

Holiday closings set

South Belt-Ellington Leader

The *Leader* office will close at noon Wednesday, Nov. 26, and remain closed until Monday, Dec. 1.

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District office will be closed Nov. 27 and 28 in celebration of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on Monday, Dec. 1, at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side of the building.

Parker Williams Branch Library

The library will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 30, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Bracewell Branch Library

The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, through Monday, Dec. 1, for Thanksgiving.

Holiday trash pickup

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

Residents living in the Clear Brook City MUD will not have regular trash pickup on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27. Regular services will resume on Monday, Dec. 1.

City of Houston

Residents living in the city of Houston will not have trash pickup on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27. Residences scheduled for that day will have their service moved to Friday, Nov. 28. Residences normally scheduled for Friday, Nov. 28, will have their service moved to Saturday, Nov. 29.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Monday, Dec. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the computer lab at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. Attendees will be able to try online searches for their ancestors. The group will not meet Dec. 15, and will meet again on Jan. 5. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Sewer line maintenance set

Clear Brook City MUD will preform routine sewer line maintenance in the Sageglen subdivision. This will commence Nov. 17, 2014, and will end before Jan. 20, 2015. This may require access to the MUD easement in backyards. Someone will contact homeowners by a "door knock" and a door hanger. Work will not occur on holidays.

BHI seeks photos, etc.

On Jan. 16, 2015, Beverly Hills Intermediate will celebrate 50 Years of Excellence. The school is seeking memorabilia and pictures from the 1960s through the 2000s. If anyone has something they would like to share, email it to beverlyhillsbears@gmail.com. In addition, those who would like to share a favorite Beverly Hills memory may email it to beverlyhillsbears@gmail.com.

Lariaette dance clinic set

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Winter Dance Clinic on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dobie High School, with a parent show at 3 p.m. in the gym. The clinic is open to pre-K through 12th grade boys and girls. Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is \$40, or at the door is \$50, cash or money order only. Participants will also have the opportunity to perform in the Lariaettes' spring show April 30 through May 2, 2015. For more information, contact Amanda Castro at amanda.castro54@yahoo.com.

Epola fundraiser Dec. 6

Exceptional Parents of Little Angels (Epola) will hold a Christmas auction fundraiser on Dec. 6 from 3 to 7 p.m. to raise funds to send children with disabilities, such as autism, to camp. A live auction will be held at Zumezila located at 9953 Bessemer St. in Houston. There are items like a box of scrapbooking supplies for Stamp'in up, sports memorabilia, gift cards, furniture, household items and lots of other items. Admission of \$10 for adults and \$5 for 18 and under includes spaghetti, salad and a beverage.

For more information, contact Markie Aguirre at 713-542-1294 or visit www.epolausa.org. This nonprofit organization is local to the South Belt area and supports children with disabilities in the community.

Kirkmont Sec. 1 to meet

The annual meeting for Kirkmont Section 1 HOA will be held Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kirkmont MUD building, 10102 Blackhawk Blvd. The election of two board members will be held at this meeting. Financials, future plans and homeowners requests will be addressed. All residents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Mystery sound roars

Multiple area residents contacted the *Leader* the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 25, about a mysterious sound near Beamer and Beltway 8. Residents described the sound as a large engine roaring. It could reportedly be heard from roughly 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. Anyone with any information on this sound is urged to contact the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 or mynews@southbeltleader.com.

South Belt residents celebrate holidays

There's a chill in the air, as South Belt residents are beginning to celebrate the holidays.

Multiple area schools celebrated Thanksgiving by collecting food for the needy.

American Legion Post 490 and VFW Post 5619 also joined together with the Fuqua Luby's to provide 100 Thanksgiving dinners for needy families. The veteran organizations reached out to the *Leader* for help distributing the dinners, as they specifically wanted the meals to go to families in the immediate South Belt area.

The *Leader* came out one day early this week. This was due, in part, to the Thanksgiving holiday and, in part, to a large ad from Central Ace Hardware on Page 6A.

The *Leader's* annual Christmas program is set

to begin soon. Now in its 32nd year, the program is also aimed at helping area families in need.

The yearly drive began in 1982 when an anonymous man, now dubbed "The Good Samaritan," walked into the *Leader* office and delivered the makings of a turkey dinner. The stranger said his family had been given food when he was young and requested the staff forward the meal to a needy family in the community.

This charitable behavior continues today with several different local organizations and schools taking part.

Last year's program provided assistance to more than 80 families.

See next week's *Leader* for information on how to apply for help.

Veterans donate turkey dinners



Members of the American Legion Post 490 and VFW Post 5619 out of Ellington Field, working with the Luby's on Fuqua, provided 100 Thanksgiving dinners to needy families in the South Belt community. Veterans Elgin Lastrape (left) and Wendell Denney are shown above dropping the dinner tickets off to the *Leader*, which helped distribute them to area families.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

San Jacinto College's Bolen retires after 44 years

By James Bolen

Longtime South Belt resident and San Jacinto College professor John Bolen is retiring after serving 44 years at the area school.

While he began his San Jac tenure at the college's Central campus, he spent the majority of his career teaching at the school's South campus. He is one of only three remaining professors (along with Jerry Tate and Marylou Robbins) who has been at the South campus since its opening in 1979.

"Whenever I would get confused about something that had happened at the college in the past, I would go talk to John," said longtime San Jac history professor Eddie Weller. "He had been here then and lived through it. He was full of wonderful San Jac stories. With a sparkle in his eye, he would relate one more funny event of the past half century."

Originally from Mobile, Ala., Bolen graduated from high school in 1964. A National Merit Scholar, Bolen was offered multiple tuition scholarships, choosing to attend the University of Houston so he could live with his older sister and save on room and board.

After failing to make the U of H registration deadline, however, Bolen was forced to make alternate plans and signed up to attend the newly opened San Jacinto College – a school he randomly discovered while looking through the phone book.

He initially intended to attend for just one semester.

During registration, San Jacinto journalism professor Kathleen Smith talked Bolen into working for the school newspaper. That spring semester, he was named sports editor, a paying position.

As a sophomore, Bolen served as editor of the paper and began a part-time job writing press releases for the college's fledgling news service (along with his future wife, the former Cheryl Williams, who also worked on the newspaper).

Also that year, fellow students voted Bolen Mr. San Jacinto College. He additionally served as president of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor fraternity for junior colleges.

After receiving an associate degree from San Jacinto, Bolen finally enrolled at U of H and began working nights for the Pasadena Citizen,

starting in sports before eventually being promoted to city editor.

Between semesters his junior year, he and Cheryl married at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. Nine and a half months later, their first child, John, was born.

Upon earning his bachelor's degree from U of H, Bolen received a Ford Fellowship to be a Texas legislative intern – at a salary higher than he was earning at the Citizen.

During the legislative internship, Bolen began taking graduate classes at the University of Texas, specializing in public affairs reporting. Once the internship was up, he joined the staff of the state speaker of the house as a full-time aide. Duties ranged from speechwriting to serving as itinerary secretary to press secretary.

Bolen earned a master's degree from UT in December of 1970 – the same time his old journalism professor at San Jac persuaded him to come back to SJC and teach journalism.

The Bolens' second son, James, was born the following year.

Bolen taught journalism and sponsored the newspaper at the Central campus from the spring semester of 1971 until the South campus opened in 1979. During the summers, he taught government.

From 1971 until his oldest son made the Dobie varsity football team as a sophomore, he covered high school football games for the Houston Post, Houston Chronicle and Pasadena Citizen. (He had also done this for the Austin American Statesman.) Throughout the '70s and '80s, Bolen was also active in youth sports, coaching baseball for the Sagemont Beverly Hills Little League, football for the Sagemont Cowboys and basketball for the Pasadena Recreational Sports League.

Bolen continued to teach journalism at the new campus until 1989, when he switched to teaching government full time.

In the works for more than a decade, Bolen received a doctorate in political science from U of H in 1997.

While Bolen has served as both division chair and department chair at San Jac, he said he highly preferred teaching to administrative duties.

Weller remembers Bolen fondly.

"When I was department chair, I sat in John's



South Belt students give thanks

First-grade students at South Belt Elementary celebrated Thanksgiving by designing a paper turkey and dressing up as pilgrims and Native Americans. To construct the turkey, each student was responsible for decorating one feather. Participating students pictured to the left are, left to right, Mia Bella Garza, Camryn Smith, Kylie Compos and Nathan Doyal. See related photo on Page 6A.

Photo submitted

Crooks drill holes in car to steal gas

Thieves caused extensive damage this past week to a day care school bus by attempting to steal fuel by drilling holes in the vehicle's gas tank.

Workers at Kids Come First in the 10800 block of Kirkfair initially became suspicious when they found empty gas cans next to the bus as they arrived at the child care facility that morning. It wasn't until later that afternoon when they attempted to fill their tank, however,

that they became aware of the drilled holes.

As they tried to insert gas into the bus, the fuel poured out from below the vehicle.

Multiple emergency vehicles responded to the incident at the Valero station at Beamer and Kirkfair, temporarily closing the parking lot until the flammable liquid could be cleaned up.

While the day care workers said they had been the victim of gas theft before, this was the first time the crooks had used such a method.

Dixie Farm entrance ramp reopens

The dangerous entrance ramp on the Gulf Freeway at Dixie Farm Road reported on in the last two issues of the *Leader* has reopened with a new design.

Multiple residents have stated that the new ramp is far safer than its predecessor.

Located on the southbound side of the freeway just south of Dixie Farm, the previous ramp had been the site of numerous accidents in recent weeks. Drivers complained the initial design did not allow enough room to safely merge with on-

coming freeway traffic.

While Texas Department of Transportation officials originally planned to leave the problematic entrance open until its replacement could be constructed, they later recanted at the *Leader's* request.

Construction of the new entrance ramp is part of an ongoing project to widen the Gulf Freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Bolens, Jones celebrate



San Jacinto College professor John Bolen (second from right) is retiring after 44 years of teaching. A longtime South Belt resident, Bolen was also active in coaching youth sports in the '70s and '80s. San Jacinto College South Provost Brenda Jones (center) is shown at Bolen's retirement party Wednesday, Nov. 19, along with his family members, left to right, sons John and James Bolen and wife Cheryl Bolen.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

BAHEP's Mitchell on meeting support

It has been well publicized that BAHEP has partnered with Texas A&M University at Galveston for more than five years on investigating coastal protection solutions. Tremendous progress has been made, especially over the last 12 months, that has culminated in events like the one referenced in the following public notice. Please seriously consider attending this public scoping meeting. We need to emphatically impress upon the State of Texas that an efficient system of flood damage reduction and storm surge suppression measures is vitally important to the people and the economy of our region.

Bob Mitchell, President
Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership
Public Notice

The Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District (GCCPRD) will host a public scoping meeting on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the League City Civic Center, 400 West Walker Street in League City, to encourage public participation and feedback in the Storm Surge Suppression Study.

Following three major hurricanes, the last of which (Hurricane Ike) was the most expensive in Texas' history, Gov. Perry issued an Executive Order creating the Governor's Commission for Disaster Recovery and Renewal. One of the Commission's recommendations was to conduct a study to determine how coastal communities can reduce the damage impact of future storms. In conjunction with that recommendation, Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson and Orange counties formed the GCCPRD as a local government corporation. The GCCPRD is now leading the Storm Surge Suppression Study, a technical, scientific-based effort to investigate opportunities to alleviate the vulnerability of the upper Texas coast to storm surge and flooding.

The study is funded by the Texas General Land Office through a \$3.9 million federal Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant that was awarded in September 2013. Since then, the GCCPRD has been collecting and analyzing existing data, and collaboration with other organizations and universities conducting similar work.

The Storm Surge Suppression Study will yield a system of alternatives that may consist of a variety of natural, structural, and non-structural methods. Using these findings, the GCCPRD will recommend a cost-effective and efficient system of flood damage reduction and surge suppression measures to help protect the six-county region. This effort is an

opportunity for the GCCPRD to assume a leadership role and work collaboratively with federal, state, local, and public and private institutions to develop a plan that meets the needs of the region and the nation.

Public feedback and participation will be encouraged throughout the duration of the study.

At the public scoping meeting on Thursday, Dec. 4, informational displays will be available for public viewing, and GCCPRD representatives will provide information and answer questions. No formal presentation will be made. Materials will be available in English and Spanish.

If hearing impaired or language translation services are needed, contact the GCCPRD consulting team at 713-868-1043 or at info@gccprd.com by Nov. 26. GCCPRD representatives will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Comments will be accepted at all public scoping meetings and throughout the duration of the study. Written comments may be mailed to the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District in care of Col. Christopher Sallesse at 3100 West Alabama St., Houston, TX 77098 or emailed to info@gccprd.com.

For more information about GCCPRD and this study, visit www.gccprd.com.

Shaver Road, and now Hughes Road

Looks like Shaver road all over. Way too many fingers in the pie and this keeps holding up important projects like this. Read in the Chronicle recently that part of the new rail line had to be rebuilt because of a design flaw.

When a project like this is authorized and funded you would think that all engineering design work would be complete and double checked. The engineers know the City, State and Federal design laws that affect a project like this. So often we find that after a project is started or even complete that there are neighboring issues that were not considered. For instance proper drainage, sewer line replacement and so forth.

Who pays for all this delay, the tax payer with money and inconvenience. Recently, streets/sidewalks in the South Belt area were torn up/rebuilt and the contractor did not even try to be responsible for his contractual agreement with the city. Many letters/articles in he South Belt Leader about this.

How should this be handled. You, as a tax payer, contact your city council person and the 5 At large Council people. Run them crazy with phone calls and emails. I bet that will get results.

Jim Muecke

Ring in the holidays with Santa's Christmas Magic

The San Jacinto College Central Campus Theatre and Film Department rings in the holiday season with its annual festive production of *Santa's Christmas Magic: The Musical*.

The "family celebration spectacular" will be performed in the Powell Arena Theatre, located on the Central campus at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Evening performances are set for Dec. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances are scheduled for Dec. 7 and 14 at 2:30 p.m. Special matinee performances will be held for area schools and day cares on Dec. 4 at 9 a.m., and Dec. 5

at 10 a.m.

Santa's Christmas Magic: The Musical is a fantasy holiday season plot to steal Santa's magic. The cast includes male and female actors, as well as singers and dancers from ages 4 to adult. Highlights of the show include toys that come alive and dance and sing, and singing children elves. Children in the audience will have an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus at intermission.

"It's a very high energy musical that includes acting, singing, a lot of dancing, and there are even chase scenes," commented Dr. Jerry Ivins, Central Campus Theatre and Film Department chair. "This will be our 19th year to pres-

ent a Christmas show, which has developed into a holiday tradition for the community. Nearly every performance has sold out since we introduced the production."

The cost for general admission is \$10 per person. Tickets bought and picked up at least two days before the show cost \$8 each. For ticket information, call 281-476-1828 starting Dec. 3 when ticket sales begin.

San Jacinto College offers theater degrees and classes at the South and Central campuses. The Central campus also offers classes in film and video production. For more information about fine arts programs at San Jacinto College, visit sanjac.edu.



From left, Reneya Henderson as a toy rabbit (guest artist from the South Belt area), Jordan West (from Pearland) as Santa, and Dominique Hernandez (from Baytown) as the Young Grinch, rehearse a scene from San Jacinto College's production of *Santa's Christmas Magic, the Musical*.

Photo by Rob Vanya

Women host Christmas luncheon

The Southeast Dynamic Women Networking Group will hold its Christmas-themed luncheon and shopping event Thursday, Dec. 4, at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in the Christmas shopping fun, make some new friends, and enjoy the luncheon with dynamic area women.

The luncheon will feature guest speaker Adrian Miller from Colorado, whose theme will be *How some of the best Christmas memories come from the most humble circumstances*. Miller, a professional speaker and singer, will share her Christmas inspiration through stories and song.

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. when guests can do some Christmas shopping and networking with area vendors who feature Christmas items, home décor, clothing, fashion accessories, jewelry, health and beauty, and business and professional services.

Lunch will be served at

11:15 a.m. and the event ends at 1:30 p.m.

Guests can register for free door prizes when they sign in.

The cost of the luncheon is \$16, which includes the networking/shopping event and lunch.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the guest speaker, shopping, and the luncheon.

For reservations, email Sandee Ellis at sandeeellis@comcast.net or call 713-823-3575 by Dec. 2.

PLT sets The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, a comedy by Barbara Robinson and directed by Craig Trauschke, opens Friday, Dec. 5, at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. The play continues weekends through Dec. 21.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Thursday. Sunday matinees begin at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. Thursday, Dec. 18, is a specially priced Admit-Two-for-\$15 show. For reservations, call 713-941-1758 or reserve online at <http://www.pasadenalittletheatre.org/>. Credit cards are accepted.

CCCT presents Miracle on 34th Street

Clear Creek Community Theatre will present *Miracle on 34th Street* Dec. 5-21. *Miracle on 34th Street*, adapted by Mountain Community Theater from the novel by Valentine Davies and based upon the Twentieth Century Fox motion picture opens Friday, Dec. 5, at Clear Creek Community Theatre, 18091 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay. Performances run Dec. 5-21 at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. There will be two additional matinee performances on Saturday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 20, at 2:30 p.m. From 1 to 2 p.m. prior to each matinee, Santa Claus himself will be in the lobby to listen to Christmas wishes and have photos taken. Call the box office at 281-335-5228 to reserve tickets. Tickets and Santa pictures may also be purchased online at www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com.

Catholic Daughters of Americas set events

White Elephant/Bake Sale Dec. 7

Catholic Daughter Court Mother of Unity No. 2292 will hold a white elephant and bake sale on Sunday, Dec. 7, in the social hall at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, after Sunday Masses beginning at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to shop for homemade baked goods to stock up freezers for Christmas or for early holiday parties. There will also be white elephant items available for purchase for those little things needed for hostess gifts, party gifts, as a stocking stuffer, last minute "oh, oh I forgot something for Aunt Lucy" decorations, etc. All proceeds will benefit the many charities in which the court is involved, including the scholarship program.

Gift of Life event Dec. 9

Catholic Daughter of the Americas' Court Mother of Unity No. 2292 will sponsor a Gift of Life event on Tuesday, Dec. 9, in conjunction with the regular business meeting. All women of the area are invited to St. Luke the Evangelist Social Hall at 11011 Hall Road at 6 p.m. A potluck supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the court asks everyone to bring a side dish to share. Meat, dessert and drinks will be furnished by the court.

The court will also sponsor a baby shower for Jesus that night and would like donations of infant baby items (diapers, wipes, onesies, clothing, etc. - anything is welcome) for the manger. All donations will go to St. Luke's Gabriel Project.

During dessert there will be a presentation by team members from the LifeGift organization regarding the importance of becoming an organ donor and will share how the program works and who is eligible to become a donor. Afterward, women who are not interested in staying for the meeting will be dismissed.

For more information about this event or the Catholic Daughters, call 281-484-4170.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Nov. 27 through Dec. 3. The library will be closed from 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 30, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Preschool storytime is held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, and toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays.

Vietnamese storytime is every Saturday - Level 2 at 10 a.m., Level 1 at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 at 2:30 p.m. For more information on Vietnamese programs, speak with Loc Bui. Computer Classes offered in December will be Computer Basics I on Dec. 10, Computer Basics II on Dec. 12, Computer Basics III on Dec. 15 and Computer Basics IV on Dec. 17. All classes will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Registration is required.

For information on programs and events, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Neighborhood Library, 9002 Kingspoint, recently listed its programs for Nov. 27 through Dec. 3. There will be no computer classes in December.

The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, through Monday, Dec. 1, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Tuesdays - A storytime-themed craft is set for 11 a.m., and a children's craft will be at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays - Baby/Toddler Storytime is at 10:30 a.m. followed by Baby/Toddler Playtime at 11 a.m.; Computer Basics at 3:15 p.m.; and Internet Basics at 4:30 p.m.

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

Clear Creek ISD Robotics team wins Texas BEST Championship

Clear Creek Independent School District's high school Robotics' team and two intermediate school teams competed at the 2014 Texas BEST Championship in Dallas Nov. 14-15.

Team Jigsaw, composed of students from Clear Brook High School, Clear Lake High School, Clear Springs High School and Clear Horizons Early College High School, was ranked number three after 38 qualifying matches. Team Jigsaw went on to win the Texas BEST

Championship robot game and received the Texas Instruments Game Division Award. The team also received second place in the Texas Instruments Most Robust Award.

More than 60 teams competed including Westbrook Intermediate and League City Intermediate. Westbrook's WIRED team won first place in T-shirt design. Their robot placed 32nd overall.

League City's RoboCats won third place in T-shirt design and had the honor of

presenting their marketing presentation at a VIP luncheon at the competition.

Boosting Engineering Science and Technology (BEST) Robotics organizes annual robotics competitions that introduce intermediate and high school students to engineering, problem-solving and teamwork - providing a taste of what it's like to work in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers.

The Texas BEST Regional Robotics Competition, hosted

by the University of Texas at Dallas, serves 15 hubs in the Southwestern United States. The competition brings together 60 champion teams from hubs in Texas and New Mexico.

This year's game, Blade Runner, used teamwork and innovative thinking to execute five sets of tasks to assemble and position a wind turbine into a completed state. This includes designing and building a prototype vehicle capable of transporting and maneuvering components of the wind turbines.



Members of Team Jigsaw, CCISD's robotics team are, left to right, (front row) Elena Michnovicz, Devin Powell, Devinda Dharmawardene, Abhishek Patil, Chamikera Dharmawardene, (middle row) Chris Pu-

licken, Hunter Smith, Nicholas Agner, Amanda Lu, (back row) Ethan Reed, Syllas Anderson, Buvaneshraj Saravanan, Julian Parra, Danielle Pettinger, Kevin Jang and Gan Liu.

Photo submitted

Tax-Aide volunteers sought

Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, Houston-area AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help about 50,000 low-income and over-60 taxpayers. For the 2015 tax season, volunteers are needed now for two four-hour shifts weekly as a Tax-Aide tax counselor, greeter, technology coordinator or administrator.

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

Space Center ExxonMobil

Retiree Club hosts holiday party

ExxonMobil retirees and their guests are invited to attend the Space Center ExxonMobil Retiree Club's holiday party on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Bay Area Community Center at 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Fellowship is from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by a short business meeting, lunch and festivities. Lunch will feature tenderloin steak and roast turkey with all the trimmings. Peter Hoth will serve as disc jockey, providing both holiday and dance music, so bring singalong voices and dancing shoes. RSVP to Gillian Ford no later than noon on Dec. 8 at 281-482-4305. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 for nonmembers, and guests and \$10 for club members (annual membership dues are \$15).

The club holds four meetings per year, including the December holiday party, as well as a number of excursions by bus.

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Deaths

Brooks Alton McKelroy



Brooks Alton McKelroy, 76, of Hardin, Texas, died on Friday, Nov. 21, 2014. He was a former South Belt resident.

McKelroy was a member of the Liberty Church of Christ. He held the Light Heavyweight Golden Glove Boxing title in the late 1950s. He was a 32nd Degree Mason with the Woodland Lodge. He owned and operated McKelroy's Bargain Appliance Store in Houston for 50 years. He loved carpentry and was a great handyman. He enjoyed fishing when he could find the time. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

McKelroy is preceded in death by his father, Brooks Alton McKelroy; stepfather Thomas Davidson; and brother Emmett McKelroy.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gloria McKelroy of Hardin; mother Ina Mae Davidson of Waco; a sister, Mildred Sandlin of Waco; children Cynthia Sass and husband Brian of League City, Pamela Loprete and

husband Steve of Missouri City, Kimberly Davila of Crockett, and Brooks Alton McKelroy Jr. and wife Jennifer of Hardin; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A service of remembrance was held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014, at Liberty Church of Christ, officiated by Don Prather.

Honorary pallbearers were grandsons Jesse Davila, Felix Davila, Charles Ray Jones, Adrian Van Court and Brooks Alton McKelroy IV.

To view the online obituary, visit www.faithandfamilyfuneralservices.com.

Myrtle Irma Rowell



Myrtle Irma Rowell, 91, died peacefully of natural causes on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, in Houston. She was born in Eunice, La., on May 15, 1923. She was a former South Belt resident.

Rowell was preceded in death by her husband, Charley Scott Rowell, and her son, Charley Scott Rowell Jr.

She is survived by her son, Richard Collins, granddaughter Jess Rowell, caregivers, church, family and friends.

Rowell was an avid gardener, cook, caregiver and dedicated wife.

A funeral Mass of resurrection at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church was held on Monday, Nov. 24, 2014, at 11 a.m., immediately followed by a reception by the Catholic Daughters of America. A gravesite service, where Rowell was buried next to her late veteran husband, followed at 2 p.m. at Forest Park Lawndale's Bethany 55 Rowell monument.

Dane Norman Joyce



Dane Norman Joyce, 95, of South Belt, died on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014. She was born on June 7, 1919, in Teague, Texas, to William Compton Norman and Susie Eliza White.

Joyce is preceded in death by her son, Nicholas Gianukos; daughter JoLynn Gianukos Scarbrough; and granddaughter Kimberly.

She is survived by her sons, Norman Gianukos and wife Mary of Ocala, Fla., and Thomas Joyce and wife Janet of Houston; six

grandchildren: Marty, Jay, Tommy, Patrick, Janet Lynn and Adam; nine great-grandchildren; five nephews; four nieces; and a host of other family and friends.

At an early age, Joyce was introduced to music by her father and traveled to churches in central Texas providing Sunday morning worship hymns and gospel music which sparked a love of music that endured the rest of her life. Music was her first love, but she had other talents such as painting, piano, harmonica and guitar. She wrote many songs and taught countless others how to read music.

Joyce wrote short stories for the Teague Chronicle called *The Be Thinker*. She spent a large part of her life refining her gift of song through several music teachers. She was accepted into the Houston Grand Opera. She especially loved singing in her church choir at Meadowbrook Baptist Church where she made many friends.

The service celebrating Joyce's life will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014, at 10 a.m. at Niday Funeral Home - Beamer Chapel. Interment will be held Friday, Nov. 28, at 1 p.m. at Dew Cemetery in Dew, Texas.

Those honored to serve as pallbearers were Tommy Edwards, Adam Joyce, Billy Norman, Tim McNally and Mark Nagle.

Shirley Jean Castellano



Shirley Jean Castellano, 77, of South Belt, died on Friday, Nov. 21, 2014. She was born on July 21, 1937, in Iola, Texas, to Fount and Ruebena Byars.

Castellano is preceded in death by her parents; husband Ronald; daughter Katherine; and brother Daniel Ray.

She is survived by her two sons, Ricardo Angel Castellano and Donald Ray Castellano and wife Shaheena Juliet of Houston; grandchildren Fletcher Farrar of Nevada and Alexander Mays of California; her three sisters, Mae Farmer of Winnboro, Texas, Peggy Bourg of Omaha, Neb., and Pat Phillips of Houston; brother Roger Byars of Wisconsin; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Castellano's life will be held on Friday, Nov. 28, 2014, at 2 p.m. at Niday Funeral home - Beamer Chapel in Houston.

Leader obituary policy

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

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Students exceed food drive challenge



Beverly Hills Intermediate Bear Co. sponsored its annual food drive this past week. Students were challenged to bring in 1,000 cans of food and to a day of Tech Café. They far exceeded the challenge. Bear Co. collected more than 1,680 items of food

that will be donated to SeAM (Southeast Area Ministries) for distribution to families in need. Pictured are, left to right, students Ashley Nguyen, Nalliyah Jenkins, Emily Reyes and Stephanie Flores.

Photo submitted

Lariaette of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Nov. 10 through Nov. 14 is junior Megan Schuetz. She is a social executive and is the daughter of Paula Schuetz.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JAN!

Special birthday greetings to **Jan Fowler**, a 1975 Dobie graduate, are sent from mom and dad, Betty and Charles Shiflet, as she celebrates her birthday Nov. 29.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 27 through Dec. 3.

Burnett Elementary

Jessica Maldonado is wished a happy birthday Nov. 28.

Bush Elementary

On Nov. 28, **Janice Rios** celebrates a birthday. Sing a happy birthday song Dec. 2 to **Erica Fernandez**.

Frazier Elementary

Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Sara Rodriguez** Nov. 28. Marking a birthday Dec. 2 is **Pam Williams**.

Moore Elementary

On Nov. 27, **Veronica Cowart** celebrates a birthday. On Nov. 30, a birthday wish is sent to **Silvia Luna**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Rita Reyes** Dec. 1.

South Belt Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for **Carmen Castelan** Dec. 2.

Stuchbery Elementary

James Maslonka enjoys a birthday Nov. 27. Light the birthday candles Dec. 1 for **Angela Preston**.

Melillo Middle School

Dec. 2 is the day for a birthday cake for **Jamie Torres**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

The day for a party for **David Hastings** is Nov. 29. Blow out the birthday candles Dec. 3 for **Jo Griffin**.

Thompson Intermediate

The day for a party for **Maria Pena** is Dec. 2.

Dobie High

Light the birthday candles Nov. 27 for **Frank Mora**. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Luz Ossa** and **Robin Rackley** Nov. 28. A double birthday is celebrated by **Brenda Medellin** and **Sonja Mull** Dec. 1. Light the birthday candles Dec. 2 for **Karen Margraves**. Cheers for a happy birthday are sent to **Eric Huysman** and **Robert Beynaerts** on Dec. 3.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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

Thursday, Nov. 27: **Shannon Warner, Susie Hughlett, Jason Brantly, Christine Dailey, Tommy Bischof and Chris Hubenak**; and Friday, Nov. 28: **Sharon Wagner and Christie Fickessen**; Saturday, Nov. 29: **Rebecca Carter, Amy Smith, Sheila Higgins, Lawanda Dyson-Lendsey and Hanh Do**; Sunday, Nov. 30: **Laurie Pena, Theresa Winters-McMurrough, Chandra Storey, Sonia Martinez, Angela Kennedy, Kelli Lord, Kelly Allison, Patricia Shults, Keleigh Stacey and Marisol Phillips**; Monday, Dec. 1: **Jessica Bowlin, Miles West, Damon Griffin, Kim Middleton and Melissa Ray**; Tuesday, Dec. 2: **Lenae Fowler and Aaron Herridge**; and Wednesday, Dec. 3: **Gaskill Sigsbee, Kyle Smith, Timothy Hardcastle and Allison Bobby**.

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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.

Escort of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette Escort of the Week for Nov. 10 through Nov. 14 is Albert Nguyen. He is a junior and is the son of Mary and Christopher Nguyen.

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, Dec. 3, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, email HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com.

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Atkinson announces first 9-weeks rolls

Atkinson Elementary recently released its first nine-weeks rolls for the 2014-2015 school year. Students earning status are:

Honor roll

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Thomas Castelan, Anthony Garza, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Diego Gonzalez, Kierah Hightower, Isabel Juarez, Alex Lara, Hailey Lazo, Mariyah

Martinez, Elisa Myles, Linda Nguyen, Loly Nguyen and Anya Parker.

Justin Pearson, Thien Pham, Jamare Philbert, Pete Racia, Juleny Rivera, Eryal Rossett, Javier Salinas, Daisy Salinas, Aryanna Sanchez, Lizbeth Serrano, Andres Tolentino, Sarah Trinh and Samantha Truong.

Third grade

Anya Botello, Dylan Dao, Ryan Le, Nhut Ly, Matison Mitchell, Anh Nguyen, Duyen Nguyen, Linda Pham, Emily Reyes, Lilly Tran and Thomas Vu.

Fourth grade

Janet Armenta, Joshua Best, Alexis Cline, Jade Gallegos, Iliana Mealy, Kelly Nguyen, Khoi Nguyen, Jesse Nguyen, Justin Thach and Carol Tran.

Merit roll
Second grade
 Nataly Baez, Keano Gonzales, Tiana Hernandez, Valerie Hinojosa, Jazmynn Johnson, Pedro Juarez, Makenzie Lopez and Daniela Maldonado-Marquez.

Shazia Mustapha, Andrew Nguyen, Allen Nguyen, Jason Nguyen, Ameliah Rodriguez, Bianka Rubio, Brandi Scott and Viviana Velasquez.

Third grade
 Stephanie Gonzalez, Emily Hamlett, Vincent Holcomb, Joseph Ontiveros, Joseph Perez and Haily Rojas.

Fourth grade

Elih Acevedo, Lizeth Aguirre, Gabriel Calderon, Emily Gaona, Erik Hernandez, Hue Le, Nathaniel Montemayor, Martin Nguyen, Katelin Nguyen, Aiyana Pennington, Yariel Rodriguez, Leyla Salazar and Samantha Wilkerson.

Principal's List

Kindergarten

Vianka Alanis, Ashley DeArcos, Xavier Delgado, Natalie Esquivel, Alan Hamlett, Diego Marban, Tatiana Rodriguez, Roy Swan, Jose Luis Vieyra, Aniyah Walker, Noah Zavala and Kevin Zelaya.

First grade

Diana Armenta, Daisy Baez, Benjamin Briones, Guillermo Fernandez, Gregory Garcia, Victoria Gomez, Mark Mata, Victor Mejia, Jenna Molina, Rolando Salinas, Victoria Torres, Ruben Vasquez, Chad Walker and Summer Zuniga.

Second grade

Thomas Castelan, Rachel Covarrubias, Keano Gonzales, Kianna Harris, Shazia Mustapha, Gisel Partida, Anabelle Perez, Thien Pham, Juleny Rivera, Loi Tran and Stephanie Vieyra.

Third grade

Jessica Hernandez, Trenton Ho, Vincent Holcomb, Deysi Izaguirre, Nhut Ly, Duyen Nguyen, Rene Nuñez, Joseph Ontiveros, Diego Orta, Kim Pham, Emily Reyes and Mya Zuniga.

Fourth grade

Joshua Best, Ashton Davis, Adrian Escalera, Roberto Flores, Leila Henry, Jennika Lim-Tom, Hayden Marshall, Khoi Nguyen, Kelly Nguyen, Karina Serrano, Crisma Veloz and Devon Young.



Left to right, Robert Elizalde and fourth-grader Caroline Elizalde.

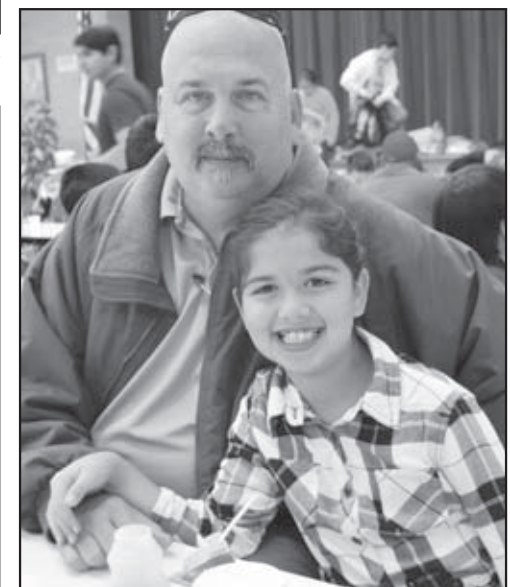


Fourth-grader Marisa Perl and Henry Perl.

Atkinson Elementary invites Dads for Donuts

Atkinson Elementary recently held its Donuts for Dad. The staff encourages dads to come visit during breakfast, spend time with their child, and enjoy a coffee and donut.

Photos submitted



Third-grader Dasha Ward and Thomas Ward.

Remember When

35 years ago (1979)

The two South Belt area veterinary clinics—Sagemont Animal Hospital and Kirkwood Veterinary Hospital—were swamped with requests to vaccinate dogs and cats for rabies following the county's first reported case of rabies in 20 years.

30 years ago (1984)

Construction of a proposed 60,000 square-foot student center at San Jacinto College's South campus was given third priority of construction projects at the college district's three campuses by regents.

Eighth-grade Beverly Hills Intermediate School band students Leigh Ann Beckham, Greg Dekunder, Jennifer Pascoe and Cary Owens earned places in the Region Orchestra.

25 years ago (1989)

Sagemeadow property homeowners delinquent in payment of maintenance fees were forced to remit payment or face court proceedings.

The San Jacinto College District Communications Office won seven awards for its publications and marketing activities over the year.

20 years ago (1994)

The abandoned Weber Elementary School was to be conveyed to the South-

bend subdivision developer as part of the Clear Creek Independent School District's \$11.5 million settlement with Farm & Home Savings.

The San Jacinto College Board of Regents accepted the resignation of Dr. Marlin Cherry. Employed with the district since its beginning, Cherry was serving as provost.

15 years ago (1999)

Jerry Speer announced that he was officially leaving his position as Dobie High School principal at the end of the school year.

Longtime South Belt resident Constantine Maffei Jr., 64, died after suffering a heart attack while driving. His vehicle careened into Frazier Elementary School.

10 years ago (2004)

The Dobie varsity football team was headed to a Class 5A Division II regional quarterfinal game against the Katy Tigers in the Astro-dome.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held its annual retreat for board members to discuss future goals. The goals discussed included continuing ribbon cuttings, monthly luncheons and the annual Evening of Cuisine fundraiser.

PSID was seeking nomi-

inations for its annual Distinguished Alumnus award.

5 years ago (2009)

Sagemont Church broke ground on its new sanctuary and adult education center. Part of the church's "living proof" project, the structure would occupy 120,000 square feet and hold 2,500 people. The construction was expected to take anywhere from 18 to 24 months to complete.

Dobie High School graduates Taylor DeLeon and Beatrice Soto were among the players of the Tyler Junior College Athletic Association national championship women's soccer team. The team won the big prize in just its second year of existence.

The J.S. Bracewell Neighborhood Library was set to hold its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony. City of Houston Mayor Bill White and District E City Council Member Mike Sullivan were to be present at the ceremony.

1 year ago (2013)

A San Jacinto College South student was accused of blackmailing underage girls by hacking into their Facebook accounts to extort nude photos. Hugh Riley Ener, 22, was arrested by Webster police and faced federal charges of produc-

ing, distributing and possessing child pornography. The arrest was the result of a four-month long investigation conducted by the Webster Police Department and the Houston Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Investigators allege that Ener, a husband and father of two from the Clear Lake area, hacked a 13-year-old girl's email and social media accounts and stole revealing pictures that he threatened to post on her Facebook page if she didn't send him additional nude photos of herself. Using the teen's social media accounts and email, Ener allegedly then contacted some of the victim's underage friends posing as her and tricked them into sharing their Facebook passwords, which he used to extort more pornographic images.

According to police, the driver of a wrecker truck was exiting the northbound lanes on the Gulf Freeway at Fuqua when he struck Juan Torres, 24, who was attempting to walk across the exit ramp on the service road. Torres was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver was questioned, did not exhibit any signs of impairment and was released.

Local elementary schools celebrate Thanksgiving



Atkinson students enjoy Thanksgiving lunch

The kindergarten classes at Atkinson Elementary decorated hats to wear to the annual Thanksgiving lunch on Friday, Nov. 21.

At left is Ariel Dillard from Jana Child's kindergarten class.

Photos submitted



Left to right, Angel Salazar, Samuel Syplen, Kevin Morales and Ernesto Alcantar from Ludi Perez's kindergarten class.

Moore hosts Thanksgiving lunch



Char'Kira Powell and Catherine Cooper

Moore Elementary held its annual Thanksgiving Lunch on Thursday, Nov 13, where students, parents and staff partook in a delicious turkey lunch.

Photos submitted



Veronica and Javier Rangel



Left to right, Steve, Zara, Thalia and Moriah Oddo.

Guerin completes project, earns rank of Eagle Scout

About a dozen members of the St. Luke Catholic community, Troop 692, and the larger community gathered on a rainy day in late September to witness Adrien Guerin present his Eagle Project to the St. Luke ACTS Community.

Service to others is an important part of the Scout Oath: "...to help other people at all times."

Each year, tens of thousands of young men strive to achieve the Eagle Scout rank by applying character, citizenship, and Scout-ing values in their daily lives.

One of the Eagle rank requirements (No. 5) is to plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, school, or community. The project must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.

Through this requirement, Scouts practice what they have learned and gain

valuable project management and leadership experience.

For his project, Guerin led 15 volunteers in the construction of four large, rolling storage cabinets, which help the community keep track of retreat equipment and supplies.

Formerly, these supplies were hand-carried by multiple individuals, proving difficult to maintain accurate inventory. In addition, they are easily moved; easily loaded and unloaded to and from a trailer; and provide the ability to return materials directly to their final storage areas, savings dozens of hours per retreat and helping to prevent items from being "lost in the shuffle."

ACTS stands for "Adoration, Community, Theology and Service." ACTS retreats have enriched the lives of hundreds of thousands of people; men and women, teens and retirees,

rich and poor, Catholic and non-Catholic, in the United States as well as other countries. It has reinvigorated the spiritual lives of individuals, of families, of entire parishes.

The following people helped work on the project: Albert Becker, Marcel and Nicholas Guerin, Kyle Ybarra, Brad Muecke, Robert, Donell and Samuel Tomlinson, Brandon Eifert, Jacob Lastovica, Brian and Joshua Arnes, Jake Wohleb and Nathan Buchanan.

Individuals who donated in various ways were Melissa Flores, Eileen Begle, Judi Luna, and Neil Rancour, who provided the basic cabinet design.

Guerin's project required a total of 252 volunteer hours more than 10 work days.

St. Luke the Evangelist has chartered Boy Scout Troop 692 for more than 33 consecutive years, producing approximately 34 Eagle Scouts.



Adrien Guerin, son of Marcel and Kayse (Becker) Guerin, completed a project as a requirement to earn the Eagle rank of Boy Scouts. He, along with about 15 volunteers, built four large, wooden rolling storage cabinets. His biggest helper was his mother's father, Al Becker (aka Grandpa). He was also supported by his seven siblings.

Photos submitted

See additional Thanksgiving photos on Page 1A and Page 6A.



Alphin Antony

Thanksgiving feast held at Stuchbery

Every year, Stuchbery Elementary second-graders celebrate a "feast" in honor of Thanksgiving.

Photos submitted



Left to right, Deserae Charles and Giovanni Melendez.



Emma Fields



Left to right, Natalia LeGoenaga, Bella Sanchez and Carissa Phillips.



Current and past ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service) core team members pictured are, left to right, Sharon Hunter, Norma Calhoun, Lupe Carmona, Kayse Guerin, Adrien Guerin, Al Birsinger, Tony Jaramillo and Diane Bishop.



Left to right, brother Nicholas, Adrien and their dad, Marcel.

HPD shares tips for a safe holiday

The next few weeks will be a busy time for everyone and while it's easy to be distracted with the hustle of the holiday season, the Houston Police Department wants everyone to remember a few simple tips that will help shoppers and their families stay safe.

While shopping, stay alert to surroundings.

• Don't walk and talk on a phone, and carry only what cards and cash are necessary.

• Secure belongings out of sight and keep purse nearby at all times.

The holiday season also means increased spending so be careful to protect personal data.

• Be wary of whom you provide personal information to and watch for credit skimming devices.

• Watch financial statements closely and report inconsistencies immediately.

When making holiday purchases, stow them in the

trunk prior to the next destination.

• If stowing packages in the trunk and then heading back in to continue shopping, move the vehicle and park it in a different place.

• Make the most expensive purchase the last purchase of the day and take the item straight home.

• Criminals are watching what shoppers are buying and whether they are going to

leave it unattended in the car after making a purchase.

Don't forget to protect your home.

• At home keep the outside well lit, doors locked and curtains closed.

• If traveling out of town have a neighbor watch the house, and put lights on a timer.

• While it might be tempting to display a tree in the window for everyone to see,

it's best to keep the tree and gifts where onlookers can't see.

When it's time to clean up remember not to advertise what gifts were received.

• Destroy the boxes or place them in sealed garbage bags before setting them out for garbage collection.

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Finger painting reward



Second-grader Julio Guerrero enjoys his attendance reward. For November and December, Atkinson Elementary School rewards students for being present at school on a weekly basis. During this week, the students were rewarded by creating finger paintings. *Photo submitted*

First-graders build turkey together



South Belt Elementary first-grade students were recently sent home with a paper feather to decorate with the help of their parents. Their creativity really showed. When the feathers were returned, they were put together to form a huge first-grade turkey. The students dressed up for the school's annual Thanksgiving feast. Left to right, students Kenzie Fernandez and Kylie Campos are shown in front of the turkey. (See Page 1A for additional photo) *Photo submitted*

CC Community Theatre to host New Year's party

Clear Creek Community Theatre has just the ticket for those New Year's Eve blues. CCCT will host a one-night Musical Revue on Saturday, Jan. 3, at 8 p.m. The theater's Last Chance New Year's is an evening of entertainment featuring music, dance and comedy selected from musicals through the eras. Geared for the whole family, this is an event to see.

It's a final New Year's celebration filled with fun and entertainment. Buy tickets through Dec. 25 for only \$20 per person. After Christmas, the price is \$25 each. Admission includes entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and libations. Tickets are available online at www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com or by calling the box office at 281-335-5228.



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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Team finishes perfect 13-0 run

Senior Rams dominate, win Super Bowl

Dominating the game from the first snap to the last, the Ellington Rams' senior division team delivered the final blow in showing just who reigns supreme in the Bay Area Football League.

The Rams, entering the game as champions of the League's National Football Conference, throttled the American Football Conference champion Pearland Patriots 40-0 in the Super Bowl game Nov. 22, at The Rig in Pearland.

With the win, the Rams finished the season at a perfect 13-0, leaving no debate about the division's top team.

From the outset, the Rams controlled the action. Tailback Jaylen Girdy raced 43 yards for a touchdown on the first offensive play of the game, stunning the Patriots.

A conversion pass from quarterback Able Harris to Christian Cleckley gave the Rams an 8-0 lead just 13 seconds into the game, and they weren't done.

In the second quarter, the Rams came up big on a fourth-down play to extend their lead.

After Harris was sacked for a huge loss on third down, the Rams were facing a fourth-and-43 play. Not to worry — Harris dropped back and lofted a perfect pass down the right sideline to Shannon Hayes

for a touchdown. Just like that, it was 13-0 Rams.

Cleckley came up with an interception with 2 minutes, 25 seconds remaining in the first half, and the Rams' offense did the rest.

Anthony Gracia Jr. burst into the end zone from three yards out with 37 seconds left in the first half, making the halftime score 20-0 in favor of Ellington.

It was much more of the same in the second half. Late in the third quarter with a drizzle starting to come down, Girdy went 43 yards for another touchdown.

A defensive touchdown pushed the lead to 32-0 as the Rams were in control.

Cleckley scored on a 10-yard run late, and Leroy Rios reeled in the conversion reception for the final points of the game.

Pearland went the entire first quarter without a first down. The Patriots had a couple of scoring chances in Rams' territory but were stopped each time.

In all phases of the game, the Rams used their overall speed advantage to control the action.

For most of these players, it was the final time to play in a Rams' uniform together.

The Rams outscored their opponents by a combined 331 to 31 score.



From left, Ellington Rams senior division players Dominic Caballero (14), Shannon Hayes (3), Able Harris (2), Christian Cleckley (55) and Salvador Vargas (13) show their pride while toting the team's official flag after dominating the Pearland Patriots

40-0 for the Bay Area Football League's Super Bowl championship Dec. 22, at The Rig in Pearland. The Rams completed an undefeated season with the win. See more photos from the game on Page 2B.

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JFD teams grab hardware

Texas Invitational rewards Dobie boys', girls' hoops

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time tournament championship (2010, 2013) DeSoto a stunning 51-50 loss in the boys' Division I gold bracket championship game Nov. 22, at Phillips Field House.

DeSoto sank a pair of free throws in the closing seconds to lead 50-49, but Atascocita's Brandon Loville won his team the championship and himself tournament Most Valuable Player honors after draining a 10-footer at the final buzzer for the win.

Locally on the boys' side of things, Clear Creek (Division I silver bracket), Humble (Division II gold bracket) and Langham Creek (Division II silver bracket over Dobie) won championships.

The girls' North Shore entered the season state-ranked, and thus far the Lady Mustangs are more than holding up their end of the bargain.

North Shore put together a 7-0 run late against Cypress Woods, leading to a 57-54 victory in the girls' Division I gold bracket title game.

Deer Park repeated as the Division II bronze

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Dobie's Patrice Jackson (21) flashes into the lane and calls for the ball during the team's win over Sam Rayburn Nov. 20. The Lady Longhorns won four of five games in the tournament, eventually topping El Paso Eastwood 52-38 for third place in the girls' Division II gold bracket.

Photos by John Bechtle

Clear Brook varsity football sets Dec. 20 toy fundraiser

Members of the Clear Brook varsity football program are getting into the spirit of things for the holiday season.

Players will be front and center, helping out during an all-you-can-eat charity breakfast at Cafe Adobe Saturday, Dec. 20, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The restaurant is located at 1330 West Bay Area Blvd., in Friendswood.

Visitors will be asked to donate \$5 per meal in addition to a donated item. Clear Brook's focus this year is a toy drive.

Proceeds and donations from the event will go to benefit the H.E.A.R.T. (Housing, Entrepreneurship And Readiness Training) charity, which was developed to promote structured independence for those living with developmental disabilities by providing innovative

education, training, housing and employment programs.

For more information about H.E.A.R.T., visit www.heartprogram.org.

For more information about Clear Brook involvement and how to assist, call booster club members Felecia Williams at 832-703-2410, Kelly Chapman at 713-857-3404 or Nadine Guzman at 832-489-1649.

BAFL's Texas 25 footballer, drill set to display skills against Pa.

For a league that was chartered back in 1977, this is going to be a first.

A group of 25 of the Bay Area Football League's top senior division players will compete against a similar team from the Wyoming Valley Junior Football Conference, located in Hanover, Pa.

The game, set for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29, at The Rig in Pearland, will be the first of its kind where either league is concerned.

Halftime entertainment will feature a performance by a selection of more than 50 of BAFL's drill team members, who are calling themselves the Dream

Team for the special night. Needless to say, there is plenty of excitement to go around.

A final practice Nov. 26 after press time was to whittle the final roster from 33 to 25 players.

The eight alternates will also be in uniform for the game but will not see action.

Longtime South Belt resident Denny Wranich Jr., the current BAFL athletic director, played a big role in getting the event put together from the outset.

He says he's been unable to sleep lately due to the excitement surrounding this game.

Wranich represented BAFL at the NFL Scouting Combine earlier this year in hopes of picking up tips about safety and other precautions in the youth game through USA Football.

It was there that the idea for the game came together.

"The reps from the Wyoming Valley Junior Football Conference approached us about coming to town to play us," Wranich said.

"Since then, it's all developed with time. We have the blessing of USA Football and the NFL. Riddell has stepped in as

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Senior Rams complete unbeaten season, hammering Patriots

40-0 Super Bowl win caps perfect 13-0 run



Ellington Rams' senior division head coach Armando Fonseca Jr. (right) greeted each of his players after the team's easy 40-0 Super Bowl win, including Daniel Mateen (10) and Christian Cleckley (55).



The Ellington Rams' senior division team shut out the Pearland Patriots 40-0 to win the Bay Area Football League's Super Bowl championship Nov. 22 at The Rig in Pearland. With the win, the Rams capped a perfect 13-0 season, joining the Pearland Texans' freshman team as one of just two BAFL programs with unbeaten records. Jaylen Girdy scored a touchdown on the first offensive play of the Super Bowl game, and the Rams did not look back in taking the easy win. Pearland, meanwhile, finished the season with a 7-4 overall record. Members of the Rams include, left to right, (front row) cheerleaders Julissa Rodriguez, Yvonne Russell, Lori Rios, Mia Garica, Jocelyn Garcia, (second row) Orion Herrera, Jorge Valerio, Salvador Vargas, Jayden Girdy, Gabriel Rivas, Omar Mateen, Able Harris, Anthony Gonzalez, Leroy Rios, Daniel Mateen, assistant coach Gabriel Rivas, assistant coach Michael Lewis, assistant coach Anthony Gracia, (back row) head coach Armando Fonseca, Gabriel Fonseca, Christian Cleckley, Carlos Garcia, assistant coach Marcus Morales, Marquice Scott, Nicholas Esparza, Anthony Gracia Jr., Kemon Haywood, Dylan Gomez, Shannon Hayes, Dominic Caballero, Jose Jimenez and Deven Cypert.



At left, Ellington Rams defensive players Anthony Gracia Jr. (59) and Dominic Caballero combine to deliver a punishing blow on a Pearland Patriots' ball carrier during the first half of the Rams' eventual 40-0 Super Bowl victory Nov. 22, at The Rig in Pearland. The Patriots picked up a handful of first downs in the game but could not mount many serious scoring threats. At right, Christian Cleckley (55) of the Rams barrels his way through the Pearland Patriots' defense on his way to a 10-yard touchdown run late in the game. Leading 20-0 at halftime, the Rams kept adding to their lead in the second half.



At left, the Rams' Jaylen Girdy (with ball) opened the game with a 43-yard run for a touchdown on Ellington's first offensive snap, opening the scoring gates en route to an easy 40-0 win in the Bay Area Football League's Super Bowl game Nov. 22, at The Rig in Pearland. Girdy scored another touchdown in the second half as the Rams, a perfect 13-0 this season, reached their goal for the season.

At right, Ellington Rams' quarterback Able Harris (2) had ample running room thanks to the blocks of teammates Daniel Mateen (10) and Leroy Rios (24) on the edge. The Rams' offense, dominant all season, scored touchdowns on six different possessions in the game. Ellington won the Super Bowl game over the Pearland Patriots to complete a perfect 13-0 season. Pearland, which was the champion of the American Football Conference, ended the season at 9-4.

Photos by
John Bechtle
Sports Editor



Rams' defensive linemen Anthony Gonzalez (33) and Dylan Gomez (99) look to the sideline for the alignment call during the team's dominating effort against the Patriots. With few exceptions, the Rams' defense handled everything coming its way. At far right is Kemon Haywood (4).



The Rams' cheerleaders did their best to make sure the team had plenty of support during the Super Bowl game. Those rooting for the Rams included, left to right, (front row) Mia Garica, Lori Rios, (back row) Yvonne Russell, Julissa Rodriguez and Jocelyn Garcia.



Patriot ball carriers ran with little success throughout the game. On this play, Rams Kemon Haywood (4), Marquice Scott (22) and Dominic Caballero combine to tackle a Pearland player.

Longhorn swimmers show their talents at Alief invitational



The Dobie swimming team was on top of its game Nov. 22, at the Alief ISD Sprint Invitational, placing third in both the boys' and girls' divisions among 14 teams in the competition. Members and support staff for the team include, left to right, (front row) Natali Perez, (second row) Matt Willhoite, Celeste Dammel, Madison Caballero, Elissa Cruz, Raquel Garza, Lilibeth Rodriguez, (third row) Samuel Parker, Rebecca

Shaffer, Daniel Shaffer, Josh Woernley, Cassie Meyers, Francesca Arellano, (fourth row) Tin Nguyen, Summer Naser, Vanessa Gonzalez, James Castaneda, Dobie head coach Bradley Nguyen, Shannon Arellano, (back row) Tammi Nguyen, Kevin Nguyen, Sonia Gonzalez, Thomas Gonzalez, Ralph Lopez, Daniel Ramirez and Phat Nguyen.

The Dobie boys' and girls' swimming teams delivered one of their top performances of the season, taking third in both divisions among 14 total teams at the Alief ISD Sprint Invitational Nov. 22.

Senior Kevin Nguyen came up with a couple of individual events to lead the way for Dobie.

Nguyen was the winner of the 100-yard freestyle as well as the 50-yard breaststroke.

The Longhorns also got a great performance from Tin Nguyen, who placed second in the boys' 100-yard individual medley. Tin Nguyen was also second in the 50-yard backstroke.

A third-place honor came Dobie's way in the 200-yard coed freestyle relay as Kevin Nguyen and Tin Nguyen combined with Summer Naser and Vanessa Gonzalez.

In the same event, Dobie's quartet of Samuel

Parker, Josh Woernley, Madison Caballero and Jenna Rodriguez placed eighth overall.

Woernley, putting together a great freshman season for the Longhorns, was fourth in both the boys' 50-yard butterfly and the 50-yard freestyle.

Gonzalez was fourth in the girls' 50-yard butterfly, with teammate Caballero eighth in the same event.

Summer Naser placed fifth in the girls' 50-yard

breaststroke event, and she was eighth in the girls' 100-yard individual medley.

Gonzalez delivered a sixth-place finish in the girls' 50-yard backstroke, and Rebecca Shaffer came to the wall eighth overall.

Shaffer was also eighth in the girls' 100-yard individual medley, and she teamed with Gonzalez, Woernley and Tin Nguyen for eighth place in the 200-yard coed medley relay.

There is very little break

in the action for the Dobie swimmers.

After a few days of practice at the Beverly Hills Intermediate pool, the team will be at the Dennis Shippey Aquatic Center in Pasadena Tuesday, Dec. 2, for Senior Night as the Longhorns go up against Pearland.

On Saturday Dec. 6, the Longhorns will attend the annual Jingle Bell Invitational at Clear Brook High School.

Boys' cross-country

Beverly Hills' Reyes a two-time winner

Beverly Hills Intermediate's Jordy Reyes is no one-hit wonder. The Bears' standout cross-country runner was again the first to the finish line Nov. 20 as the Pasadena Independent School District hosted its second meet of the season.

Covering the 2-mile course in 12 minutes, 7 seconds, Nelson outran San Jacinto's Christian Aguilar (12:08) to the tape for the win.

Aguilar's San Jacinto team again took top honors with a low of 41 points. Southmore was next with 88, followed by South Houston with 91. Thompson was fourth at 93, and the Bears' 186 placed them sixth.

Each team was scored based on best finish of the top five runners.

In the seventh-grade division, San Jacinto also

scored the team win with 42 points. Southmore was second at 66, with Jackson's 85 points good for third place. Thompson scored 131 for sixth, and Beverly Hills (393) was 10th.

Reyes paces BHI 8s

Reyes led the way individually and certainly has thrust himself into the spotlight with back-to-back wins. Also for the Bears, Illsen Urrutia was 15th overall with a time of 12:54.

Joseph Hernandez placed 55th with a time of 13:58, and teammate Tanner Vega was next, 56th at 14:00.

Beverly Hills' two other official scorers were Khang Tran (59th at 14:02) and Jason Ramirez (60th at 14:05).

Others taking part in the race for the Bears were Hector Anaya (14:06), Da-

vid Le (14:56), Franklin Villalobos (15:45), Isaiah House (16:03), Jacob Haas (16:16), Christian Valadez (16:24) and Trevor Pervis (16:24).

Lions' 8s take fourth

Jonathan Nuncio and Giovanni Solis bagged top-14 finishes to help the Thompson eighth-grade team eventually place fourth overall.

At 12:32, Nuncio was the eighth overall finisher in the race, and Solis' time of 12:54 was 14th.

The Lions' other three official scorers were Trevor Hondros (20th at 13:02), Justin Lavinier (24th at 13:14) and Cristian Vela (37th at 13:37).

There were others who ran very well for the Lions, including Marco Velasquez (14:01), Alex Hernandez (14:09), Robin Gergis (14:10), Brandon Julks (14:19), Se-

bastian Gaona (14:24), Isaac Mesitzo (15:04), Victor Nguyen (15:20), Trey Pettis (16:07), Jesus Rios (16:14) and Andres Melchor (16:29).

GAT 7s earn sixth

The Lions' seventh-grade team wound up sixth in the final standings. The overall champion was Santos Hernandez of Southmore, who came across the finish line at 11:50.

Thompson's leader at the line was Shannon Hayes, 16th in a time of 13:21. Teammate Jonathan Mendez closely followed Hayes and was 17th at 13:23.

Kendyll Hubert was the Lions' third of five official scorers as he was in at 13:58 for 25th place. Daniel Gaeza's time of 14:10 was 33rd best, and Noah Gonzalez rounded out the scoring, placing 40th at

14:23.

Jaylen Gonzalez (14:50), Kelvin Gardner (14:59), Jartis Solomon (15:09), Jose Segoviga (15:10), Jonathan Resendez (15:36), Kobe Mooer (15:49), Jaylen Lindsey (16:05), Jordan Valesquez (17:04), Deandre Corbin (17:20) and Justin Tao (17:25) also ran well for the Lions.

BHI 7s compete well

The Bears' seventh-grade team competed well in the second meet of the season, with Eduardo Benavides leading the way. In the end, Benavides' time of 14:43 was 48th overall.

Brian Orozco was next for the Bears in a time of 14:47 for 52nd place, and the team's other three scorers were Fernando Fuentes (76th at 15:20), Gabriel Borrego (16:15) and Chris Camacho (18:05).

BAFL's best to take on visitors

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a major sponsor, allowing us to have matching helmets, jerseys and such. It's just a big-time thing."

Wranich will head coach the team and will be joined by a group of assistant coaches from BAFL who have accomplished some great things in the youth game as well.

As for the players, the

Super Bowl champion Ellington Rams figure to be represented by a handful of players in all likelihood, and there are players from many of the league's teams.

Wranich said the initial tryout features as many as 118 and has been systematically trimmed.

The group of 33, minus players from playoff

participants, have been practicing at the Pearland Dad's Club in preparation for the game.

The visitors will leave Pennsylvania Thanksgiving night and arrive in Houston the following day.

There will be a meet and greet, complete with breakfast the morning of Nov. 29, and then the big

game comes that night. Regardless of the game's final score, it's a win-win situation for everyone involved, including fans of the youth game.

"The time is almost here," Wranich said. "It's been a lot of work for some folks and the kids have all had to put in extra time, but we feel like it's more than worth it."

BAFL's Texas 25 Roster (as of Nov. 25)	
1 – Eric Rodriguez	28 – Nathaniel Martinez
2 – Able Harris	32 – Trevor Loza
3 – Shannon Hayes	33 – Taylor Teel
4 – Ike Owens	34 – Austin Castro
5 – Jaelin Benefield	35 – Gabriel Sanchez
7 – Jaylen Girdy	42 – Nicholas Rodarte
11 – Jack Codwell	44 – Elijah Diaz
12 – Hilton Koch	50 – Daniel Gonzalez
14 – Dominic Caballero	52 – Khalil Dreary
15 – Luciano Escobedo	55 – Christian Cleckley
18 – Jose Chavez	59 – Anthony Gracia Jr.
20 – Adrian Ramos	70 – Lance Villanueva
21 – Ladarius Owens	71 – Jude Gonzalez
22 – Spencer Smith	77 – Damian Sanchez
26 – Keandre Green	83 – Elijah Coronado
27 – Alan Lopez	87 – Theo Randal

Bondy girls again rule PISD cross-country

The Bondy Intermediate girls' cross-country program is simply the best in the Pasadena Independent School District.

For the second straight week, the Lady Patriots won both the seventh- and eighth-grade team crowns.

Making the 2-mile course look easy, Bondy placed four girls within the top five in the eighth-grade competition en route to a low of 25 points.

South Houston was next with 88, and Southmore had 103.

Beverly Hills and Thompson were ninth and 10th, respectively.

BHI girls run well

The Lady Bears' eighth-grade team was led by Natalie Armenta, whose time of 15:01.40 placed her 20th in the final standings.

Alyssa Trevino was next, 29th overall in a time of 15:30.

Mayte Zuniga placed 56th at 16:37, and teammate Alana Ortega wasn't far behind, 58th at 16:44.

Kennedy Nguyen, 70th at 17:15, was the Lady Bears' fifth and final scorer.

Alondra Acevedo (18:31), Maribel Garza (18:45.89), Paulina Garza (19:22), Itzel Castaneda (19:36.02) and Danielle Lopez (20:01) also ran well for the Lady Bears.

GAT 8s finish strong

Thompson's runners did their best to compete with the strong field. The

Lady Lions' leader was Megan Glass, who was 16th at 14:55.

Michaela Munoz placed 53rd at 16:27, and Melody Le posted a time of 16:47 for 61st place.

Tonya Montgomery was 68th at 17:11, and Stephanie Martinez placed 72nd with a time of 17:23.

The Lady Lions' other runners included Celine Espinoza (18:07), Azia Moniz (18:15), Miah Muniz (18:25), Kimberly Lara (18:30), Monique Durham (19:09) and Julysa Herrera (19:30.95).

As for the team standings in the seventh-grade division, Bondy won with a low of 59 points.

South Houston's 103 was second, and South-

more placed third overall with 106 points.

Beverly Hills was sixth with 182, and Thompson placed 10th with 249.

BHI 7s place sixth

The Lady Bears' seventh-grade team was sixth overall as Ashley Martinez paced her team, taking ninth overall at 14:54.41.

Zoe Hernandez's time of 15:40 was 26th overall, and teammate Michelle Aguilar (15:50) was 31st.

The Lady Bears' other two official scorers were Sadie Capuchino (48th at 16:31) and Charlie Tamayo (68th at 17:28.89).

Also for the Lady Bears, there was Allie Parker (17:39.43), Vanessa Villarreal (17:44), Ambar

Robles (19:27) and Elizabet Mendoza (19:41).

Colunga leads GAT 7s

The Lady Lions' seventh-grade team struggled to 10th place in the final standings, but Danielle Colunga more than did her part to help lift the locals.

South Houston's Leslie Marban was the top overall finisher at 13:44, and Colunga was within the next wave of competitors as her time of 14:22 was fourth.

Thompson's Alexys Vella was 46th in a time of 16:28, and Carrie Cubos was 47th at 16:29.

The Lady Lions' other official scorers included Araceli Dale (17:37 for 70th) and Seleste Martinez (17:55).

Clear Creek ISD construction projects continue

Huge mounds of earth are beginning to appear at the site of the Clear Creek ISD's Challenger Columbia Stadium.

The main loop road around the stadium is nearing completion, and portions of the home side parking lot are also complete.

Crews have finished erecting steel at the field house, the second floor slab has been poured, and masonry work has begun.

Those same crews are

also working on the retaining walls on the home side concourse, and the installation of the retaining walls on the visitor side has begun.

Construction of the new stadium should be complete in August 2015.

The majority of the demolition for the phase one area of the Clear Lake High School rebuild project is almost complete.

Crews are ready to install the underground utilities at Clear Lake, and

students and staff are adjusting to new traffic and walkway patterns due to the rebuild.

Temporary walkways and parking lots have been completed.

Additional lighting was installed to address low light levels between the temporary parking lot and Clear Lake ninth-grade building.

On Nov. 17, the Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved the design development

plan for the East Agriculture Center.

The design is based on the original West Ag Center and is being modified as needed to accommodate needs and site conditions.

Construction is scheduled to begin in February, 2015 and be completed by August 31, 2015.

At Seabrook Intermediate School, plans are in place to demolish side-walks in order to get the site prepared for the new additions planned for the

campus.

Portables will also be removed from the rear of campus at some point.

The project includes the addition of seven general classrooms, three science rooms, a food lab, an art room and the expansion of the cafeteria to accommodate enrollment growth.

The project is on schedule and should be complete by October 2015.

For more information on these projects and more, visit www.ccsid.net.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
7 a.m.

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

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Al-Anon (English Speaking) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alateen – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Tuesday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
7 a.m.

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

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

6 p.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just in.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
7:30 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

11 a.m.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For persons whose lives are 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 just drop in.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
2 p.m.

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

5:30 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.

8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
10 a.m.

Al-Anon Deer Park – Monday, 10 to 11 a.m., Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P. St., Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall, back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information.

11:30 a.m.

Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409- 454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.

2 p.m.

Genealogy Group – Parker Williams Genealogy Group

meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For information, email Liz Hicks at eroot-rot@usa.net.

3:30 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only. 6 p.m.

Scrabble Club #511 – Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.

6:30 p.m.

New Directions Singles – Group for ages 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. Many activities throughout the month. For more information, call Bambi at 281-795-4514 or Mary at 281-337-2589.

6:30 p.m.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting – meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group – Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

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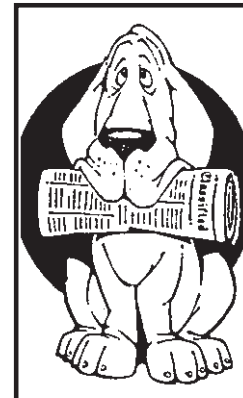
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CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

7 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

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

11:30 a.m.

Local NARFE Meeting - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon, at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

1 p.m.

Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.

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1:30 p.m.

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

6 p.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday of each month at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church located at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd., Houston. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. Meeting and program begin at 7 p.m. Come for a good time and to see some quilts. Guests welcome.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.

8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7 a.m.

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

11:30 a.m.

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.

6 p.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway,

Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the first Wednesday of each month in the third floor classrooms 3 and 4 of Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. For more information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, meets at 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets twice each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy. between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

7 a.m.

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

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.

4 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease from 4 to 5 p.m. at Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., in Webster. If interested in attending this exercise group, call 713-313-1652. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of all services offered.

6:30 p.m.

Diabetes Support Group - A support group for young adults with Type 1 diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month (or the second Thursday if that day is a holiday) at various restaurants in the area. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for more information.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

The Bay Area Writers League - Meets the first Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble at Bay Area Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway. Newcomers are welcome.

8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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