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Daylight saving time ends

Once again, it's time for South Belters to "fall back," as daylight saving time officially ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. Residents are reminded to turn back their clocks one hour to gain an extra hour of sleep. Daylight saving time will begin at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 3.

Pop-Up Shop set for Nov. 7

The Gardens Pop-Up Shop will be held Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will set up inside and outside the venue. The Gardens Pop-Up Shop is an opportunity for exhibitors, crafters and small businesses in the South Belt-Ellington and surrounding areas to sell and display merchandise and promote their services. Booths include arts and crafts, jams and jellies, clothing, jewelry and many other custom and handmade items. Vendors with prepared food such as barbecue, funnel cakes and other sweets will be on site. For additional information, contact Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Blood drives planned

South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce
The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale, will host a blood drive Monday, Nov. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m. One can register for a time slot at www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/340091. For information, contact Stephanie Tanner at info@southbeltcham.com or by cell at 281-481-5516.

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook, will host a blood drive Sunday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. One donation can help save up to three lives. For information, visit www.giveblood.org or call Janie Perales at 713-503-9515.

Thompson honors vets

Thompson Intermediate, 11309 Sagedowne, will celebrate Veterans Day Thursday, Nov. 11, with a program outside its gym beginning at 8:15 a.m. A light breakfast will be served. The public is invited to attend. RSVP is required. For information, email ggibson@pasadenaisd.org or call 713-740-0510.

COVID cases continue

At press time Tuesday, Nov. 2, there were 229 reported South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up one from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 7,713 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 154 remain active, down 27 from the previous week. To date, 92 from the ZIP code have died from the disease. (The county published 93 deaths the previous week.)

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 154 of the 5,896 confirmed cases remain active, down 56 from the previous week. A total of 65 from the ZIP code have died, no increase from the previous week.

Of the 5,940 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 167 remain active, down 45 from the previous week. To date, 72 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

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

Countywide, there have been 575,974 total confirmed cases. Of those, 556,208 have recovered from the disease, while 13,544 cases remain active. A total of 6,188 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

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

Beltway closures planned

At least one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed at SH 288 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Nov. 7.

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Kirby Drive to Bellfort daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Monday, Nov. 22.

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

The northbound exit ramp from the Gulf Freeway to NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be completely closed through Friday, Dec. 31.

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 Blvd. ramp, then make a U-turn and travel south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

At least one northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022.

At least one northbound lane and one southbound lane on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022.

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.

Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Nov. 11. City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Nov. 12. November is for tree waste only. Due to a larger amount of debris discarded during the COVID-19 pandemic, pickups may be delayed. For additional information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

South Belt vaccination rates vary by ZIP code

ZIP code 77089 above county average; ZIP codes 77075, 77034 below

According to statistics recently released by Harris County Public Health, some parts of the South Belt community have a higher vaccination rate than others.

ZIP code 77089 has vaccination rate higher than the county average, while ZIP codes 77075 and 77034 have vaccination rates significantly lower than the county average.

In ZIP code 77089, 59 percent of the population (total population 53,866) had been fully vaccinated, according to county records Oct. 27. Of the eligible population to be vaccinated (eligible population [12+] 44,942), 71 percent of the residents had been fully vaccinated, records stated.

The county average is 53 percent, meaning 15,347,006 Harris County residents have been fully vaccinated. Another 17,669,171 county residents (61 percent of the county population) have received at least one dose.

By comparison, only 46 percent of residents

in ZIP code 77034 (total population 40,532) have been fully vaccinated. Of the eligible population in ZIP code 77034 (eligible population 31,843), 59 percent were fully vaccinated.

ZIP code 77075 fared slightly better, with 49 percent of its residents (total population 43,933) being fully vaccinated. Of the eligible population in ZIP code 77089 (eligible population 35,360), 60 percent were fully vaccinated.

To monitor the latest COVID-19 data from Harris County Public Health, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data.

Dobie names king, queen

The J. Frank Dobie 2021 homecoming king and queen were announced at the Longhorns varsity football game Friday, Oct. 29. Trajan Davis was crowned king, and Ashley Pham was crowned queen. See last week's *Leader* for entire homecoming court. The Longhorns smashed Sam Rayburn Texans, defeating them 62-0.

Photo by David Flickinger



Grand jury declines to charge Ellis

A grand jury recently declined to charge Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis with crimes related to his unauthorized storage of African art in a county warehouse.

While his actions were deemed to not be illegal, District Attorney Kim Ogg said county residents deserve to have their tax dollars spent more wisely.

"While the actions taken concerning the Afri-

can art may not be illegal, the taxpayers of Harris County deserve to have their taxpayer dollars spent wisely and in a transparent manner," Ogg wrote in a letter to County Attorney Christian Menefee.

The public corruption investigation involved Ellis storing the African art collection of Sam Njunuri in a county warehouse located on Reed

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South Belt moves to new county precinct

Harris County commissioners during a special session Thursday, Oct. 28, approved new controversial precinct maps.

Done once every 10 years following the U.S. Census, the redistricting measure passed 3-2, along party lines in the Democrats' favor.

Despite taking input from the community for several weeks, the approved maps - known as the Ellis 3 map after Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis who introduced the late proposal - were not made available to the public until the night before

the vote.

While Commissioners Court currently consist of two Democrats and two Republicans, the new maps have been drawn in a way that Precinct 4, currently served by Republican Jack Cagle, might lean Democratic. Additionally, the newly designed districts have Precinct 4 and Precinct 3, served by Tom Ramsey - the other Republican on the court, swapping the bulk of their respective geographic areas.

"In essence, you're taking everybody that was

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County urges vaccine for holidays

Harris County officials are urging residents to get vaccinated for the holidays if they have not already done so. There is still time to get fully vaccinated in time for the holidays, allowing safe travel and a chance to spend time with loved ones.

Since there were no approved COVID-19 vaccines last year, many families scrapped travel plans, downsized family gatherings or canceled them altogether.

One year makes a huge difference - but only if one is vaccinated. There is still time between now and Thanksgiving to get both doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or one dose of Johnson and Johnson.

Health officials agree it is safe for fully vaccinated people to gather indoors this holiday season.

Currently children under 12 cannot be vaccinated, though Pfizer has requested the Food and Drug Administration approve its vaccine for 5-11-year-olds. The FDA is expected to consider, and decide on the emergency authorization request, within a few weeks.

If that is approved, children under 5 years old will still be vulnerable to the virus. That is why it is so important for all eligible people to get vaccinated. Vaccinated people protect children who can't be as well as vaccinated people with underlying health conditions.

The vaccine is also safe for pregnant women and their unborn children. In fact, it's encouraged, because pregnant women who contract

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Bush calls Leader

The *Leader* recently received an encouraging phone call from Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush, who expressed a willingness to work with community leaders in their efforts to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Harvey in 2017. The proposed construction of the replacement homes has been an ongoing controversy, as opponents say legal loopholes allow the state to rebuild inferior homes that do not match other surrounding homes, lowering property values. The phone call was made at the urging of state Rep. Dennis Paul, an active supporter of the community's efforts.

Dobie Class of '90 to hold reunion

A 31st reunion celebration for the Dobie High School Class of 1990 will take place Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Phoenix on Westheimer brew pub, 1915 Westheimer, beginning at 7 p.m. (The event was originally planned as a 30th reunion but was canceled due to COVID.) Reunion organizers originally planned to hold the event at Warehouse Live and feature live entertainment from the funk band Global Village, but the function was canceled due to low advance ticket sales, presumably because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"We totally understand everyone's hesitancy in buying tickets for events right now with the COVID

numbers as they are," a post on the reunion group's Facebook page read. "Because of this we have had to cancel our reunion plans. As sad as this is, because let's face it, we were going to have a blast, we have a new event planned for that very same day."

The event's new location is an establishment owned by 1990 Dobie alumni Vu Truong.

"This is a no reservation, come on your own gathering, aka you will not be purchasing tickets," the Facebook post read. "Instead, you will be responsible for your own meal and drinks."

All of those who purchased tickets to the orig-

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Man arrested in fatal Beamer crash

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in a fatal crash that took place Saturday, Oct. 23, in the 10900 block of Beamer at Fuqua.

The suspect, Kyle Nolen Lozano, 40, is charged with intoxication manslaughter and intoxication assault in the 351st State District Court.

The identity of the male victim, 45, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Fo-



Kyle Lozano

rensic Sciences.

According to police, witnesses stated that Lozano was driving north at the above address in a white Cadillac Deville at a high rate of speed when he ran the red light and struck a gray Ford Escape that was traveling on Fuqua with a green light.

Paramedics transported the driver victim to an area hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

A female passenger, 55, in the Ford was transported to a hospital in critical condition.

Lozano was determined to be intoxicated, police said.

He was taken to an area hospital for treatment of minor injuries, then subsequently charged and booked into jail.

Coroner rules Issac death an overdose

More than four months after his death, the medical examiner's office has finally ruled Julian Issac's death an overdose.

According to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Issac's death was caused by acute toxicity due to combined effects of cocaine and alcohol. His death was ruled accidental.

Found Saturday, June 19, in the 11800 block Teaneck Drive, Issac had made citywide head-

lines after initially being reported as missing.

According to police, detectives originally responded to a possible kidnapping call in the 11700 block of Teaneck Drive on June 15. During their investigation, they canvassed the area for three days and were able to recover video surveillance of a male - reported as missing - walking in the area by himself. After careful

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Dobie presents "High School Musical"

The J. Frank Dobie Fine Arts Department is excited to announce their upcoming production of Disney's "High School Musical," opening Friday, Nov. 5.

See the Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical come to life on stage. Troy, Gabriella and the students of East High must deal with issues of first love, friends and family while bal-

ancing their classes and extracurricular activities.

It's the first day after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Theaters and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations and look forward to the new year.

Basketball team captain and resident jock, Troy, discovers that the brainy Gabriella, a girl he

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Pct. 2 deputies capture wanted felon

Deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office on Sunday, Oct. 17, arrested a wanted felon while conducting a follow-up about a welfare check in the 11100 block of Sagevalley.

The person whom deputies were looking for was known to have open felony warrants as well.

Their follow-up led deputies to an apartment

complex located in the 11800 block of Algonquin.

While checking the area for the person in question, deputies were eventually able to locate him on the property. The male was immediately detained without incident.

Deputies were able to confirm the following warrants:

- Felony burglary of a building.
- Felony harassment of a public servant.
- Felony criminal mischief.
- Misdemeanor evading arrest/detention.

The wanted man, Roberto Silva, 30, was taken into custody and transported to the Harris County Jail.



Roberto Silva

Motorcyclist killed in beltway crash

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that took place around 5:20 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, in the 9100 block of Beltway 8 near Blackhawk.

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

According to police, the victim was operating a black Yamaha motorcycle and was stopped with no headlights in a moving lane of traffic on the service road near the above address. The motorcycle and the victim were then struck by a

white GMC Sierra pickup truck traveling on the service road.

The victim was transported by Houston Fire Department paramedics to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake, where he was later pronounced dead.

The driver of the pickup truck, who remained at the scene, stated to officers he did not see the motorcyclist in the roadway. The driver was determined not to be impaired and was questioned and released.

The investigation was ongoing at press time.

Martinez celebrates All Saints Day



Sagemont residents Tony (not pictured) and Edith Martinez (right) once again decorated their house in the 11000 block of Sagetrail near Hughes to celebrate All Saints Day (All Souls Day). The couple and their decorated house were recently featured on a Channel 11 news report with Anayeli Ruiz (left). The house has drawn widespread attention from visitors, including the weekly Mont bicycle ride. The Martinez family plans to make this an annual event. Photo by Tony Martinez

Commissioners Court approves new precinct maps South Belt to move from Rodney Ellis' precinct to Adrian Garcia's

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in Precinct 4 and cramming them into Precinct 3, and you're taking everyone who was in Precinct 3 and cramming them into Precinct 4,"

said Cagle.

Under the new plan, the South Belt community will switch from Precinct 1, currently served by Rodney Ellis, to Precinct 2, currently

served by Adrian Garcia. The South Belt area had been in Precinct 1 for at least 50 years.

One Republican commissioner thought the last-min-

ute pitch for the Ellis 3 map was a joke.

"To be candid, I thought (the map) was a joke," Cagle said before the vote Thursday. "It's the stranger map."

Your people of service are all going to be served by strangers, in terms of flipping all the resources."

Should Cagle lose his Precinct 4 seat, Democrats would then hold a 4-1 majority on the court, counting Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo's current tie-breaking vote.

This is significant because in order to set tax policy, Commissioners Court must have a quorum of four rather than its usual three, giving the Republicans great leverage despite being the minority party.

The two Republicans on the court have used this influence in both 2019 and 2021 to force tax cuts, which Democrats argue take away funds from the hospital district during a pandemic.

"I am concerned that your party is in a race to the bottom, to literally not pay for lifesaving services," Hidalgo told Cagle during Thursday's hearing. "I haven't forgotten that."

Republicans on the court view the passage of the new districts as vindictive for their actions during the tax vote.

"Judge Hidalgo was clear in saying taxes were one of her deciding factors, and that is extremely concerning,"

said Ramsey.

Ellis said the new maps more adequately represent the county's changing landscape.

"Harris County is changing, and so must Harris County government. That's why we passed a redistricting plan to advance a more fair and equitable Harris County and allow the people's voices and views to be reflected by those who represent them," Ellis said. "I am proud of what my colleagues and I accomplished."

"The map we passed here today stands in stark contrast to the radical gerrymandering passed in Austin, which was designed solely to preserve the power of the governor and Republican legislators at the expense of fair representation for all Texans."

A similar sentiment was shared by Garcia.

"These maps follow the redistricting principles Commissioners Court unanimously adopted earlier this year," Garcia said. "The new precinct lines accurately reflect where Harris County is politically now and going forward."

The new boundaries will take effect Jan. 1, 2023. Lawsuits challenging the new maps are expected.

Dr. Patin awarded alumni honoree

Dr. Andrea Patin is the founder of Majestic Natural Health in Houston and is the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Honoree for Clear Creek High School. The Clear Creek Education Foundation presented Patin with this award for her work in the community and excelling in her professional endeavors.

Patin established Majestic Natural Health in 2014 to serve the Clear Lake area by utilizing naturopathic medicine to augment the body's self-healing abilities and restore vitality to individuals. During her years in practice, Patin created her patented 7-Step RESTORE method which has successfully helped patients reach their goals of healing from chronic diseases, naturally. Patin holds multiple medical licenses in addition to her license as a Clinical Cytogenetic Scientist, a field of medicine she worked in prior to medical school.

Patin continues to incorporate genetic medicine in her practice which helps hone in on root causes for many medical ailments. She now owns a successful practice, that is run virtual-

ly, to help people nationwide.

Some of Patin's achievements include being a recipient of the Patient's Choice Award for Houston Top Family Doctors in 2015, Donnie's Black Female Entrepreneurship and Award and SAG Actors Fund in 2020.

As a firm believer in education, Patin remains passionate in her efforts to mentor the next generation of young doctors. Throughout her years in practice, Patin has been able to assist pre-medical students in their goals of practicing medicine, affording her a position as physician mentor for Diverse Medicine - a nonprofit organization that helps youth of diverse backgrounds prepare for a career in health care.

She also serves on the leadership board for the Texas Association of Naturopathic Doctors, a nonprofit that helps the licensure efforts of medically trained naturopathic doctors in Texas.

Patin is no stranger to the spotlight, with a recognizable face seen on many national commercials and TV shows, including her recurring role in Oprah's award-winning TV drama "Greenleaf," CBS's "S.W.A.T.," Showtime's "HOMELAND," Fox's "24 Hour: Legacy" and

Tyler Perry's "The Have and the Have Not."

Patin is a proud Houston native and alumna of Texas A&M University, raised in the South Belt area by longtime residents Edna Patin and the late Quarance Patin Jr.

The award ceremony will be held at South Shore Harbor in League City Nov. 11

at 5:30 p.m. following the VIP reception.

Patin will also be the keynote speaker for the Veterans Day celebration at Clear Creek High School on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 10:50 a.m.

For more information about Patin's practice, one can visit www.majesticnat.com.



Dr. Andrea Patin

Thompson celebrates Red Ribbon Week

Thompson Intermediate students and staff celebrated Red Ribbon Week the week of Oct. 25-29. Red Ribbon Week is a week to encourage awareness to prevent

drugs or alcohol violence. Each day focused on a different theme in which the students and staff dressed up and used their creativity to join in the school spirit.



Shown above, left to right, are Emily Schwenk and Carrie Giokas dressed as Where's Waldo for drug free for the T-Win Day.



Shown above is Cynthia Lozano with an Astros hat for Put a Cap on Drugs Day.



Shown above is Quoc-Bao Ngo with his rice hat for Put a Cap on Drugs Day.



Shown above, left to right, are Jonas Cruz and Grant Garcia dressed up as Dodger fans for drug free for the T-Win Day.



Shown above, left to right, are Melinda Mathis, Jennifer Spray and Laura Napoli dressed in their classic '80s and '90s attire for Decades Day in honor of drugs are old school.

Grand jury clears Ellis

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Road at no expense to the collector.

In 2018, Ellis, an African art enthusiast, persuaded Commissioners Court to approve an agreement for Precinct 1 to accept 14 pieces of art from Njunuri to display in county facilities. Ellis' office, however, accepted 1,185 pieces of artwork from Njunuri without amending the county agreement.

Ogg's letter references renovations to the warehouse

costing more than \$326,000 "to protect it and its contents from fire, theft, damage, water, mishandling, dirt, vermin, pests and extreme changes in light and humidity." Steel cages were also installed to secure the art, the letter says. According to the district attorney, Ellis' office spent \$10,000 transporting the art and \$16,000 on fumigation.

It is unclear what possible charges Ellis faced, as all grand jury trials are kept secret from the public.

Toastmasters meet Nov. 8

The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 is open to everyone in the community who wants to practice communication skills in a friendly atmosphere. The group meets virtually on the first and third Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, located at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. On the second and fourth Mondays, meetings are in person.

The next meeting is Nov. 8. For more information, call Fatimar Jones, club president, at 281-467-1880 for information or visit <https://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com/>.

Bay Area Genealogy set Nov. 19

The next Bay Area Genealogical Society meeting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. with Cari Taplin presenting "Using Church Records to Find Ancestral Origins."

Was an ancestor a religious man? Whether or not an ancestor attended a church or synagogue these places may hold clues to family members of the past. Uncover methods for determining religious affiliation and finding local churches, using maps, directories, county histories, and other clues from family stories. Locating records for a given church, examining and analyzing those records to identify an ancestor's place of origin will also be covered.

Taplin is related to Roy Rogers, or at least that's what her family told her. As a result, finding her true heritage has been her focus since the year 2000. She is a native of Wood County, Ohio but now lives in Longmont, Co. Cari holds the Certified Genealogist credential and has served in a wide variety of volunteer and leadership positions for state, local and national societies. Taplin's personal research focuses on Midwestern and Great Lakes states. When she's not working on her genealogy, she is a wife, and a mother of two young adults.

This will be an online webinar, details will be posted on the Bay Area Genealogical Society website. Checkout the topics and links to access meetings on the BAGS website at www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

For more information, call Kim at 281-992-2636 or email newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of the Neighbors app posted a video recorded on their Ring cam of a man who approached the member's home and attempted to open the front door. The member stated that the man went to their home three times within 20 minutes. The incident happened Wednesday, Oct. 27, during the day on Kensington Street.

A member of People of Sagemont 2 posted that her son's bike was taken Sunday night in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. The member stated that her son rides his bike to school every weekday and that he is having a hard time understanding the situation. The bike is green and black with pegs on the back and the front. If anyone has information they are encouraged to contact the member.

A member of The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert Facebook group shared a video that Harris

County Constable Precinct 2 Deputies were dispatched to a reported burglary of a habitation in the 11600 block of Gullwood Drive. During the investigation, it was discovered that an unknown suspect made entry into a residence through a side door window and was able to remove several items from the residence. Deputies were able to obtain surveillance video from a nearby residence which captured the suspect described as an adult white male, approximately 5 feet 6 inches to 6 feet tall, 150-180 pounds, wearing a solid white T-shirt and black or dark-colored pants, with black or dark-colored shoes, and wearing a black or dark-colored baseball cap. The incident took place Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the Leader are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to the Leader style.

Death

James Everett Hardy



On Oct. 27, 2021, James Everett Hardy, 85, passed away peacefully at home after a lengthy battle with heart disease and COPD. He was surrounded by his beloved wife and five children.

He was married to his wife and childhood sweetheart of 65 years, Rose Hardy. Although James and Rose were individuals, they were one in their faith, marriage and family. James was an incredible and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. James dedicated his entire life to hard work and family.

He was born Dec. 19, 1935 in Alto, Texas, and at a young

age moved to Houston. He resided in the South Belt area for the past 44 years. He was a faithful longtime member of the Catholic Community through Blessed Sacrament and St. Luke the Evangelist.

He had an unwavering work ethic, at times working three jobs to support his family until eventually co-owning his machine shop Double H Machinery with his brother William. Even during this time, he always put his family first making sure he was there for his children's school functions and extracurricular activities. In later years James enjoyed watching sports, old western movies and making sure Rose never missed her "soap operas." He took pride in not only in his children's accomplishments but also in those of his grandchildren and made sure to spend as much time as possible with each one of them.

James was a man of great faith. In his nightly prayers he would always include family, friends and anyone with an undue hardship or illness. These prayers sometimes lasted several hours. James is survived by his wife Rose and their children Patricia "Trish" Seymour and husband George, James "Bubba" Hardy Jr. and wife Kendra, Kenneth Hardy and wife Sheila, Dianna Stuber and husband Stew and Ronnie Hardy and wife Shelley. In addition, he is survived by 11 grandchildren (and any significant other); 15 great-grandchildren; brother William Hardy and wife Virginia; sister Kay Orchard; numerous nieces and nephews and cousins; and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by daughter "Guardian Angel" Kathleen Marie and parents Mamie Vickery and Frank Hardy.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library, 9002 Kingspoint, is open. Customers are encouraged to come into the building to browse the collection, check out and return materials, use the library's computers and Wi-Fi, and check out their own holds. Customers may schedule appointments and have curbside delivery of their items. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

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

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

Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

Additional resources

The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at www.houstonlibrary.org under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.

Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check out. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog for previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.

All overdue fines/fees are waived through Dec. 31, 2021, retroactive to March 14, 2020.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library has now officially reopened its doors, subject to limited capacity. See the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for information. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
 - Have a library card number and PIN handy.
 - A pickup time and instructions will be given.
 - Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
 - Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
- Hours are: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

Online services

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Tuesday Nov. 9, noon. Drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday Nov. 10, noon. How To Make Frybread! Celebrate and learn about Native American Heritage Month. Join Ariel Perez and learn about frybread and how to make it and how to make an Indian Taco! Get ready to cook and eat! This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

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Reyes wins first place in debate



Newbie debate student Emily Reyes, Dobie High School sophomore, is impassioned about issues like human rights and equal access for students with special needs. Reyes' teachers encouraged her to attend the Houston Urban Debate League (HUDL) Summer Debate Institute to better understand the fundamentals and basics of debate. The weeklong camp funded by the nonprofit HUDL and supported by Harris County Department of Education's CASE Debates program provides beginner to advanced support for area high school debate students. HUDL has operated the camp for 14 years and the Center for Afterschool, Summer and Enrichment for Kids (CASE for Kids) became a camp collaborator four years ago. The camp has been virtual for the past two summers. Reyes won best speaker and first place in their debate division Saturday, Oct. 23, she was also featured in an interview this summer when she attended camp. One can read the interview at <https://blog.hcde-texas.org/2021/07/20/teen-debaters-use-virtual-summer-camp-to-hone-art-of-persuasion/>.

Pasadena ISD awards Punt, Pass, Kick districtwide winners



The Pasadena ISD's annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition was held earlier this month at Veterans Stadium as students vied for top honors in the districtwide event that included a timed 40-yard dash as well as punts, passes and kicks scored for both distance and accuracy. The sixth-grade honorees with district officials included, left to right, Rupert Jaso, Pasadena director of athletics; Derek De La Rosas Reyes; Daniel Saucedo; Eddie Lopez; Arianna Cantu; Aniyah Martinez; Aubrie Felan; and Marshall Kendrick, PISD board of trustees president.

Davis-Rouse named one of top 30 most influential women

Erica Davis-Rouse, San Jacinto College board of trustee member, has been named a Top 30 Influential Women of Houston honoree. The awards, now in its eighth year, recognizes the tenacity, discipline and diligence of women in Houston who have broken barriers in their field and left an indelible mark on the face of Houston forever changing the landscape of business and community service in the city. This year's honorees include civic and cultural icons, entrepreneurs and corporate executives. "I am incredibly honored to be recognized as one of the Top 30 Influential Women of Houston," said Davis-Rouse, who was elected to the San Jacinto College board of trustees in 2017 and serves as the board's assistant secretary. "Supporting the students of San Jacinto College and those we touch through Reach One 713 is critical to the success of our communi-

ty. I am proud to help these young leaders succeed in and out of the classroom and in life," said Davis-Rouse. Davis-Rouse founded Reach One 713 in 2016 with her husband, former professional basketball player and current business professional Bobby Rouse. The organization focuses on helping families out of poverty by providing kids with needed goods that will take the pressure off the family structure, therefore encouraging them to live a life where they Reach One. "Erica has always had a passion for helping her community and making a difference with children, and she is doing just that as a member of the San Jacinto College board of trustees," said Marie Flickinger, board chair. "I am proud of Erica for receiving this honor, and congratulate her on behalf of the entire board of trustees." In addition to Reach One 713, Davis-Rouse has also volunteered with several nonprofit organizations

including Making it Better Texas.org, Yellowstone Academy and she is an advisory board member for Smahrt Girl Foundation. Davis-Rouse has been active in the Pasadena ISD community and is a proud ambassador for the Houston Texans as a member of the NFL alumni association. Davis-Rouse is a graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School and Texas A&M University. Highlights from the awards gala, held last month at the Royal Sonesta Galleria Hotel, included special remarks from Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and a call-in from Washington, D.C. from Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee. The honorees were also serenaded with a vocal compilation from Houston artists, Grammy-nominated Mary Griffin and Broadway star DeQuina Moore. The artists wowed the 600 award gala attendees.

ATPE members attend fall meeting



Members of the Association of Texas Professional Educators of Pasadena ISD attended the Region 4 Education Service Center fall meeting held at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Shown above, left to right, are Robert Kelly, member coach; Darla Kelly, vice president; Christine Browning, secretary; and Charlotte Anthony, president. Membership in ATPE includes access to continuing professional education.

Melillo Middle School names first nine-weeks honor roll

Melillo Middle School officials announced their first nine-weeks honor roll.

Fifth grade
Osama Abdallah, Salma Abdallah, Me'Shai Alexander, Samuel Alexander, Jay Amaya, Alexandria Ames, Fernando Balanta, Samantha Barraza and Louis Betancourt Mejia.
Edmundo Bravo, Branson Britton, Alexis Brown, Alexander Buntaer, Maddison Campos, Xavier Cantu, Addison Castorena, Sabrina Cavazos and Felix Cervantes.
Lilia Collazos, Brooklyn Coronado, Carissa Cortez, Katherine Dao, Layla Davila, Delilah DeLeon, Jessie DeLeon, Gael Diaz and Peyton Dowell.
Ava Dyer, Shaikh Faizan, Bryan Flores, Jay'von Fortson, Gabriella Franklin, Humberto Gallegos, Nathaniel Gansit, Garren Gardiner and Victoria Garza.
Mia Gonzalez, Mikayla Gonzalez, Lance Goree, Howard Green, Jayden Grimaldo, Carlee Guerrero, Hannah Harmouche, Elijah Hernandez and Mateo Hernandez Magana.
Allison Hua, Isabel Irizarry, Daveyn Jackson Little, Hazza Jama Osman, Zane Jones, Alice Lam, Brooklynn Maldonado, Jesse Martinez and Maddox Martinez.
Nathaniel Martinez, Chloe Maycott, Erick Montejano, Demeco Moses, Nathaniel Musquiz, Annie Nguyen, Ethan Nguyen, Hillary Nguyen and Simon Nguyen.
Thu Nguyen, Troy Nguyen, Ashley Orantes-Rubio, Ava Orellana, Christian Orellana Sarmiento, Angel Ortiz, Aracely Ortiz, Artemio Ortiz and David Ozieh.
Rhema Palma, Robert Pheister, Melody Ramirez, Christopher Reyes, Christopher Said Reyes, Grayson Riley, Gabriel Rincon, Izaiah Rivas and Zoey Rogers.
Amber Rodriguez, Ethan Rodriguez, Joshua Salazar, Madison Silva, Jakob Tellez, Lauren Tran, Leonardo Trevino, Kaisen Troxlar and Kallie Troxlar.
Lucas Tulud, Blake Turnipseed, Jose Turrubiarres, Hailey Vargas and Ethan Vega.
Jancarlos Velasquez, Emily Villarreal, Kelvin Wiley, Marius Winston, Joir'dan

Wyatt and Zaire Zavala.
Sixth grade
Abigail Aguilar, Marahi Aguilar, Miranda Aguilar, Noah Aleman, Alec Alvarez, Angelina Amaya, Isaiah Ambriz, Yosselin Banegas and Emily Barrera.
Zadie Battarbee, Riley Blakely, Aja Breaux, Leyla Brensike, Yazlynn Brown, Israel Cantu, Aileen Castillo, Ava Castillo and Elizabeth Cervantes.
Diana Chicas Lopez, Adam Cid, Destanee Copeland, David Corral, Malenie Crain, Trinity Dang, Brooke Davis, Kayla De Robles and Kenya DeLong-Thompson.
Liliana Escudra, Emily Espinoza, Chloe Evans, Stephanie Flores Lopez, Yvette Franco, Jacqueline Garcia, Sophia Garcia, Alesandra Garza and Gracie Giang.
Luis Gomez, Isabella Gonzales, Samuel Gonzales, Regina Gonzalez Diaz, Danyen Gonzalez, Zoe Goree, Jacob Hernandez, Jamin Hernandez and Jaylyne Hernandez.
Trinitee Hines, Nathalie Huynh, Nikolai Ibarra, Paola Ibarra Torres, Caleb Johnson, Crysta Keim, Sasha Lewis, Nina Lowtan and Jennie Mancuso.
Donovan Martinez, Jayme Martinez, Joseph Marrero,

Paula Medrano, Emme Mejia, Angela Mena, Makayla Mendez, Zachary Morales and Douglas Moreno.
Julian Moreno, Janie Montoya, Alizae Munoz, Hailey Naughton, Emily Nazario, Ngoc Ngo, Hana Nguyen, Yen Nguyen and Thien Nguyen.
Abigail Ogbajie, Liliana Olivarez, Jazzlyn Oliver, Adrian Ortega, Starling Oviedo Ayala, Heidi Padron, Trinity Pafford, Taylor Palacios and Damian Paz.
Jacob Perez, Enijah Ploucha, Kinora Ploucha, Nydia Proa, Adam Pulido, Ananya Radhakrishna, Gabriela Ramirez, Jordan Ramirez and Sofia Rios.
Michelle Rivera, Alayna Rodriguez, Earon Ramirez Garivey, Lexi Rodriguez, Makayla Rodriguez, Mariana Rodriguez, Miguel Rodriguez, Liliana Salazar and Makayla Salazar.
Taylor Scott, Emiliano Servin, Bella Sherwood, Shai Silva, Victoria Soule, Luke Stacey, Harley Stewart, Dexter Sullivan and Juliana Swenson.
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PISD announces November fine arts events for South Belt area

Pasadena Independent School District has announced its fall fine arts calendar for 2021.

The following events are listed by name, date, time and location.

atre presents *High School Musical*, Nov. 5 and 6, 7 - 9:30 p.m., and Nov. 7, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Dobie auditorium.

Thompson Intermediate Band - *MegaBand!*, Nov. 8, 4:30 - 8:30 p.m., Dobie High School.

Stuchbery Elementary - Second Grade Veterans Day performance, Nov. 11, 9 - 9:30 a.m., Stuchbery cafe-

ria. Roberts Middle School - Veterans Day assembly and fine arts performance, Nov. 11, 9:15 - 11 a.m., Roberts cafeteria.

Moore Elementary - Fourth Grade Christmas musical "Cool Yule," Nov. 30, 6 - 6:45 p.m., Moore cafeteria.

Thompson Intermediate dance - PISD Intermediate dance showcase, Nov. 30, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Thompson's outside gym.

Dobie High School Orchestra - Freshman Christmas concert, Nov. 30, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Dobie main auditorium.

More events are scheduled as winter events for December throughout the Pasadena Independent School District.

Thompson choir students advance to region



Thompson Intermediate is very happy to announce that eight of their hard working and talented choir students were selected for the Region Choir. Of these eight incredible singers, three even earned the extra honor of being ranked first or second chair. Shown above, left to right, (front row) Dylan Mohwinkel, tenor 1 first chair; Natalie Rangel, soprano 2 second chair; Sarah Massey, alto; Ana Reyes, soprano 2; (back row) Aubrey McAfee, alto first chair; Awele Ozieh, alto; Olivia Antoine, alto; and Kennedy Cavazos, soprano 2.

Tri County meeting Nov. 9

The Tri County Republican Women group meets Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., in Pearland. Lunch is \$15 (exact amount requested.)

The guest speaker Dr. Shayne Green will present "How to Make an Impact Locally." He suggests this is a good meeting for those who ask, "What can I do to stop the liberal takeover of our elections, school boards and city government?"

For reservations, call Gaylyn at 832-250-8901 or visit the website www.tricountyrw.club/.

Dobie presents HSM

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met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. They cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical that is being led by Ms. Darbus.

Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well.

The show will feature the talents of students from Dobie Theatre, Choir, Dance, Band and Colorguard. Shows are at 7 p.m. on Nov. 5 and 6, and 2 p.m. on Nov. 7 in the Dobie auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students, and can be purchased at the door.

Precinct 2 joins Dobie's parade



Precinct 2 and Southeast Volunteer Fire Department were able to give rides to the Dobie seniors in their high water trucks during their Dobie Homecoming Parade. Shown above, left to right, are Lt. Hernandez, Sgt. Leal, Cpl. Barbosa, Constable Garcia, Dep. Lancaster, Dep. Tunch Jr., Dep. Smith and Lt. Kritzler standing in front of the high water truck with seniors seated inside.

Moore celebrates Walk for Sight virtually



The 19th Annual Walk for Sight took place virtually Saturday, Oct. 23. The Mighty Hawk students and staff support the mission of the Pasadena Lion's Club to provide eyeglasses for students. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Marisol Salazar, third-grade teacher; Zara Oddo; Ethan Martinez; Lilyana Martinez; (middle row) Michael Orta, coach; Denise Nerveaz, paraprofessional; Randi Howard, second-grade teacher; Cindy Montemayor, third-grade teacher; Deedee Pitts, assistant principal; (back row) Cade Roberson, coach; Sara Saxon, second-grade teacher; Lourdes Guenard, librarian; Shelly Blair, second-grade teacher; Celena Hudspeth, third-grade teacher; Jill Lacamu, principal; and Ashley Evans, third-grade teacher.

SJC wins award in public relations

San Jacinto College is among the list of prestigious winners in the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Houston Chapter's 2021 Excalibur Awards.

The college was awarded a Silver Excalibur Award for the 2020 Annual Report to the Community. The Excalibur Awards honor outstanding professional accomplishments in the development and execution of comprehensive public relations programs, campaigns, and individual tactics.

"I congratulate the marketing and public relations teams for this award," said

Teri Crawford, vice chancellor for external relations at the college. "So much planning, writing, designing, editing, and post-production goes into this project, and I am extremely proud of everyone involved for their continued hard work, professionalism, and dedication to promoting San Jacinto College."

The San Jacinto College report to the community highlights the annual accomplishments of students, employees, alumni and donors, while also providing a financial snapshot of the institution and information about the San Jacinto College Foundation.

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City water rates increased by 14 percent due to a rate increase approved by Houston City Council.

McCarver Realtors sponsored an outdoor Christmas decorating contest.

Residents within the utility districts of Scarsdale, Sagemeadow, MUD 13 and Kirkmont were asked to add \$7 to water bills in order to raise funds for the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department.

The department had recently purchased a used \$56,000 pumper and reserve funds were low.

After the Scarsdale Civic Association sent 72 registered letters to residents in violation of deed restrictions, many residents began working toward compliance.

40 years ago (1981)
Burglars hit the Hughes Road Eckerd's store and got away with \$1,100 in merchandise.

A spokesman for the Memorial Hospital System confirmed the system was looking at property on Beamer Road for construction of a new hospital.

35 years ago (1986)
Nicole Ard, Kaye Miller and Yvette Canales were homecoming finalists for Dobie.

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a \$12,000 contract with the Institute of Environmental Assessment to provide the district with information on potentially harmful chemicals that school districts use.

30 years ago (1991)
Traffic lights were being installed at the intersection of Beamer and Hughes.

Budget consolidation in the Pasadena Independent School District resulted in creation of a special quarter-million dollar account

for the superintendent.

25 years ago (1996)
Five years after opening, the Ellington T-hangers were full to capacity with a waiting list of approximately 30 people. More hangar space was on the horizon when the request became part of the city's capital improvement plan.

Televised, computer modern and video checkout courses were offered for San Jacinto College students.

20 years ago (2001)
South Belt residents had an opportunity to hear the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' dilemma regarding improvements to the Clear Creek drainage system at a meeting at San Jacinto College.

Robert Caldwell "Bob" Buchanan, former president of both the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League and the

United Sports Association, died after a massive heart attack.

Dr. Jim Horton, San Jacinto College chancellor, was awarded the NASA Public Service Medal.

Local country singer Lauren Landin Allen won first place in the U.S. Southwest Regional True Value Country Showdown, earning the opportunity to perform at the Grand Ole Opry during the True Value Country Showdown National Finals.

15 years ago (2006)
Mathew Knowles, father of Beyoncé, presented a \$40,000 check to Beverly Hills Intermediate orchestra students from his Survivor Foundation to help fund their trip to the Midwest Conference in Chicago.

Precinct 2 deputy constables reported a suspect arrested Halloween night for

assaulting two juveniles.

HFD arson investigators reported two separate incidents of fires being intentionally set in an apartment and at a gaming center. One of those resulted in charges being filed on a suspect.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held a garage sale Saturday, Nov. 11.

10 years ago (2011)
San Jac South presented a serious comedy called Rocket Man, a show about the road not taken.

5 years ago (2016)
The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees unanimously voted to phase out much of the school's athletic

programs, citing a need to concentrate spending on academics. Affected programs included men's and women's basketball, men's soccer and women's volleyball. The school is keeping two sports - baseball on its north campus and softball on its south campus.

The J. Frank Dobie homecoming king and queen were announced at the Longhorns game Friday, Oct. 28. Breon Simmons was crowned king, and Ni Truong was crowned queen. The Longhorns handily defeated the Pasadena Eagles in the game, winning 49-7.

1 year ago (2020)
The results from the Nov. 3 general election were tallied, with few surprises at the local level. In the race for the position of Harris County Precinct 2 constable, Democrat Jerry Garcia

easily defeated Republican opponent Daniel Vela to fill the seat formerly held by Chris Diaz. State Rep. Dennis Paul, whose District 129 encompasses much of the South Belt area, kept his position, handily defeating Democratic challenger Kayla Alix. State Sen. Larry Taylor also maintained his Senate District 11 seat, easily defeating Democratic challenger Susan Criss. In the race to replace outgoing Rep. Pete Olson for the U.S. House District 22 position, Republican Troy Nehls defeated Democratic challenger Sri Kulkarni.

Officers from the Harris County Attorney's Office reportedly entered Constable Chris Diaz's Precinct 2 headquarters the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 4, to secure documents pertaining to an alleged illegal eviction

that occurred in South Houston the previous January. According to sources familiar with the case, it appeared Diaz had not been cooperative with an ongoing investigation into the matter. The latest incident took place just one day after Jerry Garcia was elected to replace Diaz.

Jeremiah Ballard and Clarissa Rodriguez were crowned king and queen during halftime at the annual J. Frank Dobie homecoming game held Friday, Oct. 30. Dobie played Pasadena High School in the event, beating them 62-0. The event capped the week's activities which included a reverse parade.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LINDA!
Best wishes for a happy birthday are sent to Linda Craft Nov. 4 from her dear friend Brenda Harris who misses her very much.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 28 through Nov. 4 through Nov. 11.

Bush Elementary
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to Aimee Ingalls Nov. 8.

Genoa Elementary
Light the candles Nov. 4 for Sharon Parish.

Meador Elementary
Rachelle Lopez celebrates a birthday Nov. 6. A day of celebration for Ana Sandoval and Tina Caudill is planned Nov. 8.

Moore Elementary
Cristina Ponce enjoys a birthday Nov. 7.

South Belt Elementary
Break out the ice cream for Mirasol

Fitzgerald and Linda Moreno Nov. 5.

Stuchbery Elementary
Jori Meldrum enjoys a birthday Nov. 7.

Melillo Middle School
Nov. 10 is the day for a cake for Kayne Schafroth.

Roberts Middle School
The day for a party for Mark Weber is Nov. 4. Light the birthday candles Nov. 6 for Sarah Goeman. Celebrating a happy birthday Nov. 7 is Jose Garcia. Madalyn Weaver-Holland enjoys a birthday Nov. 10.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Send a birthday greeting Nov. 6 to Jessica Guillory. Marking a birthday Nov. 7 is Alejandra Reed.

Thompson Intermediate
Remember to wish Doug Sawyer a happy birthday Nov. 5. Break out the balloons and party favors for VeAnn Richardson on her birthday Nov. 7. Gina Gibson marks a birth-

day Nov. 8.

Dobie High
Miguel Serna marks a birthday Nov. 6. Break out the balloons and party favors Nov. 7 for Monique Jackson, Michael Johnson, Jessica Morris and Tonie Noise. A double-fun day is planned Nov. 8 for Jasmine Hooker and Stephen Sutton.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Nov. 4: John Salinas and Kandy Ger; Friday, Nov. 8: Karen Swearingin, Matt Laas, Chris Lee and Gina Ramirez-Salinas; Tuesday, Nov. 9: Raul-Lisa Rodriguez and Patricia Overby; and Wednesday, Nov. 10: Kevin Aguilar and John Gentry.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie playoff VB after press time

The Dobie versus Kingwood bidistrict volleyball playoff match occurred Nov. 2 after press time, so results will come in the Nov. 11 issue.

The Lady Longhorns won 25 regular season matches and went 10-2 in District 22-6A play to secure the No. 2 playoff seed.

Kingwood, the 2018 and 2019 champion of Dobie's then District 22-

Bidistrict at North Shore Nov. 11

Longhorns set points record, advance

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Dobie's best-ever scoring team is headed for a Class 6A Division I bidistrict football playoff matchup at North Shore Thursday, Nov. 11 after the Longhorns secured their spot with a 62-0 homecoming victory over Sam Rayburn Oct. 29 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

With freshman Cameron Mathews' 11-yard touchdown run midway through the fourth quarter and kicker Daniel Camp-ero's conversion kick, the Longhorns reached 487 points scored for the season, surpassing the 2020 school record of 484.

As expected, the Longhorns (7-2, 4-1) were in control of this one from start to finish in scoring a Pasadena ISD best-ever 16th consecutive win over a PISD foe.

Senior quarterback Cameron Gray threw for three touchdowns and ran for another in fewer than 15 minutes of play, and the Longhorns' reserves took over for much of the second half.

Dobie, which will join District 22-6A champion Deer Park in the Division I playoff bracket, finishes

the regular season Nov. 4 against South Houston at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena in a 6 p.m. start.

South Houston, despite an Oct. 29 loss at Channelview, is also postseason bound and will take on

C.E. King in a 6A Division II playoff game Nov. 12 at Sheldon ISD.

Channelview is the other 6A Division II qualifier from District 22-6A and will face either Beaumont West Brook or Summer Creek in the bidistrict playoff round.

Dobie's night of homecoming celebrations included early fireworks on the playing field as senior Terrand Booker's 57-yard scoring run got things going at 7-0 just 52 seconds into the game.

Gray called his own number and went 43 yards for a touchdown, and threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Kyrie Sherman as Dobie led 21-0 in a hurry.

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At left, Dobie senior tailback Terrand Booker (15) broke free on a 57-yard scoring run less than a minute into the game and had two touchdowns overall as the Longhorns rolled to a 62-0 victory over Sam Rayburn Oct. 29 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Cowboys advance

The Sagemont Cowboys' senior and freshman teams have advanced to the second round of the Bay Area Football League playoffs and will be in action Nov. 6.

The Cowboys' senior team will next go against the host Pearlland Patriots in a 3 p.m. game at the Pearlland Dad's Club, 6614 Fite Road, in Pearland.

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Area football playoff seeds shake out

There's a week remaining in the District 22-6A varsity football race, yet the postseason picture has been fully developed.

Deer Park, which is 5-0 in league play heading into its Nov. 5 finale against Memorial, has secured the league championship along with the Class 6A Division I top seeding.

The Deer have also earned the right to host Atascocita in the bidistrict playoffs, likely Nov. 12 at Absier Stadium in Deer Park.

Despite the pending loss of its league crown from 2020, Dobie has taken hold of the 6A Division I second seed and will go against District 21-6A champion North Shore, also likely Nov. 12 at Galena Park ISD Stadium.

As for the Division II playoff representatives out of District 22-6A, Channelview is the top seed and has won the home field advantage to take on either Summer Creek or Beaumont West Brook in the bidistrict round at Ray Madry Stadium.

South Houston has qualified for the Division II second seed out of 22-6A and will play at C.E. King, likely Nov. 12, at

Panther Stadium in Sheldon ISD.

In District 24-6A, Dickinson is the top seed in the Division I bracket with Clear Springs second.

The Division II bracket

representatives are Clear Falls (top seed) and Clear Creek.

The exact District 23-6A playoff seeding is yet to be determined, but Dawson and Pearland

will be in Division I, with Shadow Creek and Alief Taylor in Division II.

Pearland takes on Dawson Nov. 5 to determine the two Division I seeds in 23-6A.

Defending champions begin season



Dobie senior Victoria Rivera (22) led the defending District 22-6A champion Lady Longhorns' varsity girls' basketball team into action as scrimmages began Oct. 30 and the regular season opens Nov. 9 with Dobie hosting Bellaire. Rivera, Dobie's leading scorer from last season, earlier this fall verbally committed to attend Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

McDonald's Invitational lays out pool play plans

The McDonald's Texas Invitational, set to make its much anticipated return later this month, has laid out the pool play schedule for its tipoff.

The prestigious 2021 event, again featuring 48 varsity boys' and 32 varsity girls' teams, will run Nov. 18-20 at a variety of Pasadena ISD and Deer Park ISD locations.

Of note, defending District 24-6A boys' champion Clear Brook makes its return to the event, taking part in the Division I bracket.

The Wolverines, featuring the duo of Kemo and Marcus Millender, will open play Nov. 18 against Pearland in a 10:30 a.m. contest, followed by a 3 p.m. clash against San

Marcos, both at Dobie main.

The Dobie varsity boys, entering season two under the guidance of head coach Franklin Paul, will compete in the Division II bracket and will open pool play against Cy-Ridge at 9 a.m., at Dobie High School main.

The Longhorns will then host Baytown Sterling Nov. 18, at 1:30 p.m. Dobie's varsity girls' team is in the Division I bracket, where the locals will host Spring Branch Memorial (noon) and North Shore (4:30 p.m.) as part of pool play Nov. 18 at Dobie main.

The Lady Longhorns will also host Clear Falls Nov. 19 in a 1:30 tipoff at Dobie main.

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Thompson Intermediate football sweeps all Pasadena ISD crowns

The Thompson Lions were crowned champions of the Pasadena ISD football season as the program wound up winning titles in all four divisions.

- Eighth-Grade A Championship**
Thompson 18, Beverly Hills 14
- Eighth-Grade B Championship**
Thompson 18, Beverly Hills 0
- Seventh-Grade A Championship**
Thompson 34, Southmore 6
- Seventh-Grade B Championship**
Thompson 18, Bondy 14

The Lions' seventh-grade B team went down to the wire against Bondy before edging the Patriots 18-16 for the championship in that division.

Eric Canales scored on a 5-yard run to give the Lions a 6-0 lead and then was on the receiving end of a 70-yard scoring pass from quarterback C.J. Gracia for a 12-0 lead.

Bondy cut the deficit to 12-6 before Thompson's Dakari Parker went 11 yards for a touchdown and an 18-6 lead. The Patriots added another score to tighten things but the Lions were able to hold on for the win.

Canales, Parker and Gracia were able to have their way offensively as the Lions' offensive line, including Roger Livingston, Josiah Perez, Emilio Palomo, Jashiah Hopkins, Prince Hill and Ma'Khi Castille, excelled.

On the defensive side, the Lions got big plays from D.J. Hines, Maurice Oliver, Javier Toledo, Jose Soriano and Markeith Smith to finish the season at 7-0 overall.

In the eighth-grade B championship game, the Lions rolled to an impressive 18-0 victory over neighboring Beverly Hills to go 7-0 this season.

Julian Salinas scored on 32-yard run for a 6-0 lead and Rendy Obah later had scoring runs of 45 and 37 yards as Thompson cruised to the victory.

Tristan McKissick also

stood out offensively for the Lions, and the team's offensive line of Bryan DeLeon, Xavier Garcia, Hadi Elghawi, Abel Gonzalez and Everardo Hernandez was dominant.

The Lions' defensive shutout was led by Lorenzo Aguirre, JaQuan Betties, Johan Villavicencio and Abel Gonzalez.

In the eighth-grade A championship game, the Lions outlasted Beverly Hills 18-14, with Thompson's seventh-grade A team rolling past Southmore 34-6 for the league championship.

South Belt football predictions	 Troy Leland	 John Bechtle	 Toni Muse	 Emory Gadd	 Debbie Vaughn
Dobie vs. South Houston	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Brook vs. Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs
Beaumont West Brook at Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Pearland vs. Dawson	Pearland	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Pasadena vs. Sam Rayburn	Sam Rayburn	Sam Rayburn	Sam Rayburn	Sam Rayburn	Sam Rayburn
Paetow vs. Angleton	Paetow	Paetow	Paetow	Paetow	Paetow
Baytown Lee vs. Baytown Sterling	Lee	Lee	Sterling	Lee	Lee
Friendswood at Port Arthur Memorial	PAM	PAM	PAM	PAM	PAM
Galveston Ball at La Porte	Ball	Ball	La Porte	Ball	Ball
Lutheran South at Woodlands Christian	Woodlands	LSA	Woodlands	LSA	LSA
This week's record	8-2	7-3	7-3	10-0	9-1
Season record	78-21	70-29	63-36	79-20	76-23

Longhorns set scoring record

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A fourth scoring drive started late in the first quarter and ended at 11:31 of the second as Gray hit eventual homecoming king Trajan Davis with a 7-yard scoring pass.

Later in the second stanza, Gray went 18 yards to Sherman, Booker burst into the end zone

from two yards out and Raynard Hall dashed 62 yards to pay dirt as Dobie led 49-0 at halftime.

Senior Fong Pum had a memorable homecoming night as he scored his first varsity touchdown, and Mathews' name was on the score that set the new program scoring mark.

With a victory over

South Houston, Dobie head coach Kevin Beneathy can get to 33 career wins at Dobie in 42 outings.

He has led the Longhorns to the postseason in each of his four seasons, with the varsity squad enjoying its best four-year winning percentage in program history.



Dobie defensive lineman Anfony Lee (45) takes down Rayburn's Jesus Mendoza during the first half of the Longhorns' easy 62-0 victory over the Texans Oct. 29 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Clear Brook Wolverines

2021 Varsity Boys' Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 13	Crosby (Campbell)	8 p.m.
Nov. 16	Cypress Falls	7 p.m.
Nov. 18-20	McDonald's Invitational	TBA
Nov. 24	Hoopsgiving Classic	TBA
Nov. 27	Cy Creek	1 p.m.
Nov. 30	at Dobie	7 p.m.
Dec. 2-4	Krueger/Carlisle Classic	TBA
Dec. 7	Kingwood	7 p.m.
Dec. 10	*Tompkins	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	at Cy Ranch	7 p.m.
Dec. 21	*at Clear Creek	1 p.m.
Dec. 27-29	at Allen tourn.	TBA
Jan. 5	*Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Jan. 8	*at Dickinson	1 p.m.
Jan. 15	*at Clear Springs	1 p.m.
Jan. 19	*Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	*Clear Falls	1 p.m.
Jan. 25	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Feb. 1	*Dickinson	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Feb. 11	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Feb. 15	*at Clear Falls	7 p.m.

* - District 24-6A games



Brook's Trevino to run state cross-country
Clear Brook High School senior Matthew Trevino is set to compete in the University Interscholastic League's State Cross-Country Championships Saturday, Nov. 6, at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock as the Class 6A boys' 5k run is scheduled to go off at 12:10 p.m. A two-time Region III qualifier, Trevino reached state as his personal best and school record of 15 minutes, 54.4 seconds placed him fifth at the RIII race Oct. 25 at Kate Barr Ross Memorial Park in Huntsville.

Clear Brook Lady Wolverines

2021 Varsity Girls' Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 5	at Crosby	7 p.m.
Nov. 9	at Pasadena Memorial	7 p.m.
Nov. 11-13	at Dulles tourn.	TBA
Nov. 16	at Friendswood	7 p.m.
Nov. 19	MacArthur	7 p.m.
Nov. 22	Tompkins	1 p.m.
Nov. 23	C.E. King	1 p.m.
Dec. 2-4	at Lubbock tourn.	TBA
Dec. 7	at Katy	7 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Alvin	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	*Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Dec. 18	*at Clear Falls	1 p.m.
Dec. 21	St. Agnes	1 p.m.
Dec. 31	*Clear Creek	1 p.m.
Jan. 5	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Jan. 8	*Dickinson	1 p.m.
Jan. 15	*Clear Springs	1 p.m.
Jan. 19	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	*at Clear Falls	1 p.m.
Jan. 25	*at Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	*Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	*at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	*at Clear Springs	7 p.m.

* - District 24-6A games

Dobie Lady Longhorns

2021 Varsity Girls' Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 9	Bellaire	7 p.m.
Nov. 11-13	at Baytown tourn.	TBA
Nov. 16	at Atascocita	7 p.m.
Nov. 18-20	McDonald's Invitational	TBA
Nov. 22	Dulles	1 p.m.
Nov. 30	at Clear Springs	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Clear Creek	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	at Pearland	7 p.m.
Dec. 11	*at Sam Rayburn	1 p.m.
Dec. 15	*South Houston	7 p.m.
Dec. 18	*Channelview	1 p.m.
Dec. 28-30	at Duncanville tourn.	TBA
Jan. 8	*at Pasadena	1 p.m.
Jan. 12	*Deer Park	7 p.m.
Jan. 15	*at Pasadena Memorial	1 p.m.
Jan. 19	*Sam Rayburn (Phillips)	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	*at South Houston	1 p.m.
Jan. 25	*at Channelview	7 p.m.
Feb. 1	*Pasadena	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	*at Deer Park	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	*Pasadena Memorial	7 p.m.

* - District 22-6A games

Dobie graduates pace St. Thomas CC



A pair of Dobie Class of 2021 graduates led the way for the University of St. Thomas University cross-country programs as the Celts competed in the season-ending Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Oct. 30. The Celts' freshman Andres Padron was fourth overall in the individual standings, finishing the 8k race at 25 minutes, 49.2 seconds, while Dobie graduate and fellow freshman Jhancarlos Carpio was at 26:37.6 for 11th place as the Celts were third as a group. Josh Fry (25:03.9) was the top overall men's medalist as he led his Colorado College contingent to the easy team crown. In the women's 6k race, Dobie graduate Jocelyn Olivares finished out an outstanding freshman season for the Celts as she was 15th overall with a clocking of 24:00.0. Padron, Carpio and Olivares were all named to the SCAC All-Conference squads.

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7 p.m.
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11 a.m.
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6
7:30 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See 11/4 notice.
9:30 a.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See 11/5.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787 or visit <https://www.houstonalanon.org/> for more information.
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AA - CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8
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