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Pasadena ISD AD resigns

The Pasadena Independent School District's Athletics Department took a blow this past week when both its athletic director and assistant athletic director unexpectedly resigned from their posts.

Athletic Director Rodney Chant will now take over as AD for Fort Bend ISD, while Assistant Athletic Director Jana Williams will take a similar position with Humble ISD. See related story on Page 1B.

Area holiday closings set

South Belt-Ellington Leader

The *Leader* will be on holiday schedule Dec. 22 through Jan. 3, with no Dec. 29 edition. The *Leader* and South Belt Graphics will have limited hours during this time. The last issue of 2016 will be Dec. 22, and the first edition of 2017 will be Thursday, Jan. 5. Deadline for copy and advertising for the Dec. 22 and the Jan. 5 issues of the *Leader* is Tuesday, Dec. 20, at noon. Items for publication may be sent to mynews@southbeltleader.com. For emergencies, call 281-948-2714 or 281-948-3076.

Clear Brook City MUD

The offices of Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26, in celebration of the Christmas holiday. They will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 8 a.m. To avoid late fees, payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-thru side of the building. The office will also be closed Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of New Year's Day and will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 8 a.m.

Residents of the Clear Brook City MUD will have regular trash service on Mondays, Dec. 26, and Jan. 2. All trash should be at curbside by 7 a.m. to ensure pickup. Residents missing the pickup date will be serviced on the next regularly scheduled date.

St. Luke's event planned

St. Luke's Catholic church will host its inaugural Winter Wonderland Sunday, Dec. 18, at its Cenacle Learning Center, 1750 Riverstone Ranch (across from South Belt Elementary) from 3 to 6 p.m. Pictures with Santa Claus will be \$5; spaghetti dinners will be \$8; and hot chocolate will be \$2.

Dobie debate fundraiser set

The J. Frank Dobie High School Speech and Debate team will host a Chipotle fundraiser on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 2680 Pearland Parkway, Ste. 100, from 4 to 9 p.m. While ordering at the register, let them know that you're supporting the speech and debate team from Dobie High School.

Knights hold blood drive

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a blood drive on Sunday, Dec. 18, in the St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church Social Hall after all Masses. Blood is needed to help those who have had accidents, surgeries or illnesses.

Hospital jewelry sale set

The Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital Auxiliary will host its Gold 'N' Visions Jewelry Sale Friday, Dec. 16, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the hospital's CES Room on the first floor. The tax-free event will include a selection of fine jewelry, sterling silver, name-brand watches, fragrances and electronics and more. All major credit cards and cash will be accepted.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Dec. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

PIP meeting canceled

The Houston Police Department's December Positive Interaction Program meeting, originally scheduled to take place on Dec. 20 at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, has been canceled due to the Christmas holidays. The PIP meetings will resume in January on its regularly scheduled date of the third Tuesday of the month, Jan. 17. PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Wednesday, Jan. 4. Alternate exit and entrance ramps will be closed.

There will be a total closure of the southbound exit ramp to FM-528/NASA Road 1 until further notice. Detour: Southbound main-lane traffic wanting to exit at FM 528/NASA Road 1 will have to exit at Bay Area Boulevard, go through the Bay Area Boulevard intersection and travel down the southbound frontage road to FM 528/NASA Rd. 1.

Central Ace Hardware sells to new owner

By James Bolen

After serving the South Belt community for roughly 37 years, the Williams family is stepping away from its Central Ace Hardware on Beamer Road.

As of Jan. 1, the store will be under the control of M&D Supply of Beaumont, which recently purchased the business from the family following a two-year negotiation period. The sale also involves the Williams' additional three Central Ace locations in Clear Lake, Cypress and Rosenberg.

Founded in 1967 by Mary Mitchell, E. W. McCown and Jack Dyson, M&D Supply is a family-owned business that has grown from one small store to now employing more than 130 people

at three locations throughout Southeast Texas. In 2000, the business formed a joint venture company with the Ace Hardware Corporation.

Ron Williams, who, along with his siblings Sandra and Mike Williams, currently operates the Central Ace stores, said he expects the transition to be smooth, with customers noticing little change.

"Part of our mission was to preserve the culture," Williams said. "They (M&D) operate at a community-caring level."

The store will retain the Ace name, and all current staff members will stay on the job.

"That was part of the deal," said Sandra Williams. "The current staff stayed, or the deal was off."

Only one new part-time employee will be added to the existing work crew.

The store's U.S. Postal branch will also remain in place.

Ron Williams opened Central Ace Hardware in 1979 with his parents, Louis and Beth Williams.

"It was my dad's dream," Ron Williams recalled.

A former military man, Williams family patriarch Louis Williams initially just worked part time at the store, while holding a quality control job at NASA. After retiring from NASA in 1987, he took on a full-time role at Central Ace. Louis Williams died in 2007.

The Williams siblings all attended Dobie High School prior to working for the company. A 1971 graduate, Ron Williams was inducted to the school's Hall of Honor in 2014.

The original Central Ace store was located in the strip center at Beamer and Hughes that now houses The Gardens (then the Eagle grocery store). At the time, the *Leader* office occupied

an adjacent space, and the two businesses shared a mutual wall. The two businesses continue to work closely with each other, with Central Ace now leasing an office from the *Leader* at its new location on Beamer and Kirkfair, across the street from the current hardware store.

Central Ace moved into its current location in 1984. The new 20,000-square-foot facility was a significant expansion from the original 5,000-square-foot storefront.

The family opened its second store, an existing Ace location in Rosenberg, in 1999. Central Ace opened its third branch, an existing Sears Appliance and Hardware Store in the Clear Lake area on Bay Area Boulevard near Space Center, in January 2006, and in April 2007, constructed its fourth location in Cypress from the ground up. (Editor's note: the Sears Appliance and Hardware Store located on Fuqua near the Gulf Freeway is also closing soon.)

Ron Williams is confident in the new owners' abilities.

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Williams 'Central' bids farewell



After owning and operating the Central Ace Hardware chain for roughly 37 years, the Williams family recently sold the business to M&D Supply of Beaumont. Williams family patriarch Beth Williams (second from left) is shown above with her children, left to right, Ron, Sandra and Mike Williams. The new owners will assume responsibilities of the store on Sunday, Jan. 1.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Leader Christmas program underway

By James Bolen

A chill is in the air, and the South Belt community is once again coming together to help those less fortunate by participating in the annual *Leader* Christmas program.

Now in its 34th year, the program is aimed at helping families in the immediate area by collecting food and gifts.

Participating in the drive again this year is Stacey Waugh, daughter of active community member Sandy Robb. The volunteer has selflessly donated hours of her free time to support this year's program.

"I think it's great," Waugh said of the program. "It helps the less fortunate."

This sentiment is shared by her mother.

"We've always been fortunate to have a nice Christmas," Robb said. "And it makes you feel good to help someone else have a nice Christmas who otherwise wouldn't."

Waugh, who was born with a rare birth defect known as cervical meningocoele, has overcome many challenges of her own. At the time of Waugh's birth, doctors told her mother she would likely never be able to walk.

"We never took no for an answer," Robb said.

Waugh, now 44, went on to attend Stuchbery, Thompson and Dobie, as well as take courses at San Jacinto College and College of the Mainland.

Waugh volunteers her time to work with children at the Sagmont Park Community Center.

"She loves kids," Robb said. "That's her thing."

This year Waugh collected aluminum cans to

recycle in order to raise funds for the Christmas program. With the help of her neighbors and friends, Waugh was able to donate more than \$150 toward the drive.

She was also responsible for soliciting a donation of 210 toothbrushes from Houston Pediatric Dental and Orthodontics and five cases of toothpaste from South Belt dentist Dr. Ray Pomykal.

To help promote the drive, Waugh designed and distributed fliers to local businesses.

"This is our favorite time of the year," Robb said. "We love Christmas."

The drive is unique to the mother-daughter team in the fact that donated goods go directly to help local residents.

"We want to help families in this area," Robb said. "This is our neighborhood."

For Waugh, it's all about spreading cheer.

"I hope everybody has a wonderful Christmas," she said.

The *Leader* Christmas program is currently underway, and applications for assistance will be accepted through Thursday, Dec. 15.

To qualify for the program, recipients must be South Belt area residents and possess one form of identification verifying their address. Need will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

First time applicants must apply in person at 11555 Beamer. Previous applicants may register online any day at www.southbeltleader.com.

Those wishing to donate items should visit the *Leader* office, located at 11555 Beamer. Desired items include toys for children of all ages, non-perishable food items, paper products and cash.

All gifts should be new and unwrapped.

Local police warn of package theft

By James Bolen

With the holiday season now in full swing, there has been a sharp increase in the number of packages being stolen from outside of local residences, according to Sgt. Robert Sanchez of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office.

Authorities say thieves often follow delivery trucks around, and when a package gets dropped off – they swoop in a few minutes later and steal it.

Such thefts are far more common at Christmas time, Sanchez said.

It is estimated that UPS alone will deliver around 585 million packages in December, with as many as 34 million parcels being delivered on just Dec. 22 – the company's busiest day of the year.

Sanchez recommends residents ship packages to a location where someone will be home at the time of delivery, such as a place of business or the home of a family member, friend or neighbor.

This sentiment is shared by UPS.

"Have the shipment sent to where they are – not where they aren't," the company posted on its website.

Officials from UPS and FedEx said residents may request that a signature be required at the

time of delivery. UPS and FedEx officials further said delivery drivers may be instructed to leave packages at a site out of view at a house, such as a storage shed, back patio or behind a garage.

FedEx offers a free service called Delivery Manager that allows customers to customize their deliveries by changing the time and location to suit their needs. FedEx also allows customers to ship packages directly to their nearest FedEx office branch, where parcels can be held up to five business days.

UPS offers a free service called My Choice that sends an email alert to customers letting them know when their package is going to be delivered.

Both the *Leader*, 11555 Beamer, and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale, are also willing to receive packages for local residents if arrangements are made in advance.

U.S. Postal Service officials recommend purchasing insurance on packages. Without it, residents are often left with little to no recourse, should their deliveries get stolen.

If a resident has a package stolen, they are urged to file a police report and contact the shipper immediately.

Peel to lead new Dobie program

Dobie Assistant Principal Ryan Peel has been named dean of instruction of the Dobie Early College High School at Dobie High School, effective March 2017.

Peel has dedicated 16 years to educating students, spending the majority of that time at campuses in the Pasadena Independent School District. He began as a history teacher at Dobie in 2000, then moved to Deer Park High School in 2007. Peel returned to Dobie to teach history in 2009. He was promoted to assistant principal at Miller Intermediate in 2011 and rejoined the Dobie staff as an assistant principal in 2015.

Peel earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Angelo State University and a master's degree in educational administration from Lamar University. He received certification in secondary history and educational leadership.

The Dobie Early College High School will officially open to incoming freshman at the beginning of next school year.

At press time, it was still undecided if the Early College High School will be located at the main Dobie campus or at the new Dobie Ninth Grade Campus, which is also set to open next fall at the corner of Fuqua and Monroe.

Schuetz earns Girl Scouts' top award

Megan Schuetz, Dobie Class of 2016, recently earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest Girl Scout award in the nation.

Schuetz's project involved designing and painting a full-wall mural along with creating a cooking and kitchen skills program for the Golden Rule adult day-hab facility in Pearland.

Schuetz, now a textiles and apparel major at the University of Texas, was determined to do a project that would improve people's lives by improving their living space.

Stacia Sweet, leader of South Belt's Troop 8015, said Schuetz had to overcome several obstacles when pursuing her award.

"Six of my eight Scouts completed very challenging Gold Award projects this year, but no one faced the obstacles that Megan encountered."

The first project Schuetz planned to do involved working with a local women's shelter. She worked on a design proposal that would restructure a storage area into an efficient inventory room and that would create a library area for the residents in part of their community room. The staff at the shelter loved the design, but when Schuetz informed them that it could take up to two months for the Girl Scout Council to approve her proposal, the shelter gave her design

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Williams celebrates 102nd birthday



Former South Belt resident Miriam Williams celebrated her 102nd birthday Dec. 15. Her son and daughter-in-law, Duncan and Jackie Williams, held an early party to mark the occasion. Attending the party were Williams' granddaughter and her husband, Holly and John Lyons, and her great-grandchildren, Jackson, Abi and Will Lyons, from Austin. The party was also attended by Williams' pastor, Joe Martinez, friends from church, neighbors and other friends. Williams now resides in Pearland.

Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Jackson: Thank you to Julian Franklin

I would like to compliment Julian Franklin for the November 17 letter on 'Religion and Government'. And not for just what is said but also how it is said. It speaks volumes to all who will listen. Thank you.
Ed Jackson

Sagemeadow takes action to improve

The Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee (SMC) had their monthly meeting last night Dec. 8, 2016. The SMC Board, under the leadership of Board Member James Moe, has contracted with Canady and Canady to improve the financial reporting and financial oversight for Sagemeadow. In my opinion, there is outstanding improvement in SMC and I look forward to the Sagemeadow community being better served.

However, I do not support the SMC Board's decision to NOT SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS in overdue fees. The fundamental legal problem is that Home Owner Associations (HOAs) cannot collect overdue fees from homeowners when the debt was incurred more than 4 years ago. Hence, overdue fees for years 2012 and earlier are not collectible by SMC from the homeowners. However, the Board, current and past, had a fiduciary responsibility to collect reasonable fees from all homeowners. When they fail to act in a timely manner then the funds lost to the community are a result of the Board's negligence.

Compounding negligent acts are the arrogant approach used to collect fees in the past. As reported last week in the South Belt Leader, some homeowners were ordered to pay multi-year assessments when they closed on the sale of their home. No previous alerts were provided to the homeowners because the collection policy of SMC was to seek all overdue fees at closure. This is an unfair practice and forces a homeowner to either knuckle under and pay the demanded fees or abort the closing on the sale of their house. Keep in mind that if the overdue fees were incurred more than 4 years previous to the closing, then the fees cannot legally be collected. However, as reported last week in the South Belt Leader, a single homeowner had two experiences with fees being charged that exceeded the 4 year limit.

The practice of collecting overdue fees at the closure of a homeowner sale may have been used for decades. I don't know the complete history. What is clear to me is that the previous practices of the SMC were arrogant and unfair to homeowners.

1. Unfair to those who paid their fees in a timely manner and thereby carried the Sagemeadow community burden for the deadbeats who did not pay.

2. Unfair to homeowners who sold their homes to be surprised at closing with multi-year fees and no reasonable option to appeal these fees.

Going forward, the current SMC leadership, and the current accounting firm of Canady and Canady are correcting previous deficiencies. On a personal note, I received my first SMC fee statement for year 2017 from Canady and Canady. I have lived in Sagemeadow since 2006 and for an entire decade I received no statements and no status of my account from the former accountant, Mr. Kinzer. Written requests to Mr. Kinzer and attendance at SMC monthly meetings resulted in no action from Mr. Kinzer. I will not miss his disservice to the community.
Robert M. Myers

City sales tax take serious nose dive

Any hopes that Houston's sales tax decline was about to ease were dashed yesterday when the Texas Comptroller reported that the city's sales tax receipts for December were down by 7.5 percent from last December. In the last 10 years, Houston has only seen a 7 percent or greater decline in monthly sales tax nine times. Three of those have been in 2016.

The report is based on October sales and completes the first six months of the city's fiscal year. Year-to-date collections are now off by 4.4 percent, which is the worst start for sales tax collections since 2013. Year-over-year collections have now declined for 16 consecutive months.

The last time the city saw a year-over-year increase was August 2015. The trend line on collections has been in decline since October 2012. This is the longest period of depressed sales tax collection for as far back as I can find records.

It is time for the city to stop whistling past the graveyard and realize that it is in both cyclical and structural deficit and take action accordingly. It is certainly no time to be committing 50 percent of our property taxes for the next 30 years to pension contributions.
Bill King

Elected officials speak out

Scourge of inappropriate student-educator relationships must be stamped out

By Sen. Paul Bettencourt

Following a dramatic increase in the reported number of cases of teacher misconduct in Texas, Senator Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston) recently filed Senate Bill 7 to strengthen and enhance educator misconduct laws in Texas. Data shows that the Texas Education Agency opened 222 cases into inappropriate student-educator relationships in Fiscal Year 2015-16. In the current fiscal year, TEA has already opened 49 cases. This growing problem includes instances in local districts, such as Houston ISD, Cy-Fair ISD, Klein ISD, Katy ISD, and Spring Branch ISD, but the problem is statewide, per testimony at the Senate Education Committee.

"Any inappropriate relationships between teachers and students must be stamped out, period," said Senator Bettencourt. "I was shocked to hear in testimony before the Senate Education Committee that in some cases school districts simply quashed subpoenas and 'passed the trash' rather than protecting the students in their charge. That is unacceptable."

Senate Bill 7 seeks to enact the following changes and apply them to both public and private schools:

- Automatic revocation of teaching certificate if offender receives deferred adjudication for an educator misconduct offense or any offense that would require registration as a sex offender.
- Expands reporting requirements to include not only superintendents, but principals as well. Failure to report

will be a criminal offense, and intentionally failing to report is a state jail felony.

- Expands these rules to apply to improper relationships between students and educators, regardless of school district.

- Builds on Texas Education Agency subpoena authority by allowing them to compel the attendance of relevant witnesses. TEA gained initial subpoena authority last session to subpoena relevant documents under SB 1222 (by Bettencourt) which was later added as an amendment to HB 2205.

- Requires school districts to adopt written policies concerning electronic communication between a school employee and a student.

- Enacts new continuing education requirements.

- Stops "passing the trash" by holding administrators accountable by revoking their certificate if they help a person who has previously engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor and assists them in finding new employment as an educator.

"With the prevalence of social media applications such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and others, it is easier than ever to communicate," continued Bettencourt. "It is time for everyone involved to stop looking the other way and stamp this problem out."

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has announced that educator misconduct is one of his top 10 legislative priorities for the upcoming 85th Legislative Session.

Deaths

Patricia Ann Brody Smola



Patricia Ann Brody Smola, 73, of Friendswood, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2016. She was born April 4, 1943, to John Brody and Elizabeth Sinarski Brody in Cleveland, Ohio. She was a former long-time South Belt resident.

Pat was the oldest of five children. She graduated from Parma High School in Parma, Ohio, in 1961. She married Thomas Smola on Oct. 6, 1962. Her focus in life was her family and church. She worked for the Pasadena Independent School District for 12 years. She attended the Houston Cenacle Retreat House for three years through the Spiritual Direction Institute and received her certification for Spiritual Director.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents and brother Marty Brody.

She is survived by her husband, Tom; son Tony Smola and wife Meg, and their children, Robert, Ruby and Isabelle; daughter Sharon Boddie and husband David, sons Blayne and Zayne; daughter Julie Lambert and husband Jay, and their daughter, Jenna Lambert; and daughter Debbie Harper and husband Steve, and her daughters, Emily Kneisler, Elayna Kneisler and Elyssa Kneisler; brothers Mike Brody and Tim Brody; sister Chris Shamblin; and many other relatives and friends.

The visitation with the family will be held on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, from 6 to 8 p.m., with the rosary to begin at 7 p.m. at the Jeter Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, 311 N. Friendswood Drive.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Mary Queen Catholic Church, 606 Cedarwood Drive in Friendswood. Condolences may be sent to the Smola family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

Hazel Olene Speich



Hazel Olene Speich (affectionately known as Pug),

97, of South Belt, died on Monday, Dec. 12, 2016. She was born on Sept. 29, 1919, in Rockwood, Tenn., to Orville and Edna Burris.

Hazel Olene married Roy Speich in April 1936 and together they raised two boys, Don and William. In 1947, they moved to Milwaukee, Wis., and then to Houston in 1977. She was passionate about her family, dancing, and her love of slot machines.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Roy Elmo Speich; daughters Patricia Ann, Wanda Sue; son Robert Roy; two sisters, Wilma and Levada; and brother Walter.

She is survived by children Don and Sue Speich, and William and Joann Speich; grandchildren Dan and Dawn, Nancy, Linda and Jim, Amy, Steve and Lorie, Cheryl and Pat, Chelie and Mark, Ray and Debbie; 16 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and many other family members.

The family will receive friends at Niday Funeral Home - Beamer Chapel in Houston, Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016, from 6 until 8 p.m. The funeral service will be held in Rockwood, Tenn., at Evans Mortuary on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at noon.

Leader obituary policy

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See to Succeed events assist children

Hundreds of eye care professionals volunteered for two See to Succeed events this fall to help 3,429 school children obtain free eye exams and glasses.

The first See to Succeed event was held at the West End

Health Center in the Heights, and the second event was held at San Jacinto College.

Partnering schools transported students, who were found to need additional eye examinations, to the locations where volunteers conducted

tests to determine if students needed eye glasses or further medical care.

The West End Health Center location saw students from 72 schools; 1,932 students received eye glasses; and 366 received medical referrals.

At San Jacinto College, 59 schools participated; 1,350 students received eye glasses; and 169 were found to need medical referrals.

"This is our seventh year to participate in See to Succeed, and the impact continues to grow," said Debra Clarke, program director of the San Jacinto College eye care technology. "These children's lives are dramatically changed when they receive the vital eye care they need to not only help their education at school but for their lives. For our college students, the See to Succeed program is definitely a high-light event for them to witness the positive impacts they have in the eye care field."

See to Succeed is coordinated through the Houston Department of Health and Human Services, San Jacinto College, the University of Houston College of Optometry (UHCO), Essilor Vision Foundation, Walmart, Berkeley Eye Center, and the Luxottica One Sight Foundation. San Jacinto College serves as a host site for See to Succeed each fall, seeing an average of 400 Pasadena students per day for one week.

For a full photo gallery of the fall 2016 See to Succeed events, visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/sanjacintocollege/x21k8i>.

For more information about San Jacinto College call 281-998-6150, visit sanjac.edu or join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter.

that will take place the week of Monday, Jan. 23 through Friday, Jan. 27.

The grand prize winner will be awarded a GoPro Hero 5. For additional information on the rules and regulations to enter, visit pasadenaisd.org or the *Pasadena Independent School District* Facebook page.

A member of multiple South Belt Facebook pages, Jeff Turnipseed, has organized a donation drive for local schools to bring awareness of the need for school supplies of which teachers run out and are in need of replenishing during the school year. Teachers from Melillo Middle School and Frazier Elementary School have composed a list of the most needed supplies that must be replenished throughout the year.

Melillo has requested donations such as pencils, stickers that are used for rewards, map pencils, erasers, dividers, pencil pouches and small pencil sharpeners.

Frazier has requested donations such as markers, pencils, bathroom soap, dry erase markers, tissues, glue sticks, crayons and bottles of hand sanitizer.

The supplies pertaining to each school may be taken directly to the school, Melillo, 9220 Hughes Road, or Frazier, 10503 Hughes Road, or sent with a student attending the school with a note letting the staff know of the donation. Turnipseed will contact other local schools to gather a list of school supplies needed.

For additional information on donations of school supplies for Melillo, contact sixth-grade counselor Jacqueline M. Carmona at jcarmona@pasadenaisd.org.

For additional information on donations of school supplies for Frazier, contact Susan Blue, counselor, at 713-740-0564.

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New Maximum Impact CrossFit opens



The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Maximum Impact CrossFit location at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer. The business recently moved to the new site from its previous location at Scarsdale and Sageglen. Shown above at the event are, left to right, (front row) Steven Carrasco, Eli Tank-

sley, Aurora Ybarra (owner), Oscar Tristan, Alejandra Rodriguez, Dianne Leard, Luis R. Ybarra III, Lindsey Swanagan, (back row) Deborah Carrasco, Luis Valenzuela, Kay Barbour (chamber president), Wayne Swanagan, Tyrone Campbell, Jacqueline Ellis and Francisco Melendez.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Central Ace

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"Not only are they as good as us, but they're better," he said.

Ron Williams plans to now build a house in Canyon Lake, in which to retire with his wife, Patsy. He said he is contemplating taking a part-time job at the Canyon Lake Ace, where he's friends with the owner, to fill his time.

Sandra and Mike Williams are currently undecided on future plans, but Sandra said she might do some consulting work. She is also heavily involved in raising money for the Texas Children's Hospital and solicited a healthy donation from M&D Supply to the organization as part of the purchase agreement.

While the sale of the business is sentimental to the family, they are looking forward to the future.

"It's sad that it's coming to an end, but I'm looking forward to the things that come," Sandra Williams said. "We're going to miss our customers." This sentiment is echoed by Ron Williams.

"We've made a lot of longtime friends," he said.

Schuetz earns Girl Scouts' top award

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 to a Boy Scout for his Eagle Award project.
 Schuetz was heartbroken, but she didn't give up. She located a nonprofit group who was creating a day-shelter for homeless families in Pearland. The shelter was to be located in a small home. At that time, the two bedrooms in the home were used as offices. Schuetz's proposal was to turn one of the offices into a playroom for the children who would be staying at the shelter. Schuetz spent months designing the room, setting up a book/toy donation drive, soliciting approval from a home improvement store for paint and carpet materials and completing the long application process to turn in her proposal to the Scout Council.
 When Schuetz went to the shelter to get final signatures on the proposal, she was told the nonprofit group decided to close the

shelter due to leadership problems within the group. So, Schuetz was back at square one - again.
 "At this point, I really believed Megan would give up on doing a Gold Award project because she already had so much on her plate," Sweet said. "She had been actively working on Gold Award project proposals for six months; she was now in the middle of her senior year at Dobie where she was a top student in the challenging AP studies program; she was busy with the duties of being a Larriette social officer; she was at the deadline for college and scholarship applications; and her mother was struggling with cancer treatments. Any other Scout, or even adult for that matter, would have accepted defeat at this point. Yet, although Megan was completely bewildered, she was determined to earn her Gold Award."
 Barbara Armond, owner

of the Golden Rule adult day-hab in Pearland, was very receptive to hearing Schuetz's proposal about enhancing their dining area with a wall mural. Schuetz designed the mural, but it did not meet the Gold Award requirements of the San Jacinto Girl Scout Council. Unlike an Eagle Scout project in Boy Scouts, the Girl Scout Gold Award project cannot be just a painting or building-a-structure project. It must be a comprehensive program that addresses multiple needs, and it must be laborious enough to require 80 hours of leadership on the part of the Girl Scout. So, Schuetz did extensive research and worked with special-education teachers at Dobie to add a full cooking/kitchen skills education component to her project. This, in itself, was challenging because the only cooking equipment that could be used in the program were microwave ovens. But Schuetz per-

severed and created a microwave cookbook for the program, along with a skills program that addressed the wide range of abilities of clients who attend the program.
 After six months of working on the project, Schuetz completed all the necessary requirements for the Gold Award two weeks before she was to leave for college at UT. She submitted her final reports to Council the day before moving to Austin.
 Council can take up to two months to approve or require revision of final reports, and the Sept. 30 deadline was quickly approaching. But on Sept. 14, Schuetz received an email from her Council advisor stating that everything had been approved and that she would finally receive her Gold Award.
 Schuetz will be recognized for her Gold Award at her troop's Gold Award ceremony in January.

Schuetz presents mural to adult day-hab



Pictured in front of Megan Schuetz's mural are, left to right, Barbara Armond, owner of the Golden Rule adult day-hab facility, and Schuetz. Schuetz will receive a Gold Award for her project.
 Photo submitted

Meador names top spellers



Meador Elementary School recently announced its 2016 Spelling Bee Winner, fourth-grader Bryan Anderson, and runner-up, third-grader Keyla Zeledon. The event took place on Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the Meador cafeteria. Anderson was the winner after several rounds of competition with the winning word, *indifference*. He will represent Meador Elementary at the districtwide Spelling Bee on Feb. 7 at South Houston High School. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Bryan Anderson, Keyla Zeledon, (back row) Kathryn Katsuz (peer facilitator) and Beverly Bolton (principal).
 Photo by Connie Daumas

Clear Brook Debate excels at Bay City tournament

Coming off the well-deserved Thanksgiving break, Clear Brook High School debaters were ready to continue their success at Bay City High School.
 Brook debaters performed very well at Bay City. Specifically in debate events, the team managed two additional state qualifications, Anish Antony and Adarsh Suresh in Lincoln Douglas Debate.
 Additionally, in LD Debate, Chaela Hurtado was one of the five members of the Brook team (out of eight debaters total) who made it to quarterfinals, thereby earning 2 state points.
 Keion Rasti and Gabe Rivera were able to make it all the way to the semifinal round, earning additional points to add to their already-impressive state totals.
 In the PF division, the team of Fizza Dhanani and Christa Westheimer made it all the way to semifinals,

facing off against one of their own, the team of Anish Chotai and Sheri Naqvi. This round ended in a total of 8 state points for their team, 4 shy of their state qualification.
 The team of William Li and Heena Popatia made it to semifinals as well, but on the other side of the bracket. Although they downed the A-team from Belaire, they still ended their fight 1 more point closer to their state qualification.
 Chotai and Naqvi advanced all the way to the final round, which ended with their first 6 points in this event, which puts them at 4 points. The duo has now earned 6 points for the year.
 In Student Congress, Ryan Williams placed fifth overall. Williams also had success in other events, placing first in oratory, second in impromptu, and third in TV commercial. Williams has two qualifications already and is quick-

ly closing in on his third, Original Oratory.
 Brook performed very well in the other events, too. In the extemporaneous speaking division, novices Prateesh Vijayakumar and Kameron Sharp placed first and fifth, respectively. Vijayakumar also placed third in Novice Impromptu.
 In Domestic Extemp Michael Villarreal placed third which edges him ever closer to his second state qualification.
 In Original Oratory, Westheimer placed second which brings her closer to her qualification in this event as well.
 Individually, the team performed exceptionally, but on a team basis they performed even better. This was noted by their place as third Sweepstakes overall.
 The team competed at Jersey Village Dec. 9-10, to continue their adding of qualifications to their current district-leading number.



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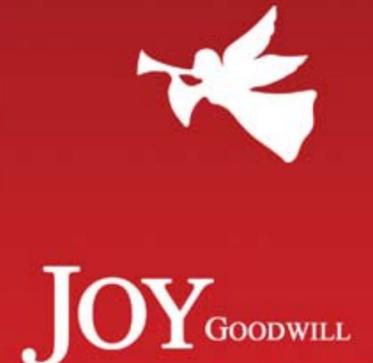
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KENNEDY TURNS 9!

Kennedy Flowers turns 9 years old on Thursday, Dec. 15. Best wishes for a fantastic birthday are sent from brother **Owen**, sister **Evie**, parents **Stephen** and **Stacey (Hayes) Flowers**, grandparents **Robert** and **Jannie Scarberry** of South Belt, uncles **Tyler**, **Austin**, and **Joey**, aunt **Jenny**, and cousins **Brayden**, **Baylee**, **Jade** and **Olivia**. Kennedy's mom is a Dobie High School graduate.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESSICA

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Dec. 16 are sent to **Jessica Escobar**, daughter of **Leader** staffer **Luis Escobar**, from the *South Belt Leader* staff.

LUCY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Lucy Peterson celebrates her birthday Dec. 19. She is wished a wonderful day from her family, especially her nine grandchildren, and the **LEADER** staff.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR JOEY

Joseph "Joey" Hayes celebrates his birthday Wednesday, Dec. 21. Best wishes and lots of love are sent from mom and dad, **Jannie** and **Robert Scarberry** of South Belt; sister **Jenny** and children **Brayden**, **Baylee** and **Olivia**; sister **Stacey**, husband **Stephen** and children **Kennedy**, **Owen** and **Evie**; brother **Austin**, wife **Tiffany**, daughter **Jade** and baby daughter-on-the-way; and brother **Tyler**. Joey was a member of the Dobie High School Class of 2000 and the Longhorn Marching Band. He is currently in his 14th year of service in the U.S. Coast Guard.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 15 through Dec. 21.

Atkinson Elementary

Send a humorous birthday card to **Dana DiMarco** Dec. 21.

Bush Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song to **Jennifer Marquez** Dec. 16.

Frazier Elementary

Send a special birthday greeting Dec. 15 to **Kristina Ponce**.

Meador Elementary

Enjoying a birthday Dec. 15 is **Maria Mata**. The day for a celebration for **Jill Gifford** is Dec. 18. Blow out the birthday candles for **Lanalisa Sinclair** Dec. 20.

Moore Elementary

Light the birthday candles Dec. 15 for **Bobbie Bashinski**. The day for a party for **Marie Alanis** is Dec. 18.

South Belt Elementary

Send a special birthday greeting to **Roneasha Reliford** Dec. 20.

Stuchbery Elementary

Kevin Albert enjoys a happy birthday Dec. 16. The day for a cake for **Bethany Granberry** is Dec. 17.

Melillo Middle School

Sheri Richardson is wished a happy birthday Dec. 15.

Roberts Middle School

Special birthday wishes are sent to **Nicole Bond** Dec. 21.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Dec. 15 is a day of a birthday celebration for **Velia Grado-Gutierrez**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Geraldine Jones** Dec. 18. **Mai Tram Tong** celebrates a birthday Dec. 20.

Thompson Intermediate

Enjoy a slice of a double-layer cake on Dec. 15 with **Fani Aguero** and **Chad Kearbey**. Cheers for a happy birthday are sent to **Willie**

Ansley and **Matthew Park** Dec. 15. The day for a party for **Elvin Amaro** is Dec. 17. On Dec. 18, **Douglas Eger** enjoys a birthday. Celebrating a birthday Dec. 19 is **Jeffrey Spencer**. A triple birthday celebration is in order Dec. 21 for **Sarah Mains**, **Michelle Sanchez** and **Kristen Tolley**.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, Dec. 15: **Cheryl Park**, **Lindsay Jessup**, **Commins Michael**, **Ryan Rushing** and **Rita Tornaben**; Friday, Dec. 16: **Kamisha Dennis**, **Tamara Spencer**, **Jamie Kasper**, **Tonya Farmer**, **Tonya Rollins**, **Betty Williams**, **John Pfister**, **Willie Mae Allbritton** and **Adam Garcia Sr.**; Saturday, Dec. 17: **Joy Warneke**, **Dawn Watkins-Swain** and **Jabari Dobson**; Sunday, Dec. 18: **Jackie Klayman**, **Damen Polleck**, **John O'Connor** and **Felicia Sharp**; Monday, Dec. 19: **Randy Tenorio**, **Beckie Davidson**, **Megan Taylor**, **Xavier Cook**, **Kim Jones** and **Rene Gomez**; Tuesday, Dec. 20: **Sally Esquivel**, **Robert Sandoval**, **Lisa West** and **Michelle Gerbich**; and Wednesday, Dec. 21: **Jimmy Thomas**, **Patricia O'Brien**, **Scott Louvier**, **Helen White**, **Dana DiMarco**, **Christopher Lewis**, **Jena Pierce**, **Ruth Fischer**, **Tara Garven** and **Crystal Billeri**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line.

Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Dobie Air Force JROTC excels at recent drill competitions

On Nov. 12, Dobie Air Force JROTC cadets competed at the Battle on the Bayou Military Skills and Drill Competition hosted by Sam Rayburn Army JROTC. The unit competed against 17 local area Army JROTC programs.

Dobie cadets practiced hard prior to the competition and the hard work paid off as the unit walked away with the second place overall trophy.

The individual teams that won trophies are as follows:

Third place: Tug of War – Omar Rodela, Brandon Harder, Dezmon Blackman, Pedro Torres, Jacob Kuhn, John Wang, Guadalupe Carmona, Perla Zuniga, Myranda Garcia, Hannah Lancaster and Vivian Luu.

Third place: Coed Orienteering Team – Hunter Gilmore, Christian Wilson, Dezmon Blackman and Vivian Luu. Luu also received a bronze medal for achieving the third highest individual word score.

Second place: Male Raider Team – John Wang, Shawn Odonell, Phi Danh, Anthony Salinas and Nicholas Sanchez.

First place: Male Obstacle Course – Emanuel Sanchez, Giovanni Solis, Anthony Swilley, Chance Irwin, Josue Barahona and Alan Contreras, trained by Coby Riley.

First place: Male Rock Wall Climb – John Wang, Shawn Odonell, Phi Danh and Nicholas Sanchez.

First Place: Male Color

Guard – Kevin Valladares, Oscar Puente, Oscar Velasquez and Patrick Tran. Valladares was awarded the bronze medal for outstanding color guard commander.

First place: Female Color Guard – Desiree Quijas, Guadalupe Carmona, Hailey Tapia and Tatiana Chacon. Quijas was awarded the gold medal for outstanding color guard commander.

Competing in the Obstacle Course were Josue Barahona, Giovanni Solis, Chance Irwin, Coby Riley (coach) and Anthony Swilley.

The female color guard team competed in the Piney Woods Drill Competition at New Caney High School on Dec. 3 and won second place for their performance.

JROTC Orienteering



Orienteering members are Hunter Gilmore, Vivian Luu and Christian Wilson. Not pictured is Dezmon Blackman.

JROTC Male Color Guard



Members of the Male Color Guard are Patrick Tran, Kevin Valladares, Oscar Puente and Oscar Velasquez.

JROTC Female Color Guard



Members of the Female Color Guard are, left to right, Celina Ayala, Desiree Quijas, Hailey Tapia, Guadalupe Carmona and Tatiana Chacon.

JROTC Raider/Rock Wall Team



Members of the Raider/Rock Wall Team are, left to right, Shawn Odonnell, Anthony Salinas, Phi Danh, Nicholas Sanchez and John Wang.

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Remember When

40 years ago (1976)

Agenda items for the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees included the purchase of a proposed school site located in the South Belt area and the trimester system.

State Rep. Bill Caraway of Legislative District 100 said he would fight a Houston municipal school district if the threat of establishing it were proposed by city of Houston residents.

35 years ago (1981)

Memorial Hospital System purchased a 90-acre site for a \$30 million hospital facility adjacent to San Jacinto College South on

Beamer.

Ten Dobie High School organizations contributed \$2,240 to aid in the replacement of the school's sign which was damaged due to wind.

30 years ago (1986)

Local youths Jessica Scott and Katie Jo Nelson, both 14, were killed in a three-vehicle accident.

Erin Bowen, Caleb Chen and Julie Kolar attended the Fall 1986 National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

25 years ago (1991)

Acting on tips from students, Dobie High School officials found two guns in students' vehicles. As a result, three students were disciplined.

Dobie's Academic Decathlon team won its third straight PISD title.

20 years ago (1996)

Dobie's junior varsity cheerleading team won first place at state for the second consecutive year at UCA competition in San Marcos.

The 18-year-old former boyfriend of a 17-year-old girl who lived on Kirkbend suffered four gunshot wounds while in the yard of her house. She and her current 15-year-old boyfriend were in the house at the time of the shooting. They heard a knock on the door, and assumed it to be her ex-boyfriend. They did not answer it. Moments later, the couple said someone shot the former boyfriend. His 21-year-old companion was shot twice.

15 years ago (2001)

Frazier Elementary students raised \$1,200 for toys for the *Leader's* annual South Belt Christmas program. Beverly Hills Intermediate students contributed \$780 to the program.

Deputies from Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office donated more than 10 cases of canned goods

to the *Leader's* annual program.

10 years ago (2006)

The 24th annual *South Belt-Ellington Leader* Christmas program was underway. Numerous local schools and residents held food and toy drives to aid local needy families.

Contrary to what was previously believed, PISD would not create a bus terminal on Blackhawk.

The top 10 students who raised funds for Meador Elementary's PTO were chauffeured to Chuck E. Cheese in a limousine to enjoy a pizza lunch.

5 years ago (2011)

Dobie Principal Steve Jamail announced his plans to retire Jan. 31. Only the fourth principal in Dobie's 43-year history, Jamail began his career at the school in 1991 as an assistant football coach. In 2000, after six years as assistant principal, he replaced Jerry Speer as Dobie's head administrator. Jamail's replacement would be named at the district's January board meeting.

The City of Pearland held a grand opening for the Hughes Road extension to Barry Rose Wednesday, Dec. 19. Construction was a joint venture involving Harris County, the City of Pearland, Holcomb Properties and Beazer Homes.

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees approved two new assistant principals for J. Frank Dobie High School. Carey Sink and Tonie Noise took their positions at the area school following the Christmas holidays. Sink, a 1990 Dobie graduate, began his career in education in 1996 as a teacher at PISD's South Houston Elementary School. In 2003, Sink moved to the Angleton Independent School

District, where he served as both a math teacher and head football coach. Sink moved again in 2006 to the Willis Independent School District, where, once again, he served as a math teacher and the football team's defensive coordinator. The following year, Sink returned to Dobie as a math teacher and football coach. Sink received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University in kinesiology, before receiving his master's in education administration from Lamar University. He is certified in physical education, in mathematics and as principal. He replaced James Golden, who resigned to work in another district.

Noise began her career in education in 2004 in the Los Angeles Unified School District, where she served as both a teacher and coach. She moved to PISD in 2006, where she worked as a physical education teacher at Beverly Hills Intermediate. She earned both a Bachelor of Arts in human kinetics and pedagogy and a Master of Arts in education administration from Houston Baptist University. Noise replaced John Lee, who retired.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to an incident the evening of Sunday, Dec. 16, in the 9800 block of Hughes Ranch Road, where a home's garage caught fire. According to SVFD Chief Chuck Tylka, the homeowner called to report the blaze at roughly 8:30 p.m. Responding firefighters found the home's detached garage engulfed in flames and filled with heavy smoke. Tylka said the garage, which had a western room linking it to the house, had a heavy fire load that helped fuel the blaze. Firefighters were able to

extinguish the fire before it spread to the house. The home, however, sustained smoke damage and radiant heat damage, Tylka said. SVFD was assisted by the Forest Bend and Pearland fire departments. The Harris County Fire Marshal's office determined the fire was accidental in nature. No injuries were reported.

1 year ago (2015)

The results from the City of Houston's Dec. 12 mayoral runoff election were tallied, with state Rep. Sylvester Turner narrowly defeating businessman Bill King. Turner received 51 percent of the vote to King's 49 percent.

A 15-year-old juvenile was arrested Dec. 11 for the Dec. 3 armed robbery of a Pizza Hut delivery driver.

The unnamed male was charged with aggravated robbery. Police said the teen is a suspect in multiple other armed robberies. The investigation is ongoing.

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St. Luke's collects food for the needy



The St. Luke Social Services Ministry was able to help countless families in the community because of the generosity of the parishioners of St. Luke the Evangelist. The ministry received a large number of canned goods and turkeys, as well as several other donations. This greatly assisted the ministry in providing some much needed assistance to families in the community. More than 200 food baskets were distributed to members of the community, SeAM, Our Lady of Grace and sister parish, St.

Mark the Evangelist. The Social Services Ministry would like to extend a gesture of gratitude to all of the phenomenal volunteers, without whose efforts none of this would have been possible. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Norma Calhoun, Maria Palacios, Margaret Palacios, Vicky Rodriguez, (back row) Coni Perez, Sara Pena, Rafael Gonzalez, Mary Flores, David Garcia, Linda Bayarena, Mario de los Santos, Steve Palacios and Isabel Vasquez.

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Open letter to City of Houston employees and retirees (Part 2):

Why you should be demanding defined contribution plans for new employees

By Bill King

The City and your pension plans' management are leading you down a path that will seriously impact your pensions for years to come.

Defined benefit pension plans are a broken financial model. They were originally put in place in a time that most people only lived a few years after retirement and financial markets were much more stable. Neither of those conditions exists today. As a result, the costs of defined benefit plans have inexorably risen over the last several decades causing the private sector to almost completely abandon them.

Every new employee added to this broken model makes your pension plan weaker and your pension less secure.

This is not an opinion. It is just math.

The latest data from the City (which is still unrealistically optimistic) shows that the City would have to contribute over \$8 billion just to pay the benefits that you have earned so far.

The proposed plan represents an average 12 percent cut in the benefits you thought you were going to get. Of course, this comes after City leaders repeatedly promised you they would honor all pension commitments. And trust me, these cuts will not be the last you see. In fact, this is just the beginning.

Automatic future benefit cuts or increased contributions

The term sheets agreed to by your pension boards include automatic additional cuts if the City's costs exceed the "corridor." The term sheets specifically say that once the corridor is exceeded

that the pensions will further cut the cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), extend retirement ages, and/or increase contributions.

Of course, no one can predict the future, but it is highly likely that the corridor limits will be exceeded sooner rather than later, as was suggested by a recent *Houston Chronicle* story. Many investment professionals question whether the new 7 percent return assumption is reasonable. Warren Buffet has said that pension plans should not be using anything above 6 percent. His company's plan is based on 4.5 percent. Over the last two years your plans have averaged returns of less than 3 percent. Both the police and fire plans lost money last year.

You have been told that this plan provides certainty about your future benefits, when the exact opposite is true. And the plan is so complex it will undoubtedly result in years of litigation over how it is to be interpreted, if it ever passes.

Forget about future raises or increasing staff

The proposed plan sets the target contribution for the City at 32 percent of payroll. The upper limit is about 37 percent. How can the City possibly afford to hire new employees and pay them a decent salary when it must put up an additional 37 percent in a pension plan? And what do you think are the chances of existing employees getting any kind of respectable pay raises with a 37 percent add-on for pensions?

Practically speaking, you can also forget about there ever being two officers in a patrol car, the City ever building any new fire stations, or hiring enough building inspectors, or addressing any of the

other hundreds of critical needs Houston is facing.

The causes and the cure
There are two reasons that the City is in this mess. The first is that the increases to pension benefits during the Lee Brown administration turned out to cost vastly more than was understood at the time. This is what is frequently referred to as the "legacy costs" and we must come up with a plan to deal with those costs.

But an equally important driver of the out-of-control costs is the City's blind commitment to indefinitely continue defined benefit pension plans. The notion that we can hire people today and promise them a benefit based on their salary thirty years from now and have any idea what that is going to cost is absurd. If the City continues to cling to defined benefit pension plans, the City's - and your pension plans' - finances will continue to deteriorate.

The right to opt out

In addition to other needed reforms, you should have the right to opt out of the existing pension plans and to put your money in your own retirement savings account. That may not be for everyone, but if you want out of the interminable controversy that has been and will be the history of these plans, you should have the right to do so and to take control of your future.

Property tax cap will not be repealed

Many of your leaders are assuring you that some of the financial pressure on the City will be relieved if voters repeal the property tax cap that was passed in 2004. It is a fantasy. It is not going to happen. This issue has been polled extensively and over 70 percent of Houston voters oppose repealing the cap on property taxes. And with tax bills already skyrocketing, can you blame them?

Conclusion

I am not predicting an imminent crisis or financial collapse of either the City or your pension plans. But if we do not reform the City's finances and begin providing reliable services at reasonable tax rates, the City will suffer a long, slow decline, or hollowing out, like other great American cities that failed to tame this problem. And there will be a tipping point at which this becomes a crisis, just as it has in Dallas. That should concern you because your benefits are paid over the long term as well. If the City suffers financially, so will your pension plans.

We don't know what all will be required to put the pension system on a sound footing and probably will not know for some years. But the most obvious change that should be made immediately is to convert new employees to defined contribution plans. This will not, by itself, solve the pension problems. But as the old saying goes, when you are in a hole stop digging.

Every city employee and retiree should not only be supporting defined contribution plans for new employees; they should be demanding it.

Many of you have been upset with me for the last several years because I kept raising the alarm about the condition of your plans. But I think if you look back at what I said and predicted about the City's pensions, everything I told you or predicted was true or has come true. In contrast, all the assurances you repeatedly got from your pensions' management and the City, that there were not any problems, has proved completely wrong. And please do not ever lose track of the fact that there is a whole cottage industry of pension executives, Wall Street bankers, lobbyists, accountants, actuaries and others that make a very nice living off your pension. For example, why don't you inquire about what the executive director of your pension plan is paid and compare that to your salary?

Last year, your plans paid \$50 million in expenses. That is \$50 million that could have gone to shore up your pension funds, but instead went into the pockets of bankers, pension bureaucrats and lobbyists, to name a few. They are petrified that their gravy train might end someday, which switching new employees to defined contribution plans would eventually do. So, they will continue to spread misinformation about your plans, just like they have been doing for the last 20 years.

I, on the other hand, have zero financial interest in this issue one way or the other. My only interest is seeing that the City I love so dearly does not go the way of Detroit.

So, before you blindly follow your leadership and the City into yet another plan that is going to kick this can down the road until the current elected officials are out of office and your current leadership is retired, perhaps you should consider what is best for you. And believe me, that is not the continuation of defined benefit plans for new employees.

Rothko Chapel to host meditation on New Year's Day

Getting 2017 off to a good start is all about setting the right tone.

The Rothko Chapel is doing its part to help - by hosting a crystal bowl meditation at noon on Sunday, Jan. 1.

Similar to the tradition of Tibetan singing bowls, crystal bowl meditation is a practice that uses the quartz crystals bowls to create rich, pure, harmonic tones, designed to aid practitioners in focus and relaxation.

The meditation will be guided by sound practitioner Dana Shamas, who works professionally as a therapeutic yoga teacher, breath-work facilitator, bio-field tuning practitioner and a reiki master. She is the founder of Bayou Bliss Yoga, a center for integrative healing, located in the First Montrose Commons neighborhood of Houston.

"Dana has a passion for health and well-being that we appreciate at the Chapel," di-

rector of programs and community engagement Ashley Clemmer said. "The crystal bowl meditation is a way to start 2017 off on a clear and beautiful note that can resonate throughout the whole year."

For registration, and for more information about the Rothko Chapel and the full calendar of upcoming programs, workshops and events, visit rothkochapel.org or call 713-524-9839.

The Rothko Chapel is open to the public every day of the year at no charge and successfully interconnects art, spirituality and compassionate action through a broad array of free public programs. Founded by Houston philanthropists Dominique and John de Menil, the Chapel was dedicated in 1971 as an intimate sanctuary. Today it stands as a monument to art, spirituality and human rights. As an independent nonprofit, non-governmental organiza-

tion, the Chapel depends on contributions from founda-

tions and individuals to support its mission of creating a space for contemplation and dialogue on important issues.

Thompson art students visit Museum of Fine Arts



Thompson Intermediate School's art teacher, Jane French, took 30 eighth-graders to the Museum of Fine Arts on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016. All of these students are in the process of achieving one credit of high school art during their eighth-grade year at Thompson. The group had a great day viewing a fabulous retrospective of Edgar Degas' art including more than 200 pieces of his paintings, sculptures and drawings. They also viewed some of the museum's permanent collection ranging from 3,000-year-old art to pieces that were produced last year. They topped it off by enjoying a boxed lunch in the museum's sculpture garden. Art students

pictured are, left to right, (front row, seated) Jonathan Jackson, Evelyn Lien, Everett Triplette, Kyle McDonald, Morgan Pytko, Kenny Ly, Henry Nguyen, Gerardo Martinez, (middle row) Jaci Velasquez, Abigail Chiovaro, Zariah Aguilar, Mary Pham, Janna Zaman, Yasmin Salinas-Roman, Kendall Spafford, Jacqueline Canales, Lillian Simons, (back row) Madeline Schwausch, Janya Yielding, Denali Hubbard, Joscelyn Martinez, Casey Junkin, Annabella Amaro, Ricardo Lopez, Nicholas Perez, Rod're Butler, Ellena Stevenson, Brandon Lopez, Tyler Dang and Rhianon Morris.

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Chamber celebrates Christmas

Several different community leaders, business owners, elected officials and law enforcement officers recently gathered at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce office on Scarsdale to celebrate the organization's annual Christmas party. *Photos by Marie Flickinger*



Santa Claus is shown above at the party visiting with Pasadena Independent School District Associate Superintendent Alyta Harrell (left) and the Rev. Emory Gadd, associate pastor at Sagemont Church.



Noble Alix (Texas Citizens Bank), Terry Barker (Christian Brothers Automotive) and Steve Sipes (State Farm Insurance) are all shown above enjoying a good laugh at the function.



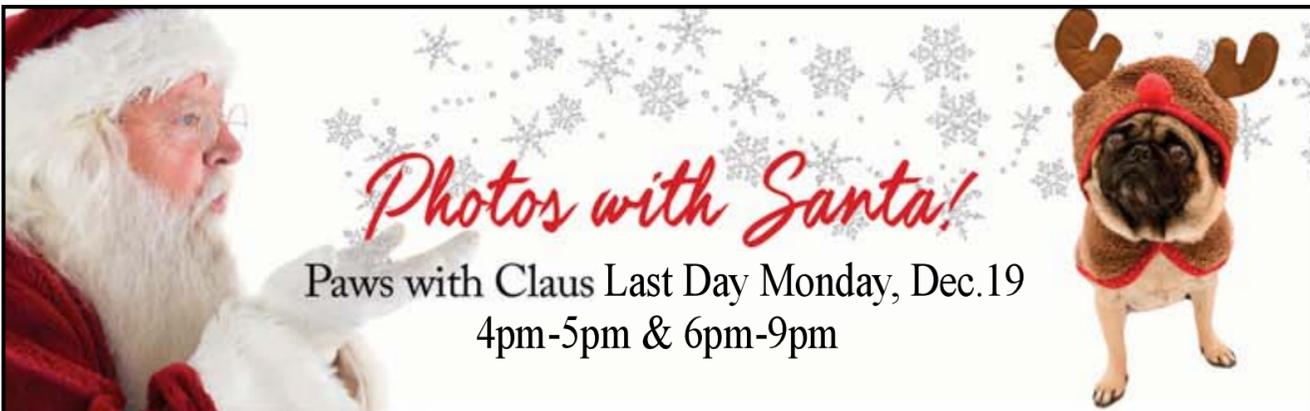
Sgt. Robert Sanchez and Deputy Paul Tran from Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office are pictured above enjoying the holiday festivities.



Former chamber president and Clear Brook City MUD Manager Chris Clark is shown above with longtime Sageglen resident Ed Jackson at the annual Christmas party.



Chamber President Kay Barbour (left) is shown above at the party with, left to right, Pasadena ISD board member Kenny Fernandez, Ann Brannen (State Farm) and her daughter, Amber Allan (Dobie High School).



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player, while those ages 5 to 16 (born between May 2000 and Aug. 2012) may register for \$175 per player. There is a \$5 discount for families registering more than one player. SBHLL will also host its sixth season in the Challenger division, which is designed to allow disabled children between the ages of 5 to 18 to play. **Continued on Page 6B**

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Brook's Garcia shares District 24-6A top quarterback vote

Looking back to August, there's simply no way Jaizac Garcia's name could have been mentioned in the same sentence with Tyler Page and Will Bride.

Garcia fared well in four games of the season as the Clear Brook varsity football starting quarterback in 2015 before suffering a shoulder injury and sitting out the remainder of his sophomore campaign.

Meanwhile, Page, Friendswood's starting quarterback, was busy leading the Mustangs to the third round of the postseason. McBride, the starting signal-caller at Clear Springs, also led the Chargers to the playoffs.

And while seniors Page (Southern Methodist University) and McBride (Memphis) verbally agreed to play collegiately after high school during last year's signing period, Garcia was busy reclaiming his playing status with the Wolverines following the injury.

He more than did so. With 32 touchdown passes against just five interceptions, Garcia was

simply on top of his game for much of his junior season.

The respective District 24-6A head coaches ob-

viously took notice, naming Garcia to the league's first-team at quarterback, where he shared the award with Page and Mc-

Bride. Page and McBride received plenty of credit as well. Page, quite honestly, put together one of the best offensive sea-

sons across the state. Injured on the first play of Friendswood's sec-

ond-round playoff game against Cinco Ranch, **Continued on Page 6B**



At left, Clear Brook varsity quarterback Jaizac Garcia had his sophomore season cut to just four games with a shoulder issue, but he returned with a vengeance this season, throwing 32 touchdown passes against just five interceptions while leading a potent Wolverine offense to the third round of the postseason for the first time since 1998. Following the season, District 24-6A head coaches showed their respect for his work, naming Garcia to the first team honor squad along with Friendswood's Tyler Page and Will McBride of Clear Springs. Page (Southern Methodist University) and McBride (University of Memphis) will head off to college next fall while Garcia hopes to lead Clear Brook's district championship chase.

Pasadena ISD AD, assistant to exit

Rodney Chant will exit his position as Pasadena ISD's Director of Athletics, a role he has held since 2010.

In addition, PISD Assistant Director of Athletics Jana Williams is set to exit after accepting the same position within the Humble ISD.

In a letter emailed to PISD coaching staffers Dec. 13, Chant said he will become Director of Athletics at Fort Bend ISD. A day later, Williams followed suit with a similar email.

As of Dec. 13, the Fort Bend ISD website listed Keith Kilgore as Interim Director of Athletics.

Chant joined the district as an educator/coaching staff member at Pasadena Memorial High School beginning in 2003. He then applied for and won the job as the district's Assistant Director of Athletics prior to the 2007-2008 school year.

Chant eventually succeeded a retiring Mike Stephens as Director of Athletics starting with the 2010-2011 school year.

Chant's wife, Kristy, has taught for 22 years at Anson, Kaufman and Terrell and is currently a Pre-AP biology teacher at Pasadena Memorial.

The Chants have two sons, Brady, 16 and Zach, 15 who attend Pasadena Memorial.

Williams was a long-time varsity girls' basketball coach and campus AD before Chant hired her in the current role.

At press time, there was no official word on how the district will proceed in accordance with these moves.

The district will be on holiday break beginning Dec. 16, and students are due to return Jan. 4, 2017.

Walker wins PISD x-country title

Just like his older brother before him, Zaire Walker is the Pasadena ISD's top cross-country runner, and he has the results to prove it.

Zion Walker, now a student at Dawson High School in Pearland, set the Thompson Intermediate record for lowest time in a cross-country race.

Zaire, now a seventh-grade competitor with the Lions, is messing with family ties.

Zaire Walker won both of the district's timed races this season, including the PISD Championship finale Dec. 7, at Pasadena Memorial High School.

Covering the two-mile course in a time of 11 minutes, 38 seconds, Walker edged out teammate

Ke'mauri Mellender, who was second at 11:50.

In the eighth-grade race, the Lions nearly crowned another champion, but instead settled for second.

Armando Macias of South Houston ultimately won the individual crown at 11:23, but Thompson's Devin Caballero sprinted with Macias to the finish line, taking second place, just one second behind Macias at 11:24.

Brook boys win, too Girls' basketball units earn big district wins

With a pair of wins to open league play, Dobie's Lady Longhorns are making an early statement in District 22-6A varsity girls' basketball action.

Jade Giron scored 15 points, including a trio of three-pointers, as the Lady Longhorns won 58-39 Dec. 10, at La Porte.

Victoria Onozie also played a key role with 12 points and a team-high seven rebounds.

Then on Dec. 13, Dobie got past Memorial 58-33 at Dobie.

Alexis Osos had 17 to lead the way and Brianna Smith added 11 as the Lady Longhorns had their inside game working.

"We worked really well inside, just basically taking what Memorial gave us. Alexis and Brianna played really well, probably their best overall games of the season," Dobie head coach Shane Brown said.

Looking ahead, Dobie now just wants to keep the wins coming. On Friday, Dec. 16, Dobie will host Beaumont West Brook in a special 3 p.m. start.

Overall, it was a solid season for Thompson during the cross-country season. Walker and Mellender led the way as the Lions (42 place points) were second to team champion Bondy (35).

In the eighth-grade race, San Jacinto won the team crown with 30 points, with Bondy second at 66. The Lions were third with 78 points.

The Beverly Hills teams were ninth in both races.

The seventh-grade five-some scored a 315, with the eighth-graders coming in at 278.

Lion 7s go 1-2

It was truly a terrific performance by Walker and Mellender, but the Lions also had several other step up in a big way to aid the team's second-place finish.

Isaac Cortez made his way into the top 9 as he placed ninth in a time of 12:40, and the Lions' Michael Medina added a 19th-place effort, which came with a time of 13:11.

The Lions' fifth and final official scorer was Kaden Fernandez, who covered the course at 14:02.

Thompson's other seventh-grade competitors included Conlie Christmas (14:11), Lazarus Gonzalez (14:15), Michael Gooden (14:25), Joshua Carter (14:30), Larry Lopez (14:37), Julius Cofield (14:38), Azzael Lopez (14:44), Michael Morrow

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Dobie's Jackson, Wilson help guide UMHB football to national title contest

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor football team punched its ticket to the national championship game with a smothering defensive effort as the Cru knocked off defending national champion Mount Union 14-12 Dec. 10 in Belton.

UMHB improves to 14-0 with the victory and advances to the Stagg Bowl for the first time since 2004 and just the second time in program history. The loss ends the Purple Raiders' season at 12-2 overall.

Dobie High School graduate and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor senior quarterback Blake Jackson ran for one score and threw for another, and the defense handled the

rest as the Cru advanced to the NCAA Division III national title game.

The two teams played solid defense to slow down high-powered offense through a scoreless first quarter as a missed UMHB field goal was the only real scoring chance.

Mount Union finally put points on the board when Alex Louthan connected on a 30-yard field goal to cap a 32-yard drive with 8 minutes, 8 seconds left to play in the second quarter.

The Cru answered on the ensuing possession when Jackson's 33-yard pass tipped off the hands of T.J. Josey and into the arms of a diving Wykeyhe Walker for a touchdown with 3:47 remaining in the

half. John Mowery's extra point made it 7-3 UMHB.

The Purple Raiders put together another solid drive, but had to settle for Louthan's 32-yard field goal on the final play of the half to cut it to 7-6 Cru at the half.

UMHB stretched the lead to 14-6 when Jackson's one-yard scoring plunge closed out a 12-play, 83-yard drive with 1:53 to go in the third period.

Mount Union cut it to 14-12 when Dom Davis scored on an eight-yard quarterback keeper with 4:24 left in the game, but heavy pressure on the two-point conversion try forced an incompleteness to leave UMHB holding a 14-12 edge.

The Cru would punt the ball back to Mount Union, but UMHB's Ajay Fanene intercepted a screen pass with 1:44 remaining.

It appeared that the Purple Raider defense would get the ball back for the offense, but UMHB's Baylor Mullins completed a 10-yard pass to Trinton Yncelan on fourth-down and four from the Mount Union 32-yard line to clinch the victory.

UMHB finished with 283 yards of total offense, with 169 of those coming through the air.

The Cru held Mount Union to 63 passing yards and 242 yards of total offense. UMHB also intercepted three passes to help overcome two Cru turnovers.

Jackson was 15 of 23 through the air for 159 yards and a TD for UMHB, and he added 77 rushing yards and a score on 19 rushes.

Walker caught six passes for 65 yards and a score. Keith Reineke topped the Cru defense with 13 tackles, a tackle for loss and an interception. B.J. Mitchell ran for 137 yards on 31 carries, and Davis added 52 yards and a touchdown. But Davis was just 9 of 23 through the air for 63 yards and he was picked off three times. Adam Mihoci led the Purple Raider

defense with 14 total tackles, two of those for loss.

UMHB will now face Wisconsin-Oshkosh in the Stagg Bowl on Friday, Dec. 16, in Salem, Virginia. The championship game will kick off at 6 p.m. Central Standard Time. Both teams are looking for their first Division III football national championship. Mount Union has played in all but two Stagg Bowls since 1999 and both times it came as a result of losses to UMHB in the National Semifinals.

Wisconsin-Oshkosh defeated John Carroll 10-3 to advance to the championship game.

At the beginning of the NCAA Division III playoffs, Mary Hardin-Baylor was ranked No. 2 in the country, with Wisconsin-Oshkosh at No. 5.

Mary Hardin-Baylor's roster is stocked with plenty of talent from the Houston area, including Dobie and Clear Brook.

The Cru also has Dobie graduate Reggie Wilson playing a big role in the secondary.

Wilson has blocked a pair of punts this season, and has made 75 total tackles this season.

A junior, Wilson also has returned a pair of punts for a total of 75 yards, including one score.

Michael Collins, also a Dobie graduate, is a receiver for the Cru. Appearing in 10 games to this point, Collins has four receptions for 63 yards and a touchdown.

Reginald Cole, also a Dobie graduate, has played in 12 games for the Cru, registering 22 total

tackles.

D'Andre Jackson of Clear Brook High School, has appeared in 13 games and made a mark.

Jackson, a sophomore, has 35 total tackles and has a pair of interceptions for a total of 117 yards, including a 63-yard return.

Dobie graduate Andrew Robinson has played in two games for UMHB, and Clear Brook's Steven Rowe is in the program after signing with the Cru last spring. Keion Patterson, another Dobie graduate, was on the roster to start 2017.



Dobie High graduate Reggie Wilson (4) came up big for the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor football team in the Division III quarterfinals against Wheaton College Dec. 3 in Belton, blocking Wheaton punter Zach Feddeler's (29) punt early on, leading

to a Blake Jackson scoring run as the Cru went on to defeat Wheaton 38-16. The win improved UMHB to 13-0 this season and sent the team to the Division III national semifinals against Mount Union Dec. 10. Wilson is a 2011 Dobie graduate.

At right, the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor football team will play for the NCAA Division III National Championship after defeating national power Mount Union 14-12 Dec. 10, in Belton. UMHB senior quarterback Blake Jackson (7), a Dobie graduate, ran for one score and passed for another as the Cru made their way to the title game for the first time since 2004. Next up, the Cru will face Wisconsin-Oshkosh Friday, Dec. 16, in Salem, Va., with game time coming at 6 p.m. The game will be aired nationally on ESPNU. Jackson is one of many players from either Dobie or Clear Brook on the Cru roster. UMHB is at 14-0 heading into the title game, with Wisconsin-Oshkosh at 12-1.



Cru's Jackson named A-SR Player of the Year

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor football team placed nine players on the D3football.com All-South Region teams.

UMHB's Blake Jackson, Teidrick Smith and Pete Fredenburg also swept the South Region superlatives.

Jackson, a senior quarterback from Dobie High School, was named the South Region Offensive Player of the Year and also earned a spot on the first team.

Jackson has broken every Cru single-season passing record this year and had 2,952 yards and 34 touchdowns through the air. He has also rushed for 708 yards and nine more scores heading into the NCAA Division III national semifinals against Mount Union.

Smith, a senior defensive end from Hallettsville

High School, took South Region Defensive Player of the Year honors for the second straight year and also earned a spot on the first team.

Heading into the national semifinals, Smith led UMHB with 22 tackles for loss and 14 sacks. He had recorded 52 total tackles, three pass break-ups, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Fredenburg was named South Region Coach of the Year after guiding UMHB to a 13-0 record this season and into the national semifinal round.

The Cru was in the national semifinals for the sixth time in program history, and the program won its 14th American South-west Conference championship this season.

Fuller, a senior tackle from Richardson Berkner High School, and Jenkins, a senior guard from Frisco Centennial High School, helped pave the way for the high-powered Cru offense.

Jackson was joined on the first team offense by offensive linemen Connolly Fuller and Broderick Jenkins.

Fuller, a senior tackle from Richardson Berkner High School, and Jenkins, a senior guard from Frisco Centennial High School, helped pave the way for the high-powered Cru offense.

UMHB averaged 52.2 points, 256.5 rushing yards and 498.7 yards of total offense per game this year through 13 games.

Smith was joined on the first team defense by three of his teammates.

Haston Adams, a junior defensive tackle from Garland High School, rushed for 1,444 yards and 20 touchdowns this season. He also has a pair of touchdown catches and

averaged 7.8 yards per carry through 13 games.

Place-kicker John Mowery was a third team All-South Region selection. Mowery, a junior from Leander High School, had 108 points on the season through 13 games. He was 84-for-84 on extra points and had connected on eight of 14 field goal tries.

This is the second D3football.com South Region Coach of the Year honor for Fredenburg. Smith's selection gives UMHB seven D3football.com South Region Defensive Players of the Year in the 12-year history of the award.

Jackson joins LiDarral Bailey as the only two Cru players to earn South Region Offensive Player of the Year honors.

Lions excel in PISD cross-country

Continued from Page 1B (15:29) and Dylan Dixson (16:22).

GAT 8s run to third
Caballero was the ringleader as the Lions' eighth-grade team bagged that third-place showing as a team. Behind Caballero, other Lions did their best to keep pace with the lead pack.

Marcus Saenz was No. 11 to the finish line for the Lions, clocking in at 12:10. Next up for Thompson was Jacob Perez, whose time of 12:32

placed him 18th overall. At 12:39, Robert Montano placed 22nd, and the Lions' other official scorer was Isaac Espinosa, who placed 25th at 12:47.

For Thompson, Justus Vella (12:54), Darius Pampin (12:56), Mason Barnhart (12:56), Joshua Hernandez (17:06) and Nathaniel Wallace (17:07) also ran well.

BHI 7s take ninth
The Beverly Hills' seventh-grade team was led to the finish line by Trey Burrell, who wound up a

solid 18th overall with his clocking of 13:04.

The Bears' other four official scorers included Oziel Reyes, who was 47th at 14:07, Isaac Lopez, 72nd at 14:53; Alejandro Garza, 79th at 15:01, and Giovanni Franco, 99th at 16:03.

Jose Torres (16:48), Christian Padua (17:08) and Henry Lavergne (17:34) also competed for the Bears.

BHI 8s place ninth
Like their seventh-grade teammates, the

Bears' eighth-grade team wound up placing ninth in the final team standings.

The Bears' top finisher wound up being Taizhon McKinney, whose time of 12:11 placed him 13th overall.

Noe Botello, 43rd at 13:21, was the next Bear to the finish line. David Gonzalez of Beverly Hills was 47th at 13:26, and Joseph Hernandez (14:35) placed 86th. Adrian Barrigan (14:39 for 89th place) completed the Bears' scoring.

Pasadena X-country

Bondy girls sweep team crowns

Bondy Intermediate has had quite the stronghold on girls' cross-country results over the past several seasons, and 2016 was no different.

The Lady Patriots swept both team championships in the Pasadena ISD's championship finale Dec. 7 at Pasadena Memorial High School.

In the seventh-grade division, Bondy scored a team low 36 for the win, with Southmore second at 60.

Locally, Thompson's seventh-grade squad was sixth (203) and Beverly Hills 10th (257).

Bondy repeated its title effort in the eighth-grade division, scoring 37 for first place, while Southmore had 51.

Thompson's Lady Lions were fifth with 143 points, with Beverly Hills ninth at 366.

From an individual standpoint, both winners from the first week of the season repeated.

Eighth-grade competitor Audrey Serrato of San Jacinto came to the finish line at 13:10 for the victory, while the seventh-grade winner was Park View's

Ruby Garcia at 13:24. **GAT 8s are fifth**
Karisa Hernandez placed 11th overall in the eighth-grade race with a time of 14:04 to lead all Lady Lions.

Ambreon Jones was next for Thompson as her time of 15:02 placed her 26th overall, and Jasmin Benitez was at 15:06 for 31st place overall.

The Lady Lions' other two official scorers were Isabella Delgado, 61st at 16:09, and Grace Castaneda, in at 16:11 for 64th place.

Others who competed for Thompson's eighth-grade team included Janah Naser (16:38.03), Jaylynn Garza (16:42), Melissa Cavasos (17:19.16), Argelia Garcia (19:54) and Heaven Cadena (19:59).

BHI 8s place ninth
The Beverly Hills eighth-grade girls' team challenged the field in the district finale and wound up ninth among 10 teams.

The Lady Bears were paced by Nikayla McIntyre, whose time of 14:57.17 was 20th overall. Janya Hunt was 79th overall with a time of 16:51, and Lesley Cruz

placed 81st at 16:55.

Marina Vasquez produced a time of 17:16 for 88th place, and the Lady Bears' final official scorer was Yarlina Campos, 98th at 17:29.

The Lady Bears' other competitors included Katherine Coreas (17:34), Destiny Pichado (17:50), Yessenia Pina (18:15), Emily Argueta (18:57), Daisy Gonzalez (19:16), Francesca Reyes (20:12), Alicia Gutierrez (20:21) and Makayla Carker (20:22).

Lady Lions fifth
Thompson's seventh-grade girls' team was fifth in the district championship finale, coming in at 203.

The Lady Lions' top performer in the event was Izzy Padilla, who made her way to 13th place.

Alayna Calvillo placed 24th at 15:10 for the locals, and Hailey Henderson crossed the finish line in a time of 15:55 for 48th place.

The Lady Lions' two other official qualifiers included Aliyah Barajas (50th at 15:57) and Karime Murguía (68th at

16:37).

Others competing for Thompson included Metz Silva (17:10), Dalyla Cisneros (17:11), Miranda Resendez (17:21), Abigail Ortiz (17:34), Celina Mata (17:37), Arielle Terrazas (17:42), Sindy Puerto (17:50) and Laisha Torres (19:11).

BHI 7s compete well
The Lady Bears' seventh-grade team completed their season with an all-out effort at the championships.

Beverly Hills was led to the finish line by Victoria Ramirez, who was 14th at 14:42, and her Lady Bear teammate, Analaura Elizarraras, was 15th at 14:43.

Three other official qualifiers for Beverly Hills included Keely King, who was 27th in a time of 15:17; Kathleen Nguyen, 100th at 17:38, and Jennifer Gonzalez, 101th at 17:39.

Mya Chapa (17:42), Nicole Jasso (17:57), Miriam Reyna (17:59), Valery Baez (18:17), Marilee Quiroga (19:17) and Kailey Tiskis (19:18) also competed for Beverly Hills.

At right, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor senior quarterback Blake Jackson (7) scores a rushing touchdown for the Cru in the regional semifinals, leading to a 38-16 victory over Wheaton College (Ill.). Jackson, a 2012 Dobie High School graduate, was named the All-South Region Offensive Player of the Year after a record-setting season. A dual-threat at quarterback, Jackson now owns every UMHB single-season passing record as he has thrown for nearly 3,000 yards and 34 touchdowns. He's also rushed for just over 700 yards and nine more scores. A three-year varsity performer at Dobie, Jackson began his collegiate career elsewhere and was a part-time starter as a junior before earning the full-time role for 2016.



Lions earn three wins over BHI

Players from both programs got a glimpse of what the future can hold as the Thompson Lions and Beverly Hills Bears squared off in a four-pack of boys' basketball games, specially scheduled at Dobie High School Dec. 5.

Both courts were packed with fans as the Lions and Bears went back and forth, with the Lions eventually winning three of the four games.

The Lions won the seventh-grade Light division game by a 66-39 count, and the seventh-grade Dark game ended with the Lions on top 32-16.

Thompson secured the series advantage with a 50-43 win in the eighth-grade Dark game, but the Bears were able to avoid the sweep, winning the eighth-grade Light game in a tight 51-45 contest. Along the way, Dobie varsity boys' basketball head coach Kevin Cross looked on, seeing many future Longhorns players show their hoops skills.



Above, the Thompson versus Beverly Hills rivalry is always intense, no matter the sport. Lions' coach Daniel Sawyer, once a Thompson Intermediate student and then a Dobie graduate, watched as the Lions defeated the Bears in three of the four boys' basketball games played Dec. 5, at Dobie High School. The Pasadena ISD boys' and girls' basketball seasons are now on hiatus until after the holiday break. The season will resume Wednesday, Jan. 4.

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Lions' hoops score wins over Bears

At left, the Lions' Devin Caballero (25) grabs an offensive rebound and heads back down the floor during Thompson's eighth-grade Light victory at Dobie Dec. 5. The game was close for much of the way, but the Lions were able to come away with a win late. In the four-game series, the Lions were able to win three of the games.

BHI's Baldwin makes his move against Lions

At right, the Bears' Jonathan Baldwin drives to the bucket during the first half of action against Thompson at Dobie High School. While the Lions went on to win three of the four games played in the annual neighborhood series, the Bears gave their rivals everything they wanted. With the season now four weeks finished, the rest of the schedule will play out beginning in January.



At right, the Lions' Zaire Walker eyes the basket during the first half of play against Beverly Hills at Dobie. Walker's big offensive effort helped the Lions to an easy win in the seventh-grade Dark division game. Two days later, Walker was the seventh-grade winner at the Pasadena ISD District Championship Cross-Country Meet at Pasadena Memorial High School. See those results on Pages 1B and 2B.



Rivals battle under the hoop at Dobie H.S.

At left, the Beverly Hills Bears and Thompson Lions went at it in a four-game series of boys' basketball games Dec. 5, at Dobie High School. In the end, the Lions walked away with three wins. On this sequence, the Lions' Tyrone Sam (left) and Devin Caballero (25) battle the Bears' Paul Newman for rebounding position. Two days after the series of games, Caballero placed second in the district's cross-country championship race in the eighth-grade division.



The action is always intense when Thompson and Beverly Hills go head-to-head in any sport, and the Dec. 5 boys' basketball series of games was no different. On this play, the Bears' Trejan Davis (0) locks down defensively against the Lions' Robert Byrd.



Thompson's Deven Moses (4) and Calvin Geans take off on the fast break against the Bears in seventh-grade Light division play at Dobie High School. Thompson went on to score a 66-39 victory over the Bears in the neighborhood rivalry game.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
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 - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
6 - 8 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 7 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. Directly afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in both English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome to join! 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.
6 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details.
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 713-856-1611.
Al-Anon (English) - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
Alateen - Support for teens, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-

8787, or drop in.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
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.
Interfaith Care Partners - ministry at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., for those with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and caretakers, meets on the third Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., for continental breakfast, arts/crafts, exercises, entertainment, devotional break, lunch, and game. Family members or acquaintances are invited. For details, call the church at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas at 713-682-5995; or visit www.interfaithcarepartners.org.
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 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.
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, realize they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill," Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Free community exercise - offered Saturdays by certified personal trainer and "Brains and Balance" specialist Lisa Maki for active adults age 60 and older, who value mental acuity and physical stability. Age 59 and younger are welcome for \$3 per class. Call 832-212-5191 for details or to confirm a spot, 16202A Hickory Knoll Dr. in Clear Lake.
10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., 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 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 18
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 for details.
2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.
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.
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
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.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
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 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net. 3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details. 6 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Age 60 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with guest speakers, 6 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. 6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 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.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365. 7:30 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 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 details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaar-hashalom.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 Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
 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. 9:30 a.m.
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. 10 a.m.
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Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 1:30 p.m.
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. 2 p.m.
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday at El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461.
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Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For details call 281-526-6840.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
 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.
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League's coaches honor best Wolverines score big with all-district selections

Most Valuable Player

Tyler Page, Friendswood, Sr.

Newcomer of the Year

Shae Suiaunoa, Clear Lake, Soph.

Offensive Player of the Year

Will McBride, Clear Springs, Sr.

Defensive Player of the Year

Garrett Kettler, Dickinson, Sr.

Coach of the Year

Craig Dailey, Clear Springs

Ironman Award

Mark Milton, Clear Brook, QB-RB-WR

Connor Stanford, Friendswood, OL-DE

First Team Offense

QB – Jaizac Garcia, Clear Brook, Jr.

QB – Will McBride, Clear Springs, Sr.

QB – Tyler Page, Friendswood, Sr.

RB – Jarrett Smith, Clear Brook, Jr. (U)

RB – Todd Hudson, Clear Springs, Soph.

RB – Myles Lewis, Dickinson, Jr. (U)

FB – Lathan Simmons, Dickinson, Sr.

TE – Maurice Jones, Clear Springs, Jr.

WR – Caleb Chapman, Clear Brook, Jr. (U)

WR – Jose Medrano, Alvin, Sr.

WR – Ja'cory Morgan, Clear Lake, Jr.

WR – Peyton Sawyer, Clear Springs, Jr.

WR – Montel Parker, Dickinson, Jr.

OL – Leandro Jaramillo, Alvin, Sr.

OL – Ethan Ray, Clear Falls, Sr.

OL – Chiebuka Ejimadu, Clear Springs, Sr.

OL – Desmond Baker, Clear Springs, Sr.

OL – Garrett Nichelson, Clear Springs, Jr.

OL – Evaristo Nunez, Dickinson, Jr.

OL – Stefon Jenkins, Dickinson, Sr.

OL – Max Yarbrough, Friendswood, Jr.

OL – Connor Stanford, Friendswood, Sr.

First Team Defense

DT – Cameron Townsend, Clear Brook, Sr.

DT – Keelan Oatis, Dickinson, Jr.

DT – Chase Willis, Friendswood, Sr.

DE – Conan Terry, Clear Springs, Sr.

DE – Jason Gold, Clear Springs, Soph.

DE – Garrett Kettler, Dickinson, Sr.

DE – Tyrese Wydermyer, Dickinson, Sr.

DE – Wyatt Hall, Friendswood, Jr.

ILB – Jake Chatman, Clear Springs, Sr.

ILB – A.J. Williams, Dickinson, Sr.

ILB – Joseph Shields, Dickinson, Sr.

OLB – Cameron Felton, Clear Springs, Jr.

OLB – Trevor Harmanson, Dickinson, Sr.

OLB – Malik Williamson, Dickinson, Jr.

CB – Noah Daniels, Clear Creek, Sr.

CB – Christian Waller, Clear Springs, Jr.

CB – D.J. Small, Dickinson, Sr.

S – Langston Frederick, Clear Springs, Sr.

S – Gavin Roland, Clear Springs, Sr.

S – Bryon Broussard, Dickinson, Jr.

First Team Specialists

P – Jaizac Garcia, Clear Brook, Jr.

K – Cody Williamson, Friendswood, Sr.

K Return – Peyton Sawyer, Clear Springs, Jr. (U)

Continued from Page 1B Page thus played in 11 full games in 2016.

Over those games, the senior and eventual District 24-6A Most Valuable Player rushed for 2,092 yards and 31 touchdowns. Through the air, Page added 21 touchdowns.

While few quarterbacks across the Houston area matched Page's totals, McBride was pretty solid on his way to Offensive Player of the Year accolades.

McBride threw for 1,854 yards and 21 scores, and the big feather in his cap was helping to lead the Chargers to the District 24-6A championship. In addition to his first-team selection at punter, Garcia also made the first team as the district's top punter.

Garcia was not alone on the first team as far as the Wolverines are concerned. A pair of players were unanimously selected to the first team.

Jarrett Smith, a junior tailback, was a first-team selection after a season that included 1,715 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns.

Junior receiver Caleb Chapman had an amazing 17 touchdown grabs among his 1,049 yards receiving.

On the defensive side of the football, tackle Cameron Townsend was the Wolverines' lone first-team pick. Leading the way on

the second team was Mark Milton, a do-it-all player for the Wolverines.

A sometimes receiver, running back and passer, Milton was the co-winner of the district's Ironman Award, an honor he shared with Friendswood offensive lineman/defensive end Connor Stanford. Braelon Hill, who led the Wolverines with five interceptions, was also on the second team along with several teammates.

Second Team Offense

QB – Shae Suiaunoa, Clear Lake, Soph.

RB – Jack Lebato, Alvin, Jr.

RB – Dorian Mason, Clear Falls, Soph.

RB – Cody Turner, Clear Lake, Sr.

FB – Cal Whittaker, Friendswood, Jr.

WR – Mark Milton, Clear Brook, Jr.

WR – Matt Nance, Clear Lake, Sr.

WR – Michael Gillaspia, Clear Springs, Jr.

WR – Kaeleen Stelly, Dickinson, Sr.

WR – Reed Roher, Friendswood, Sr.

OL – Dimitri Giannakopoulos, Clear Brook, Jr.

OL – Chris Box, Clear Brook, Jr.

OL – Richard Lewis, Clear Brook, Soph.

OL – Tanner Pugh, Clear Creek, Sr.

OL – Akin Magbagbeola, Clear Lake, Jr.

OL – Frank Phillip, Clear Lake, Jr.

OL – Allen Leiato, Clear Lake, Soph.

OL – Nicky Stevens, Friendswood, Sr.

TE – Darren Jones, Alvin, Sr.

P – Peyton Sawyer, Clear Springs, Jr.

Second Team Defense

DT – Chris Herrera, Clear Creek, Sr.

DT – Nick Petitti, Clear Creek, Sr.

DT – Luigi Rivera, Clear Springs, Sr.

DE – Blake Boddie, Friendswood, Jr.

DE – Amir Roozbehani, Clear Brook, Sr.

DE – Carson Gonzalez, Alvin, Sr.

DE – Rian Davis, Clear Lake, Soph

DE – Connor Stanford, Friendswood, Sr.

ILB – Albert Balli, Memorial, Sr.

ILB – John Martinez, Alvin, Sr.

ILB – Isaac Guinn, Clear Brook, Jr.

ILB – John Niese, Clear Falls, Sr.

ILB – Chance Davis, Clear Springs, Sr.

ILB – Zach Follis, Friendswood, Sr.

OLB – Camden Shriver, Clear Falls, Sr.

OLB – Brice Walker, Dickinson, Sr.

OLB – Jake Yurachek, Friendswood, Jr.

CB – Braelon Hill, Clear Brook, Jr.

CB – Jordan Humphrey, Clear Falls, Jr.

CB – Terry Keys, Dickinson, Jr.

CB – Tom Hermes, Friendswood, Sr.

S – Drew Adams, Clear Brook, Sr.

S – Nick Bailey, Clear Brook, Sr.

S – Baily Wamack, Clear Creek, Sr.

S – Bryon Broussard, Dickinson, Sr.

K Return – Marques Williams, Dickinson, Sr.

K – Connor Harris, Clear Springs, Sr.



At left, Clear Brook junior Mark Milton (10) was a multi-faceted weapon on offense for the Wolverines, where he operated out of the pistol formation and threw, ran and caught footballs during the regular season and playoffs. Milton's versatility landed him a share of the District 22-6A Ironman Award, a first of its kind in the league. For the season, Milton had just over 100 touches on offense, producing more than 900 yards of offense and scoring 11 touchdowns. He, obviously, could be in line for a bigger role come 2017.

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through Dec. 31, with a \$10 discount extended to those who sign up players between now and then. To do so, families are asked to visit the league's new website at southbeltgirlsoftball.leagueapps.com. Early registration cost is \$60 per player, in addition to a \$60 candy sales fee. Families may also pay a candy buyout fee. After the early online registration period ends, the registration fee will increase to \$70. For league updates, simply text 81010 to @southbelt.

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Registration in the Challenger division is free of charge.

The league will also host a pair of in-person registration dates at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park next month. Those dates include Jan. 7 and Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m., as in-person signup dates.

Tryouts and late registration, which will include an additional \$25 fee, will be held later in January.

All registering families must provide a copy of the player's birth certificate, to be kept on file.

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