting pay varying from around \$18 to \$30 plus an hour."

The San Jacinto College welding technology program specializes in both credit and

noncredit training of four welding courses and certificate and degree options. GTAW, GMAW, and FCAW. visit sanjac.edu/career/welding-technology.

Bay Area Singles Dance Nov. 14

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

Open Garden Day Nov. 16

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, Nov. 16, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu.tamu.edu>.

Study religious comparisons

For those who are interested in learning about Judaism, religions in general, practices and traditions, comparisons and differences, Congregation Shaar Hashalom's own Rabbi Stuart Federow will host free, open to the public, weekly discussions. The sessions are held every first Thursday of the month at IHOP on NASA Road 1 (Webster), from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Join the discussion and bring any questions, thoughts and opinions to share with everyone present.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston, and is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at esh@shaarhashalom.org.

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Longhorns seeks elusive bidistrict football win over NS

It all started Nov. 11, 2011, as the Dobie Longhorn varsity football program began its quest to take down the North Shore Mustangs in the Class 6A Division I bidistrict play-offs.

Fast forward now just **Dobie at North Shore** Fri., Nov. 13, 7 p.m. GPISD Stadium

Dobie quarterback Jeremy Davis (far left) heads for the end zone for the first score of the game against Memorial as defensive end Xzavion Kelly (13) provides a key block while playing in the Longhorns' goal line package Nov. 6, at Veterans Memorial Stadium. After a scoreless first quarter, the Longhorns went on to hammer the Mavericks 38-0, securing a playoff spot for the sixth straight season. At 5-5 overall, the Longhorns are now set to take on North Shore in a fifth consecutive Division I bidistrict playoff contest. As the higher playoff seed, the Mustangs earned the right to host the game.

days more than four years later, and the Longhorns are set to renew that quest that has yet to be completed.

Four seasons and four North Shore victories. It's as simple as that, but first-year Dobie varsity

head coach Mike Norman knows North Shore all too well. He was an assistant coach at Pearland High School where there was more than one season that ended with a Mustangs' win over the Oilers.

But the Oilers broke

that spell against North Shore, and Norman knows the Longhorns can as well.

Perhaps, then, it's fitting that the 2015 version plays out on Friday, the 13th, at Galena Park ISD Stadium.

As per his mantra throughout the regular season, Norman says the game plan focuses much more on Dobie being Dobie than being concerned

about North Shore's explosiveness. While it may be true that a Dobie win over the Mustangs would go down as a huge upset, the Longhorns are of the

belief it can and will happen.

"I told the guys that we are playing our best football of the season at the

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McDonald's Texas Invitational hoops offers both star teams, elite players

By Al Carter
PISD Alumni
For those who thought last year's McDonald's Texas Invitational had a hometown feel to it, the 2015 edition of the three-day high-school basketball extravaganza promises to take things a step further.

For the first time since the tournament went to a two-division format in 2007, a Pasadena ISD team will compete in the top tier of the tournament. The South Houston varsity boys, state playoff qualifiers each of the past four seasons, have been selected to compete in the Division I bracket in this year's tournament, which begins Thursday, Nov. 19 and wraps up with a full allowance of championship contests on Saturday, Nov. 21.

At right, South Houston shooting guard Nick Hernandez looks to get a shot off during the 2014 McDonald's Texas Invitational. Hernandez and his teammates are included in the 2015 Division 1 boys' pool, the first Pasadena ISD varsity basketball program to compete in the D1 fields since 2007.

Those four South Houston playoff appearances - all under Coach Patrick McCoy - came as the result of a district championship in 2012, a second-place finish in 2013, a fourth-place finish in 2014 and a third-place showing last spring.

The Trojans will kick off pool play Nov. 19, at

9 a.m. against Richardson, the champion of District 10-6A last season.

South Houston will wrap up pool play at 1:30 that afternoon against Fort Bend Marshall, which took third place last season in District 23-5A. Both games will be on the South Houston campus.

Returning teams this

year include both the Division 1 reigning champs - Atascocita on the boys' side and North Shore on the girls' side.

The twin Houston area titles last year ended a three-year streak in which all six championships were claimed by three Metroplex schools: DeSoto, Duncanville and Flower Mound Marcus.

Again this year the tournament - considered one of the nation's premier early season high-school events, will feature an 80-team field - spiced with many of the top squads in Texas.

Forty-eight boys' teams and 32 girls' teams will play nearly 200 games at 10 venues across the Pasadena and Deer Park school districts.

The boys' championship game in Division 1 is set for Saturday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. at Phillips Field House.

The Division 1 girls' title will be settled at 4:30 p.m. at Phillips.

Also on tap is the third annual Alumni Challenge game, pitting former varsity basketball players from Deer Park High School against former players from the five Pasadena ISD high schools. The two alumni squads will square off at Phillips at 6 p.m.

Except for the South Houston boys, boys' and girls' teams from the five Pasadena high schools

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BAFL's junior Dolphins, frosh Cowboys advance

Plenty of defense and, of course, rainy conditions played a role as the Bay Area Football League post-season finally got under way.

Postponed a week after torrential rains across the area made many fields unplayable, the kickoffs came Saturday, Nov. 7, and the young teams were ready.

Locally, the Sagemont Cowboys' freshman team is still standing, as is the Southbelt Dolphins' junior squad.

The Cowboys went up against the League City '49ers and came away with a tight 8-6 double overtime victory to move on.

Meanwhile, the Dolphins' junior team is now 8-3 overall after shutting out the East End Eagles by a 6-0 count. The BAFL con-

ference finals will continue as part of a special Sunday play day, Nov. 15.

Because the games are being played on a Sunday, the first action will not kick off until noon.

The Cowboys will travel to play the host Pearland Patriots at the Pearland Dad's Club after the Patriots scored an 18-0 win over the Magnolia Park Sharks in the first round.

The Cowboys/Pats game will kick off at 5:15 p.m. As for the Dolphins, they will be in action at Countryside Park in League City. That game will begin at 1:45 p.m.

In other first-round action, Ellington's sophomore team lost to the Pearland Canes 25-13, and the Texas City seniors won a forfeit over Southbelt.

Lions to host shoot-a-thon Nov. 14

The start of the Pasadena Independent School District's intermediate school basketball season will soon tip off, and the Thompson boys' and girls' programs are celebrating the occasion.

Both gyms at Thompson will be alive with action as the school hosts its annual

shoot-a-thon Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Teams from both the boys' and girls' basketball programs will scrimmage against one another, and there will even be several alumni making return engagements to take part in the fun.

Brisket combination plates will be on sale at the shoot-a-thon for \$7 each.

Thompson basketball players also have presale brisket combo plate tickets for sale through Nov. 13 at \$5 each. There will be other concession items available for purchase at the event.

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South Belt news, notes

Dobie baseball bingo night

The Dobie Diamond Club, the official booster organization of the school's baseball program, has scheduled its fall bingo night to raise funds for costs associated with the baseball program. The event will now be held Saturday, Dec. 5. Tickets purchased for the original date (October) will be honored at the door, and \$25 tickets remain for sale through Dobie baseball players or booster club members. Eight of the 10 games played during the evening will pay \$100 each to the winner. A ninth game will pay \$250 to the winner, and a final game will pay \$500 to the winner. Refreshments will be available for purchase, and door prizes will be awarded between games. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the bingo games will run from 6 to 10 p.m. The event serves as one of the primary fundraisers to help cover costs associated with the Dobie baseball program throughout the school year. For more information, direct email to dobiediamond@gmail.com.

Lady Longhorns' hoops drop season opener

The Dobie varsity girls' basketball team experienced a rough start to the 2015-2016 regular season, losing 50-17 to host Friendswood Nov. 9, in the opener for both teams. The Lady Longhorns will next take on host Goose Creek Memorial Thursday, Nov. 12, in a 2 p.m. tournament opener at the Baytown Tip-Off Classic.

Online registration encouraged at SBHLL

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League currently has online registration on-going for the spring 2016 season at www.eteamz.com/sbhll. Youths ages 3 (must turn 3 by Jan. 1, 2016) through 16 may register for the season. Those signing up online may also take advantage of a payment plan if necessary.

The registration fee includes a jersey, hat, pants, socks and a belt. Families will also be required to submit three forms of proof of residency, such as driver's license, utility bill, insurance documents, school records, etc, to league officials prior to the start of the season at tryouts or one of the in-person sign-up sessions.

While online registration is encouraged, there will also be in-person registration dates coming to the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park, with the first one set for Dec. 5. There will be three regular registration dates in the new year at El Franco Lee Park, including Jan. 6, Jan. 9 and Jan. 13.

Late registration (Jan. 16) and tryouts (Jan. 16, Jan. 23) are also set. More details about the registration dates will appear in the *Leader* as needed.

South Belt football predictions



Troy Leland



John Bechtle



Eli Tanksley



Toni Muse



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Debbie Vaughn

Dobie at North Shore	North Shore	Dobie	North Shore	North Shore	Dobie	North Shore
Clear Springs at Alief Taylor	Springs	Springs	Alief Taylor	Alief Taylor	Alief Taylor	Alief Taylor
Beaumont West Brook at Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Dawson at La Porte	La Porte	Dawson	Dawson	La Porte	Dawson	La Porte
Friendswood at Hightower	Friendswood	Friendswood	Hightower	Hightower	Friendswood	Hightower
Channelview at Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel
Fort Bend Travis at Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek
Elkins at Foster	Foster	Foster	Foster	Foster	Foster	Foster
Angleton at Texas City	Texas City	Angleton	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City
Atascocita at Klein Collins	Klein Collins	Atascocita	Klein Collins	Klein Collins	Klein Collins	Klein Collins
This week's record	7-3	5-5	7-3	7-3	5-5	8-2
Season record	84-26	82-28	86-24	85-25	81-29	87-23

Brook varsity girls take opener, 60-46

So far, so good. The Clear Brook varsity girls basketball team saw its hard preseason work pay off, downing the Nimitz 60-46 in the regular season opener for both teams Nov. 10, at

Nimitz. It was a great win for head coach Garrett Hilton's team, which is now headed for the Baytown Tip-Off Classic Nov. 12-14 in Baytown.

Sports Calendar

FOOTBALL

Friday, Nov. 13

Dobie varsity at North Shore, GPISD, 7:00

BASKETBALL

Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 12-14

Dobie varsity girls at Baytown Tip-Off Classic, TBA
Brook varsity girls at Baytown Tip-Off Classic, TBA

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Dobie varsity girls host Madison, 7:00
Brook varsity girls host La Porte, 7:00
Brook varsity boys at Chavez, 7:00
Dobie JV girls host Madison, 5:30
Brook JV boys at Chavez, 5:30
Brook JV girls host La Porte, 5:30
Dobie freshman A girls host Madison, 4:00
Brook freshman A girls host La Porte, 4:00
Brook sophomore boys at Chavez, 5:30
Brook freshman A boys at Chavez, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys at Chavez, 4:00

Friday, Nov. 20

Brook varsity girls host Katy Tompkins, 7:00
Brook JV girls host Katy Tompkins, 5:30
Brook freshman A girls host Katy Tompkins, 4:00

Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 19-21

Dobie varsity girls at McDonald's Invitational, TBA
Brook varsity boys at McDonald's Invitational, TBA
Dobie varsity boys at McDonald's Invitational, TBA

San Jacinto College volleyball makes nationals

Fifteen sets of grueling Region XIV tournament action finally took its toll on the San Jacinto College women's volleyball team, but the rewards still came.

Despite a heartbreaking five-set loss to Blinn in the tournament championship match, San Jacinto has now qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Championships.

That event is set to be played Nov. 19-21 at the Casper Event Center in Casper, Wyo.

At press time, the tournament seedings were not yet determined.

Under Nelson's leadership, San Jac has won nine regional titles and nine conference championships.

Nelson's teams have finished in the top 11 at the national tournament in nine of the last 10 seasons, including a national runner-up in 2010.

The SJC squad knew reaching the national tournament would indeed be tough, and winning the overall Region XIV title would prove tougher. It was.

San Jacinto took care of its first goal of reaching the national tournament, edging Panola 25-13, 18-25, 25-11, 17-25, 15-12 behind 12 kills each from Ines Bawedin and Samantha McMahon.

Kersten Jenkins had another 10 kills as the San Jac squad officially qualified for the national championship event.

As it turns out, taking

down Blinn would be a stiffer challenge.

Having played the Panola match at 1 p.m., San Jac turned around at 3:30 to face Blinn.

Jenkins and Briana Moten were spectacular with 14 kills each, and McMahon and Anna Rodrigues had 10 each in the tournament-tying win.

Just a warm-up session later, San Jacinto and Blinn returned to action with all of the marbles at stake.

San Jacinto seemed in control, winning the first two sets 27-25, 25-23.

Unfortunately, Blinn stormed back for a 25-19, 27-25, 15-11 victory over the final three sets of action.

Jenkins led the way with 18 kills in the win, while Moten had 12. But Blinn's Eboni Mitchell delivered a match-high 22 kills in the tournament clincher.

Perhaps seven plus hours of volleyball took its toll, but the San Jacinto College program is nonetheless on its way to the national tournament.

SJC's Manon Geofrey, who came up with 97 digs on the final day of the tournament over three matches, made the all-tournament team along with Moten. Three Blinn players made the unit.

Locals make final

The San Jacinto College volleyball team (South Zone, No. 2 seed) was one of only three teams left standing after going 1-1 in

rounds two and three Nov. 7.

Nelson knew that the second and third rounds of the tournament would be challenging, as San Jac had to play North Zone No. 1 seed Tyler and South Zone No. 1 seed Blinn College in back-to-back matches.

In round two, San Jac defeated Tyler 3-1 (25-22, 22-25, 25-23, 25-21).

In round three, San Jac fell to conference rival Blinn 3-0 (25-22, 25-16, 25-17).

"I told our ladies that Region XIV is one of the best in the nation, with no easy route no matter who you play, so we knew it would be tough," she commented.

"After the loss to Blinn, I told the team to not get down, to simply learn from the experience and have the mindset that we can still win round four and qualify for the national tournament, and we still also have a shot at winning the regional tournament."

In the round two win over Tyler, Kerstin Jenkins had a solid match, scoring 17.5 points, with 10 digs, 12 kills, and three blocks. Other key contributors were Moten with 16.5 points, five block assists, a dig, and 13 kills; and McMahon with 15 points, three digs, two service aces, and 12 kills.

Navarro goes down

The SJC team shut out Navarro College 3-0 (25-18, 25-18, 25-19) in round one of the Nov. 6, setting up the match against Tyler

in a winner's bracket contest.

Nelson was pleased with the results of the win over Navarro and was particularly excited about the overall performance of the team.

"It was just a solid, well-played team win, and I am proud of the effort of every player," Nelson commented.

"Everyone stayed fo-

cused and steady throughout the entire set, and each player contributed.

"We had a lot of blocks, with several blocks being assists, which shows how the players worked well together."

Erlicia Griffith had an all-around solid game with 13 kills, eight blocks and a .600 hitting percentage.

Other key contribu-

tors were Geoffroy with 18 digs and two service aces; Hannah Baker with 26 assists; Moten with six

blocks and a .429 hitting percentage; and McMahones with 10 kills and four service aces.

San Jacinto College
at NJCAA Championships
Casper, Wyoming
Nov. 19-21



Despite a five-game marathon loss to Blinn in the Region XIV conference championship match, the San Jacinto College women's volleyball team is headed to the National Junior College Athletic Association's national tournament. The locals advanced, in part, due to a big win over Tyler in early round play. On this sequence, SJC's Briana Moten (22) goes high for a kill while teammates Kayden Thomas (far left), Hannah Westerlage (11) and Samantha McMahon (7) prepare to defend. Photo by Rob Vanya

Thompson Lion football still relishing three PISD championships

At right, Thompson eighth-grade A team quarterback Daniel Garza (13) follows through on a throw to the outside with a Miller defender in pursuit. Garza and his Lions' teammates came away with a 16-14 in the Pasadena ISD championship game at Veterans Stadium. In all, the Lions won three PISD championships, while Bondy was the seventh-grade A division champion. Miller had defeated the Lions by a 14-12 count during the regular season, but the Lions came up with the big win when it mattered most. Thompson scored close wins over the Beverly Hills Bears in two other championship games.

Photos by Gary Williams



Lions' eighth-grade A running back Adrian Johnson (44) plows his way through a host of Miller Falcon defenders during Thompson's 16-14 victory in the Pasadena ISD championship game at Veterans Stadium. The win avenged an earlier regular season loss to Miller.



Jaylen Girdy (7) of Miller, who starred for the Ellington Rams' senior division team a year ago during the team's Super Bowl run, tried his best to help his Falcons get past the Lions' eighth-grade A team. But defenders, including Dominic Caballero (72), Jordan Velasquez (75) and Jose Segovia, had other ideas.

McDonald's Texas Invitational tips off Nov. 19

Continued from Page 1B will compete in Division 2.

All varsity boys' teams compete in pool play on Nov. 19 before starting bracket play on Nov. 20.

The varsity girls' teams compete in pool play Nov. 19 and 20, with all bracket play to follow on Nov. 21. The Division 1 boys' title game will be televised live statewide by Fox Sports Southwest, with prime time replays the following week.

A live stream of the boys' and girls' title games in Division 1 will also be available on Fox Sports Southwest's website (www.foxsports.com/southwest). Streaming will also be available on the Fox Sports Go app.

Both championship games will be also carried live on the Texas Invitational website (www.texasinvitational.com).

The tournament is sponsored by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation and the Deer Park ISD Education Foundation. All proceeds are returned to those two education foundations.

Upsets were the norm in last year's tournament. In the boys' title game, Atascocita dethroned DeSoto 51-50 on a buzzer-beating jumper by Brandon Loville, who is set to return this year.

In the girls' bracket, Cy-Woods bumped off favored Manvel and made it to the championship game, only to be beaten by a late-surging North Shore squad.

Cy-Woods went on to beat North Shore last spring in the state regional semifinal round - en route to winning the state Class 6A championship.

Another showdown between Cy-Woods and North Shore could be in the offing, although DeSoto and Duncanville are also in the pack this time around.

Standing tall among the crowd of talented girls' players is the most interesting athlete in the mix - Cy-Woods senior Nancy Mulkey, who at 6-foot-9-inches is the tallest female high-school player in the country.

Mulkey, also one of the nation's most highly recruited players, has verbally committed to attend the University of Oklahoma.

The South Houston boys are led by Nick Hernandez, a 6-foot-5-inch senior who earned first-team all-district honors last season, and a bevy of talented guards.

The Atascocita boys return a pair of highly regarded prospects in guards Carsen Edwards and Greg Shead.

Each division has been divided into eight three-team pools. After two pool-play games on Nov. 19, the teams are divided - by record - into Gold, Silver and Bronze brackets, each bracket working toward a champion in bracket play on Nov. 21.

On the girls' side, 32 teams are divided into two 16-team divisions, and each division is divided into four four-team pools. Three pool games are held Nov. 19-20.

After two days of girls' pool play, teams are placed - by record - into Gold, Silver and Bronze brackets. All bracket trophy round games are played Nov. 21.

Houston area powers flood McD's girls' mix

The 48-team McDonald's Texas Invitational lineup is as stout as it gets, but the tournament will also include an impressive array of girls' squads come Nov. 19-21.

Girls' Division 1 Gold champion North Shore is back along with title game finalist and eventual Class 6A state champion Cypress Woods.

North Shore is led by Greater Houston Area preseason first team pick Chasity Patterson, a junior guard.

Senior post Nancy Mulkey, meanwhile, will lead Cypress Woods into action after having already verbally committed to play at the University of Oklahoma.

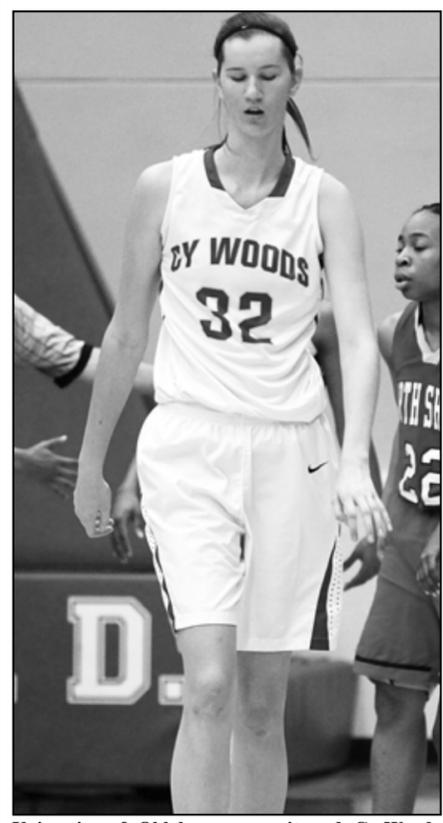
Elsewhere in the girls' mix, state ranked programs from Duncanville, Clear Springs and Barbers Hills are in play.

Six of the top-10 ranked teams in Houston are included: Cypress Woods, Clear Springs, Cypress Ranch, North Shore, Seven Lakes, and Cypress Fairbanks.

Mulkey, Patterson, Charlie Collier (Barbers Hill), and Deayua Richards (Cypress Ranch) are first team All-Greater Houston selections heading into 2015-2016.

Thursday, Nov. 19 Pool Play Schedule & Locations

Locations	At Phillips	At Pas. Mem.	At Dobie	At S. Houston	At Rayburn	
Dobie H.S. 10220 Blackhawk Bev. Hills Int. 11111 Beamer S. Houston H.S. 3820 S. Shaver Pas. Mem. H.S. 4410 Crenshaw Rayburn H.S. 2121 Cherrybrook DP Watkins & DP South 710 W. San Augustine DP North 402 Ivy Phillips F.H. 2906 Dabney Pasadena H.S. 206 S. Shaver Tickets All games pass \$20 on/before Nov. 19 \$15 on Nov. 20 \$10 on Nov. 21 One game ticket \$5 adults \$2 students Children under 7 admitted free/with adult All Nov. 20 pool play games are in girls' div.	9 a.m. B- La Porte vs. C.E. King 10:30 a.m. B- Atascocita vs. DeKaney Noon G - S. Houston vs. Deer Park 1:30 p.m. B- Allen vs. La Porte 3 p.m. B- Hebron vs. DeKaney 4:30 p.m. G- College Park vs. Pas. Mem. 6 p.m. B-C.E. King vs. Allen 7:30 p.m. B- Hebron vs. Atascocita At Pasadena 9 a.m. B-Pasadena vs. Humble 10:30 a.m. B-Mans. Summit vs. F.B. Bush Noon G- Cy-Creek vs. Pasadena 1:30 p.m. B-Pasadena vs. Clear Falls 3 p.m. B- McKinney vs. Mans. Summit 4:30 p.m. G- Dawson vs. E.P. Eastwood 6 p.m. B- Humble vs. Clear Falls 7:30 p.m. B- McKinney vs. F.B. Bush	9 a.m. B- Pas. Memorial vs. Friendswood 10:30 a.m. B- College Park vs. Dawson Noon G- Pas. Memorial vs. S.A. Madison 1:30 p.m. B- Pas. Memorial vs. S.A. Clark 3 p.m. B- N. Crowley vs. College Park 4:30 p.m. G- College Park vs. Pas. Memorial 6 p.m. B- S.A. Clark vs. Friendswood 7:30 p.m. B- N. Crowley vs. Dawson At Bev. Hills 9 a.m. B- Pearland vs. Katy Taylor 10:30 a.m. B- Crosby vs. Langham Creek Noon G- College Park vs. La Porte 1:30 p.m. B- Rockwall vs. Pearland 3 p.m. B- S.A. Taft vs. Langham Creek 4:30 p.m. G-La Porte vs. S.A. Madison 6 p.m. B- Katy Taylor vs. Rockwall 7:30 p.m. B- S.A. Taft vs. Crosby	9 a.m. B-Dobie vs. Rich. Pearce 10:30 a.m. B-Kingwood vs. Manvel Noon G-Dobie vs. C.C. Ray 1:30 p.m. B- Dobie vs. S.B. Memorial 3 p.m. B- Manvel vs. Lancaster 4:30 p.m. G- C.C. Ray vs. Cy-Creek 6 p.m. B-Rich. Pearce vs. S.B. Memorial 7:30 p.m. B- Lancaster vs. Kingwood At DP-Watkins 9 a.m. G-North Shore vs. Cy-Falls 10:30 a.m. G- Duncanville vs. Manvel Noon G- S.A. Brennan vs. Barbers Hill 1:30 p.m. B-Deer Park vs. Flower Mound 3 p.m. G- Cy-Falls vs. Clear Springs 4:30 p.m. G-Pearland vs. Deer Park 6 p.m. G-Cy-Ranch vs. Barbers Hill 7:30 p.m. G- Cy-Woods vs. N. Crowley	9 a.m. B-Richardson vs. S. Houston 10:30 a.m. B-F. B. Austin vs. Klein Collins Noon G- S. A. Jay vs. Pearland 1:30 p.m. B- S. Houston vs. F.B. Marshall 3 p.m. B- F. B. Austin vs. Dallas Hillcrest 4:30 p.m. G-S.A. Jay vs. S. Houston 6 p.m. B-Richardson vs. F.B. Marshall 7:30 p.m. B- Klein Collins vs. Dallas Hillcrest At DP-South 9 a.m. G- Lake Ridge vs. Clear Springs 10:30 a.m. G - Mans. Summit vs. Cy-Fair Noon G- Cy-Ranch vs. Cedar Ridge 1:30 p.m. G- Woodlands vs. Cy-Woods 3 p.m. G- Lake Ridge vs. North Shore 4:30 p.m. G- Duncanville vs. Mans. Summit 6 p.m. G- S.A. Brennan vs. Cedar Ridge 7:30 p.m. G- Woodlands vs. Seven Lakes	9 a.m. B- Rayburn vs. Ridge Point 10:30 a.m. B-Con. Judson vs. Westfield Noon G- Rayburn vs. Dawson 1:30 p.m. B- Rayburn vs. Clear Brook 3 p.m. B- Plano East vs. Westfield 4:30 p.m. G- Rayburn vs. Clear Falls 6 p.m. B-Ridge Point vs. Clear Brook 7:30 p.m. B- Plano East vs. Con. Judson At DP-North 9 a.m. B-Dickinson vs. Deer Park 10:30 a.m. B- Clear Creek vs. Westside Noon G- E.P. Eastwood vs. Cy-Falls 1:30 p.m. G- Seven Lakes vs. N. Crowley 3 p.m. B- Westside vs. Duncanville 4:30 p.m. G- Manvel vs. Cy-Fair 6 p.m. B- Dickinson vs. Flower Mound 7:30 p.m. B- Clear Creek vs. Manvel	Friday, Nov. 20 10:30 a.m. games Manvel vs. Mans. Summit at D.P. Watkins Duncanville vs. Cy-Fair at D.P. South Noon games Cy-Ranch vs. S.A. Brennan at D.P. Watkins Barbers Hill vs. Cedar Ridge at D.P. South 1:30 p.m. games Mans. Summit vs. Lake Ridge at D.P. South S.A. Madison vs. College Park at D.P. North C.C. Ray vs. Pasadena at Pasadena Deer Park at D.P. Watkins La Porte vs. Pas. Memorial at Memorial E.P. Eastwood vs. Sam Rayburn at Rayburn Cy-Creek vs. Dobie at Dobie North Shore vs. Clear Springs at Phillips F.H. Pearland vs. S. Houston at S. Houston Clear Falls vs. Dawson at Beverly Hills 3 p.m. games Seven Lakes vs. Cy-Woods at D.P. South N. Crowley vs. Woodlands at D.P. North



University of Oklahoma commit and Cy-Woods High School star Nancy Mulkey felt the agony of defeat at the 2014 McDonald's Texas Invitational but went on to guide her Lady Wildcats' team to the Class 6A state title. Photo by Al Carter

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
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NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.
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ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets monthly on the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$20 and includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
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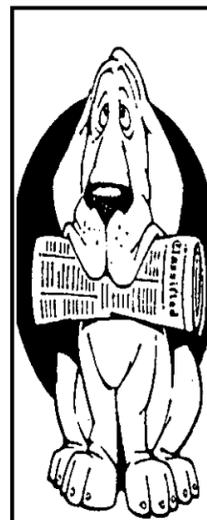
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2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787. 5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care. 6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 7 p.m.
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911. 10:30 a.m.
Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT holds monthly meetings, 10:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Citizens Center, 1700 East Thomas St. in Pasadena, third Monday of each month. No meeting in December. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. Meetings start timely and are one hour or less. For information, call 713-477-0175. 11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611. 2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For information, email Liz Hicks at erotrot@usa.net. 3:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only. 6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for information. 6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Group for ages 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. The dinner may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For information, call Bambi at 281-482-7143 or 281-795-4514. **Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.
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Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033. 7:30 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third week of the month at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. Guests welcome. Presenters explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All interested persons welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For information, visit www.clgms.org. 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery Program, open meeting meets every Monday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building, 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For more information, call Russell Garcia at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
7 a.m.
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Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.
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Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meets monthly on the third Thursday, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information. 6:30 p.m.
Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park and Recreation Center on Hughes Road. For more information call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990. 7 p.m.
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Dobie takes out PMHS, earns sixth straight berth

Continued from Page 1B right time, and that's all you can hope for. We don't worry so much about North Shore, but instead more about the Dobie Longhorns.

"We know we have to play clean, mistake-free football, and we have to avoid giving up the big

play. I really believe North Shore has more overall team speed than maybe Manvel, and that's saying a lot."

In particular, North Shore's Miciah Long has been a thorn in the Longhorns' side. A part-time starter at quarterback as a sophomore in 2013, Long

went on to hurt the Longhorns last season as well. For 2015, Long has accounted for more than 240 yards per game as a dual-threat signal-caller. Obviously, he will be a key factor for the Mustangs.

"We know what's ahead of us," Norman said. "Hopefully, we can

force a miscue or two and take advantage of that in a couple of situations. I watched last year's tape, and this team was right there with North Shore for a good portion of the game."

JFD blanks Mavericks
 Trailing just 10-0 at halftime, Memorial had to feel pretty good entering the second half of action against the Longhorns in the regular season finale.

But as a thick fog rolled through the stadium in the second half, it took with it the Mavericks' plans of an upset bid. Dobie rolled to a 38-0 win.

Had Memorial defeated Dobie, the Mavericks would have eliminated the Longhorns from the playoff picture and thus opened the door for Alvin.

Instead, Anthony Owens took over the game for Dobie.

Freshman Kris Morris drew the start at tailback and ran well. Yet once Owens entered the contest, the Mavericks' defense produced few answers. Owens exploded for 234 yards rushing and a pair of touchdowns on just 16 carries.

His 86-yard scoring dash on the first play of the fourth quarter gave the Longhorns a 24-0 lead and essentially ended the Mavs' scant hopes of coming away with a win.

After a scoreless quarter and a half, the Longhorns used a 39-yard run by Owens to set up an eventual 8-yard touchdown run by quarterback Jeremy Davis for a 7-0 lead.

Kicker Sabino Lozano pushed the lead to 10-0 on the final play of the first half, drilling a 33-yard field goal.

Owens' 3-yard touchdown run was the lone score of the third quarter, but he then put the game away with the 86-yarder in the fourth.

Jesse Paredes had his first regular season catch and touchdown with 7 minutes, 7 seconds to play, reeling in a 12-yard pass over the middle from Giron.

The fun continued later in the fourth quarter as Jared Cinco got free for a 23-yard touchdown run, sealing the Longhorns' second straight 5-5 regular season.

Now it's on to North Shore, where the Mustangs have dominated the playoff series.

But it'll be Friday, the 13th, and the Longhorns are hoping it's a lucky night for them.



Dobie junior tailback Anthony Owens (25) did not carry the football until the second quarter for the Longhorns yet toasted the Memorial defense for 234 rushing yards and a pair of scores. He shoved aside Maverick defender Jacob Zapata (9) and added an 86-yard touchdown dash down the left sideline to start the fourth quarter.
 Photo by David Flickinger

Brook's late playoff push falls shy

A defensive unit that had played so well and come up with several big plays down the stretch simply couldn't hold up on this night.

So a Clear Brook varsity football season that began with five straight losses yet also gave the team reason for playoff hope down the stretch is now over.

Instead, Friendswood's 53-30 victory over the Wolverines Nov. 6, at Henry Winston Stadium in Friendswood helped the Mustangs secure a playoff berth in District 24-6A.

Mustangs' quarterback Tyler Page was the Wolverines' chief nemesis in this one, rushing for 219 yards and five touchdowns, including an 85-yard burst.

Leading 17-3 at halftime, Friendswood outscored the Wolverines 26-21 in the third quarter on its way to the win.

Tailback Jarrett Smith led the way for Clear Brook, collecting 114 yards on the ground, including a 63-yard scoring run.

Quarterback Mark Milton also had a 53-yard touchdown run for the Wolverines, who finished the season at 3-7 overall, including 3-4 in league play.

Friendswood survived despite Page throwing a trio of interceptions. But

the Mustangs had 424 yards of offense, and capitalized on a pair of Wolverine fumbles. Friendswood will now face Hightower of District 23-6A in the first round of the Class 6A playoffs Nov. 13, at Hall Stadium.

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