

Evening of Cuisine Oct. 15

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will hold its 12th annual Evening of Cuisine and antique car show Thursday, Oct. 15, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Attendees will have a chance to sample food from a wide variety of local vendors. The event will also feature music and a live and a silent auction. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door and are available at the chamber, H-E-B and Leader offices. For more information, call the chamber at 281-481-5516.

Man dies from crash

A man seriously injured in an Aug. 16 traffic accident in the 13600 block of the Gulf Freeway died from his injuries Monday, Oct. 12. John Richard, 63, was driving his gold Buick at a high rate of speed when he failed to stop for a white Mazda and a wrecker truck that were both stopped on the main lanes of the freeway due to a previous accident. Richard struck both vehicles and was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he later died. This marks the seventh fatality this year on the stretch of the Gulf Freeway from Fuqua to Scarsdale.

PIP meeting Oct. 20

Positive Interaction Program meets Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in the staff room at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Guest speaker is Sgt. Greg Countie from the Houston Police Department Clear Lake Hot-Spot Unit. For information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

Heavy trash scheduled

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, Oct. 15, for city of Houston residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 22. For more information, call 3-1-1.

Lions sell shopping passes

Thompson music students are selling shopping passes for Macy's nationwide Shop for a Cause event on Saturday, Oct. 17. Each shopping pass costs \$5 and will entitle the holder to exclusive savings and a chance to win a \$500 Macy's gift card. The music department keeps 100 percent of the proceeds from the passes to help fund activities. Contact Thompson music teachers Deborah Hirsch, Mike Tuneberg or Mark Varian or any music student to purchase a Macy's shopping pass or to make a donation.

Riverstone Ranch holds sale

Riverstone Ranch Homeowners Association will hold a community garage sale Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. No early sales.

Celebrities hold garage sale

The Clear Brook High School Celebrity Drill Team will hold its annual garage sale and car wash on the high school campus Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to noon. Proceeds will be used to buy costumes and help pay for dance competition fees. Donated items accepted.

Lariaette dance clinic set

The Dobbie Lariaettes will hold their annual Hand and Stand Clinic Oct. 15 in the Dobbie dance room from 6 to 8 p.m. for children in grades K-8. Registration is \$35 at the door, cash or money order only. Clinic participants will receive a T-shirt and be invited to sit in the stands with the Lariaettes at the Dobbie versus Pasadena football game on Oct. 23. For information, call Lori Perez at 281-797-8370.

Thompson PTO meets

Thompson Intermediate PTO meets Monday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Pumpkins at Cokesbury

Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd., has pumpkins available daily through Oct. 31 at its pumpkin patch. For information, contact the church at 281-484-9243.

Dobbie Choir parents meet

A Dobbie Choir parent meeting will be held in the choir room Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. Choir parents are encouraged to attend this meeting to be informed of upcoming events.

GAT boosters host festival

The newly formed nonprofit GAT Athletic Booster Club will host a fall festival fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Thompson Intermediate. They are seeking assistance from area businesses and vendors, as well as offering booth rentals, and/or sponsorship opportunities. Students seeking community hours are welcome. The event is open to the public. For information, contact Liz Beltran at 832-577-1732 or e-mail beltran075@hotmail.com.

Orchestra fundraiser set

The Dobbie High School Chamber I Orchestra will travel to the Midwest Clinic in Chicago this December. The orchestra will host a dinner concert fundraiser, catered by Olive Garden, at the school Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$12 in the orchestra room to be purchased by Friday, Oct. 23.

Early voting begins Oct. 19 for city mayor, council

The Nov. 3 City of Houston elections are quickly approaching, with early voting beginning Monday, Oct. 19.

In the mayoral election to replace term-limited Bill White, the four major candidates are Anise Parker, Gene Locke, Peter Brown and Roy Morales.

Parker currently serves as Houston city controller. She previously served six years as an at-large member of Houston City Council.

The candidate and her partner, Kathy Hubbard, have been together since 1990 and have two children.

Locke is a partner at the law firm Andrews Kurth LLP. He formerly served as city attorney during Mayor Bob Lanier's administration. The candidate and his wife, Aubrey Sampson Locke, have five children and two grandchildren.

Brown currently serves as a Houston city councilman. He is an architect and also serves as an adjunct professor in the graduate program of urban planning at Texas Southern University. The candidate and his wife, Anne Brown, have

five children and 15 grandchildren.

Morales currently serves as a trustee on the Harris County Board of Education. He is a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel with more than 23 years of service and has served as chief technology officer for the City of Houston Emergency Center. The candidate has four grown children.

Houston mayors are limited to three two-year terms.

City council elections

Houston City Council elections will also be held in November.

Incumbent Mike Sullivan is running to keep his position in District E, which includes the South Belt area. Challenging Sullivan is Phillip "Wayne" Garrison II.

Sullivan is president and owner of Mar-Max Supply, a distributor of marine and industrial paints and coatings. He also holds a real estate broker license. Sullivan worked as a community liaison for Houston City Councilman Michael Berry and was elected to the Humble Indepen-

dent School District board of trustees in 2004. The candidate has been married to his wife, Kim Sullivan, for 25 years. They have a 16-year-old daughter.

Garrison is an attorney who, while attending the Oklahoma City University School of Law, interned in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma for Judge Robin J. Cauthron. After graduating Garrison served as a law clerk to Judge Earl S. Hines in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas before starting his own practice.

The candidate and his wife, Millie, have two children.

South Belt residents may also vote for at-large City Council positions.

At-large Position 1 incumbent Peter Brown will not be seeking a third term, as he is running

for mayor. Vying to replace him are Lonnie Alls Brooks, Stephen Costello, Karen Derr, Herman Litt and Rick Rodriguez.

Competing for At-large Position 2 are incumbent Sue Lovell, Andrew Burks and Rozzy Shorter.

Incumbent Melissa Noriega is the lone candidate running for At-large Position 3.

At-large Position 4 incumbent Ronald Green is unable to run for a fourth term due to term limits. He is running for city controller. Vying to replace him are C.O. Bradford, Noel Freeman and Jay Green.

At-large Position 5 incumbent Jolanda Jones will be seeking a second term. She is being challenged by Jack Christie.

Like the mayor, city councilmembers are limited to three two-year terms.

11 amendments to state constitution on ballot

By Matt Griesmyer

Come Tuesday, Nov. 3, Texans will vote on the following 11 amendments to the Texas Constitution, potentially changing military base construction, beach access and more.

Proposition 1: Authorizes financing through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of areas adjacent to military installations to prevent encroachment or to protect or promote the military installation and its mission.

Proposition 2: Authorizes legislature to provide for ad valorem taxation of a residence based

on the value of the property.

Proposition 3: Provides uniform standards and procedures regarding property appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes.

Proposition 4: Establishes the national research university fund to enable research universities in the state to achieve prominence nationwide.

Proposition 5: Allows appraisal entities to be shared between two or more counties.

Proposition 6: Authorizes the Veterans' Land Board to issue bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized.

Proposition 7: Allows a member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

Proposition 8: Authorizes the state to contribute resources toward veterans hospitals in the state.

Proposition 9: Protects the right of the public to access and use the public beaches on the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico.

Proposition 10: Extends the service terms of elected members of emergency services districts to four years.

Proposition 11: Restricts the authority of the state government to use eminent domain.

While the voter registration date of Oct. 5 has already passed, residents can see information regarding voting at www.votexas.com or by calling 1-800-252-VOTE.

Legler to hold two town hall meetings

Rep. Ken Legler, R-Pasadena, will host two town hall meetings in the Pasadena/South Belt area on Oct. 27 and Oct. 29.

"The purpose of these two town hall meetings is to discuss the proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution that will be on the ballot this Nov. 3," Legler said. "I would like to invite everyone in the district who has questions or concerns on the amendments or any other state issues to join us at the town hall meetings."

The first meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Russell Education Center at the Texas Chiropractic College, 5912 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

The second meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center in the El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road. The meetings are open to the public.

Legler will also speak on the proposed amendments at a meeting for the San Jacinto Republican Women on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Incredible Pizza, 5950 Fairmont Parkway. A social will be at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will start at 7 p.m.

For more information or copies of the proposed constitutional amendments, contact Legler's district office at 281-487-8818.

Legler can also be reached via e-mail at District144.Legler@house.state.tx.us or his Web site, www.house.state.tx.us/members/dist144/legler.

Mitchell appointed to aerospace advisory committee

Gov. Rick Perry recently announced the appointment of longtime South Belt resident Bob Mitchell, president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, to the Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee. The committee assists in the state's economic development efforts to recruit and retain aerospace and aviation jobs and investments.



Bob Mitchell

Mitchell joined the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership in 2000 to oversee the statewide implementation of the Space Alliance Tech-

nology Outreach Program. Through leadership and highly successful program management, he was repeatedly asked in 2006 to represent BAH-EP's president in many initiatives and social functions.

In 2007, he was assigned responsibility of the organization's day-to-day operations. In the fall of 2007, he was named president and assumed the presidency on Jan. 1, 2008.

Mitchell has 34 years of experience in economic development, process controls and manufacturing management in the Houston region. He has spent more than two decades in management as a highly successful executive in both for-profit

and not-for-profit enterprises and has consistently demonstrated his ability to develop, manage and implement a strategic plan for international companies.

"I've been working in connection with the aerospace industry for the greater part of my career," Mitchell said. "The importance of the aerospace, aviation and defense industry to the economy of the entire state cannot be overstated. I appreciate Gov. Perry's confidence in me, and I look forward to working with the other six members of the committee in support of this vital industry sector."

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DEA raids South Belt home

Specific information not yet available

Last week's Leader reported on a possible drug raid that took place Monday, Oct. 5, in 10500 block of Seaford.

At the time of printing, details were limited, as a spokeswoman for the Houston Police Department said there was no record of the event.

Further investigation determined the raid was

conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. One suspect at the residence was arrested on federal conspiracy charges, according to DEA spokeswoman Violet Szelezcky.

Szelezcky, however, would not comment further on the case, as it is part of an ongoing investigation.

Charges filed in Crowley death

South Belter Zoheb Burges was charged with two counts of intoxication manslaughter for the Sept. 13 traffic accident that killed Sagemont resident Michael Raymond Crowley Jr.

Crowley, 19, was returning home from Lake Jackson at roughly 2 a.m. when the vehicle he was driving was struck by Burges traveling south in the northbound lane of Highway 288.

The passenger of Burges' vehicle, Pearland

resident James Paul Garcia Jr., 21, also died in the crash.

Following the accident, Burges, 23, was taken by helicopter to Memorial Hermann Medical Center in critical condition. Police reports show he had a blood-alcohol content of 0.196.

While an arrest warrant has been issued for Burges, at press time, he had not yet been apprehended.

Carpport problems in Freeway Manor

James Bolen

Freeway Manor resident James Muecke is on a mission to have the deed restrictions of his subdivision rewritten to allow carports to be built.

According to Muecke, who has lived in the neighborhood for 50 plus years, residents have always built carports without a permit from the City of Houston. Only in the last couple of years has the city enforced the subdivision's existing deed restrictions.

A clause in the deed restriction states there is a 25-foot setback area in the front of each lot extending from the fascia board to the front property line. Therefore, the city will not issue a permit to most residents to allow them to build a new carport, nor will it allow residents to rebuild a carport that was damaged by Ike or fire.

Residents who have built carports in the last two years have been red tagged by the city, and many have been torn down altogether, causing homeowners to lose large sums of money.

Muecke, himself, is not directly affected by the situation, as his garage sits back further than his neighbors, allowing him to have a legal carport. He, however, has sympathy for those who are prohibited from constructing or repairing one.

"As an individual, I feel sorry for these people," Muecke said.

The issue is so important to Muecke he recently resigned from his long-held post as president of the Freeway Manor Civic Club.

At a July 30 civic club board meeting, a 17/4 vote was cast in favor of not rewriting the deed restrictions, which is the only way to legally resolve the problem. Muecke said many of those who voted were either not informed of the details or it did not affect them personally.

"A lot of them already have (carports), and a lot of the others don't want one," Muecke said.

The concerned homeowner is quick to point out, however, that those who already have a carport may lose it during a storm and not be allowed to rebuild. And those who don't want a carport should be aware that the next person who owns the house may desire one.

Muecke further points out Freeway Manor is unique in a sense that many of the subdivision's single-car garages have been converted to living quarters, necessitating that vehicles be parked in the driveway.

"Carports play a vital role in this neighborhood," Muecke said.

One of Muecke's neighbors who has been denied a permit by the city is an 85-year old man who is confined to a wheelchair.

"He can't even get out when it's raining, or he will get soaked," Muecke said.

To help remedy the problem, Muecke has retained the services of an attorney to rewrite the deed restrictions. In order to take effect, at least 51 percent of the residents must agree to the

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Memorial Hospital will hold fall community fair Saturday, Oct. 24

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital will hold its annual Family Fall Festival and Health Fair Saturday, Oct. 24, at 11800 Astoria.

Festivities will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Activities include an appearance by Radio Disney, a petting zoo, pumpkin decorating (while supplies last), face painting, complimentary lunch (while supplies last), health and well-

ness information for children and adults and a doll/teddy bear emergency room where children can bring their toys for a checkup.

The function will also include a Toys for Tots collection drive. Attendees are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped gift to donate.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.memorialhermann.org/fallfestival.

Readers' Opinions

Muecke on carport deed restrictions

The home owners living in the Freeway Manor, Gulf Way Terrace and Sun Valley subdivisions have been building car ports, without a City of Houston permit, since the sub division was built 50+ years ago. About 2 years ago the city started enforcing the deed restrictions. A clause in the deed restrictions states that there is a 25' setback area in the front of each lot extending from the fascia board to the front property line. This means, if you wish to build or replace a car port lost to lke, by fire or other type of damage, the city will not give you a permit. The only way to change this is to rewrite the deed restrictions.

We now have a way to remedy this problem. I ask that everyone, and every homeowner should follow up on this, is to go to the web site <http://houstondeedrestrictions.com>. Mr. Bernardo Eureste is directing the deed restriction modification. You may reach him at bernardo@eureste.com or director@houstondeedrestrictions.com or at 832-788-9671. If you have any questions regarding these efforts, contact Mr. Eureste.

There is a small fee involved to make this revision happen. There are 7 sections in the Freeway Manor subdivision, and each section will be done individually. I believe every home (lot) owner should look into this and then make their decision. Please get involved so we can remedy this problem.

James E. Muecke

SBGSA invites area to Gabby dedication

The South Belt Girls Softball Association would like to invite the community, fellow softball leagues and family and friends of Gabby Romero to join in dedicating a field in her memory on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2:30 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park.

The league will be hosting a Round Robin tournament starting at 8 a.m. and selling BBQ sandwich combos at 11 a.m. as a fundraiser for the Team Gabby fund. The wonderful board members and parents of the Sagemont Beverly Hills Little League will also be raffling donated items such as a flag flown over the state capital in Austin donated by Representative John Davis.

Deacon Jesse Tollett from St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church will officiate after which pink and white balloons will be released. We hope you will join us in remembering the life of a brave young woman who was a hero to so many.

For more details or to make a donation, please contact SBGSA President Ruben Garcia at rlaag@sbcgloba.net or 281-904-6109, SBGSA Tournament Director Aaron Longoria at guylongoria@yahoo.com or 713-478-0078 or SBGSA Treasurer Yvette Rodriguez at thevixter1@hotmail.com or 832-528-6391. We thank the South Belt community, the South Belt-Ellington Leader, Sagemont Beverly Hills Little League, SBGSA families and our fellow softball leagues for their support of this fundraiser.

Yvette Rodriguez

Patterson invites area to Strollathon

Hi, my name is Caitlyn Patterson; I am four years old and live in Sagemont. I was born with a debilitating neurological disorder called Rett Syndrome (RTT). Because of RTT I am unable to talk, use my hands or walk by myself, although my parents say that despite all of this I am full of life and have a great personality.

I am writing today because I would like to invite every one in the community to participate in a Strollathon that we are having on October 31, 2009, to help raise awareness about RTT and money for research. The Strollathon will be held at Rob Fleming Park in The Woodlands at 1:00 p.m. I would love for everyone in my community to come out and walk on my team, "Caitlyn's Crusaders," and to have a fun filled day. The band, Seldom Herd, will be playing during registration, there will be a Silent Auction, Costume Contest for the kids and will conclude with a concert by Kevin Black, brother of Clint Black.

If you would like more information on coming out to walk with us or on how to donate, please call my mom, Deberah Patterson, at 713-231-4643. For more information about Rett Syndrome visit www.rettsyndrome.org. Thank you for coming out and supporting me and all the other girls and women affected by Rett Syndrome. Love,

Caitlyn Patterson

Johnson: Tip to keep dog-nappers away

There has been a significant increase in the loathsome trend of dog-knapping. Of particular target for these thieves are puppies and small pure-bred dogs.

This has become so serious that the Texas legislature has looked into making dog-knapping a felony, while California and Delaware have considered regulating roadside pet sales, where many stolen dogs are frequently resold. Some are held for ransom because thieves know the emotional attachment people have to their pets.

In April 2008, The American Kennel Club issued a warning to owners about a rise in dog thefts and USA Today says the trend is continuing. The AKC offers several tips to protecting your pet, including keeping your dog on leash at all times, never discussing with strangers how much you paid for your dog, never tying your dog outside a store if you're shopping and making sure your pet has a microchip for identification. Their site offers 101 tips for new dog owners under the heading Keep Your Dog Safe.

New pet owners must remember to use veterinarians who will scan for chips.

Supply and Demand - without the demand for such pets there is no need

for dog-nappers to have the supply. Do NOT purchase any dog/cat from anyone who cannot offer valid proof of ownership. Especially around the holidays when these thieves offer pets for sale at affordable prices for gifts by parents to children. Go to a legitimate Pet Store for your purchase.

AKC CAR - Companion Animal Recovery is a site that is available to assist in lost pet searches but can only help if your dog has a microchip or is AKC registered - (this is the information needed to enter your pet on their database.) The service connects you with a virtual community of owners, animal shelters, veterinarians and related businesses. Call 1-800-252-7894 to activate your Lost Pet Alert.

Another good source for assistance in finding your lost or stolen pet is findtoto.com, as reported on Channel 2 on October 5, 2009. Go to findtoto.com; follow instructions to learn services offered. If you go to findtoto.org (you will be forwarded to findtoto.com) where you can find pictures/info for your zip code.

I checked with HPD regarding dog theft and was told a theft is a theft and will be handled as such - do your part - don't buy dogs/cats from street vendors and report dog/cat thefts to HPD.

Lorraine Johnson

Leighton: In memory of Gabby Romero

There are events that bring a profound sentiment and impact in our lives. Events that you will never forget no matter how old you get. One of them is Gabby's death. These are the events when I really question God's decisions. Why would you take such young and beautiful people away from us? Then my head goes round and a round over and over this question.

Then I realize there is a reason. Her death has brought a whole community together. We all became a huge family. Most of us did not even know her but her pain became our pain, her encouragement became our encouragement, and her prospect of life became ours. This is one of those events that really makes us realize that things do happen for a reason and makes us analyze our lives, our goals, and our relationship with love ones.

Life is too short to take it for granted. Some of us have become so materialistic that we forget what the true meanings of life are. We waste too much time playing games, watching TV, surfing the internet, talking on the phone, and text messaging friends. If all that wasted time could be used towards to improve family relationships, help needed ones, improve ourselves, improve our community then we would be a much better world. Remember everything can be taken away at a given moment when you least expected.

My condolences to the family. God bless you always and give you the strength to move on.

Jeanneth Leighton

Lorie Catney: Lost dog, lost life

My boys and I have lived in the Southbelt area for 25 years. I work 40 hours a week and am looking for more work. We will be evicted soon, but my heart can stand living on the street. I can't do it without my puppy though. Someone stole her or they have her. She is a 12 week old chocolate lab, with a white blaze on her chest, and 2 white toes on back feet. She was wearing a pink camo collar. I miss her badly. She is all I have left. Please help me get her back. I have nothing to offer for her return, no food, or money, and no place to live. Please help.

Lorie Catney

VanGilder: Response to Johansen

Pete Johansen in a letter published in the October 8, Leader suggests but doesn't state that he attended "a Saturday town hall meeting" hosted by Congressman Pete Olson, Congressman for the 22nd Congressional District.

I attended two of Mr. Olson's town hall meetings, one in LaMarque in August and one in September at the University of Houston Clear Lake. Frankly, I doubt that Johansen attended any of Mr. Olson's town hall meetings since the "atmosphere and events" that he describes did not exist. In both instances, those attending (and both "halls" were full) with very few exceptions expressed support of Mr. Olson's positions on several issues by their applause and cheers.

Johansen's comments regarding Mr. Olson are derogatory without substance. Mr. Olson has clearly expressed his support of NASA and has demonstrated that support in his legislative activities. Both "right-wing hot-heads" (as Johansen describes us) and "regular people" attending the meetings were orderly and interested in hearing Mr. Olson's position on issues, not there to engage in disruptive activities. In contrast, the few attendees who obviously did not support Mr. Olson's positions were crude and loud.

Unfortunately, I sat directly in front of the largest contingent of the small group at Clear Lake and heard their "comments" clearly. They were there to investigate trouble. Mr. Olson demonstrated remarkable restraint in dealing with them.

I listen to Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck, Phil Hendry, Chris Matthews, and other (left, right, and center.) Fox, ABC, CNN, NBC, MSNBC, etc.) "political commentators."

Johansen's comments regarding Mr. Olson's "mimicking" Rush and Glenn substantiate my thinking that he did not attend either of the town halls; "mimicking" did not happen. Recently, I heard of a George Soros financed "Colorado plan" that is now being positioned in Texas in an attempt to defeat every Texan conservative politician in office.

Could Johansen be part of that left-wing effort? Gloria E. VanGilder

Mary Lewis



Mary Lewis, 67, of Pearland, formerly of South Belt, died Friday, Oct. 9, 2009. She was born Oct. 28, 1941, in Okemah, Okla.

Lewis was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, John R. Lewis; brother John Edward Caldwell Jr.; son Matthew M. Lewis; daughter Laura K. Nguyen; and grandchildren Dwight, Ty and Adam.

Lewis attended Lamar University, graduating in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She was the director of St. Stephen Presbyterian Church Cherished Children Program and a longtime elder with the church. She resided in the Sagemont subdivision from 1973 to 2008 with

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John and their two children. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta in Houston.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Mary Lewis Cherished Children Memorial Fund at the church.

Helen Gonzalez



Helen "Lulu" Gonzalez, 56, died of pneumonia on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009. She was a longtime resident of the Sagemont subdivision.

Gonzalez is survived by her husband, Victor M. Gonzalez; children Virginia Gonzalez Martinez and husband Jose of Pasadena, Fernando Gonzalez and Gabriel Gonzalez and wife Diane of South Belt; grandchildren Claudia and Jaylen Gonzalez and Jose

and Alfonso Martinez; sisters Annie Gutierrez, Angie Salas, Angelita Ramos; brothers Edward and David Garcia of Houston; numerous nieces and nephews; and countless friends in Houston, Pasadena, Brownsville and Mexico.

A visitation service with Rosary was held Oct. 14. The funeral service will be Thursday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m. at St. Pius Catholic Church, 824 Main St. in Pasadena. A burial service will follow at Grand View Cemetery.

William "Bill" Little

William "Bill" Little, 49, died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, from natural causes after a lengthy illness. He was born Dec. 26, 1959, in Marshall, Texas. He attended South Houston High School and moved to Janesville, Wis., in 2006 with his longtime companion, Susan Harvey.

Little was the son of Minnie Forrest and is survived by sister Kathy Frels, aunt Lou Smith, nieces Nicole and Donna Frels, and nephew Michael McCorquodale. Services will be Saturday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m. at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 8701 Alameda-Geona Road in Houston.

Leader obituary policy

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

K of C hosts Fall Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus will serve fried catfish dinners at St. Luke's Catholic Church on Fridays, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20. Each dinner consists of a farm-raised catfish fillet, french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob and iced tea. Soft drinks and desserts will be available.

One-piece and two-piece dinners will be sold, dine in or take out. Dinners will be served from 5 until 7 p.m. at the parish hall.

Money raised will be used for scholarships and other local charitable projects. The public is invited. For information, call 281-484-2127.

GOP to meet

The Clear Lake Republicans will meet Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Harris County Courthouse Annex (Judge Louie Ditta's Court) located at 16603 Buccaneer in Clear Lake, directly across from the Freeman Branch Library. Social time will begin at 7 p.m., and the meeting will be at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be committeeman Dennis Paul who will speak on the 11 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, which voters will decide on Nov. 3, on the same day that voters elect Houston's new mayor, controller and city council members.

Aggie fundraiser set

Pasadena area Aggie Moms will hold an Outback fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Outback Restaurant at Beltway 8 and I-45. The cost is \$15 for a steak or chicken dinner, and proceeds benefit the scholarship fund for area Aggies.

For tickets, call 832-657-4002 or 832-818-7735. For information, call 832-824-5468 or the above number, or call 832-752-4162.

Post 490 holds dance

Auxiliary Unit 490 of the South Houston/Ellington Field post of the American Legion will host its Christmas in October Dance, Saturday, Oct. 17, from 7 to 11 p.m.

The James Garner Band will play country music. The B.Y.O.B. event will feature brisket, door prizes, raffles and auctions. Beer, wine and setups will be sold.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased in the clubroom or from any auxiliary member. Active military tickets are \$5 per person. The primary live auction prize is a weekend for four via limo to Delta Downs. There are nearly 100 other items for the silent and live auctions.

Charlotte Johnson, the Auxiliary Unit 490 president said, "This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The money we earn from this dance helps us assist our active duty and reserve troops, veterans, the local VA Medical Center and children and youth programs in the local communities."

Post 490 is on Old Galveston Road, across from Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base.

Thompson Lions play BHI Bears



Even though Thompson was down 20-0 at the half, Travis Teichelman, Beverly Hills Intermediate teacher, right, came over to support new Thompson Intermediate Principal Toni Lopez, left, and the Lions fight against the Bears when Thompson played against Beverly Hills in a football game recently. Lopez and Teichelman were co-workers at Beverly Hills until Lopez moved to rival school Thompson. Photo by Carol Waters

Strollathon for RTT set Oct. 31

The community is invited to join 4-year-old Sagemont resident Caitlyn Patterson in a Strollathon being held to help raise awareness of Rett Syndrome (RTT) and money for research.

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For information on the Strollathon or to donate, call Deberah Patterson at 713-

231-4643. For more information about Rett Syndrome, visit www.rettsyndrome.org.



Caitlyn Patterson

Happy Sweet 16

Larissa

Love, Your Family

Antique Car Show 5:30-8 p.m.

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Walk to Defeat ALS® scheduled for Oct. 24

The ALS Association, Greater Houston Chapter, will host the Walk to Defeat ALS® on Saturday, Oct. 24. Walkers will gather at South Main Baptist Church (exit Fairmont Parkway). Check-in begins at 9 a.m., with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. Participants can walk one to three miles and can register to walk, make a donation, or set up a walk team at www.alsa-houston.org.

Teams walk in honor or memory of loved ones with Lou Gehrig's Disease. Area business sponsors for the

event are Univar, Sports Authority, Adaptive Driving Access, Alliance Seating and Mobility and Custom Healthcare.

Walk to Defeat ALS® is held annually in more than 150 locations nationwide.

The association provides patient services through the ALS Clinic at Baylor College of Medicine, support groups, respite care, equipment loan program, and support and education for those dealing with Lou Gehrig's Disease, public policy/advocacy, and international research.

Legler awarded Champion by TAB

State Rep. Ken Legler, R-Pasadena, was recently named a Champion for Free Enterprise by the Texas Association of Business for his strong pro-business voting record and commitment to improving the economic prosperity of all Texans during the 81st Legislative Session.

Legler scored a 100 percent for his voting record supporting Texas businesses and creating and maintaining Texas jobs.

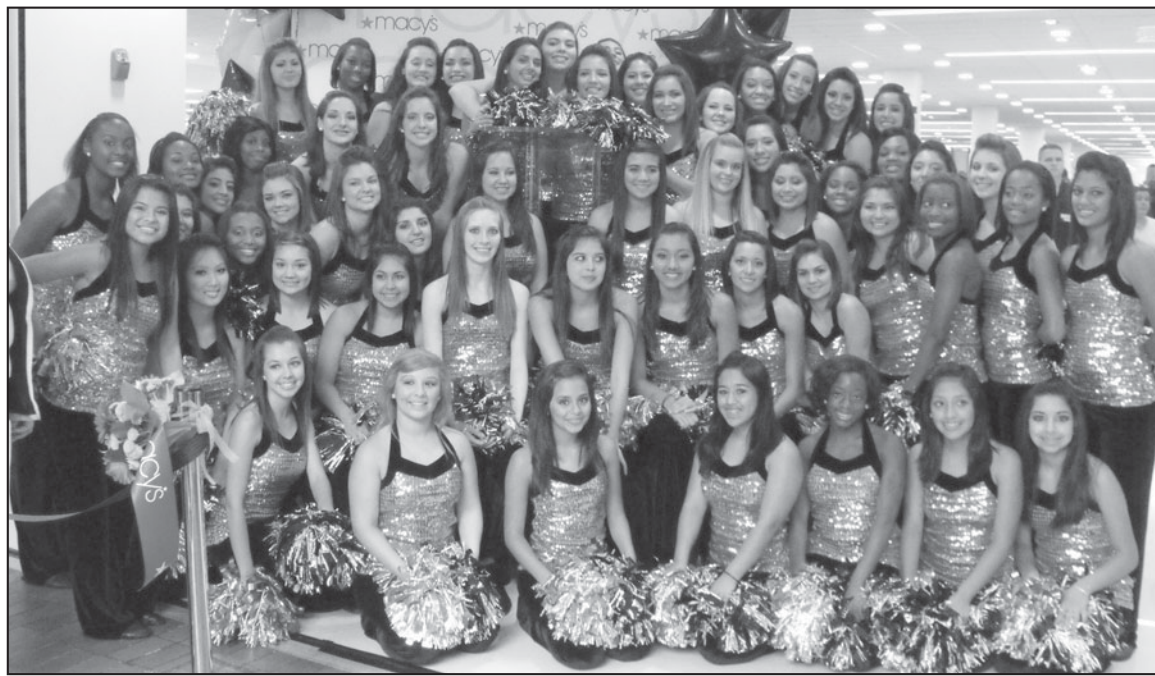
"During the 81st Legislative Session, making sure that

Texas remained most attractive business climates in the nation was one of my top concerns," state Legler. "I am deeply honored to be named as a Champion for Free Enterprise."

"District 144 has a legislator who understands the needs of business," said TAB President Bill Hammond.

"Representative Legler is a champion in supporting business legislation resulting in job creation, economic expansion and opportunity for all Texans."

Lariaettes perform at Macy's opening



The Dobbie Lariaettes recently performed at the Macy's - Alameda Mall Location - Re-Grand Opening. The girls had a great time welcoming the store back to the community since its closure due to Hurricane Ike. Pictured at the grand opening ceremony are, left to right, (front row) Sandra Gonzalez, Desaray Figueroa, Tessa Andrade, Alyssa Loreda, Asia Allen, Marina Sanchez, Victoria Gomez, (second row) Blanca Garza, Tram To, Katia Ceja, Vyanka Reyna, Aimee Cessna, Libby Garza, Ivette Armenta, Denise Zuniga, Tristana Guyote, Lizet Santos, Sandy Nemons, Asiyah Martin, Cassandra Velasquez, (third row)

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SJC introduces ambassador program to six SJC students

Six students will serve as San Jacinto College ambassadors this year in efforts to increase enrollment and retention among their peers.

Rochelle Nettles, Valarie Glynn, Cori Mendoza, Jerry Walker, Deandrea Myles and Luis Elizalde will work with the student development department and the Aerospace and Biotechnology Academy to attend events throughout the community and inform potential

students of the opportunities that exist within the college.

"The ambassador program is being implemented this year to assist our already strong recruiting efforts," said Jerrel Wade, director of recruitment initiatives. "We feel that current students sharing their own San Jac experiences serves as a meaningful tool for potential students."

The ambassador program

is funded by a Texas Workforce Commission grant through the Aerospace Academy's Careers in Technology Impact Program, a program designed to support projects that increase enrollment, retention, and the number of computer science and engineering graduates from Texas institutions of higher education.

"The ambassadors' primary focus will be recruiting and informing students about what San Jacinto College has to offer in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM subjects)," said Christina Beall, program coordinator for the academy.

"By providing their time and leadership, they will help the Aerospace Academy reach our goal of increasing enrollment and retention among students who traditionally do not enroll in post-secondary engineering or com-

puter science programs."

The Aerospace and Biotechnology Academy is an education-industry-government collaboration geared toward addressing the shortages of high technology practitioners and the mathematics and science teachers needed to produce that workforce. One of the academy's partners is the NASA-Johnson Space Center, which will coordinate some of the grant-funded activities. There are currently two ambassadors serving at each San Jacinto College campus.

For information, contact Jerrel Wade at 281-476-1501, ext. 1076, or 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.

October birthdays at Thompson



Several Thompson Intermediate Lion staff members celebrate birthdays during the month of October. The three pictured are, left to right, Erica Alvarez, Patricia Sites and Cathy Broussard. Others include John Davis, Laura San Miguel, Temeka Brown, Yvonne Pena and Teresa Orocio. The school appreciates the dedication of its staff to Thompson and the community.

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Willy Wonka (Noah Mowry of Clear Lake, center) shows an Oompa Loompa (McKenzie Ivins, guest artist from Pasadena, left) to Grandpa George (Ronnie Lee of the South Belt area), in San Jacinto College Central's musical production of *Willy Wonka*. In *Willy Wonka*, the story of a world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir comes to life in the stage adaptation of the children's book *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*, and features songs from the classic family film *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. The memorable score features *The Candy Man*, *Pure Imagination*, *Oompa-Loompa and I Want it Now* neatly fitted into a new script adapted under the auspices of the Dahl Estate. The large-cast performance will be staged in the Slocomb Auditorium, located on the Central campus at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Show dates are Oct. 9, 10, 16 and 17 with a 7:30 p.m. curtain for each performance. There will be two 2:30 p.m. matinee performances - Sundays, Oct. 11 and Oct. 18. Special school performances are set for Oct. 15 at 9:30 a.m., and Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. General admission is \$15 per person, with a discount price of \$13 on tickets picked up two days in advance of the event. The box office is located inside the Powell Arena Theatre on the Central campus. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 5 p.m. For reservations, call 281-476-1828. Credit card payment is accepted by phone only. Proceeds from the performance fund scholarships for San Jacinto College students.

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Lariaette of the Week



The Lariaette of the Week for Oct. 5 through Oct. 9 is Victoria Gomez, the daughter of Monica and Anthony Gomez. She is a sophomore and a first-year member of the Lariaettes.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

MADISYN TURNS 8 YEARS OLD!
 Madisyn Danielle Munoz will celebrate her 8th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 17. Lots of love and birthday wishes are sent from her parents, **Danny and Christina Munoz**, and big brother **Noah Munoz**. Madisyn is a second-grader at Laura Bush Elementary.

LAURYN & NICHOLAS TURN 9!
 Lauryn Bravo and Nicholas Bravo turned 9 years old on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Lots of love and birthday wishes are sent from their cousins, **Noah Munoz and Madisyn Munoz**.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO BIG LOUIE!
 Birthday wishes are sent to **Louis Wiess** from wife **Jackie** and family. Louis celebrates his birthday Wednesday, Oct. 21.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMELIA!
 Amelia Fuentes celebrated a birthday on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Birthday greetings are sent to her from her great-grandchildren, **Brittney, Erik, Sunshine, Timothy and Christian**, who love her very much and hope she enjoyed her special day.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR TRACY
 Tracy Giles celebrates her birthday Saturday, Oct. 17. Birthday greetings are sent from husband **Jim**, children **Aaron, Cody and Kristen** and parents **Bobby and Kenneth Griffin**.

KIMBERLY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
 Kimberly Flickinger celebrates her 15th birthday Saturday, Oct. 17. Happy birthday greetings are sent from grandparents **Marie and David** and **Olive and Richard**, mom **Leslie** and dad **Fred**, uncle **Davy** and sister **Courtney** and brother-in-law **Chris**. Courtney flew in a week early to surprise her sister.

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

Atkinson Elementary
 Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Jana Childs** Oct. 19. Blow out the birthday candles for **Cindy Stang** Oct. 21.

Burnett Elementary
 Enjoying a birthday Oct. 16 is **Maria Hubley**. The day for a birthday party for **Denise Jurgens** is Oct. 18.

Jessup Elementary
 On Oct. 15, **Sophia Damian** celebrates a birthday. Birthday greetings are sent to **Laura Lopez** Oct. 17.

Meador Elementary
 Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Beverly Bolton** on Oct. 17. On Oct. 21, **Lisa Scruggs** celebrates a birthday.

Moore Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Maria Abarca** Oct. 15. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Brandy Castillo** Oct. 17. **Annette Leal** has a birthday Oct. 20.

South Belt Elementary
 The day for a birthday cake for **Angela Walker** is Oct. 15.

Stuchbery Elementary
Susan Wickenden enjoys a birthday Oct. 19.

Melillo Middle School
 Birthday wishes are sent to **Carolyn Odom** Oct. 16. Blow out the birthday candles for **Heather Wheeler** Oct. 18. Greetings for a wonderful day are sent to **Brandi Burton** Oct. 19.

Morris Middle School
Layaunya Fontenot is wished a happy birthday Oct. 17.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Oct. 20 is the day for a birthday cake for **Anastasia Payne**. Enjoying a birthday Oct. 21 is **Lilian Carter**.

Thompson Intermediate
Temeka Brown is sent birthday greetings on Oct. 15.

Dobie High
 Birthday greetings are sent to **Kristen Alexander** and **Layaunya Fontenot** Oct. 17. The day for a birthday party for **Irma Arce** and **Dorothy Simmons** is Oct. 19.

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 E-mail 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.

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Dobie Band Section of the Week



The Dobie Longhorn Marching Band recognized the flutes as Section of the Week at the Dobie versus Pasadena Memorial football game on Sept. 24. These students were honored for their hard work and outstanding performances during the previous week. Section members are, left to right, (front row) Annabelle Aguilar, Katie Tyer, Julie Croce, Juanita Garcia, Taylor Glunt, (second row) Venerson Villanueva, Jennifer Galvan, Alexis Sandoval, Karinna Marin, Christina Tran, Celena Zepeda, (third row) Maria Rosales, Joy Rose, Dylan Guzman, Amber DeLeon, Veronica Bardales, Christopher Cruz, Jessica Armenta, Samantha Green, (back row) Christina Chau, Grace Boelsche, Alexia Jackson and Gena Brown.

PISD's Seniors helping Seniors project receives distinguished volunteer award

Seniors Helping Seniors, the community service project launched in May 2009 by more than 1,700 seniors from all five Pasadena Independent School District high schools, received the Chairman's Distinguished Volunteer Spirit Award during Rebuilding Together, Houston's 2009 award ceremony.

The PISD project received the award because of the magnitude and the enthusiasm of the students and staff who participated. These individuals scraped, painted, and repaired 33 area homes to give back to the community.

"The students were excited about giving back to the older seniors of the city," explained Sarah Wrobleksi, PISD career and technical director and project co-coordinator. "They gained as much, if not more, than they gave because of the positive effect that it had on the homeowners."

"We learned a great deal from this first year of participation," said Jayne McFarland, career and technical educational coordinator and project co-coordinator. "For example, next year we will have more ladders and larger paint brushes! The students did a great job in spite of the 'technical difficulties,' and they had fun while working."

Rebuilding Together Houston, a nonprofit organization working to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize neighborhoods by providing home repair and renovation services free of charge to those in need, approached PISD in spring 2009 hoping to gain one or two crews of students to donate their time and help provide repairs.

Instead, they had 1,700 student volunteers plus hundreds of staff members who worked with the students helping local homeowners. Students and faculty members in the Career and Technical Education program worked tirelessly before the May 28 Paint and Scrape Day to get houses prepared for the full team of volunteers.

On the actual day, more students joined in. The cosmetology students at Pasadena High School even gave makeovers to many of the homeowners.

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25 years ago (1984)
 The Alameda Mall area was hit by tornadoes, which plowed through buildings, ripped off roofs, blasted out windows and flipped over vehicles.

The South Belt Security Alliance responded to 24 calls during one week.

20 years ago (1989)
 Members of the Dobie High School Longhorn Marching Band earned three Division I ratings at the University Interscholastic League regional contest.

For his efforts in saving a baby from dying in a fire, Houston police officer and South Belt area resident Fernando Marin earned the respect and thanks of the city firefighters from Station 70 on Beamer Road.

15 years ago (1994)
 Dobie High senior Alisan Snyder was crowned homecoming queen. Quarterback John Scheschuk was voted homecoming king.

The Clear Brook High School band scored a division I rating in the Katy Independent School District Invitational Marching Festival.

10 years ago (1999)
 Two Dobie High School graduates were killed in separate vehicle accidents in two days.

Air Force Capt. Gena Stuchbery, the granddaughter of legendary Pasadena Independent School District music director Eugene Stuchbery, was the director of the Air Force Band of the West in a performance at Stuchbery Elementary School. The school is named after Eugene Stuchbery.

5 years ago (2004)
 Local law enforcement officers were busy with home burglaries, attempted auto thefts and marijuana recovery. A loaded, sawed-off shotgun was recovered when two burglary suspects were arrested. An off-duty Baytown officer heard glass breaking near his home and found a man trying to steal a neighbor's car. Two men were arrested after they were seen separating marijuana from a large bag into smaller ones.

As a result of an accidental shooting, former South Belt resident Charles Kelly McDaniel, 25, died. He was an organ donor, and four individuals were recipients.

1 year ago (2008)
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Santos, Lengefeld to wed



Curtis and Sandra Lengefeld of Sagemont Park announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Scott Curtis Lengefeld, to Geneefe Santos, daughter of Gene and Fe Santos of Union City, Calif. The bride-to-be, originally from the Philippine Islands, is a graduate of California State University at Hayward with a degree in business. She plans a career in nursing. The prospective groom attended Stuchbery Elementary and Thompson Intermediate. He is a 1995 graduate of Dobie High School and a 2000 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in business. He participated in cross country and track at A&M and was named All-American in cross country in 1999, becoming the university's first All-American in cross country. In track, he was the 2000 Big 12 10K champion. He is a software engineer with Workday in Pleasanton, Calif. The couple plan to marry in mid-November at El-liston Vineyards in Sunol, Calif., and will reside in Fremont, Calif.

Brown, Pineda to marry



Longtime South Belt residents Floyd and Terry Brown announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tiffany Lynn Brown, to Arturo A. Pineda III, son of Arturo Pineda Jr. and the late Patricia Pineda. After graduating from Dobie High School in 2002, the bride-to-be received her Certificate of Technology in child development and family studies from San Jacinto College Central in 2005. She is currently employed at the Center for Medical Genetics in Houston. The prospective groom is a media specialist at Best Buy in Pasadena, Texas, and attended Irvington High School in Fremont, Calif. An early December wedding is planned.

Dobie debaters fare well

Competing with 30 other schools from Texas, Dobie debaters demonstrated their willingness to accept challenges on Oct. 2-3. Shekeyla Caldwell had an exceptional weekend competing in three individual events, original oratory, dramatic interpretation, and prose, and also in Lincoln Douglas debate.

She brought home a gavel representing her second-place finish in speaker points in Lincoln Douglas debate and a first-place trophy in prose interpretation. She went three wins and one loss in preliminary debate rounds and then lost in octofinals.

Also bringing home a first-place trophy was Laura Jordan in novice prose interpretation.

Two of the eight students in finals for novice oratory were Dobie students: Brianna Herman placed fifth, and Jeisy Villatoro finished seventh.

Jonathan Lo finished seventh in novice extemporaneous speaking in his first break into the finals round.

Other Dobie students advancing to the semifinals were Loren Gautney in novice extemporaneous speaking, Alexander Lacamu in novice prose interpretation, Charly Rodriguez in novice

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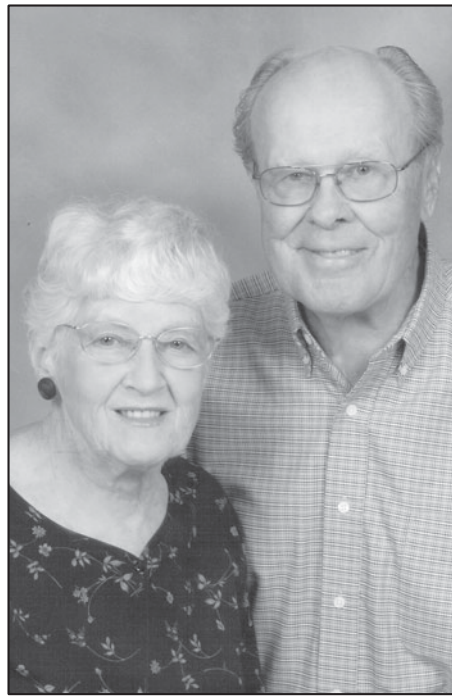
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West's celebrate 65 year anniversary



George and Ann West were married Oct. 21, 1944, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Huntington, W. Va. They will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary this year at the Haak Winery in Santa Fe, Texas. The couple have five children. Daughter Jane West lives in the Woodlands and has two children: daughter Candi Johnson and husband Ed and children Amanda, Lorianne and Dennis live in Magnolia, and son Blake Ingram and wife Veronica live in Spring. Son Greg West and wife Lyn live in Sugar Land, and their children David lives in California, and Dana lives in Sugar Land. Son Steve West and wife Jan live in Ketchikan, Alaska, with daughter Kelsey. Son Mike West of



Nome, Alaska, has children Jerry and Jason West and the late Arron and Ryan West. Daughter Kathi West Smith and husband Rick live in Katy, and their children are Craig Smith of New York and Kurt Smith of Minnesota. Ann keeps busy with the St. Francis Cabrini Church cleaning group and her garden club. George fills his spare time marshalling at Pasadena Municipal Golf Course, being active with the St. Francis Cabrini men's club and the Knights of Columbus, in which he recently retired as the Head Knight position. George retired in 1990 after a long career at Mission Control, NASA. The Wests were one of the very first families in the Sagemont subdivision.

Governor appoints Mitchell

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The governor's Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee operates under the auspices of the Office of Aerospace, Aviation and Defense within the state's Office of Economic Development and Tourism. Established in September 2003, the Office of Aerospace, Aviation and Defense has several objectives. These include analyzing and promoting

space, aviation and defense related research as well as developing short and long-term business strategies to promote the retention, development and expansion of the aerospace, aviation and defense industry in the state.

Texas was the only state to have a statewide economic development focused on growing the aerospace and defense cluster when the Office of Aerospace, Avia-

tion and Defense was established. Since that time, other states have recognized the importance of such an initiative and have followed suit.

Mitchell graduated from Dobie in 1973. There as a senior, he met Brenda, his wife of 30 years. She is a longtime administrative assistant at Beverly Hills Intermediate. The couple have three adult sons, Nathan, Greg and Mark.

Carports, deed restrictions

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change. A fee of \$30 per household will be assessed only if the measure is approved.

The rewriting of the deed restrictions would allow carports to be built either freestanding or attached to a home and without sides to enclose the structure.

Section 1 is the first of Freeway Manor's seven sections Muecke has attempted to persuade to allow the rewrite.

Mailers have been sent out to the section's 358 homes, and Muecke has also walked door to door.

If Muecke is successful with his attempts in Section 1, he plans to contin-

ue with the remaining six sections.

He also noted the neighboring subdivisions of Sun Valley and Gulfway Terrace have the same restrictions, and he feels others might soon.

"Sagemont could be next," Muecke said.

See related letter on Page 2A.

CCISD names National Merit Semifinalists

Clear Brook High School students Brian M. Lemke and Karl E. Schaefer were recently chosen as semifinalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Altogether, Clear Creek ISD selected 25 students at three high schools as semifinalists in the program.

These academically talented high school seniors

have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 8,200 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$36 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and approximately half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

To become a finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended

by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's essay and information about the semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community.

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Dobie assists Frazier with sock hop



Dobie High School students assisted Frazier Elementary with a sock hop on Friday, Oct. 2, to wrap up its Giving For Gabby fundraiser. Frazier students and faculty raised almost \$1,300 for the Romero family. This community service project was the idea of fourth-grade Frazier student Jalen Clark, who wanted to do something to help the family. Gabby Romero was diagnosed with cancer in 2008, and the students at Frazier wanted to raise money to help the Romero family during this difficult time. Although Gabby passed away on the morning of the dance, the students celebrated her life and shared memories of her with posters displayed throughout the gym. The students said they had a wonderful time dancing with the principals and teachers. Pictured are, left to

right, (front row) Samantha Carter, Jalen Clark, Bailey Jacobs, Peyton Miller, Victoria Solis, John Bermea, (second row) Ashley Garza, Keller Gomez, Irving Garza, Ky Ho, Dezrea Trevino, Amy Gallant, China Doll, Amber Balderez, (third row) Ariel Morgan, Jenna Medina, Shelby Senegal, Faith Roberts, Darci Cobb, Alex Alverado, Shelby O'Brien, Nicole Andrade, Kimberly Fernandez, Selby Guerrero, (fourth row) Shelby Bennett, Gilbert Montano, Alyssa Zarate, Darrin Laviere, Reggie Wilson, Andrew Lake, Shadae Shepard, Jessica Guillery, (back row) Katizu Gayo, Jessie Portales, Randy Owens, Sefita Kefu, Jonathan Urrutia, Cody Early, Juston Edwards, Ryan Divin, Ryan Henry and Tyler Wolfe.

Submitted photo

Fox plays for Coast Guard Academy

Ryan Fox, a 2006 graduate of Dobie High School, is currently a first class cadet at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., and expects to graduate in May 2010.

Fox plays on the offensive line for the Coast Guard Academy Bears, starting at the right guard position for the third year. He is currently playing his 17th straight season of football.

Fox began playing football for the Bay Area Football League's Sagemont Cowboys flag team, then for the Thompson Intermediate Lions and started at center for the Dobie Longhorns for three years.

Fox is a management major and currently on the dean's list. He is the son of Patrick R. Fox, a teacher at South Houston High School, and Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox, owner of Reflections Medical Spa.

The Foxes recently attended parents weekend at the academy where they attended class with Ryan and watched the Bears defeat Westfield State.



Ryan Fox, right, runs on the football field with the flag at a recent Coast Guard Academy football game. Above, left to right, Patrick Fox, Mary Campbell-Fox and Ryan Fox pose for a photo after the game. The Foxes recently traveled to New London, Conn., to visit their son Ryan who was raised in the South Belt area and graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School.

Photos by Paul Duddy



The Arabian Nights at SJCS Oct. 14-18

This adaptation by Tony Award winner Mary Zimmerman tells the story of King Shahryar, a man who marries, loves, and kills a young woman each night until he encounters Scheherazade. For 1,001 nights, he delays her murder as he awaits her next tale of genies, jesters, thieves and kings.

Drama professor Sheleigh Carmichael serves as artistic director of the production, and San Jacinto College South instructor Cheryl Kaplan is the director.

Curtain times for the show

are 8 p.m. Oct. 14-17 with a matinee performance scheduled for 2 p.m. Oct. 18.

This production will be held in the Proscenium Theatre of the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building, located on the South campus at 13735 Beamer Road.

Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

For more information, call 281-922-3497 or e-mail liz.lacy@sjcd.edu. For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.

Alvarez visits Grand Canyon



Joe Alvarez takes a break and admires the view after walking the south rim of the Grand Canyon. The photo was taken by his girlfriend, Dahlia Guajardo. Both are residents of Bridge Gate.

Photo submitted by Joe Alvarez

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Morgan to speak Oct. 15

Dr. John Morgan will be the guest speaker at the National Association of Christian Churches Conference on Oct. 15, at 10 a.m. at Holman Street Baptist Church, located at 3501 Holman Street in Houston.

The NACC Kingdom Equipping and Empowering Conference 2009 will be held Oct. 14-16, sponsored by Holman Street Baptist Church, Pastor Manson B. Johnson II.

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AARP to meet Oct. 16

AARP Chapter 199 will meet Friday, Oct. 16, at 10 a.m. This month, musical entertainment will be provided by the Over the Hill Gang.

The public is welcome to attend this free program at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Refreshments will be served.

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Payne-Hardy collects pull tabs

Stuchbery Elementary first-grader Mazzy Payne-Hardy is shown with a bag containing more than 1,000 pull tabs she collected. Students are currently collecting the pull tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities. Those who wish to help may drop off pull tabs in the office at Stuchbery.

Submitted photo

Library events scheduled

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

A Hispanic Heritage Month craft for children will be held Thursday, Oct. 15, at 4p.m. Free tickets are required. Also, Oct. 15 is the last day to participate in the Hispanic Heritage month trivia contest. Winners will receive a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Investigate ancestries and family histories when the Genealogy Discussion Group meets Monday, Oct. 19, 2009 at 2p.m.

The November computer class schedule becomes available Monday, Oct. 19. Sign up early.

Movie madness is Thursday, Oct. 22, at 4p.m. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for feature title.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Sink named Dobie's interim football coach

Carey Sink, a 1990 graduate of Dobie High School, has been named the Longhorns' varsity football head coach for the remainder of the 2009 season.

Bobby Cotton, the program's head coach and school athletic coordinator since 2007, is on medical leave and is using sick days while dealing with health issues.

Cotton, a diabetic, has had several health scares during his tenure. He has missed time during each of his three seasons while dealing with various health issues.

In the latest scenario, Cotton developed an infection following a dental procedure last week and was hospitalized. He was not on the sidelines during

the Longhorns' loss to Deer Park Oct. 10 at Newcomb Field.

Pasadena Independent School District officials, including superintendent Kirk Lewis, athletic director Mike Stephens and Dobie principal Steve Jamail, met this week to determine the best course of action.

Jamail informed the Longhorns' players Oct. 12, making the transfer of power official.

Sink will lead the Longhorns the rest of this season, and Lewis told the *Leader* no decisions beyond the scope of the remainder of the football season will be made at this time.

"Bobby remains under

contract with the district. He has not been reassigned," Lewis said.

"Through our conversations, including with Bobby, he does not believe he will be able to return this season. With that in mind, Carey Sink has been named the acting head coach.

"We wish Bobby a speedy recovery. As far as the future, nothing more will be decided until we find out more about Bobby's situation in relation to his health. I am not closing any doors at this time."

Stephens, a close friend of Cotton's, said the decision was reached with the best interests of all of those affected in mind.

Jamail echoed the sentiments of all, saying Cotton needs time to heal.

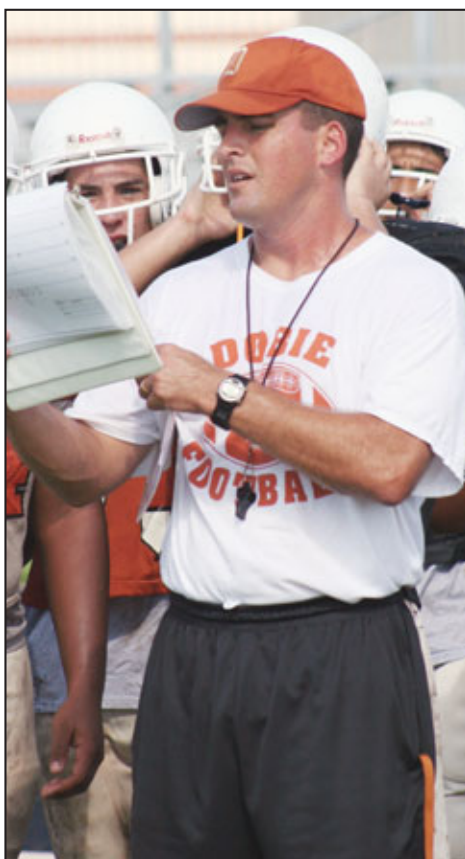
This much is certain — the Dobie program, facing a critical stretch of games at the varsity level, needs a capable leader in place.

Cotton, conversely, deserves the proper time to regain his physical well being.

Sink's ascension to head coach might seem like a dream come true in some ways, yet in other ways not.

Sink appreciates his new role, but it hasn't been delivered with all the bells and whistles. He is guaranteed nothing past the 2009 season.

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Carey Sink (right) has been named the interim varsity head football coach at Dobie High School for the remainder of the 2009 season. A 1990 graduate of the school and former player, Sink is solely focused on getting the Longhorns ready for a must-win game against La Porte Oct. 17 at Newcomb Field. Kickoff is at 1 p.m.

Photo by John Bechtle

Carey Sink resume

Grew up in South Belt area

1990 Dobie High School graduate

Horns' assistant coach 9 seasons

13 seasons as assistant coach

Wife Kimberly, sons Kyle and Kade



Dobie led Deer Park 21-7 with under 11 minutes to play before a couple of Longhorns' miscues allowed the Deer to climb back in the game. On this play, Dobie quarterback Blake Jackson (right) was able to knock the ball away from Deer Park defensive lineman Brett

Vaughn to save a touchdown, but the Deer registered a safety after the ball went out of the end zone. With less than a minute remaining, a Deer Park touchdown led to a 24-21 come-from-behind win as the Longhorns were left stunned.

Deer Park comeback stuns Dobie 24-21

What could have been the finest day in Dobie's 2009 varsity football season turned gray awfully quick — and it had nothing to do with the weather.

Deer quarterback Austin Rainer's 10-yard touchdown pass to Joseph Nedbalek with 35 seconds remaining lifted the visitors to a come-from-behind 24-21 victory over Dobie Oct. 10 at Newcomb Field.

The Longhorns led 21-7 and had possession of the ball early in the fourth quarter before things began to unravel.

A Dobie fumble led to a touchdown for the Deer before another Dobie fumble gave the Deer a safety.

Deer Park took possession one last time with 2:32 to play and managed to move down the field for the go-ahead score.

Just like that, a potential drive to the postseason ended with the Longhorns suffering a tough loss.

Dobie played perhaps its finest three quarters of football all season yet saw things slip away late.

Now, the Longhorns (2-4, 1-2) face a must-win

Dobie hosts La Porte

Saturday, Oct. 17

Newcomb Field, 1 p.m.

situation against La Porte Oct. 17 at Newcomb Field. The task will include slowing down one of the Houston area's most dynamic players — Kendrick Perkins.

"Kendrick Perkins is a special player. There's no doubt about that," Dobie interim head coach Carey Sink said.

"We have faced other good running backs this season, and we will have to be at our best to corral him.

"Overall, we have to correct some of the mistakes we made against Deer Park and make plays. We're going to be more aggressive on both sides of the ball and try to make some things happen for ourselves."

Against Deer Park, Sink watched as the Longhorns played very well for much of three quarters of action.

Take away Deer Park's initial possession in which the offense methodically

marched down a short field for a touchdown, and Dobie was sensational.

On that first series, Deer Park took possession of the football at the Dobie 37-yard line after a poor punt.

Tailback Shawn Onyechi then carried the ball eight straight times before plowing into the end zone on a 1-yard plunge with 5:55 to go in the quarter.

From there, Dobie downed much of the next 2 1/2 quarters.

Davion Hurst made a nifty move to slip past a Deer Park defender and took quarterback Blake Jackson's pass 89 yards for a touchdown to tie the game at 7-7 with 9:23 left in the second quarter.

With just under 4 minutes to play before halftime, Jackson and Hurst connected once more, this one covering 72 yards as the Longhorns went up 14-7 at

halftime. Dobie's defense took over from there. Justin Edwards ended one Deer Park drive with a sack and Charles Tisby partially blocked a Deer punt that led to Dobie's final touchdown.

Facing a third-and-9 from the Deer Park 46-yard line, Jackson found Cy Fondal for a 46-yard score as the Longhorns jumped in front 21-7 with 3:59 left in the third quarter.

That's when the momentum began to shift for the Deer.

Dobie's next drive was stalled by two illegal procedure calls. To make matters worse, a Longhorn fumble set the Deer up in great shape.

After Taylor Friemuller jumped on a Dobie fumble at the Horns' 24-yard line, Onwechi scored on a 15-yard run to cut the lead to 21-14.

The safety came after Jackson juggled a snap. A battle for possession ensued, and the ball rolled out of the back of the end zone for a safety.

Dobie was still ahead before the last drive. Just like that, the Deer survived.

Romero field dedication is Oct. 18

The South Belt community is invited to help celebrate the life of Gabby Romero at a field dedication in her honor Sunday, Oct. 18, at the South Belt Girls Softball Association facility at El Franco Lee Park.

Romero, a 17-year-old junior student who had been attending Dobie High School, died Oct. 2 after a 15-month battle with renal cell cancer. She was a life-long competitor in the SBGSA, and her parents, Edna

and Jesus Romero, have been league volunteers for many years.

A day-long softball tournament featuring teams in the 6-under through 10-under divisions will top the event beginning at 8 a.m.

The field dedication ceremony is set for 2:30 p.m. Deacon Jesse Tollett from St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church will officiate, and pink and white balloons will be released following.

Gabby Romero dedication

What: The South Belt Girls Softball Association will honor former league player Gabby Romero, who died Oct. 2 after battling cancer. Field No. 1 at the SBGSA facility will be named Gabby Romero Memorial Field.

When: Sunday, Oct. 18, all day — dedication ceremony at 2:30 p.m.

Where: El Franco Lee Park, SBGSA fields

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Thompson football collects three wins over Park View

The Thompson Intermediate football program stayed on course to a great season, beating Park View in three of the four series games Oct. 6-7.

Lions 8A 31 Park View 6

A week after slipping against Beverly Hills, the Lions' eighth-grade A team got back to its winning ways, beating the Park View Cowboys 31-6.

It was not until Travaus Ansley scored on a 99-yard run late in the second quarter that the Thompson offense really came alive.

Jesse Tate was able to convert the extra point from 18 yards away on a run for a 7-0 lead.

In the third quarter, Josh Johnson was able to score from 84 yards away. After the Cowboys scored on a deflected pass to pull close, Johnson scored twice more from 11 and 61 yards to end the scoring. Orr Benami was able to kick three extra points.

The defense bent, but did not break and held the Park View team to a single score to preserve the win.

Playing well on offense was Kevin Caballero, Duchane Sells, Ansley, Tate and Johnson.

The defense was led once again by hard-nosed tackling from Joe Lopez, Tate, Karlton Winchester, Aaron Melendez, Chandler Dulin

and Abdul Marei. **Lions 7A 32 Park View 0**
DeAndre Jackson scored three touchdowns in the first quarter as the Lions' seventh-grade A team coasted to a 32-0 win over the Cowboys.

The victory kept the Lions perfect this season at 5-0. Xavier Brown scored in the second quarter, and Alex Saldivar booted four two-point kicks as the Lions easily won.

Offensively, the Lions got a big lift from John Rico, Rashaad Randall, Xavier Rodriguez and Anthony Cantu.

The Thompson defense was paced by the great play of Jarvis Lester, Damian Molina, Anthony Starks, John Gonzalez-Granholm, Cedric Horton, Brad Cook and Gregory Rivera.

The Lions kept their record unblemished at 5-0 with the victory.

Thompson also won the seventh-grade B game by a 42-6 count. Park View's lone win came in the eighth-grade B game at 22-14.

South Belt football predictions	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Joe Craddock
Dobie hosts La Porte	Dobie	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	Dobie	La Porte
Clear Brook vs. Clear Lake	Brook	Brook	Lake	Lake	Lake	Brook
Pearland at Pasadena Memorial	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Memorial	Pearland	Pearland
South Houston vs. Sam Rayburn	South Houston	South Houston	South Houston	South Houston	South Houston	South Houston
Baytown Sterling at Port Arthur Memorial	P.A. Memorial	P.A. Memorial	P.A. Memorial	P. A Memorial	P.A. Memorial	P.A. Memorial
Clear Creek vs. Clear Springs	Creek	Creek	Creek	Springs	Creek	Creek
Alvin at Galveston Ball	Ball	Ball	Ball	Ball	Ball	Ball
Texas City at La Marque	La Marque	Texas City	La Marque	La Marque	La Marque	Texas City
Friendswood at Dawson	Dawson	Friendswood	Dawson	Friendswood	Dawson	Dawson
Dickinson at Brazoswood	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Brazoswood
This week's record	6-4	5-5	6-4	7-3	3-7	7-3
Season record	45-24	37-32	46-23	43-26	33-36	39-30

News, notes

Dobie baseball hosts bingo

The Dobie High School baseball booster club will host a bingo fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at the door. Concessions will be available for purchase. There will be a series of 10 games played, and the final game is worth \$500 to the winner.

Sports calendar

VOLLEYBALL Friday, Oct. 16

Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Lake, 6:30
Dobie varsity at La Porte, 6:30
Clear Brook JV hosts Clear Lake, 5:30
Dobie JV at La Porte, 5:30
Clear Brook freshman A hosts Clear Lake, 4:30
Dobie freshman A at La Porte, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman B hosts Clear Lake, 4:30
Dobie freshman B at La Porte, 4:30

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Clear Brook varsity at Galveston Ball, 6:30
Dobie varsity vs. Pasadena, (Phillips), 6:30
Clear Brook JV at Galveston Ball, 5:30
Dobie JV vs. Pasadena, (Phillips), 5:30
Clear Brook freshman A at Galveston Ball, 4:30
Dobie freshman A vs. Pasadena, (Phillips), 4:30
Dobie freshman B vs. Pasadena, (Phillips), 4:30

Thursday, Oct. 22

Thompson 8 Light vs. Beverly Hills, Dobie, 4:30
Thompson 8 Dark vs. Beverly Hills, Dobie, 5:45
Thompson 7 Light vs. Beverly Hills, Dobie, 4:30
Thompson 7 Dark vs. Beverly Hills, Dobie, 5:45

Friday, Oct. 23

Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Springs, 6:30
Dobie varsity at Sam Rayburn, 6:30
Clear Brook JV hosts Clear Springs, 5:30
Dobie JV at Sam Rayburn, 5:30
Clear Brook freshman A hosts Clear Springs, 4:30
Dobie freshman A at Sam Rayburn, 4:30
Dobie freshman B at Sam Rayburn, 4:30

Tuesday, Oct. 27

Dobie varsity hosts Pearland, 6:30
Clear Brook varsity at Alvin, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts Pearland, 5:30
Clear Brook JV at Alvin, 5:30
Dobie freshman A hosts Pearland, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman A at Alvin, 4:30
Dobie freshman B hosts Pearland, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman B at Alvin, 4:30

SOCCER Friday, Oct. 16

San Jacinto College hosts Coastal Bend, 7:00

Saturday, Oct. 17

San Jacinto College hosts Coastal Bend, 2:00

FOOTBALL Thursday, Oct. 15

Clear Brook JV hosts Clear Lake, 6:30
Dobie JV at La Porte, Laird, 6:30
Clear Brook sophomores host Clear Lake, 4:30
Dobie sophomores at La Porte, Laird, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman A at Clear Lake, 6:30
Dobie freshman A hosts La Porte, 6:30
Clear Lake freshman B at Clear Lake, 4:30

Friday, Oct. 16

Clear Brook varsity vs. Clear Lake, Veteran's, 7:00

Saturday, Oct. 17

Dobie varsity hosts La Porte, Newcomb, 1:00

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Beverly Hills 7A at South Houston, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7B hosts South Houston, 5:00
Thompson 7A at Bondy, 5:00
Thompson 7B hosts Bondy, 5:00

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Beverly Hills 8A at South Houston, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8B hosts South Houston, 5:00
Thompson 8A at Bondy, 5:00
Thompson 8B hosts Bondy, 5:00

Thursday, Oct. 22

Dobie JV vs. Pasadena, Auxiliary, 6:30
Clear Brook JV at Galveston Ball, 6:30
Dobie sophomores at Atascocita, 5:00
Clear Brook sophomores at Terry, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman A at Galveston Ball, 6:30
Dobie freshman Orange at Pasadena, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman B at Galveston Ball, 4:30
Dobie freshman White at Pasadena, 4:30

TENNIS Thursday, Oct. 22

Dobie at 22-5A championships, TBA
Clear Brook at 22-5A championships, TBA

Friday, Oct. 23

Dobie at 22-5A championships, TBA
Clear Brook at 22-5A championships, TBA

Saturday, Oct. 24

Dobie at 22-5A championships, TBA
Clear Brook at 22-5A championships, TBA

With just two weeks to go in the regular season, the race to the playoffs in the Bay Area Football League is getting tight.

Locally, the Ellington Rams, Sagemont Cowboys and Southbelt Dolphins each have at least two teams in the hunt. The final two weeks will be important for every team vying to make the postseason.

The Ellington Rams had a great eighth week, taking three wins away from the League City '49ers during action at the League City Sportsplex.

Rams seniors 19 League City 0

The Rams' senior division team stayed in a first-place tie at 6-2 in the American Conference after blanking the Indians 19-0.

Chris Gilliam scored a touchdown for the Rams, and Jeremy Owens later scored twice as the Rams went on to win.

The Rams got fine play from each of their players, including Valor Ojeda, Dante Rivera, Cameron Jackson, Demarco Allen, Brandon Harper, Deshawn Roberson, Jeremiah Guajardo, Joseph Ramirez, Adrian Torres, Frank Sanchez, Francisco Villarreal, Landon Rankin, Eulalio Martinez, Gerald Bowman

and Peyton Polk. **Rams juniors 31 League City 6**
Four players found the end zone for the junior Rams as the locals cruised to a 31-6 victory over League City.

The win was big for the Rams as the team improved to 4-3-1 overall. League officials ruled Oct. 7 that the Rams must forfeit two wins for using an ineligible player.

Against League City, the Rams rolled on all cylinders. Myles Duke dashed 63 yards to the end zone to open the scoring, and Jaylon Bolden's 8-yard scoring run gave Ellington a 12-0 lead at halftime.

The Rams then broke the game open in the second half. Duke caught a 32-yard touchdown pass from Jalen Williams, and Kaelon Woods later went into the end zone from 8 yards out.

Blake Cervantes capped a terrific performance by the Rams as he grabbed up a League City fumble and ran 42 yards for a touchdown.

Duke had 118 yards rushing in the game to go with his scoring catch. Bolden rushed for 85 yards, and Anthony Owens, Woods, Williams and Deandre Childs also excelled offensively.

On defense, the Rams

had one of their finest games of the season. Duke had an interception, as did David Rodarte and Bolden.

Isaiah Vasquez had a fumble recovery, and De'Von Williams had an interception.

Others helping the Rams to their big win were Joshua Martinez, Nicholas Alvarez, Evan Mottu, Alexander Duke, Adrian Fonseca, Tywon Mackey Jr. (four tackles), Noah Ortega, Isaiah Brooks, Cesar Barrera, Josh Musquiz, Julian Guevara, Jose Escobar, Josh Rankin and Andrew Rodriguez.

Rams sophomores 13 League City 0

Ellington's sophomore team stayed on a roll, getting past League City 19-0 to move to 7-1 this season.

Barone Rivera plunged into the end zone from a yard out in the first quarter, and Royce Hunter made his way into the end zone for the extra point.

The score remained 7-0 until the third quarter, when Hunter sprinted past the League City defense on his way to a 55-yard touchdown run. In the third quarter, Ellington added to its lead.

The win put the Rams atop their conference. Earl Gresham, Rivera, Joseph Castaneda, Luke Gilliam, Ivan Tagle, Nick Irwin,

Michael Slaten, Desmond Owens, Ernie Guzman, Anthony Stasiak, Breon Simmons, Micah Dixon, Gabriel Fonseca, Matthew Lopez and Hunter all made plays on the offensive side of the football to help in the win.

Rivera, Dixon, Mark Milton, Montra Scott, John Moreno, Zion Walker, Dimitiri Giannopoulos, Joshua Sordia, Alec Figueroa, Malcolm Weston and J.J. Johnson led a defense that kept League City out of the end zone.

League City freshmen 35 Rams 0
League City gained its lone win of the series at the freshman level, topping the Rams 35-0.

Despite the loss, each of the Rams' players gave a tremendous effort. Those players included Mario Barajas, Gregory Mumphy, Glenn Bishop, Neiman Lewis-Wells, Aaron Ramos, Julian Calvillo, Murt Marshall, Joshua Mancia, Anthony Gonzalez, Sebastian Comabella-Paredes, Steven Trevino, Colin Le-

Blanc, Nicholas Rodarte, Mateo Guzman, Matthew Cervantes, Marquice Scott, Romeo Ramirez, Jerrick Garcia, Matthew Gilliam, Michael Powell Jr., Javian Castaneda, Devin Childs, Anthony Gracia Fernando Sifuentes and Travis Watson Jr.

Rams' pee wees excel
The future of the Ellington program looks great as the pee wee division team again excelled.

Scores are not kept within the division, but the Rams' fans had to be pleased with

the way the team played against League City.

Matthew Balderas twice carried the ball into the end zone, and Darius Pamplin ran to the end zone with the football once.

Dontre Miller, Manuel Frias, Jordan Soliz, Dylan Dixon and Kelby Williams stood out on the offensive side of the football.

Demontre Carr, Kevin Taulton, Edward Lilly, Adrian Tamez, Balderas and Mikey Ramirez guided the defensive effort.

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Local Bay Area Football League teams near playoffs

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football Standings Through Oct. 7 games

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

8A Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
<i>Beverly Hills</i>	1 0 0	4 1 0
<i>Queens</i>	1 0 0	4 1 0
<i>Southmore</i>	1 1 0	2 3 0
<i>South Houston</i>	1 1 0	4 1 0
<i>San Jacinto</i>	0 2 0	1 3 0

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 26, Southmore 0
Queens 46, Miller 8
South Houston 12, San Jacinto 0

Zone B	W L T	W L T
<i>Bondy</i>	2 0 0	4 1 0
<i>Thompson</i>	1 0 0	4 1 0
<i>Park View</i>	1 1 0	1 3 0
<i>Jackson</i>	0 1 0	1 4 0
<i>Miller</i>	0 2 0	0 5 0

Game Scores

Bondy 30, Jackson 6
Thompson 31, Park View 6
Queens 46, Miller 8

8B Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
<i>San Jacinto</i>	2 0 0	3 1 0
<i>Queens</i>	1 0 0	4 1 0
<i>Beverly Hills</i>	1 0 0	3 2 0
<i>South Houston</i>	0 2 0	2 3 0
<i>Southmore</i>	0 2 0	1 4 0

Game Scores

San Jacinto 16, South Houston 12
Beverly Hills 18, Southmore 0
Queens 40, Miller 8

Zone B	W L T	W L T
<i>Bondy</i>	2 0 0	4 1 0
<i>Park View</i>	1 1 0	1 3 0
<i>Thompson</i>	0 1 0	4 1 0
<i>Jackson</i>	0 1 0	0 5 0
<i>Miller</i>	0 2 0	1 4 0

Game Scores

Bondy 40, Jackson 0
Park View 22, Thompson 14
Queens 40, Miller 8

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

7A Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
<i>South Houston</i>	2 0 0	4 1 0
<i>Beverly Hills</i>	1 0 0	4 1 0
<i>San Jacinto</i>	1 1 0	3 2 0
<i>Queens</i>	0 1 0	0 5 0
<i>Southmore</i>	0 2 0	1 4 0

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 38, Southmore 0
South Houston 19, San Jacinto 8
Miller 39, Queens 7

Zone B	W L T	W L T
<i>Miller</i>	2 0 0	3 2 0
<i>Thompson</i>	1 0 0	5 0 0
<i>Bondy</i>	1 1 0	3 2 0
<i>Jackson</i>	0 1 0	1 4 0
<i>Park View</i>	0 2 0	1 4 0

Game Scores

Thompson 32, Park View 0
Miller 39, Queens 7
South Houston 19, San Jacinto 8
Bondy 38, Jackson 0

7B Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
<i>South Houston</i>	2 0 0	2 2 1
<i>Beverly Hills</i>	1 0 0	4 1 0
<i>San Jacinto</i>	1 1 0	3 2 0
<i>Queens</i>	0 1 0	3 2 0
<i>Southmore</i>	0 2 0	2 3 0

Game Scores

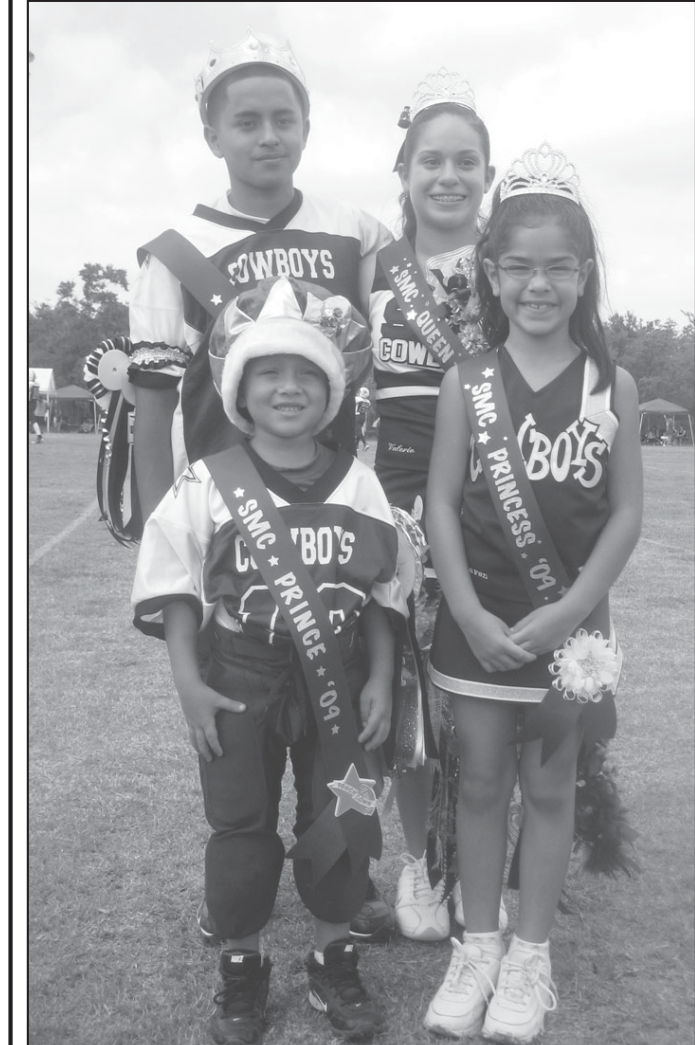
South Houston 14, San Jacinto 12
Beverly Hill 22, Southmore 0
Queens 27, Miller 0

Zone B	W L T	W L T
<i>Thompson</i>	1 0 0	5 0 0
<i>Jackson</i>	1 0 0	1 4 0
<i>Miller</i>	1 1 0	2 2 1
<i>Park View</i>	0 2 0	1 4 0
<i>Bondy</i>	0 2 0	2 3 0

Game Scores

Thompson 42, Park View 6
Jackson 12, Bondy 0
Queens 27, Miller 0

Cowboys' homecoming court



The Sagemont Cowboys youth organization within the Bay Area Football League honored its homecoming court during its series against the Magnolia Park Sharks. The winners are, left to right, (front row) Hector Valdez (prince), Heaven Lee Cadena (princess), (back row) Enrique Estrada (king) and Valerie Diaz (queen).

BAFL eighth-week action complete

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The Rams also received terrific play from Marcus Saenz, Alexander Garcia, Zaire Walker, Ignacio Izaguirre, Richard Gary, Joshua Jack, Izac Garcia and Ryan Saxton.

The Sagemont Cowboys faced a tougher challenge from the La Marque Cougars. In that series, the Cowboys won at the senior level but dropped the other three.

In the senior game, Marcus Solis recovered a fumble for the lone touchdown of the game as the Cowboys came away with a 6-2 win. At 5-3, the senior Cowboys are in good position to make the playoffs.

The Southbelt Dolphins came up with three wins in their series against the Manvel Ravens.

Manvel seniors 33 Dolphins 6
Southbelt's senior team endured a 33-6 loss against Manvel as the Ravens claimed their lone win in the series.

It was the first loss of the season for the Dolphins (7-1). Manvel improved to 6-2.

Jacoby Perro scored the Dolphins' lone touchdown on a 1-yard run in the first quarter.

Traveon Franciour, Tamurick Hickman and Mason Miller had sacks on defense for the Dolphins.

Others playing well for the Dolphins included Travis Tanner, Randy Johnson, Justyn Gonzalez, Orlando Ochoa, Andrew Lopez, Greer Vincent, Willie Scott, Christian Wright, Adam Gonzales, Elijah Levy, Jason Lester, Andrew Lopez, Kameron Dolford, Michael Arnesen and Ty Morris.

Dolphins juniors 34 Ravens 0
The Dolphins dominated in all phases of the game at the junior level, coming away with a 34-0 win.

Southbelt moved to 7-1 with the victory.

Bennie Hamilton opened the scoring with a 5-yard run. The Dolphins then earned a safety on defense for an 8-0 lead.

Still in the first quarter, Eric Detiege raced 38 yards for a touchdown.

D'Vaughn Pennamon made a great defensive play for another safety in the second quarter.

Austin Czeckinski got in on the action as he ran for a 40-yard touchdown on a pass play in the third quarter.

Pennamon added a 42-yard scamper for a touchdown before Joshua Ramirez wrapped up the scoring with a 10-yard run.

Ernesto Rodriguez had a great game with 20- and 40-yard pass completions.

Osby Mitchell and Keith Armstead combined for sacks of the Manvel quarterback on back-to-back plays. Desmond Flores also had a sack.

Others playing well for the Dolphins included Kehlan Williams, Jacob Arnesen, Isaiah Stoneman, Joey Bourgeois Jr., Matthew Sanchez, Alexander Williams, T.J. Kilby, Desmond Scott, Brandon Salgado and Bennett Oko.

Dolphins sophomores 33 Manvel 0
Southbelt's sophomore team went to 5-3 this season after thoroughly beating Manvel 33-0.

Jeremy Davis had a 5-yard touchdown run, and Jacoby Davis went 38 yards

for a rushing score. Jaizac Garcia had three touchdowns, including runs of 20, 16 and 70 yards.

William Fuselier added a conversion run, as did Jeremy Davis and Jacoby Davis.

Ty Wright caused a fumble on defense, and Londen Jenkins (two) Garcia and Byron Flores came through with sacks.

The Dolphins also had superb play from Eddie Borrego, Ethan Riojas, Bryce Feagin, Samuel Parker, Steven Hernandez, Justin Thomas, Charles Potter, Ryan Puga, JaLon Hunt, Trey Trevino, Jacob Garcia, Jamal Phillips, Javen Hedgeman, Rudy Flores, Marshall McGowen and K.J. Reyes Jr.

Dolphins freshmen 32 Manvel 2

The Dolphins' sophomore team flashed signs of brilliance in a 32-2 defeat of Manvel.

With the win, Southbelt (5-3) stayed in the mix for a playoff berth.

Dante Proctor scored four touchdowns on distances of 17, 15, 5 and 10 yards. Cervantis Pounds added a touchdown on a 12-yard rushing burst.

Damarius Countee, Joshua Jacobs and Marcos Aguilar recovered fumbles as the defense was dominant for Southbelt.

The rest of the Dolphins, including Jalen Lendsey, Elias Adkins, A'Darius Ward, Lance Tanner, Roger Solis, Tyler Swanagan, Anthony Moreno, Christian Cleckley, Kelvin Gardner, Isaac Martinez, Isaiah DeLeon, Damarius Countee, Omotayo Thomas, Nathan Licerio, Marcos Aguilar, Roderick Puga, Tristin Sanchez, Beto Garcia, Theodore Randall III, Samuel Diaz and Marcus Herrera, also starred.

SB pee wees roll
The Dolphins' pee wee division team played a great game once more

Xavier Lerma and Jonavon Wade each made their way to the end zone twice.

Randy Smith, Donovan Berotte, Dreshon Downey, Bryce Sanchez, Cleveland Tucker, Deven Lendsey, Jacob Rodriguez, Santos San-

chez, Christon Hardemon, Zain Dempsey, Jhonas Washington, Shelton Kilby, Dwayne Jones Jr., TayVion Taylor, Nicolas Salgado, Matthew Arnesen, Jose Martinez, Isaac Alvarez and Julio Torres all came up with big plays for the Dolphins in the game as the locals excited their fans.

The pee wee teams have two regular season games remaining.

The freshman through senior division teams have two regular season games left, and many of those teams are battling for the playoffs.

The BAFL playoffs will include three rounds of action.

Bay Area Football League

Week Nine Games

Saturday, Oct. 17

Southbelt Dolphins host East End Eagles

Blackhawk Park

Sagemont Cowboys host Pasadena Panthers

El Franco Lee Park

Ellington Rams host Santa Fe Braves

South Houston High School

Game times: Pee wee (8 a.m.); seniors (9 a.m.); juniors (10:45 a.m.); sophomores (12:30 p.m.); freshmen (2:15 p.m.)

BAFL Week Eight Results

Teams	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.
Cowboys	6	6	0	0
Cougars	2	7	19	25
Rams	19	35	13	0
'49ers	0	6	0	35
Dolphins	6	34	33	32
Ravens	35	0	0	2

SJC Foundation/Pettitte golf set

The San Jacinto College Foundation will host the 14th annual San Jacinto College Foundation Golf Tournament, with guest host Andy Pettitte, Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, at the Battleground Golf Course in Deer Park.

Monies raised from this event are dedicated to student scholarships. To date, the San Jacinto College Foundation golf tournament has raised more than \$892,000.

"We are pleased to once again have Andy Pettitte as our guest host for this event," said Susan Arscott, vice president of resource development at San Jacinto College.

"This is our top fundraiser every year, and we know this year will be no

exception. We're so thankful to those who participate and support our students through scholarships. We couldn't do this without them."

The golf tournament kicks off Wednesday, Oct. 28, with a reception featuring live and silent auctions. Auction items include autographed posters of Pettitte, a Houston Texans versus Indianapolis Colts suite package valued at \$50,000, a party for 10 people at Minute Maid Park, a weekend at Caesars Palace Las Vegas (including airfare) and much more.

Tournament spots and sponsorships are still available. Player entry fee is \$200. The first round tees off Oct. 29 at 7:15 a.m., with a breakfast included.

The second round will begin at 12:45 p.m. Both rounds include a catered lunch. All golfers are invited to attend the catered post-tournament dinner.

The format is a Florida scramble consisting of four-person teams, regardless of handicap.

Two flights will be determined after all scores are submitted, and the average score will be the break point for the division of the two flights.

First place in each flight receives a \$100 gift certificate to the Battleground pro shop for each player.

Second place team members will each receive a \$75 gift certificate to the pro shop, and third place team members will each receive a \$50 gift certificate.

BAFL Week 8 Standings

Senior Division American				Senior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Rams	6	2	0	Dolphins	7	1	0
Braves	6	2	0	Texans	6	1	1
Cowboys	5	3	0	Eagles	6	1	1
Panthers	4	4	0	Stingrays	6	2	0
Cougars	3	5	0	Ravens	6	2	0
Patriots	2	6	0	Sharks	3	5	0
Raiders	2	6	0	Mustangs	1	7	0
'49ers	0	8	0	Hurricanes	0	8	0
Junior Division American				Junior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Patriots	7	0	1	Hurricanes	8	0	0
'49ers	7	1	0	Dolphins	7	1	0
Cougars	5	3	0	Texans	5	3	0
Rams	4	3	1	Stingrays	4	4	0
Cowboys	4	4	0	Eagles	4	4	0
Raiders	2	6	0	Ravens	3	5	0
Panthers	0	8	0	Sharks	2	6	0
Braves	0	8	0	Mustangs	0	8	0
Sophomore Division American				Sophomore Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
'49ers	7	1	0	Hurricanes	8	0	0
Rams	7	1	0	Stingrays	7	1	0
Patriots	7	1	0	Dolphins	5	3	0
Braves	3	5	0	Texans	4	3	0
Cougars	3	5	0	Eagles	4	4	0
Raiders	2	6	0	Sharks	3	5	0
Cowboys	1	7	0	Mustangs	1	7	0
Panthers	0	7	0	Ravens	0	8	0
Freshman Division American				Freshman Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Patriots	8	0	0	Hurricanes	8	0	0
Cougars	7	1	0	Eagles	7	1	0
'49ers	5	3	0	Texans	5	2	0
Cowboys	4	4	0	Dolphins	4	4	0
Rams	4	4	0	Stingrays	4	4	0
Braves	4	4	0	Mustangs	2	6	0
Panthers	1	6	0	Sharks	1	7	0
Raiders	0	8	0	Ravens	0	8	0

No. 2 Tyler trips San Jac soccer 2-0



The San Jacinto College soccer team will take on Coastal Bend in a pair of back-to-back home games Oct. 16 (7 p.m.) and Oct. 17 (2 p.m.) to close out Region 14 action before taking on several nonregion foes to close the regular season. The Coyotes, led by head coach David Santesteban (at left) are coming off a 2-0 loss to second-ranked Tyler Oct. 9. Goalkeeper Manuel Frias (above) and his teammates are looking to close out the season strong before preparing for regionals and a possible rematch against Tyler.

Bat Bratz 4s learning softball



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's Bat Bratz are one of the 4-year-old teams learning new skills while competing in the league's fall season. The newly formed Ladybug age division allows these young players the chance to gain a knowledge of the game

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

11:15 a.m.

Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club - Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club, in affiliation with Stonecroft Ministries, hosts monthly luncheons at Golfcrest Country Club from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. The luncheon includes a buffet, an informative program and an inspirational speaker. Cost is \$16 all inclusive. All ladies are welcome, but reservations are necessary. A complimentary nursery is provided. For information, call 281-992-1675 or 281-482-9727.

11:30 a.m.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets on the third Thursday of each month at Makenzie's Grill, 9330 Broadway in Pearland. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

Noon

AI-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.

5:30 p.m.

Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310

Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.

6:30 p.m.

St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring - St. Luke's offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

7 p.m.

Korean War Veteran Association - The Texas Lone Star Chapter meets the third Thursday of each month at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 West Center. For information, call 713-774-3662.

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.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

10 a.m.

Free Line Dance Class - The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program offers free line dancing classes. The class is held at the activity building, located at 416 Morningside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. Previous experience not required. For more information, call 281-482-8441.

Noon

Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic

or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

6 p.m.

Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the NASA Gilruth Center on Space Center. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or George Wieland at 281-286-5682, or visit www.frontiersquares.com.

6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Bluegrass Association - Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, May and December are exceptions. Admission is free. The show is held at the League City Civic Center, 300 Walker. For more information, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

2 p.m.

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

8 p.m.

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

MONDAY, OCT. 19

7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

9 a.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

Free Exercise Class - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.

Civil Air Patrol Meeting - Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.

Grief Support Group - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. - Meets the third week of each month at the Clear Lake Park Building, 5001 NASA Parkway. Guests welcome. Designed to promote education and popular interest in the various earth sciences, hobbies dealing with the art of lapidaries and the science of minerals and fossils.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

11 a.m.

The Bay Area Military Officers' Wives - hold monthly luncheon meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at Bay Oaks Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Active duty or retired

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officers' wives are eligible. For information, contact Wanda Symmonds, president, at 832-425-2724 or www.WSYMMONDS@houston.rr.com or Wendy Peters, membership, at 281-333-3115 or www.WendyPeters@verizon.net.

Noon
Free Exercise Class - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

1 p.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 from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.

1:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

5 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water therapy from 5 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6:30 p.m.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Meets at Sagemont Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.

Pearland Area Republican Women's Club - meets at Perry's Landmark Restaurant, 2501 S. Main. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431.

7 p.m.
St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring - St. Luke's offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

The Compassionate Friends - TCF meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Friendswood United Methodist Church, 204 W. Edgewood (FM2351) in the Family Life Center, second floor, room 204. TCF is a nondenominational, self-help organization offering friendship, support and understanding to bereaved families who have lost a son, daughter or sibling. For information, call 281-332-2887 or 281-992-0145.

Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room 1st floor. Bring a friend or neighbor and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to help make neighborhoods safer. For more information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525.

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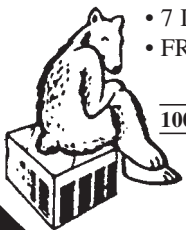
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Sink to guide Dobie football rest of 2009 season

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 Right now, Sink is the man for the job, and he is taking it on like he owns it. "Dobie has always played with class and played hard, and we will do that for sure," he said. "Our job as a coaching staff is to put these young men in the best possible position to win. We will do that. Everything else past this season will play out." Like everyone involved in the process, Sink wishes

nothing but the best for Cotton. "I'm very excited about this chance, but it's unfortunate that it has to come this way," Sink said. "Bobby gave me a chance to come back to Dobie three years ago, and I thank him for that. I wish him and his family nothing but the best. His health is at the top of the list." Then there's the issue of Dobie's current standing. At 1-2 in District 22-5A ac-

tion, the Longhorns are in a must-win situation against a tough La Porte squad Oct. 17 at Newcomb Field. A loss would drop the team to 1-3 in the standings and almost certainly lead to a fifth straight playoff-less season. It's not the prime situation for any coach, but Sink will give it his all. Beyond the 2009 season, Lewis has stressed that any decisions regarding Cotton, his possible return or any other personnel moves, will

not be soon forthcoming. He told the *Leader* that Cotton's return as head coach after this season has not been ruled out. The future of the Dobie High School football program is thus on hold past 2009. Cotton was 9-16 in two plus seasons as head coach with no playoff appearances. However, as Lewis pointed out, this series of moves has nothing to do with the

coach's on-the-job performance but instead everything to do with Cotton's need to take a break to get healthy. Rightfully so. "Bobby deserves the time to properly recover and to get his health back," Lewis said. "When the time comes that we can look at things again and assess how to move forward, we'll do that. That time is not now." As for the players, the focus will be on taking down La Porte.

Deer Park sweeps Lady Longhorns' volleyball

Brook to face Lake for 24-5A lead



Above, the Clear Brook Wolverines' varsity volleyball team is set to host Clear Lake Friday, Oct. 16, in a match (6:30 p.m.) that will likely go a long way toward deciding the eventual District 24-5A champion. After beating Brazoswood Oct. 13, Brook, including players (above) Alicia Ditrach (15) and Sam Bentley is 8-1 while Clear Lake is 9-0. Meanwhile, Dobie was swept at Deer Park Oct. 13 and has slipped to 8-2 with a key road match coming at La Porte Oct. 16. Lady Longhorn (at right) Andrea Bertrand is focused on helping the team get a win.



Soggy tennis season continues



Dobie High School tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. (right) had no idea his fall tennis schedule was incomplete when he put it together last summer. He simply forgot to include the several rain-outs that have occurred during District 22-5A action. At 2-3 in the standings, the Longhorns have had to adjust on the fly several times. Now, weather permitting of course, the Longhorns' varsity team is slated to close out the regular season with a road match at Pearland Oct. 15. After that, Dobie will prepare for the District 22-5A tournament that is supposed to begin Oct. 22 - weather permitting.

Public invited to Romero event

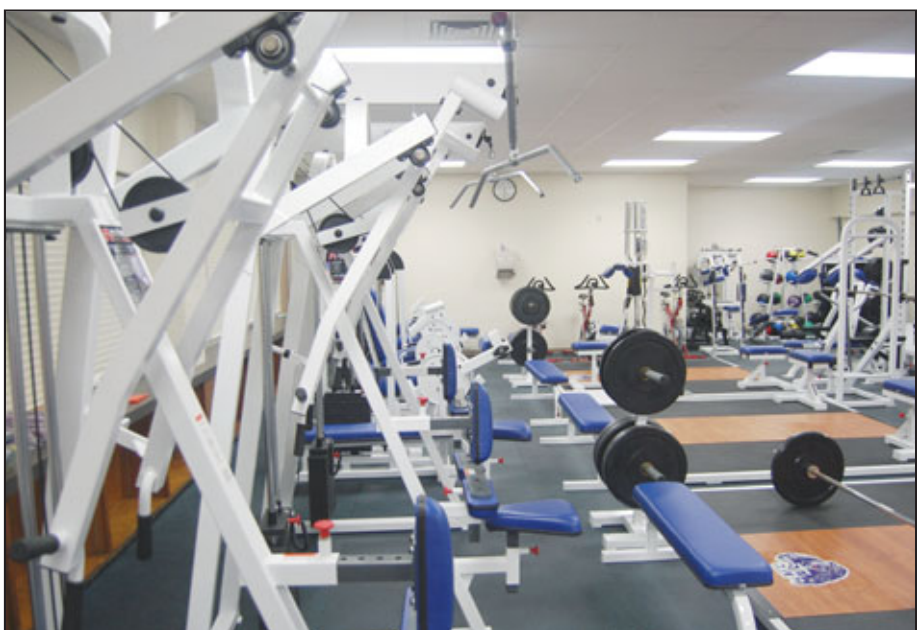
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 ing the ceremony. There is a host of activities planned for the day, including a raffle. Barbecue plates (\$6) will be on sale beginning at 11 a.m. There will also be a raffle and silent auction. Funds raised from the event will be donated to the Team Gabby Fund. Anyone wishing to make a donation of a monetary donation may call SBGSA president Ruben Garcia at 281-904-6109 or league treasurer Yvette Rodriguez at 832-528-

6391. Those wishing to donate items for the silent auction may call Alicia Gonzales at 281-630-5176. Those in attendance must purchase the pink and white balloons for the release. The Romero family will continue the Team Gabby effort in the hopes of helping other local families who are battling cancer. An account has been established at a local banking center. Currently, those wishing to make a donation are asked to mail those to Jesus Romero/Team Gabby, 11103 Kirkpark Drive, Houston, Texas, 77089.



Gabby Romero

Battlin' Bears have new weight room digs



Athletes in the Beverly Hills Intermediate athletics program are surely pumped after the completion of the school's new weight room. The school's previous facility was destroyed last spring after a heavy rainfall caused a large hole in the roof. Longtime Beverly Hills athletics coach Ben Portis credited the school's

principal, Alyta Harrell, with making it possible to have the facility reloaded. "There's something for everyone, including low impact activities for the ladies," Portis said. "Our weight room participation, in terms of all sports, is greater than it's ever been. It's truly a great facility!"

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