

Dobie early college meeting

Dobie will hold an Early College High School parent information meeting Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Dobie Main campus media room from 6 to 7 p.m. The meeting is for current eighth-grade students who will attend Dobie next year and are interested in the early college program.

The early college program allows students to receive a two-year college degree while attending high school. Upon graduation, students will be able to have earned a certificate or associate degree.

For additional information, call the school at 713-740-0370.

Kirkmont I convenes Dec. 11

The Kirkmont I HOA will hold its annual board meeting Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. Homeowners and residents are encouraged to attend. Residents are invited to meet other homeowners and guest speakers. Refreshments, chips and hot dogs will be provided from 6:30 to 7:15, prior to the meeting. Residents should bring mailed proxies and vote.

Chamber holds open house

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale, will hold its Christmas member-appreciation open house Thursday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kirkwood Civic meets Dec. 12

Due to the holiday season, the Kirkwood Civic Association has set its next meeting for Thursday, Dec. 12, instead of the regular date on the last Thursday of the month. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale. This will be a potluck Christmas dinner. For additional information, contact Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Beltway closures planned

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed daily, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 8.

At least one inside lane on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Vista from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 8.

At least one inside lane on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Pine continuously through 5 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020.

At least one inside lane on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Pasadena Boulevard continuously through Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020.

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

Sagemeadow holds election

The Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee will hold an election for a position on its board Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Sagemeadow Municipal Utility District building, located at 10755 Hall Road, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Sagemeadow property owners are encouraged to vote.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway at NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be closed continuously through 5 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 2020. Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Boulevard exit ramp, U-turn and head south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. Drivers traveling north on the main lanes will continue to NASA Road 1, exit, then U-turn and come back to FM 518.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Dobie Orchestra to perform

The J. Frank Dobie High School Orchestra will hold a pair of concerts in early December. The Dobie Freshman Orchestra will perform Tuesday, Dec. 3, while the Dobie Upperclassmen Orchestra will perform Thursday, Dec. 5. Both shows will take place in the Dobie Main auditorium beginning at 7 p.m.

For additional information, contact Angela Badon, head orchestra director, at abadon@pasadenaisd.org or 713-740-0370, ext. 04225.

County bond funds provide little local relief

South Belt community receives minimal new assistance, despite being most heavily impacted

The South Belt community is set to receive relatively sparse county bond funds for flood projects, despite the area being the most affected by Hurricane Harvey and previous storms.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018 – the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey – Harris County voters overwhelmingly approved a \$2.5 billion bond measure to finance flood-mitigation projects in the Greater Houston area. More than 85 percent of voters cast their ballots in favor of the proposition, which came with a small tax hike, capped at a 1.4-percent increase for most homeowners.

The issuance of bonds is to be spread over the next 15 years.

Following a series of meetings seeking public

input, Harris County Commissioners Court approved the final project list, authorizing a total 237 projects countywide, representing each of the county's 23 watersheds.

Of the 237 proposals, only nine were related to the Clear Creek Watershed, and only six were directly related to the South Belt community. Zero projects are associated with the 77089 ZIP code.

Confounding matters, the vast majority of funds earmarked for Clear Creek projects was already approved prior to the bond election for endeavors that had long been in the works.

The largest planned undertaking for the area is the county's participation in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clear Creek Federal Flood Risk Management Project – an undertaking that

has been planned for approximately 60 years.

Harris County has pledged to contribute \$200,000 million toward the joint effort, while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has allotted \$295.2 million. Galveston and Brazoria counties have agreed to pitch in a combined \$77 million, as the project will also alleviate flooding in their respective areas.

The endeavor, which will be divided into multiple phases, is estimated to take approximately six years to complete. When finished, it is expected to remove up to 2,100 structures from the 1-percent floodplain.

The county has also committed to spend \$16 million on construction of the new South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin – another project already planned well before the 2018 bond election.

To be located near the intersection of Dixie Farm Road and Beamer, across from San Jacinto College, the new detention pond is designed to complement the aforementioned Corps of Engineers' project.

Stormwater detention basins reduce flooding risks and damages by safely storing excess floodwater during heavy rain events and slowly releasing it back to the bayou when the threat of flooding has passed. The South Belt basin will provide stormwater storage needed for mitigation of expected increases in stormwater flows as a result of future channel improvements on Beamer Ditch/Mud Gully and other projects, and will reduce future flood damages within the Clear Creek watershed.

Once complete, the detention pond will hold

more than 407 million gallons, or 1,250 acre-feet, of stormwater.

Galveston County has again pledged assistance, this time offering up to \$10 million toward the total basin construction costs.

Other bond projects associated with the Clear Creek Watershed include the construction of an additional stormwater detention basin near Dixie Farm Road in Friendswood and another similar basin near Hughes Road near the Pearland border.

Harris County has pledged \$10 million toward the second Dixie Farm Road basin and \$6.1 million toward the Hughes Road basin.

Neither of the precise locations have yet to be announced.

Harris County has allotted \$12 million for drainage improvements associated with the Clear Creek Watershed.

These projects could reduce the risk of flooding for more than 900 homes during a 1-percent rain or flood event.

In its last expenditure directly affecting South Belt residents, Harris County has agreed to contribute \$9.7 million toward a \$38.8 million federal home buyout program. The funds will be used to purchase approximately 170 structures.

According to officials from the Harris County Flood Control District, 5,496 homes in ZIP code 77089 flooded during Hurricane Harvey – or approximately 18 percent of the total number of flooded homes in the entire county.

For additional information on the projects or to see a complete list of bond-related endeavors, visit www.hcfcd.org/Resilience/2018-Bond-Program/Bond-Program-Project-List.

South Belt students give thanks



First-graders at South Belt Elementary recently celebrated the school's 11th annual Thanksgiving Feast. Students enjoyed a holiday meal and learned about the first Thanksgiving as a part of the school's social studies unit. Shown above taking part in the festivities are Kelsie Snook-Bolling (left) and her mother Kimberly Bolling. See additional photo Page 2A. Photo submitted

Early runoff voting underway

Early voting for the Dec. 14 City of Houston runoff elections began Wednesday, Nov. 27, and will continue through Tuesday, Dec. 10.

To be decided are the positions of mayor and multiple City Council seats.

In the race for mayor, incumbent Sylvester Turner will face challenger Tony Buzbee.

In the Nov. 5 general election, Turner received 47 percent of the vote (114,477 total votes) to Buzbee's 28 percent (69,264).

Competing for the District D City Council seat being vacated by Dwight Boykins, who ran an unsuccessful bid for mayor, are Carolyn Shabazz and Brad "Scarface" Jordan.

In the general election, Shabazz received 17

percent of the vote (3,892 votes), while Jordan received 15 percent (3,342 votes).

South Belt residents will also have an opportunity to vote on multiple at-large City Council races, which are citywide positions.

Nearby early voting locations include the Harris County annex at 10851 Scarsdale and Beamer and the Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane in the Clear Lake area.

The East Harris County Activity Center on Spencer Highway in Pasadena will not serve as an early voting location this election cycle.

For additional information, to see a complete list of polling locations or a sample ballot, visit www.harrisvotes.com.

Woman dies in Gulf Freeway crash

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that took place in the 10400 block of the Gulf Freeway near Edgebrook around 4:55 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

The identity of the female victim, 46, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to police, the victim was driving a black Fiat 5000 north on the Gulf Freeway, failed

to stay in a single lane and struck a concrete retaining wall. The vehicle rolled into the main lanes and was struck by a tractor-trailer truck traveling northbound. The driver of the Fiat was transported to HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest Hospital, where she was pronounced deceased.

The driver of the tractor-trailer truck remained at the scene and was questioned and released.

Police donate Thanksgiving meals

The Houston Police Department joined together with other local police departments and South Houston Nissan at the area car dealership's annual Thanksgiving dinner community event on the Gulf Freeway near Alameda Genoa Road/South Shaver Street Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Now in its eighth year, the event provides Thanksgiving meals for deserving families in the area.

Each holiday box included a turkey, stuffing and canned goods, which were distributed to pre-selected recipients.

In all, approximately 1,000 meals were provided to local families in need.

Other participating police departments included the Pasadena Police Department, the Harris County Sheriff's Office and the University of Houston Police Department.

Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office also took part in the event.

Leader correction

The article titled *Morgan to deliver last regular sermons* that ran in the Nov. 21 edition of the *Leader* contained an inaccuracy. The story erroneously stated that Dr. John D. Morgan, senior pastor of Sagemont Church, would continue to deliver the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sundays at the area church. Sagemont Teaching Pastor Dr. Freeman Tomlin, however, will actually now deliver the 9:30 a.m. sermons, in addition to his regularly scheduled 11:15 a.m. worship services on Sundays. The *Leader* staff apologizes for any inconvenience.

Houston police seek shooting suspect

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a man that occurred in the 9800 block of the Gulf Freeway near Airport Boulevard/College Avenue around 1 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21.

The victim, Faustino Perez, 42, was transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

According to police, Perez got into an argument with the suspect, described only as an unknown Hispanic male, in a hotel parking lot just north of the above address.

Following the argument, Perez walked to a

nearby gas station parking lot.

The suspect, driving a dark four-door Mercedes-Benz, stopped in the Gulf Freeway service road and fired multiple shots, striking Perez.

The suspect then fled the scene.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the Houston Police Department Major Assaults and Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Beltway work nears completion

While an exact finish date has yet to be set, the lengthy construction project to widen the Beltway 8 main lanes from Beamer to Wayside is nearing completion.

The endeavor will provide four lanes of traffic in each direction for the entire length of the project. While some portions of the corridor already had four lanes, other stretches originally had only two.

A second project will widen tollway from Wayside to Highway 288.

Both contracts were awarded to Pulice Construction. The contract for the first phase of construction was for \$96 million, while the contract for the second phase was \$77 million.

The widening of the road is necessary to accommodate the ever-increasing volume of traffic traveling on the tollway. The southeast sec-

tion of the beltway (from Highway 288 to Interstate 45) had more than 29 million transactions for the 12-month period ending February 2013. That number is expected to climb to 38 million in 2020.

The work being done on the beltway west of the Gulf Freeway is in addition to similar widening projects being done on the tollway east of Interstate 45.

That expansion will widen the beltway from two to four lanes in each direction from the Gulf Freeway to Highway 225. The project will also replace the existing Beltway 8 Ship Channel toll bridge. The replacement bridge will also be four lanes in each direction, rather than the existing two lanes.

Construction is already underway and is expected to be finished in 2022.

1,000 turkey dinners donated



Multiple local police departments, other community leaders and a few hundred volunteers came together Tuesday, Nov. 26, at South Houston Nissan on the Gulf Freeway to take part in the eighth annual Thanksgiving dinner. The branchchild of South Houston Nissan Finance Director David Tong (second from left) and Pasadena Police Department Officer David Garza (second from right), the yearly event provides Thanksgiving dinners to area families in need. The pair are shown above at the function with Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia (left) and Houston Police Department Officer Cesar Ortega, who coordinated efforts with Pasadena ISD to find deserving local families. Ortega also helped organize the recent HVAC Industries Car Show to provide backpacks and school supplies to area students. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Deaths

Daniel (Dan) David Kainer Sr.



Daniel (Dan) David Kainer Sr., 83, of Pearland died peacefully Nov. 20, 2019. He was born at home Nov. 14, 1936, to his parents Anton and Anna Kainer in Schulenburg (High Hill), Texas, and was one of seven siblings.

Dan and his family lived in the South Belt area and his

children attended J. Frank Dobie High School.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Wilfred Kainer and brother-in-law Lytleton Fritsch.

Dan is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Helen Chunda Kainer; son Daniel David Kainer Jr., D.V.M. and wife Cheryl; daughter Denise Hanslik and husband Kenneth; brother Hubert Kainer and wife Helen; sisters Sister Beatrice Ann Kainer, Harriet Bohac and husband John, Delores Fritsch and Gloria Ann Cernosek and husband Clem; grandchildren Lydia Lemoine, Kendra Hanslik and Keith Hanslik; lifelong friends, the Nelson family; as well as a host of many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dan was an Eagle Scout who moved to Houston in 1955 and began his career with Houston Lighting and Power Company. Dan and Helen met on a blind date in 1960 and

were married in Shiner on July 1, 1961.

He was an excellent self-taught musician, and could play the accordion and acoustic guitar. He also had a beautiful voice with the gift of harmonizing.

Dan loved the outdoors, fishing and gardening. He was very meticulous at weeding his yard with a butcher knife. No weeds left behind!

Dan and his family made many happy and beautiful memories vacationing with close family friends, the Nelsons. He loved classic country music. On Saturday nights, he ruled the TV as long as the Grand Ole Opry and Hee Haw were airing. When the Dolly Parton movie came out about the "Chicken Ranch" in La-Grange, he swore he never went there.

Dan also enjoyed a good game of dominoes, a fresh can of Skoal and had a unique style of waltzing and two-step-

ping. He was steadfast, humble and kind-hearted and good at giving orders. He could fix just about anything he put his hands on. Dan loved his sweets, Whataburger, IHOP and Astros baseball.

He was so thrifty that he drove his 1963 Chevrolet pickup from the beginning of his marriage until he retired in 1992 from HL&P after 37 years of service.

Dan was a loyal Knights of Columbus member and a very devout member of St. Helen's Catholic Church in Pearland. He was a dedicated family man who adored and loved his wife, children and grandchildren.

He will be deeply missed by all, but his memory will live on in his loved ones' lives forever. He was a true angel and he was a rare find.

Services for Dan were held Monday, Nov. 25, 2019, at St. Helen Catholic Church, 2209 Old Alvin Road in Pearland.

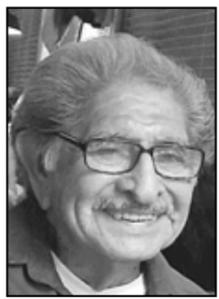
The visitation was followed by the recitation of the rosary. The funeral Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Jose Alonso. Interment was Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019, at the Old High

Deaths

Hill Cemetery in High Hill, Texas.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family of Daniel David Kainer Sr. by leaving comments on the website of the funeral home at www.claytonfuneralhomes.com.

Agapito J. Belmarez



Agapito J. Belmarez, 85, died Nov. 23, 2019. The family members have been South Belt residents since 1971. He was born to Cisto and

Lenior Belmarez May 24, 1934, in Cameron, Texas. He married Andrea in 1956, and the couple lived in Houston for 63 years. Together they raised six children.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years; his sister Francis Ortega; his children Agapito Belmarez Jr. and wife Mollie, Margarita Duron, Joe Belmarez and wife Wanda and Andrew Belmarez and wife Deborah; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son Paul Belmarez; his infant daughter Andrea Belmarez; his brothers Domingo Belmarez and John Belmarez; and his grandson Fernando Flores.

Agapito served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 - 1960. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Army Occupation Medal for his service in Germany. When he returned, he worked as a master craftsman. He was the biggest hometown sports fan and loved spending time with

his family. He also enjoyed woodworking, was an excellent baker, and was a casino aficionado.

A visitation was held at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home Monday, Nov. 25 with the recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. The funeral service was Tuesday, Nov. 26, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church at 1 p.m. with a committal service which followed at South Park Cemetery.

Mario Herrada



Longtime South Belt resident, Mario Herrada, 62, of Houston, died Nov. 17, 2019. He was born Oct. 31, 1957 in Wetzlar, Germany, to Miguel and Irene Herrada.

He is survived by his son Joshua Owens; mother Irene Herrada; father Mike Herrada; brothers Hans Herrada and Michael Herrada; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated and a visitation was held at Forest Park East Funeral Home Monday, Nov. 25, 2019.

Mario was raised in the South Belt area.

Mary Angela Guerrero

Longtime Kirkwood resident Mary Angela Guerrero died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019, surrounded by family after a brief illness.

She was 70 years old. Mary is survived by her husband of 46 years, Judge Ruben Guerrero; daughters Yvonne Mintz of Rosharon and Rebecca Pilkey of San Antonio; sons-



in-law Ryan Mintz and Lloyd Pilkey. She is also survived by brothers Mike Martinez of San Antonio and Filiberto Martinez Jr. of Alexandria, Va.

Her three grandchildren Mia Mintz, Justin Mintz and Angela Pilkey filled her life with pride and joy.

She was a quiet force of strength for many and a kind soul who was a giver to her core. Family members strive to be more like her.

Services are pending with Clayton Funeral Homes and St. Helen Catholic Church, both in Pearland.

For library event calendar this week, see Page 4B.

In My Opinion

Meyers gives history on Sagemeadow

We judge ourselves by our intentions and others by their actions. I have been a resident for close to 20 years. My children started at Frazer and graduated from Dobie. My frustrations began back in 2008 with the Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee (SMC). Every time I would contact them, the response would be slow or no response at all. Be it questions on fees or issues with other homes. After a couple of years, I just gave up on the SMC. I do admit that I always felt it was important to talk to people first and found some houses were in disarray because of illness or age of those residents. I have paid to have a few different homes mowed and repaired a broken (exterior) kitchen drain, etc because that is what neighbors do. I do not feel it is an HOA role to micromanage things. My concern is when we have houses that are in extreme conditions. I have one on my street that has been that way for years. I'm sure they got a letter, but it did not seem to help. The SMC does well keeping up with our streetlights and decorating our esplanades, but our area needs more than trees.

At the November meeting, several of your neighbors came to voice their frustration and decided to back Mr. Seth Webb for a position on the SMC board. This was done specifically because Mr. James Moe was up for reelection. Mr. Moe is not a bad person; it is just time for a change. He has served this community for many years, and we should be thankful for his service.

And now, the rest of the story..... According to the official minutes of the SMC, Mr. Moe was appointed by Mr. Kinzer on December 11, 2014, to "serve another 2 years". This would have made Mr. Moe's term end in December 2016. Unfortunately, the SMC has no minutes of the meetings held in Nov/Dec 2015 or Jan 2016, so there is no record of any election. Throughout 2016 the SMC board has had an empty slot. As the minutes of the Nov 2016 meeting are missing, there are no records of Mr. Moe being nominated to his reelection. The December minutes again have no notice of an election or appointment but say November minutes were accepted. In 2017 there was no meeting in September and October but again the Minutes of Nov/Dec 2017 is mysteriously missing. Again, we have no record if Mr. Henderson was nominated, reelected or appointed. For all of 2017, we only had two directors of the SMC. Coming up to 2018, in November, two neighbors came up to run against Mr. Moe, but he proclaimed he had one more year. (Again, November minutes are missing) As I feel Mr. Moe is an honorable man, if we assume, he was reelected in 2016, then his 3-year term would be 2019. The November 29, 2018 edition of the *South Belt Leader* then had an announcement to hold the election for the missing board member in December. So, we have had the same two people running the SMC from January 2016 -January 2019.

So we come to today, Feb. 14, 2019 minutes state Mr. Carlos Lopez, Jr was appointed to the missing chair. As the election for the missing chair should have been in December 2018 effective Jan. 1, 2019, this would mean Mr. Lopez's current position will expire in December 2021. Mr. Lopez is a breath of fresh air and has great ideas and energy. I am personally thankful for his contributions to our neighborhood. So this last November meeting Mr. Seth Webb stood up to run for election. Mr. Moe nominated Mr. Lopez to run against him. To me, this is odd as Mr. Lopez has 2 years left on his term. It is my opinion that Mr. Moe is trying to manipulate an election to keep his throne. Either that or he is throwing Mr. Lopez under the bus. Mr. Lopez does not deserve this, and we need a change.

As I have clearly stated, this election is very important for our future. If we elect Mr. Webb, we begin a new future with a member who has children in our schools, a member of the Boy Scouts, and a loving husband. From the best I can tell, if Mr. Lopez does not win over Mr. Webb, he would still keep his original position on the SMC. Mr. Webb and Mr. Lopez would make a great team for the future of the Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee. Vote for Seth Webb on December 7th!

Len Meyers

ily man, father, husband, volunteer, business smart, and a level headed man of his word.

I don't know and can't say why the current Chairman would choose to subject such limitations of voting onto the Sagemeadow homeowners. Sagemeadow represents an association of 1,161 mandatory members who may work shift work or nights or otherwise occupied in various ways between Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We must only trust that SMC is abiding by current Texas law Chapter 209.0056 'Notice of Election or Association Vote', as well as the Sagemeadow Committee 'By-laws' which clearly state "Each representative shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, such term to be staggered so that one representative is elected each year in the annually held public elections". "The three representatives elected by this organization shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman/Secretary, and Treasurer."

At present the committee has one (1) 'representative' whose presence seems to be undeterminable whether by circuitous appointment or public election, yet has held a position for at least seven (7) years according to available record and presided over the committee for the past 3 years since January of 2016 following the prior Chairman's resignation effective December of 2015.

The committee has its second longest term representative who again by their record of minutes was 'elected' by 7 homeowners and one (1) committee member at a meeting on September 11, 2014 that was "not brought to order" because of a "absence of quorum" over five (5) years ago.

If you find yourself in the ardent camp of people endorsing change for the better, please e-mail your inquiries, interest, or support to concernedSMHO@gmail.com.

Larry Bennett

AG commissioner says: Thank a farmer

Howdy neighbors! In just a few short days, it will be time to gather for a day of feasting with friends and family. Your plate will probably be piled high with turkey and mashed potatoes, with just enough space left over for Grandma's homemade pumpkin pie.

All across Texas, families will come together to give thanks and reflect on this year's blessings. Those might include a good health, a new job, or a new baby.

This Thanksgiving, I'd like you to add one more thanks to your list. Please remember to add a well-deserved thank you for every hardworking Texas farmer and rancher who provides for the nourishment of our bodies not just on Thanksgiving, but all year long.

Each day, starting before dawn and finishing long after dark, American farmers and ranchers are putting in countless hours to supply our nation - and the world - with food and fiber.

You might have thought you loaded up your plate with too much turkey, but did you know that American turkey farmers provided over 4 billion pounds of turkey meat last year? With the average turkey weighing in at 30 pounds, turkey farmers raised enough turkeys for each person in the United States to enjoy a whole bird... without having to share. Additionally, in 2018, farmers in the top five pumpkin-producing States harvested just over 1 billion pounds of pumpkins. How many of Grandma's pumpkin pies would that make?

So as you're recovering from your post-turkey nap, or making your list for Black Friday, I'd like you to think of that rancher who just finished feeding his last pen of cows, or that a farmer who has closed the door to his tractor after a long day in the fields, and the family who can't wait to see them before the sun comes up and the work starts all over again.

This Thanksgiving remember to raise your fork for the farmers and ranchers who help produce that food on our table, clothes on our back and work tirelessly from sunrise to sunset to keep our agriculture industry alive. As I always say, there will be times you'll need a good doctor, and probably occasionally a good lawyer at some point in your life. Yet every day, three times a day, you're gonna need a farmer. That is why Texas agriculture matters.

May God continue to bless all our farmers and ranchers across Texas and the nation. Have a happy Thanksgiving and a peaceful and joyous holiday season!

Sid Miller
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

Thanksgiving: Family, friends, faith

My family is important to me
My family is strong and loved
Nobody is able to confuse me
Trust that I will help my family

By succeeding I help my family
I give mental and physical support
So I fly with my family
My family is my only world

My friends are also my family
I want to treat them best
Fair and honest with my knowledge
So God help me to help them

My faith is very, very strong
My God helps my family and friends
Faith keeps us healthy and wealthy
Keep us together all time.
Navin Patel

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DECEMBER 14TH



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Alma A. Allen



State Representative
Ron Reynolds



State Representative
Garret Coleman



Judge
Zinetta Burnay
(Former Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7)



Hon.
Howard Jefferson



Hon.
Carroll G. Robinson
(Former Houston City Commissioner)



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May Walker, Precinct 7



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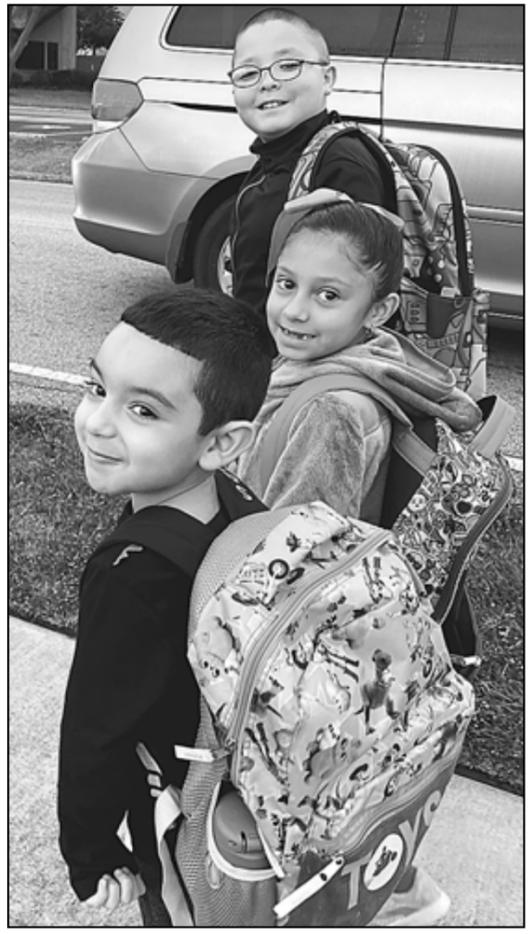
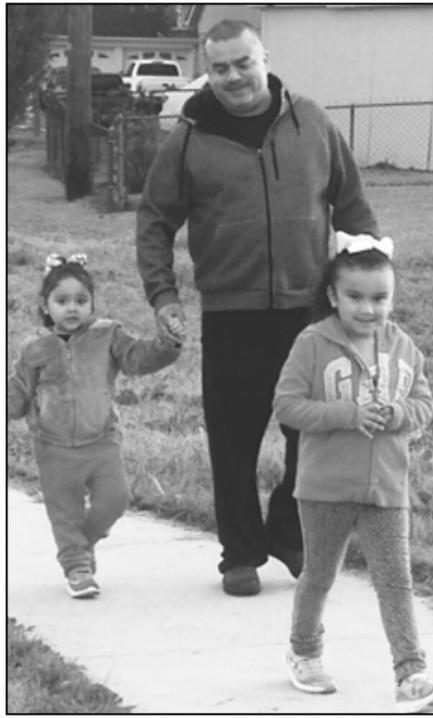








Frazier treks its annual Walk to School Day



On Wednesday, Nov. 20, Frazier Elementary School hosted its annual Walk to School Day. This year the school had a great turnout with 125 people walking from St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church on Hall Road to Frazier Elementary. The school participates in this event to promote health and fitness, protect the environment and teach pedestrian safety to students. Pictured top left are, left to right, third-grader Christian Barrera (front); third-grader Jude Arizaga (back, left); and Cathy Silas, third-grade teacher. Shown top right are kindergarten Mia Amaro (front, right) walking to school with little sister Jasmine Amaro (left) and father Jorge Amaro following behind. Shown in the photo at left are cousins walking to school together, pre-K Santiago Saldivar (front), first-grader Arlette Pulido (middle) and fourth-grader Adam Pulido (back). Shown below are Frazier teachers, keeping the students safe on the way to school, left to right, Pam Williams, resource teacher; Christine Grazioli, fourth-grade teacher; and Patricia Perez, fourth-grade teacher.



Runoff mayoral candidates respond to Leader questions

The questionnaires are printed as submitted. A change was made in answers only if the candidate exceeded the word limit or if offensive language was used. The questionnaires are in the order of the candidates' ballot positions.

Sylvester Turner



Name: Mayor Sylvester Turner
Age: 65
Occupation: Mayor of Houston
Education: University of Houston, BA in Political Science, 1977; Harvard Law School, J.D., 1980
Marital status/children: Divorced, one child
What makes you the best candidate to serve as Houston mayor? (150 words)

I am the only candidate for mayor with 30 years of experience getting things done. I led our city through Hurricane Harvey, won billions of dollars for recovery, fixed more than 200,000 potholes, and reduced crime. I've expanded municipal investments in renewable energy and led the winning bid to host the World Petroleum Congress in 2020. I brought people together to gain the approval of the Texas Legislature and local voters for the pension reform package that reduced the city's liability by billions of dollars and provided a "fix" that had eluded the city for 17 years. Today, I'm delivering big flood protection projects and neighborhood drainage fixes, bringing thousands of new jobs to Houston and putting more cops on the street to increase police patrols and keep our families safe.

Do you have any direct ties to the South Belt community? Explain. (100 words)

I have been proud to represent much of the South Belt area as mayor for the last four years. A judge recently ruled that Prop. B was unconstitutional. If elected, what would you do to address the issue of firefighter pay? (200 words)

We were dealt a tough hand and we did the best we could. The voters passed Proposition B without a funding source, even though it was estimated at the time to cost more than \$100 million per year. I spent more than \$500,000 from my own campaign fund to educate Houston voters about the costs and risks associated with Prop. B — but they made a different decision and I respect that. We tried in good faith to get an agreement with the firefighters that would let us phase in Prop. B and avoid painful layoffs and service cuts — but we could not reach an agreement. I am grateful that the court recognized that Prop. B was unconstitutional all along. It has saved hundreds of jobs and kept our city financially stable.

As I have consistently said, I believe our firefighters deserve a raise — but one the city can afford. I remain willing to return to the negotiating table to work out an agreement through the appropriate collective bargaining process. So far, the firefighters union has refused.

The city is currently facing a massive budget shortfall. If elected, what main steps would you take to address this? (200 words)

We have made tremendous progress. I led the effort to reform our pension system for city employees that was costing taxpayers \$1 million per day. We've cut our unfunded pension liability in half: from \$8.2 billion to \$4 billion. I've balanced four tough budgets without layoffs or significant service cuts. And after Hurricane Harvey walloped our city budget, we are taking steps to address the structural budget imbalance. Starting next year, the city will move to a zero-based budgeting model that requires every expense to be justified. Houston will always face budget shortfalls as long as the voter-imposed revenue cap is in place. We need to repeal the cap; it is hurting our city's ability to grow.

Nearly two years after Hurricane Harvey, the city still faces challenges with flooding. If elected, what would you do to address this? (150 words)

We are moving on all fronts. We've secured billions of dollars in federal funds to improve critical infrastructure, toughened Houston's building codes and made investments to help the Flood Control District widen Brays Bayou, build new water detention basins, add more gates to Lake Houston and fix more than 200 flooding hotspots in neighborhoods throughout the city. But our biggest obstacle is the federal and state governments. Only very recently did FEMA award the first set of grants for large-scale flood mitigation projects. And only very recently did HUD authorize the use of \$4.3 billion appropriated by Congress for Texas flood mitigation.

Homelessness continues to be a problem in the city, with many encampments throughout the area, especially around the freeway underpasses. If elected, what would you do to address this issue? (200 words)

My Mayor's Office on Homelessness Initiatives works with city departments and over 100 organizations as part of "The Way Home." Since 2012 over 17,000 individuals and families have been permanently housed. The 2019 Homeless County showed homelessness decreased 5%. We are now left with individuals on our streets who are the most difficult to house with debilitating mental health and substance abuse issues, living in encampments that pose public health and safety risks. The city has been proactive in cleaning up these encampments to address health and safety concerns while the homeless are transitioning to shelters and permanent supportive housing.

Construction is moving forward on the Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport. What impact do you feel this will have on the South Belt-Ellington community? (150 words)

The Houston Spaceport project looks to the future and embraces our city's spirit of adventure and innovation. I am confident about its success: Houston offers a booming economy with a strong aerospace industrial base, a well-educated workforce with experience in the high-tech demands of space exploration and plenty of room for growth at a strategically located airport facility. As with any major infrastructure project, we must be proactive to minimize the negative impacts from construction in the surrounding community. The city is ready to work with neighbors, other governments and agencies and all stakeholders.

The issue of dumping recyclable waste has made headlines in recent months. If elected, what would you do to address this? (150 words)

When my administration was made aware of this issue, we quickly audited the Solid Waste Management Department. We disciplined a number of workers and supervisors who were found to be in violation of city policy. We are also working to improve timely trash pickup. Part of the problem is our aging Solid Waste

fleet. Many of our current vehicles were purchased as far back as 2003 and were worked extraordinarily hard in storm recovery, including Hurricane Ike, the Memorial Day Flood and the Tax Day Flood. They worked 37 days straight after Hurricane Harvey. The vehicles are breaking down but our maintenance crews are working overtime, as are our drivers. We are now replacing the vehicles with five new ones arriving every week. We have hired private firms to help with daily garbage pickup and with cleaning up heavy trash on our roadsides.

If elected, what would be the main goal you'd like to accomplish? (150 words)

I want to leave our city a better place than when I found it. When I was sworn in, I said I did not want Houston to be a city of haves and have-nots. That's why I've worked so hard to fix our main financial challenges — like the pension system that was costing the city \$1 million per day, and to make sure we recover from Hurricane Harvey stronger than before. Every Houstonian matters to me and I want this city to work for everyone.

What do you see as the 5-year future of Houston? (150 words)

I see a city that is fully recovered from Hurricane Harvey and better prepared for major storms and hurricanes. I see a city that continues to draw its strength from being the most diverse major city in America. I see a city that is committed to lifting every voice and valuing the essential humanity of every Houstonian, regardless of our race, our ethnicity, our gender, our sexual identity, our socioeconomic status — and all the things that could potentially divide us.

Tony Buzbee



Name: Tony Buzbee
Age: 51
Occupation: Attorney, Business Owner
Education: Texas A&M University, University of Houston Law Center
Marital status/children: Divorced, 4 children
What makes you the best candidate to serve as Houston mayor? (150 words)

I have been a leader for more than 20 years. Starting as Marine and then eventually opening my own law firm that represents the powerless against the powerful. I am the only person in the race who is not taking campaign contributions, thus ensuring I will not be beholden to special interest groups or powerful individuals when I am Mayor. I will work for the residents of Houston to make our City better.

Do you have any direct ties to the South Belt community? Explain. (100 words)

I have represented hundreds of clients from the South Belt area. I employ people from the area as well.

A judge recently ruled that Prop. B was unconstitutional. If elected, what would you do to address the issue of firefighter pay? (200 words)

I would give the firefighters the pay parity that 298,000 Houstonians voted to approve. Simple. We have a budget of more almost \$6 billion; I know about all the waste and abuse in the budget and know we can

find 1% to give the firefighters the raise they deserve.

The city is currently facing a massive budget shortfall. If elected, what main steps would you take to address this? (200 words)

I reject the premise of the question. We need a third-party, independent audit of the budget, to include the budgets of all TIRZ's, Enterprise and other dedicated funds, as well as the General fund. Next, we will conduct process audits to ensure that the city is functioning in the most efficient and productive way; this would include how we fix streets, perform drainage projects, do permit flow, and every other city function. Lastly, I will implement zero-based budgeting. We cannot, and will not, continue to spend money we don't have.

Nearly two years after Hurricane Harvey, the city still faces challenges with flooding. If elected, what would you do to address this? (150 words)

It's impossible to answer this question in 100 words or less. Setting aside the specific issues that are unique to some parts of the city, we face three distinct threats from flooding — storm surge, river flooding, and sheet flow (the technical name for street flooding.) While we aren't going to be able to fix the problems overnight, the city can work together with the business community to achieve long term improvement in short order. Please visit my website to read my full, extensive plan to address flooding.

Homelessness continues to be a problem in the city, with many encampments throughout the area, especially around the freeway underpasses. If elected, what would you do to address this issue? (200 words)

I just released my plan to deal with the homelessness issue on my website. Again, this is not a question that can be answered in 100 words. My plan involves a number of interlocking initiatives to deal with the problem in a firm, but compassionate way. Additionally, we need to recognize that there is a different between panhandlers and homeless people. I will put an end to panhandling in Houston, period.

Construction is moving forward on the Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport. What impact do you feel this will have on the South Belt-Ellington community? (150 words)

Hopefully it will result in an economic boost for the area along with improvements in area schools.

The issue of dumping recyclable waste has made headlines in recent months. If elected, what would you do to address this? (150 words)

If we aren't going to recycle, we shouldn't be spending \$40 million a year pretending we do. I have been a strong advocate of the one-bin concept for Ecohub. We can actually recycle 85% of our waste, with fewer trucks on the road and with one bin. The only reason we haven't done so is corruption.

If elected, what would be the main goal you'd like to accomplish? (150 words)

This mayor is compromised. He isn't trusted. I will restore a sense of trust in our local government, and then get to work making the city work for its residents.

What do you see as the 5-year future of Houston? (150 words)

I want to put Houston on the map as one of the great cities, a city where diversity is celebrated and promoted. A city where our school system is thriving where we have a comprehensive plan to address flooding. A city where our streets are driveable.



Orbit visits Meador Elementary

Orbit, the Houston Astros mascot, visited Meador Elementary to talk to students about bullying. Meador Mustangs pledged to help make Bullying STOP: Stand up for one another, Tell an adult, Offer friendship, Practice respect.

Shown left are, left to right, third-grader Kenberly Jones (facing back), second-grader Skyler Franklin and Orbit.

Shown below are, left to right, Joycelyn Webster, second-grade teacher; Beverly Bolton, school principal; Orbit; Annette Stubbs, ELA campus coach; and Kathryn Katsus, third-grade teacher.

Photos by: Tara Merida



Dec. 2 New Directions Singles date

The New Directions Singles group for those ages 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. for a potluck dinner.

Games and activities and/or guest speakers are scheduled for the gatherings at Webster Presbyterian Church, located at 201 W. NASA Parkway.

The next scheduled meeting is Dec. 2. For additional information, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

NASA Aglow meets Dec. 12

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse meets on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at Praise Chapel, located at 18516 Highway 3 in Webster.

The public is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. The next scheduled meeting is Dec. 12.

Aglow is an international organization of women and men in more than 170 nations of the world, presenting Biblical principles as solutions to the challenging issues of these times.

For more information, visit <http://aglownet.org/> or call the chapel at 281-338-6633.

Rotary club meets weekly

The Rotary Club of Pearland meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. (except for holidays) at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, located at 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland.

Meetings include a variety of speakers. The restaurant will be exclusively open for club attendees with breakfast at one's own cost.

For additional information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

Meador congratulates spelling winners



Meador Elementary congratulated their fourth-grade Spelling Bee champion Jennie Mancuso (left) and fourth-grade runner-up Angie Barragan. Jennie will represent Meador at the district spelling bee in

February. Pictured sharing the moment with the winners are, left to right, fourth-grade teachers Cheryl Caudill and Yolanda Arebalo.

Photos by Tara Merida

Mayor Turner applauds House

Mayor Sylvester Turner praised the U.S. House for approving a bill co-authored by Rep. Al Green of Houston to streamline, reform and formalize the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department recovery grant process for residents whose homes are damaged in disasters such as the Hurricane Harvey floods.

By requiring that HUD allocate disaster assistance money to recovering communities within 60 days of Congress approving the funding, the bill addresses, among several issues, the delays that frustrated the City of Houston and thousands of its residents during the more than two years since Harvey.

"I congratulate the House for passing the bi-partisan bill introduced by our own Congressman Green, a Democrat, and Congresswoman Ann Wagner of Missouri, a Republican," Turner said. "Having experienced the Memorial Day floods in 2015, Tax Day floods in 2016, Har-

vey in 2017, and Imelda in 2019, Houston will be helped by the federal government having a speedier and more consistent program codified in law to help in future disasters."

Disaster recovery reform is a key advocacy goal of the city. Chief Recovery Officer Stephen Costello said, in testimony to Congress, that the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery measure is critical to Houston.

The bill passed the House by a 290 to 118 vote and is being considered in the Senate, where its authors are Hawaii Democrat Brian Schatz and Indiana Republican Todd Young.

It has been assigned to the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

For more information, visit <http://www.houstx.gov/postharvey/> and Turner's Texas Tribune Aug. 27, essay "The Federal Government's Hurricane Relief Response Needs an Overhaul."

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

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

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 28 through Dec. 4.

Frazier Elementary
Send a birthday greeting to **Sara Rodriguez** is Nov. 28. The day for a double birthday celebration for **Alfonso Guajardo** and **Pam Williams** is Dec. 2.

Genoa Elementary
Join in the birthday fun Nov. 28 with **Laurie Antal**. Sing a birthday song Nov. 30 to **Christine Olvera**. Dec. 1 is the day for a birthday celebration for **Nohemi Yniguez**.

Meador Elementary
Give a happy birthday shoutout Nov. 29 to **Kelly Terwilliger**.

Moore Elementary
Enjoy a slice of birthday cake and ice cream Nov. 30 with **Silvia Luna**. Blow out the birthday candles Dec. 1 for **Rita Reyes**.

South Belt Elementary

Light the candles on a cake for **Carmen Gonzales** Dec. 2.

Stuchbery Elementary
Send a warm greeting Dec. 3 to **Haleigh Conklin** who celebrates a birthday.

Melillo Middle School
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Dec. 2 are sent to **Jamie Torres**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
The day for a party for **David Hastings** is Nov. 29.

Thompson Intermediate
Cheers for a happy birthday are sent Nov. 29 to **Amanda Carroll**. Send a happy birthday wish Dec. 1 to **Natasha Butler**. **Maria Pena** celebrates a birthday Dec. 2. The day for a special party for **Sally Thacker** is Dec. 3.

Dobie High
Wishes for a double birthday celebration are sent to **Luz Ossa** and **Robin Rackley** Nov. 28. A memorable birthday is enjoyed Dec. 1 by **Lawson Hartwick** and **Sonja Mull**. Break out the balloons and party favors Dec. 4 for **Megan Lambert**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends birthday wishes to friends

who have a birthday. For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, send an email to mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, Nov. 28: **Sharon Wagner** and **Christie Fickessen**; Friday, Nov. 29: **Rebecca Carter**, **Amy Smith**, **Sheila Higgins**, **Lawanda Dyson-Lendsey** and **Hanh Do**; Saturday, Nov. 30: **Laurie Pena**, **Chandra Storey**, **Sonia Martinez**, **Angela Kennedy**, **Kelli Lord**, **Kelly Allison**, **Patricia Shultz**, **Keleigh Stacey** and **Marisol Phillips**; Sunday, Dec. 1: **Jessica Bowlin**, **Miles West**, **Damon Griffin**, **Kim Middleton** and **Melissa Ray**; Monday, Dec. 2: **Lenae Fowler** and **Aaron Herridge**; Tuesday, Dec. 3: **Gaskill Sigsbee**, **Kyle Smith**, **Timothy Hardcastle** and **Allison Bobby**; and Wednesday, Dec. 4: **Nick Barnett**, **Nick Medina**, **David Miles**, **Mary Elliott** and **George Mejica**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Culinary arts students present dinner series

To the delight of the general public, Clear Creek ISD Culinary Arts students have swung open the doors to Clear Springs High School and Bistro Urbano to host a series of themed dinners throughout the year.

The critics have spoken and the dinners are a hit. Better yet, there are more to come.

Bistro Urbano is the district's culinary arts program "laboratory" where students from all CCISD's high schools may explore their interests in this field in a real-world restaurant environment.

The monthly dinner series is a sort of show (taste) and tell for students where by each dinner is a unique take on a region's cuisine or specialty foods.

The October dinner featured Floribbean selections while November was a com-

pletely plant-based menu. "There were seven courses of delicious, beautifully presented, plant-based dishes," said dinner guest Teresa Ritter.

"Being a vegetarian myself, I was happy to experience many more options than what I ever prepare at home or have even enjoyed in a restaurant setting."

"It was obvious that Chef Roussel and his students enjoy what they do, and they take pride in what they produce."

From the baseline culinary arts class through the practicum courses, students enrolled in the culinary arts program gain insight into the operation of a well-run restaurant including management, planning, staffing, menu creation and food preparation. The courses culminate in the opportunity for students to take the ServSafe Certification Exam.

The practicum in the culinary arts course provides students with internship experiences and opportunities to compete on the local, national and even international competition stage.

The third themed dinner at Bistro Urbano is planned for Dec. 12, at 6 p.m. "Holiday Traditions Tour of America" will feature a six-course meal kicking off with the amuse bouche of melon confit and house-made honey ham from the mid-Atlantic.

After an appetizer of chicken and green chili tamales from the west/southwest region, guests will taste a Cioppino "fisherman's stew" from the Pacific Northwest.

"We are excited and honored for the opportunity to share with our community the hard work of our students through their culinary creations," said Chef Tate Roussel, CCISD culinary arts director.

The cost is \$40 to experience the multicourse meal. Childcare for children over the age of two years is provided at no cost.

To view the complete menu of the December themed dinner and reserve a seat, visit https://bistrourbano.ludus.com/show_page.php?show_id=6150.

Morris names November teacher



Morris Middle School announced its teacher of the month. Amy Brewster is an outstanding member of the sixth-grade science team. Her years of experience have been helpful when planning engaging and meaningful lessons. She is always positive in and out of the classroom. Brewster is leading this year in the science fair district competition and works daily to provide meaningful learning opportunities to her students. Morris staff feels lucky to call her a Trailblazer. *Photo submitted*

Parker Williams seeks donations

The Parker Williams Branch Library is in need of donations of new or gently used soft-back (pocketbooks), children's and children's chapter books.

The library is also accepting other like-condition donations of DVDs, hardback books and current magazines.

CCISD retired teachers meet

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its December meeting Tuesday, Dec. 10. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

There will be a short business meeting followed by a presentation of Christmas music.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee and cookies.

The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All Texas-retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$50.

Bay Area brings "The Sounds of Christmas"

The Bay Area Chorus of Greater Houston will bring in the holiday season with "The Sounds of Christmas," two concerts being performed on Dec. 7 and Dec. 8. The concerts will present pieces by Robert Shaw, Alice Parker, Holst, Forrester, Handel, Bedford, and others including traditional Christmas selections.

The Saturday Dec. 7 concert will take place at 4 p.m. at Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale St., and will include songs by guest choir The Bay Area Youth Singers. The second concert will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Clear Lake Presbyterian Church, 1511 El Dorado Blvd. The church Chancel Choir will be the guest choir at this performance.

The Bay Area Chorus has presented Christmas concerts in the community for 55 years. The chorus is currently under the direction of Milton Pullen, BAC artistic director. These concerts are a joyous celebration of the holiday season and are presented to uplift the listener and wish everyone a merry and blessed Christmas and happy holidays.

Tickets can be purchased from the BAC website <http://www.bayareachorus.org>, from individual choral singers and at the door at both locations.

Ticket prices for adults are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door; seniors \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door; and students \$5.

Mark a calendar for these dates and come enjoy one of the Christmas concerts of the Bay Area Chorus.

Shaar Hashalom shows "The Good Place"

What is "The Good Place"? Each person probably has a different answer. That's what Congregation Shaar Hashalom's Rabbi Stuart Federow's new program will explore - with a twist - the program will follow the TV show by this name.

During each session, a new episode of the show will be watched, followed by a group discussion. Federow will moderate the discussion, provide commentary and answer questions.

For those who haven't followed the TV show, creator Michael Schur (Brooklyn Nine-Nine, Parks and Recreation and Master of None) produces a different comedy about what makes a good person. The show follows Eleanor Shellstrop (Kristen Bell - House of Lies, Veronica Mars), an ordinary woman who enters the afterlife; who, due to some kind of error, is sent to The Good Place instead of The Bad Place (which is definitely where she belongs following her life on earth).

But with the help of The Good Place architect Michael (Ted Danson - Cheers, CSI in an Emmy Award-nominated performance), she is determined to shed her old ways and really earn her spot in the Place.

Melillo announces multiplication bee winner



Alan Vallejo (holding award) winner of the Melillo Middle School Multiplication Bee held recently is shown with staff members, left to right, Chris Bui, assistant principal; Diane Wheeler, principal; Jennifer Plunkett, math teacher; and Jenni Saucedo, assistant principal. Each math class participated in the bee and the class winners then advanced to a schoolwide multiplication bee. *Photo submitted*

Remember When

40 years ago (1979)
Members of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department received their new Pierce pumper.

The Thompson Intermediate School twirlers took highest honors at the Region XIX University Interscholastic League competition.

35 years ago (1984)
Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the \$43.5 million Memorial Hospital medical complex on Beamer Road.

Four different law enforcement agencies were involved in three separate drug raids in the South Belt area during one week.

30 years ago (1989)
A 24-year-old South Belt resident died from gunshot wounds received in an altercation with a private security guard at a Houston nightclub.

The South Belt Blue Jays compiled a 10-3 record to win the Western division of the Kyle Chapman Winter Baseball League before being declared the overall league champions after a rainout in the postseason tournament final.

25 years ago (1994)
Into its second year of

existence, San Jacinto College South's debate team received six recognitions at a forensics tournament in San Antonio.

A panel of Beverly Hills Intermediate School students participated in Star Enterprises Environment Trivia Contest.

20 years ago (1999)
A \$6,000 reward was being offered for information convicting the men who shot and robbed a woman. Police were also seeking one other man who used her credit cards after the aggravated robbery.

Homebuilders began construction on hundreds of homes in the Pasadena Independent School District area.

15 years ago (2004)
Dobie graduate Nancy Leal won an Emmy award for her television report called *Casi Perdi A Mi Hijo* (I Almost Lost My Son). Leal, a news anchor at the Univision affiliate in Denver, was a 1995 grad, and had lived in the Sagemon Park subdivision.

The Clear Brook Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps received a \$3,100 grant from the National Rifle Association.

The grant would be used to purchase new equipment and supplies in preparation for national marksmanship competition.

San Jacinto College offered a tuition payment program in which students could mail a check through regular mail.

10 years ago (2009)
It was announced that Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital CEO George Gaston would leave his post to take on the CEO role for the Memorial Hermann Southwest campus. Throughout the recruitment process for a permanent CEO at Southeast, Jim Brown, CEO of Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital, would also serve as interim CEO of Southeast.

Meador Elementary and Morris Middle schools were placed on lockdown following a report that an armed suspect took a woman's purse near the two area schools.

The schools were locked from roughly 9:30 to 10 a.m. while police searched the campuses for the suspect.

A Dobie High School student was found to be in possession of a loaded 9mm

handgun. According to district officials, the student, a 17-year-old sophomore, apparently had no intention of using the weapon, but was merely showing it off to friends.

An Amber Alert issued for a 3-year-old boy who went missing from the Highland Meadow Village Apartments the previous afternoon was canceled later that afternoon when the child was found unharmed in the Third Ward area.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office issued the alert after the boy disappeared from the area apartment complex.

Investigators said he was being watched by his next-door neighbor when her common-law husband took the boy, along with his own son, to a friend's house the previous day.

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

1 year ago (2018)
A man was arrested after

exposing himself to a woman in front of the Walgreens located in the 10800 block of Scarsdale at Beamer.

AARP seeks helpers for taxes

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking for compassionate, friendly people to join local volunteers for the upcoming tax season.

Tax-Aide makes it easier for older, low-income taxpayers to file their tax returns and get the credits and deductions they've earned.

Volunteers provide free in-person assistance in local neighborhoods at 5,000 sites across the country. Volunteers help prepare tax returns or serve in other ways, including organizing client paperwork, managing computer equipment, acting as interpreters, or making sure the process runs smoothly.

There's a role for everyone. Make a difference in your community. Become an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteer.

Visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide for more information and to sign up.

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Federow celebrates 25 years

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is celebrating 25 years of spiritual leadership by Rabbi Stuart Federow.

Over the years, Rabbi Federow has guided the congregation through many of life's adventures, supporting each member of the community through good and bad.

In 1975 the rabbi earned his undergraduate degree in psychology and religious studies from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, and was ordained at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

He received a Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 3, 2007.

Federow served for five years as the rabbi in Greenville, Miss., where he simultaneously served two other congregations within a radius of 75 miles and, for one year, also a congregation in

Monroe, La. Before coming to Houston, he led the congregation at Beth Knesset Bamidbar, in Lancaster, Ca., from 1987 to 1989.

The rabbi came to Houston in 1989 and served as the executive director of the Hillel Foundation of Greater Houston until 1995.

Federow is the creator of A Show of Faith, a live radio talk show where a Baptist minister, a Roman Catholic priest, sometimes a clergy of other faiths, and himself discuss events in the news from their religious perspectives.

The radio show can be heard via the internet through the radio station's website at <http://AM1070TheAnswer.com>. Federow is also the author of the book "Judaism and Christianity: A Contrast."

The celebration will take place Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., in the Gilruth Center,

2101 E. NASA Parkway, (note that the entrance to the Center is from Space Center Boulevard, between NASA Parkway at the Hilton and Middlebrook Drive). Dress is cocktail attire and the event is for ages 13 and older.

The evening will feature dinner, dessert, dancing and cash bar. A ticket for the celebration is \$36 and can be purchased online at www.shaarhashalom.org.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are as follows: \$500 level - four tickets, reserved seating, special Havdalah event at 6 p.m.; and \$180 level - two tickets, special Havdalah event at 6 p.m.

The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

For more information, contact Risa Stein at 832-752-6513 or email risaruth66@gmail.com.

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Hancock hosts annual Thanksgiving luncheon



On Thursday, Nov. 14, Thomas Hancock Elementary hosted its annual Thanksgiving family luncheon. The cafeteria staff members prepared a Thanksgiving feast including many traditional dishes. The school had more than 250 families represented.

Shown in the top photo is Angel Espinosa (far right) with parents Juan (left) and Clarissa Espinosa.

In the second photo, Emily Becerra (left) enjoys the feast with dad Mario Becerra.

Gathered for a family photo in the third picture are Emily Chavez (middle) with parents Grismely Morel (left) and William Chavez.

The fourth photo shows Nicholas Robles (right) with dad Nicholas Robles.

Aidan Guerra (middle), in the fifth photo, is all smiles as parents Diana (left) and Jose Guerra join him for the special day.

Meador Elementary holds annual turkey bowl competition

Meador Elementary's annual staff turkey bowl is a favorite tradition in which teams compete in a bowling match using frozen turkeys instead of bowling balls. The winning team members each go home with a turkey! Congratulations to this year's turkey bowl champs! Shown, above, are the winning team members, left to right, (front row) Kathryn Katsus, Tara Merida; (back row) Erika Rodarte, Nora Gonzalez, Megan Mayes, John Holder, Maria Gonzalez and Kacie Hedge. The photo at left shows Maria Gonzalez, hoping for a strike; in the background, left to right, are Beverly Bolton, principal; Yolanda Arebalo; and John Holder.

Photos by Johanna James



FEMA offers free rebuilding tips

Disaster survivors affected by the severe storms and floods from Tropical Storm Imelda, can visit local home improvement stores in Houston and Pasadena through Saturday, Nov. 30, for rebuilding tips from mitigation experts. Mitigation specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be on hand to answer questions about home repair, making disaster plans, putting together supply kits and the importance of flood insurance. Experts will not be in stores Thanksgiving Day or Friday, Nov. 29 (Black Friday). Assistance will be available at the following locations: Home Depot, located at 5455 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena. The tips are available through Saturday, Nov. 30. Times for these dates are as follows: Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 30, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Additional mitigation events will be held at home improvement stores in disaster-affected Texas counties in the coming weeks. Visit FEMA online at <https://twitter.com/FEMARegion6>, www.fema.gov/blog, www.twitter.com/fema, www.twitter.com/FEMAespanol, www.facebook.com/fema, www.facebook.com/FEMAespanol and www.youtube.com/fema.

CCISD gets \$7,000 donation

Communities In Schools - Bay Area announced it received \$7,000 in support of dropout prevention programming for campuses in the Clear Creek Independent School District.

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Founded in 1989, Communities In Schools - Bay Area is a dropout prevention organization that provides school-based programming for at-risk and economically disadvantaged students on 20 Clear Creek and Dickinson ISD campuses in Harris and Galveston counties. More than 23,000 students have access to CIS - Bay Area's services consisting of campuswide programming and individualized case management services that include basic needs assistance, academic interventions, resource connection, and behavioral health support. CIS - Bay Area programs are on campuses in the communities of League City, Dickinson, Webster, Houston and Friendswood.

Communities In Schools - Bay Area's mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. For information on Communities In Schools - Bay Area dropout prevention programs, visit www.cisba.org or call 281-486-6698.

Meador announces good character students



Meador Elementary announced Good Character recipients for the first nine weeks. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) kindergartners Luke Savala, Genesis Chirinos, Ava Rodriguez, Bella Nguyen, Noemi Camacho (back row) second-grader Diana Alvares, second-grader Aya Bahar, second-grader Lillian Blanco, second-grader Layla Guerra, second-grader Sophia Ramos, first-grader Azariah Calidonio, first-grader Kallie Jolivet, first-grader Aleishmarie Aponte-Muniz, and first-grader Camila Aguila. Shown left are, left to right, (front row) third-graders Angel Mendez, Isaac Martinez, Annabelle Rodriguez, Lyla Saldana, Isaac Montano, (back row) fourth-graders Idalis Villegas, Azari Schells, Julianna Mikulski, Naomi Green and Mirian Andrade.

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Atkinson Elementary celebrates 50th anniversary



Gathered to celebrate Atkinson Elementary School's 50th anniversary with Hollis Powell (seated in front), Atkinson's founding principal, are (first row) Diane Wheeler, Regina Barnes, Karen O'Connor, Martha Reed, Belva Alaniz, Ludi Perez, Lena Ortiz, Tracey Nguyen, Elsa Martinez, Brenda Mendoza, Stacey Fontenot, Mark Priest, (second row) Claudia Trevino, Melanie Zelenka, Michelle Pinkerton, Tulu Sarkar, Samantha Coyle, Sheri Graham, Mary Baker-Porter, Rebecca Barrios-Garcia, Rosa Quintana, Kathie Teuscher, (third row) Andrea Fox, Jana Childs, Jennifer Youngblood, Tiffany Aldridge, Nora Freeman, Jenny Grundberg, Cheri Cundiff, Stephanie Quintana, Shelly Bracher, Ashley Dennet, (fourth row) Elizabeth Cecil, Donna Koonce, Amber Newman, Laura Glendennig, Timothy Verdan, Elizabeth Roehl, Dee Davis, Maria Zavala, Katie Fielder, Kimberly Grzesiek and Richard Whittaker.



Atkinson teachers, current and past enjoyed the anniversary festivities. Attending were, left to right, Natalie Young, former Atkinson first-grade teacher; Sara Kemp, former Atkinson first-grade teacher; Gail Ward, former Atkinson P.E. teacher and current assistant principal at South Houston Intermediate; Leigh Ann Lidrbauch, former Atkinson fourth-grade teacher; Shelly Bracher, current Atkinson first-grade teacher; and Diana Bradshaw, former Atkinson fourth-grade and dyslexia teacher.

South Belters celebrate Atkinson connection



Alyta Harrell, assistant superintendent of Pasadena ISD visits with South Belters who had various connections to Atkinson Elementary. Shown above are Harrell; Denise Burleigh and husband Barry (Barry attended Atkinson); David Matthews, whose children attended Atkinson; and Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin who was also an elementary student at Atkinson.

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Austin Regents eliminates LSA

Quarterback Wilson Long threw for three touchdowns, including a pair to Isaac Chen as Austin Regents ended Lutheran South's football season with a 34-13 victory in the second round of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools playoffs.

Regents wound up building a 34-6 lead as Long went to Chen seven times for 109 yards and the two scores.

Lutheran South junior quarterback Luke Harrison was 15 for 34 through the air for 241 yards.

Jake Justice, playing in his final game for the Pioneers, had six catches for 129 yards, including a 38-yard scoring reception from Harrison.

Running back Beau Psencik, also playing in his final game at LSA, caught five passes for 70 yards. He was on the receiving end of a 19-yard touchdown pass from Harrison.

Regents was able to come away with the win largely due to limiting LSA's running game to little in the game.

Hunter Teichman and Luke LeBlanc had interceptions for the Pioneers, who finished their season at 9-3 with the loss.

Harrison, who will return for his senior season in 2020, threw for the two scores and was intercepted once in the game.

Regents now advances to the TAPPS Division II final four.

Atascocita boys, Cy-Creek girls win big at MTI

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

District 22-6A shone brightest at the 2019 McDonald's Texas Invitational as Atascocita and Summer Creek battled in an all-22-6A boys Division I gold bracket championship final, just 30 minutes before the Summer Creek girls ended their tournament run as the Division I girls' gold bracket finalists.

The Atascocita boys won their third McDonald's Division I gold bracket title in six years with a 71-57 victory over Summer Creek as the Eagles' Dylan Dawson walked away with tournament Most Valuable Player honors.

Summer Creek led early on by eight points before the Eagles, sending an early message through the 22-6A ranks, roared

back for the win Nov. 23 in the tournament finale at Phillips Field House.

In the girls' Division I title game, 2018-2019 Region III champion Summer Creek made its way to the title game before Cypress Creek, led by Most Valuable Player honoree Kyndall Hunter, rolled to a 73-56 victory, also at Phillips Field House.

Elsewhere in the various tournament brackets,

the Lewisville boys won the Division I silver crown with a two-point win over school district foe Lewisville Hebron.

Morton Ranch outlasted Hightower by a point in the Division I boys' bronze title tilt, and Pearland grabbed an early-season tournament championship trophy, cruising past Tompkins in the Division II gold bracket final.

Cypress Ridge (Division II silver bracket) and Angleton (Division II bronze bracket) also won boys' titles.

In girls' action, Cypress Ranch defeated state No. 1 ranked Converse Judson for the Division I silver bracket title, and Pearland defeated North Shore for the top spot in the Division I bronze bracket.

Clear Falls (gold), Angleton (silver) and Deer Park (bronze) were the respective Division II girls' winners.

The Dobie Lady Longhorns, entered in the Division I bracket for the first time this decade, won two of three games over state-ranked opponents before dropping two games by a combined four points in the silver bracket.

The Lady Longhorns fell 31-30 to No. 1 state-ranked Judson and then dropped the third-place

contest to Clear Springs, 41-38 in Division I silver bracket play.

The Dobie boys were also part of the Division I proceedings. The locals lost three straight games to open their season but then bounced Aldine Nimitz. In the Division I bronze bracket consolation trophy game, Converse Judson then ran past Dobie 64-44.

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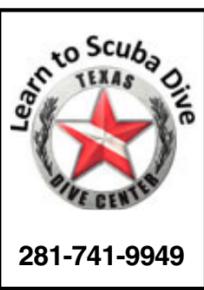


At left, Dobie varsity girls' basketball teammates, from left, Charlee Peters, Kendall Brown, Charday Terrell (3) and Keasia Robinson (23) share a few laughs during a timeout as the Lady Longhorns went up against Westside Nov. 21 in a McDonald's Texas Invitational game at Dobie. The Lady Longhorns handled Westside by a 64-32 score but then fell to eventual Division I gold bracket champion Cypress Creek 63-44. After beating San Antonio Memorial 38-33 to conclude pool play, the Lady Longhorns lost two games by a combined four points in the Division I silver bracket, including 31-30 to No. 1 state-ranked Judson and 41-38 to Clear Springs.

Photo by John Bechtle

JFD boys drop Lake

Jujan Robinson had 13 points and 12 rebounds as the Dobie varsity boys' basketball team held off Clear Lake late in the action for a 58-54 win at Dobie Nov. 25. Marquice Scott added 22 points.



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Scott leads Dobie scorers; locals find going tough

The Dobie varsity boys' basketball team stepped up to the challenge at the McDonald's Texas Invitational, accepting the challenge that comes with competing in the Division I bracket.

Unfortunately for the Longhorns, the challenge was met as the team lost three straight games to open their tournament season before getting a win.

Overall, the Longhorns went 1-4 in the event, losing each of the four by double digits.

Senior and four-year

letterwinner Marquice Scott stepped up against Aldine Nimitz for a 22-point effort in a 67-56 win to keep his team alive, but Dobie then shot 28 percent from the field in

a 64-44 loss to Converse Judson Nov. 23 in the Division I bronze bracket consolation trophy game.

Scott had 68 points to lead the Longhorns over their first four games. In

the team's season opener Nov. 21. Jalen Lendsey made six of seven shots from the field en route to a team-high 16 points. Scott also had 15 points in the game, but Elkins went on

to win 65-55. Later in the day, Scott had 10 points but the Longhorns shot 35 percent from the field in a

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At right, Dobie senior and four-year varsity letterman Marquice Scott (22) looks to drive against North Crowley's Ty'Rik Taylor (0) during pool play action Nov. 21 at Dobie. The Longhorns lost three straight in tournament play before Scott had 22 points to lead his team to a win over Aldine Nimitz Nov. 23.

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Krueger/Carlisle Classic includes Brook basketball

Fresh off wins over Baytown Lee (71-29) and Galveston Ball (64-52) to open the season, the Clear Brook varsity boys' team will make its first tournament appearance at the Carlisle/Krueger

Classic Dec. 5-7 at Clear Creek and Clear Lake high schools.

Summer Creek, which made its way to the McDonald's Texas Invitational Division I gold title at the Carlisle/Krueger

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Krueger/Carlisle Classic Dec. 5 Pool Play

9 a.m. - Clear Brook vs. Kempner
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Usual suspects highlight McDonald's Texas Invitational basketball

Continued from Page 1B Westside played with-out national prospect Fatou Samb in its opener against Dobie, the Lady Longhorns still collected a fine 64-32 victory with numerous players getting involved offensively. Dobie had a difficult time with eventual D1 girls' champion Cy-Creek but came back to defeat S.A. Veterans Memorial 38-31 in the final pool play contest.

Then came losses to Judson and Clear Springs, but given that both opponents are certainly state-powers, there was no feelings of tremendous loss. The Dobie girls have reached the second round of the playoffs two straight years, and the roster has undergone a transition since head coach Jasmine Hartman's arrival. The Lady Longhorns have started well again this season and could challenge Summer Creek and Atascocita for supremacy in the District 22-6A ranks. Elsewhere across the 32-team girls' field, Pearland, Clear Falls, Angleton and Deer Park were just a few of the locals who showed early-season promise.

As for the boys, Atascocita and Summer Creek showed just who is in line to head the District 22-6A ranks, and the Humble Wildcats could also figure into the mix. The Dobie boys are looking to tangle with the likes of South Houston, Sam Rayburn and Memorial for playoff positioning come late February, 2020. The McDonald's Texas Invitational serves as a substantial fundraiser for the Pasadena ISD and the Deer Park ISD education foundations. With 80 teams competing at 10 locations over the three days, there was tons of excitement for everyone involved.



Dobie's Peyton Smith (left) and Annette Eonne (right) double team Westside's Jamera Tolliver (23) during second-half action of the Lady Longhorns' 64-32 win Nov. 21 at Dobie.

JFD boys finish 1-4 at McDonald's

Continued from Page 1B 57-42 loss to North Crowley. In the game, the Longhorns made four of 18 three-point field goal tries. Moving to the Division I bronze bracket the following day and playing a second consecutive 9 a.m. game, the Longhorns fell 81-65 to Morton Ranch, which opened the season state ranked. Scott went 9 for 14 from the field and pumped in 21 points in the game. Jaylon Jackson was next with 13 points, and Jujan Robinson added 12 points as he made 3 of his 5 three-point tries. Next came the win over Aldine Nimitz as the Longhorns put things together. Scott, a double-digit scorer in four of his team's five games, led the way with his 22. Johnathan Baldwin, playing in his fourth game with little practice time since the end of the football season, had 12 points, as did DeMarcus Carathers. Shannon Hayes led the way with six as a 28 percent shooting game brought an end to the Longhorns' tournament appearance. Dobie will make its second tournament appearance of the season at the Dec. 4-6 Katy ISD Tiger Classic. The Long-



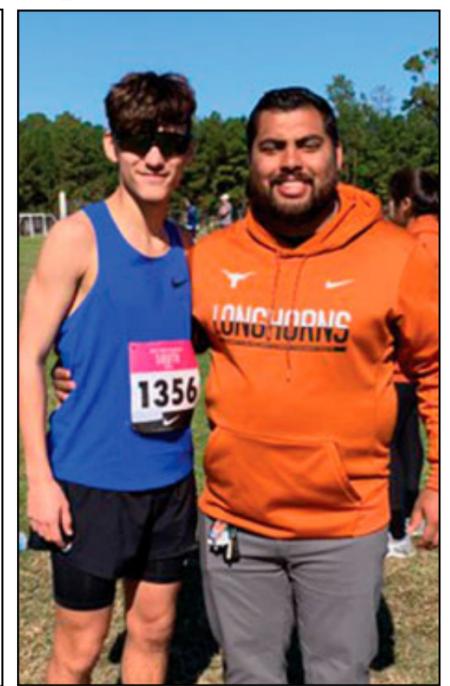
The Lady Longhorns' Victoria Rivera (22) came up big in all phases of the game as she helped her team to the Division I silver bracket, where Dobie lost two tough games by a combined four points, including a 31-30 defeat to Judson, which opened the season as the No. 1 state-ranked squad.



Shannon Hayes (with ball) of Dobie drives the lane in the team's McDonald's Texas Invitational game against North Crowley. Hayes, a third-year guard for the Longhorns, had a solid tournament but the locals wound up losing four of five games.

JFD's Campa excels at Nike

At right, Dobie junior cross-country runner Albert Campa (left) competed in the Nike Cross Nationals South Regional boys' open division 5K race Nov. 23 at The Woodlands, eventually taking third place in his age bracket with a time of 16 minutes, 48.71 seconds to complete his brilliant 2019 season. La Porte's Ryan Schoppe, the 2019 Class 6A state champion, was the overall winner in the Championship boys' division at 15:06.21. Dobie High School varsity girls' soccer assistant coach Hector Saldivar, at right, accepted Campa's invitation to attend his first-ever cross-country meet.



Lady Lions' Terrell wins big

Thompson seventh-grader Chardel Terrell finished off her two-meet dominance of the Pasadena ISD cross-country season, covering the 1.5-mile course at Crenshaw Park in 12 minutes, 14 seconds to run away with top overall medalist honors at the championship meet. Terrell also won the previous week leading up to the championships in a time of 13:15. This go-around, Terrell's 12:14 also bested all of the eighth-grade runners, making her effort that much more impressive. Behind Terrell, San Jacinto's Ceara Acosta was second overall in a time of 13:08 as she helped the Tigers to the seventh-grade team title with a low of 48 points. Bondy was second with 50, and the Terrell-led Thompson team was fourth with 63 points. Beverly Hills, meanwhile, was fifth among seventh-grade girls. Elsewhere for Thompson, Lauren Garza turned in a time of 13:24 for fourth place overall, and teammate Lillian Herte placed 13th in a time of 14:25. Jayd Ramirez placed 21st overall with her timing of 14:56, and Madison Puente was 24th in a time of 15:05. Tatiana Luna was 39th overall for the Lady Lions with a time of 15:38, and Andrea Garza made her way into the top 50 as her time of 15:54 was 49th best. Other Lady Lions taking part in the championships were Dasia Ram (16:18.09), Arianna Cid (16:22), Tailin Curtis (16:45), Alexandria Martinez (17:19.75), Mariah Medina (17:21) and Kiana McCombs (17:24). Beverly Hills' Leyla Martinez was the top performer for the Lady Bears as her time of 13:41 was fifth overall. At 14:08, Samar Uribe took the eighth overall spot, and Ashley Hernandez (14:47) and Nevae Ben-Smith (14:52.03) were 18th and 19th, respectively. **Continued on Page 3B**

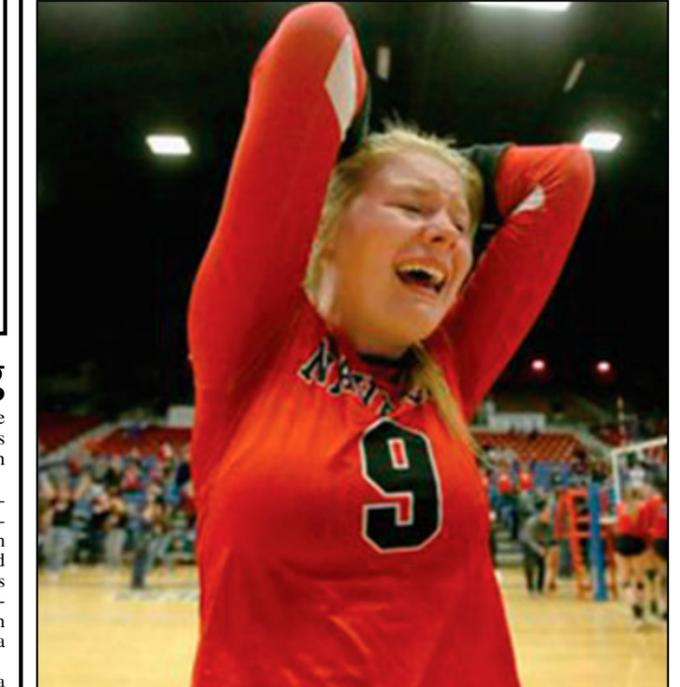
Grapevine, Ryan break MTI records

The McDonald's Texas Invitational Division I boys' field of talent wasn't kind to visiting Grapevine as a whole, but that didn't keep hot-shooting Jaxon Ryan and his Mustang teammates from reaching the tournament record books. Ryan, a 6-foot-2-inch shooting specialist, made 11 three-point field goals in his team's 75-57 victory over Nimitz in a Division I bronze bracket game Nov. 23 at Sam Rayburn. Ryan's 31 made three-pointers were also the most-ever by a single player in the tournament, as the old mark was 23 by Humble's Kevin Dawson in 2015. The Mustangs, despite losing four of their five games in the tournament, also set a new team mark for makes with 60, busting the old record of 47.

Carlisle/Krueger has loaded field

Continued from Page 1B game, began the week ranked No. 5 in Class 6A by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and should be a favorite to excel in the tournament. Manvel, unranked at 4-2, could be a sleeper. The Mavericks went 3-2 at the McDonald's Texas Invitational, losing in overtime to 2018 MTI champion Allen and also falling to eventual Division I silver bracket champion Lewisville. Those facts aside, the Mavericks could also make some big noise in the tournament. There's also Beaumont United, which began the week as the TABC's No. 2 ranked team in Class 6A. The rest of the tournament field includes Aldine Nimitz, Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Lake, Clear Springs, Clements, Flower Mound, Fort Bend Bush, Galveston Ball, Houston Chavez, Madison, Houston Sterling, Kempner, La Marque, Lake Creek, Northside (San Antonio), San Antonio Brennan and South Houston. Clear Brook will go up against Kempner and Lake Creek in pool play action Dec. 5 at Clear Lake High School. Kempner is off to a 1-5 start, while Lake Creek has an early-season loss to Carlisle/Krueger Classic host Clear Creek. Following pool play action, the teams will be divided into gold, silver and bronze trophy brackets. Each of the championship games are set for Dec. 7, at 6 p.m., with the third-place games coming at 3 p.m. All three championship games are on the Clear Creek High School campus. The gold championship game will be played at Carlisle Field House, with the silver title game at Butler Field House. The bronze title game is at Creek's No. 2 boys' gym.

Brook's Russell crowned MVP



Former Clear Brook High School volleyball standout Jordan Russell (9) was overcome with emotion after she led her Navarro College women's volleyball team to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Championship after a thrilling five-set win over Seward County, 32-30, 25-19, 20-25, 25-27, 19-17 Nov. 23 at the Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kan. The 6-2 outside hitter had a match-high 27 kills in the match to pace the Bulldogs to a 31-0 record and their first-ever national title. Russell was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player for her all-around play. *NJCAA photo*

McDonald's Texas Invitational Bracket Championship Game Results

Boys' Division 1 Gold
Atascocita def. Summer Creek 71-57

Boys' Division 1 Silver
Lewisville def. Lewisville Hebron 61-59

Boys' Division 1 Bronze
Morton Ranch def. Hightower 75-74

Girls' Division 1 Gold
Cypress Creek def. Summer Creek 73-56

Girls' Division 1 Silver
Cypress Ranch def. Converse Judson 43-37

Girls' Division 1 Bronze
Pearland def. North Shore 37-27

Girls' Division 1 Consolation
S.A. Johnson def. Alief Hastings 50-42

Boys' Division 2 Gold
Pearland def. Tompkins 52-33

Boys' Division 2 Silver
Cypress Ridge def. Langham Creek 59-56

Boys' Division 2 Bronze
Angleton def. Conroe 72-62

Girls' Division 2 Gold
Clear Falls def. Lake Ridge 56-54

Girls' Division 2 Silver
Angleton def. Cypress Woods 50-17

Girls' Division 2 Bronze
Deer Park def. Crosby 52-27

Girls' Division 2 Bronze
C.C. Veterans Memorial def. Sam Rayburn 61-49

Thompson's Terrell controls PISD cross-country

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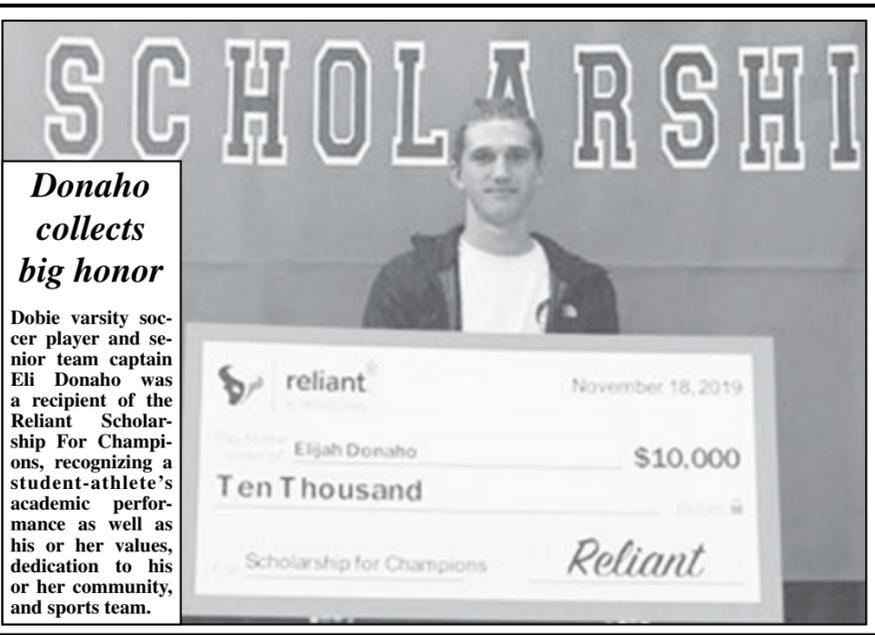
The Lady Bears' Leslie Saurdy was 22nd with a clocking of 14:59, and Angeline Paquinto was 38th with her time of 15:36.29. Linda Nguyen (15:39) of Beverly Hills was 40th, and Patience Thomas made her way into the top 50 as her time of 15:53 was 48th. Others running for the Lady Bears included Abigail Alvarez (15:57.58), Rhema Sanni-Thomas (16:11), Isabelle Pichardo (16:41) and Kobi Conoway (17:11). In the eighth-grade girls' division, Aleyna LeBlanc led the Lady Patriots to the team title as she was the overall medalist in a time of 13:00. Bondy scored a low of 50 points to win the team

with Miller second with 56 points. With 121 points, Thompson was fourth, and Beverly Hills placed sixth with 144 points. Behind Lobo, the Lady Lions had Valerie Salazar, whose time of 14:37.17 placed her 18th overall. Jasmin Mooney was 28th in a time of 15:11, and Aislynn Curtis Brooks was at 15:21 for 36th place. Karley Goeman ran well to the tune of 15:22 for 37th place, and Isabel Nava's time of 15:29 placed her 40th. Rachel Le of Thompson was the 45th overall finisher with her time of 15:42.82. Jazmin Perez also made the top 50 with a time of 15:46 for 48th place, and the Lady Lions' Desanae Cisneros placed 49th with

her time of 15:50. Others who took part in the championships for the Lady Lions included Jordan Leahman (16:15) and Zara Hobson (16:43). For Beverly Hills, Arianna Borrego (13:41) and Nico Barr (13:50.16) were fourth and fifth, respectively, to pace the Lady Bears. Aylin Reyes had a time of 14:37.88, which was 19th best, and others who ran for the Lady Bears included Jazmyne Martinez, (16:17), Daniela Garza (16:20), Jennifer Estrada (16:36.08), Emily Reyes (16:36.66), Monica Flores (16:38.47), Victoria Arnsworth (16:38.85), Leyla Torres (16:41), Matison Mitchell (17:16), Leslie Figueroa (17:18), and Leyla Araujo (17:54)

and Arianna Rivera (18:14.48). In the eighth-grade boys' division, both Beverly Hills (third) and Thompson (fourth) wound up far back of eventual team champion Bondy (52) and San Jacinto (55) as those two teams battled fiercely, to pace the Lady Bears. Queens' Emiliano Rios earned the top overall medalist title with his time of 11:28 over the two-mile course. Individually, Beverly Hills' Dylan Jackson was his team's top finisher as his clocking of 12:21 placed him ninth overall. Demarques Ross was next for the Bears in a time of 12:36 for 14th place, and Ryan Le wound up 22nd as his clocking was 12:45.01.

Damien Rosas ran well for the Bears as he was 26th at 12:50, and teammate Alejandro Lopez placed 32nd in a time of 13:04.36. Andrew Deleon of Beverly Hills was 36th with his time of 13:06.58, and Michael Zachary had a time of 13:10.23 for 38th place. Max Tapia and Angel Limachi both made their way into the top 50 for the Bears. Tapia's time of 13:30 was 47th, and Limachi was in at 13:32 for 48th place. Also for the Bears, Max Delgado (15:29), Izaiah Hernandez (16:05) and Jesse Bishop (16:39) competed. For the Lions' eighth-graders, River Carroll placed sixth overall with his time of 12:03, and Christian Epps placed 13th overall in a time of 12:32. Anthony Turner had a time of 12:40 for 19th place, and Jesus Gamez's time of 12:52.76 was 29th overall. Darien Valdez placed 55th with his time of 13:44.79. Others running for the Lions included Sabio Ortiz (13:49), Simon Sepulveda (13:54), Cardin Vo (14:07), Vinson Tran (14:54.97) and Daniel Martinez (15:05). The seventh-grade division belonged to Park View as they posted a low of 32 for the title, followed by San Jacinto's 52 points. Thompson's 83 points were third best, with Beverly Hills a distant fourth at 227. At 12:06, Jackson's Sebastian Saldana placed first for the crown. Thompson's top finisher was Joe Requena in a time of 12:51.07 for eighth place, and teammate Cameron Matthews placed ninth with a time of 12:51.92. Lucius Monarez placed 16th overall at 13:05, and Julz Martinez was 24th at 13:31. Carlos Salazar was at 13:36 for 26th place, and Adam Aguilar was next, 27th overall with a time of 13:37. Victor Grice's time of 14:01 placed him 41st overall, and teammate Angel Padilla was right behind him, 42nd in a time of 14:02. Jesus Williams (14:15), Luis Salazar (14:18), Daniel Silva (14:22) and Darius Irchirl (14:35) also competed. Beverly Hills' eighth-grade team was led by Yahir Sanchez (12:53) and Chris Lopez (12:55), who were 10th and 11th, respectively. The Bears also had Chris Jones (14:38), Savour Thompson (14:58), Sam Kadin (15:24), Antonio Gomez (15:25), Samuel Martinez (15:29) and Xavier Sanchez (16:16) competing as the brief Pasadena ISD cross-country season closed out.



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Pasadena ISD Girls' Intermediate Basketball

8A Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
Miller	0 0 0	2 0 0
Thompson	0 0 0	2 0 0
San Jacinto	0 0 0	1 1 0
Southmore	0 0 0	1 1 0
South Houston	0 0 0	0 2 0

Game Scores
Miller 28, Beverly Hills 6
Thompson 43, Queens 19

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Queens	0 0 0	1 1 0
Park View	0 0 0	1 1 0
Bondy	0 0 0	1 1 0
Jackson	0 0 0	1 1 0
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	0 2 0

Game Scores
Park View 28, San Jacinto 27
Jackson 18, South Houston 17
Bondy 44, Southmore 7

8B Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
Thompson	0 0 0	2 0 0
South Houston	0 0 0	2 0 0
San Jacinto	0 0 0	1 1 0
Southmore	0 0 0	1 1 0
Miller	0 0 0	1 1 0

Game Scores
Miller 28, Beverly Hills 4
Thompson 36, Queens 7
South Houston 23, Jackson 7

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Park View	0 0 0	2 0 0
Bondy	0 0 0	1 1 0
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	0 2 0
Queens	0 0 0	0 2 0
Jackson	0 0 0	0 2 0

Game Scores
Park View 29, San Jacinto 21
Bondy 24, Southmore 22

Pasadena ISD Girls' Intermediate Basketball

7A Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
Thompson	0 0 0	2 0 0
San Jacinto	0 0 0	2 0 0
South Houston	0 0 0	2 0 0
Southmore	0 0 0	1 1 0
Miller	0 0 0	0 2 0

Game Scores
San Jacinto 32, Park View 9
Thompson 37, Queens 11
South Houston 32, Jackson 0

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	1 1 0
Bondy	0 0 0	1 1 0
Park View	0 0 0	1 1 0
Queens	0 0 0	0 2 0
Jackson	0 0 0	0 2 0

Game Scores
Bondy 53, Southmore 8
Beverly Hills 28, Miller 7

7B Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
Thompson	0 0 0	2 0 0
South Houston	0 0 0	2 0 0
Miller	0 0 0	1 1 0
Southmore	0 0 0	1 1 0
San Jacinto	0 0 0	1 1 0

Game Scores
San Jacinto 23, Park View 11
Thompson 34, Queens 6
South Houston 11, Jackson 10

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	2 0 0
Bondy	0 0 0	1 1 0
Jackson	0 0 0	0 2 0
Queens	0 0 0	0 2 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 2 0

Game Scores
Beverly Hills 20, Miller 10
Bondy 21, Southmore 3

Pasadena ISD Boys' Intermediate Basketball

8A Records	Div.	Overall
Division 1	W L T	W L T
Thompson	0 0 0	2 0 0
Southmore	0 0 0	2 0 0
South Houston	0 0 0	2 0 0
Miller	0 0 0	1 1 0
San Jacinto	0 0 0	1 1 0

Game Scores
San Jacinto 49, Park View 7
Thompson 75, Queens 30
South Houston 59, Jackson 16
Southmore 33, Bondy 29

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	2 0 0
Bondy	0 0 0	1 1 0
Queens	0 0 0	0 2 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 2 0
Jackson	0 0 0	0 2 0

Game Scores
Beverly Hills 70, Miller 35

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Thompson	0 0 0	2 0 0
South Houston	0 0 0	2 0 0
Southmore	0 0 0	1 1 0
Miller	0 0 0	1 1 0
San Jacinto	0 0 0	1 1 0

Game Scores
Thompson 52, Queens 12
South Houston 44, Jackson 5
San Jacinto 45, Park View 11

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	2 0 0
Bondy	0 0 0	1 1 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 2 0
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Game Scores
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Bondy 29, Southmore 22

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Thompson	0 0 0	2 0 0
South Houston	0 0 0	2 0 0
Miller	0 0 0	1 1 0
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San Jacinto	0 0 0	1 1 0

Game Scores
San Jacinto 61, Park View 5
Thompson 52, Queens 34
South Houston 54, Jackson 47
Southmore 53, Bondy 19

Division 2	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	0 0 0	2 0 0
Jackson	0 0 0	1 1 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 2 0
Bondy	0 0 0	0 2 0
Queens	0 0 0	0 2 0

Game Scores
Beverly Hills 77, Miller 24

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South Houston	0 0 0	1 1 0
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Game Scores
San Jacinto 22, Park View 18
Thompson 45, Queens 12
South Houston 23, Jackson 17

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CALENDAR

THANKSGIVING DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
7 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29
7 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. meeting. No meeting in December. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

8 p.m.

Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30
7:30 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

1 p.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
1 p.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

2 p.m.

Grief Support Group - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.

5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.

8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2
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 back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

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 details, or drop in.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

2 p.m.

Genealogy Group - Parker Williams Genealogy group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Monday at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

6 p.m.

New Directions Singles - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activi-

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Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

6:30 p.m.

Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station. For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/.

7 p.m.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org or call 832-416-1177.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

7:30 p.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing Mondays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For additional information, call 281-488-5861 or send an email to csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.



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

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For details, call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome.

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4
7 a.m.

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Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 50 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken for Black Hills, Badlands and Legends of the West in South Dakota, July 15-21, 2020; and a Hawaiian Cruise on the Pride of America/Norwegian Cruise Line, Nov. 7-14 2020. For additional information, call Marilyn 713-444-6744.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, email Teresa Dover at doverbookkeeper@aol.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon,

3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance for free practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

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

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

Fun Bunch - for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

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Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends!



To submit items for the CALENDAR at the South Belt-Ellington Leader send an email to: mynews@southbeltleader.com



Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

All Houston Public libraries are closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday, Nov. 28, through Sunday, Dec. 1. The libraries will reopen Monday, Dec. 2 at the regularly scheduled time. The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Monday, Dec. 2, 10:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Citizenship class. The classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up. Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up. Wednesday, Dec. 4, 10:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m. Tune time for toddlers ages 18 - 36 months, young children birth to age 5. This Holiday Toddler Dance Party is a family friendly event celebrating the oldest forms of social bonding - singing and dancing.

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime. Toddler around with the library staff for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop a toddler's social, motor, and literacy skills. This session is intended for children ages 6 months to 4 years and their caregivers.

For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580.

Bracewell hours are: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

All Harris County libraries are closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday, Nov. 28, through Sunday, Dec. 1. The libraries will reopen Monday, Dec. 2 at the regularly scheduled time. The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. this week: Monday, Dec. 2, 2 - 4 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, Dec. 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, a dueling card game from Wizards of the Coast, for ages 8 and older. For those wanting to learn, a staff member will be present for instruction. A special thank you is given to Strike Zone for the generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards. For more information, visit http://www.hcpl.net/sites/default/files/feb - MTG-1.jpg.

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Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed: Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies from birth to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

Wednesday, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 to 5 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Wednesday, 2 - 3 p.m.: Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this weekly class in Vietnamese. Registration is requested.

Thursday, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time, for adults and children ages 8 and older. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. It's a great time to take a class to help with a skill for work, gain understanding of a topic or learn a language.

There are many free Vietnamese classes available online at the library website or on the internet, through universities or other sources. Practice navigating the internet to learn about these, or sign up for one. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all other programs, call the library at 832-927-7870. Library hours this week are: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (early closing for Thanksgiving).

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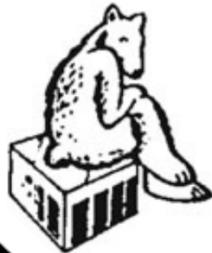
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Brook's Newsome to NLU volleyball

At right, Clear Brook High School senior and District 24-6A Most Valuable Player Kailin Newsome will continue her education and playing career at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond after signing a letter of intent with the Lions. A four-year varsity starter at Clear Brook, Newsome led the Lady Wolverines to their first-ever district championship this season, setting single-season and career kills marks along the way. With her at the signing were her parents, left to right, Kristi Newsome (mother) and Torri Newsome (father). Kailin Newsome also plans to play beach volleyball at NLU.



Winner makes it official with Michigan State softball

At right, Clear Brook High School senior Camryn Wincher is set to continue her collegiate softball career at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., after signing a letter of intent with the Spartans on National Signing Day. The daughter of Dana and Leslie Wincher spent the first three seasons of her high school career at Dobie High School, culminating with a junior season that saw her lead the Region III ranks in runs batted in. She has earned both national and area recognition for her play, for three years at second base with Dobie. Wincher transferred to Clear Brook for her senior year.



LSA's Monahan chooses Northwestern Oklahoma State golf



Lutheran South Academy varsity golfer Savannah Monahan (center) will continue her education and links career at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Okla., after signing a letter of intent with the Rangers. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, LSA golf coaches Nathan Bahr (left) and Geoff Stresman. Monahan is the daughter of Lori and John Monahan. The Northwestern Oklahoma State women's golf program competes in the Great American Conference within the NCAA Division II ranks.

Dobie's Garza off to UTSA baseball program

At right, Dobie High School senior right-handed pitcher Daniel Garza (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at the University of Texas at San Antonio after signing a letter of intent with the Roadrunners. Those with Garza at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Sophia Garza (sister), Lauren Garza (sister), (standing) Celia Garza (mother), Danny Garza (father), Aurora Garza (grandmother) and Jose Garza (grandfather). A three-year varsity performer at Dobie, Garza helped guide the Longhorns to an area round playoff berth last season and was a first team All-District pick.



Clear Brook's Zuniga headed to Texas Southern softball



Clear Brook High School softball player Deana Zuniga (standing fifth from right) will continue her education and playing career at Texas Southern University in Houston after she signed to play for the Tigers. The four-year varsity performer plans to study education in college and perhaps return to the coaching field with degree in hand. Zuniga is also a member of the National Technical Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (front row) Denise Martinez (aunt), Adrian Ramirez (cousin), Diane Martinez (grandmother), Daniel Ramirez (grandfather), Dominic Garcia (cousin), (back row) Aracely Ramirez (cousin), Alex Ramirez (cousin), Edgar Ramirez (uncle), Aaron Ramirez (cousin), Debra Martinez (mother), Don Garcia (uncle) and Dolores Garcia (aunt). Zuniga played extensively in the South Belt Girls Softball Association as a youth.

Lutheran South's Whitney to SHSU softball program



Lutheran South Academy catcher LoLo Whitney (seated third from right) will continue her education and playing career at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Lane Whitney (brother), Randi Whitney (mother), Ace Hopkins, Gemma Hopkins, Ken Whitney (father), (standing) Sharon Whitney, Becky Whitney, Brooke Hopkins, Catcher Hopkins, Mark Hopkins, Lily Hopkins, Cheryl Fowler and Mike Fowler.

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