

Burglary suspect sought

The *Leader* received several calls Monday, Oct. 5, about a police helicopter and K-9 unit searching the area around Beverly Hills Intermediate. According to police, a resident in the 10300 block of Kirkdale reported seeing a burglary in progress. No arrests were made.

Drug raid on Seaford

Multiple residents phoned the *Leader* the morning of Monday, Oct. 5, to report a drug raid had taken place in the 10500 block of Seaford. Houston police, however, have no record of the event.

AARP to meet Oct. 9

The South Belt AARP will meet Friday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m. at El Franco Lee Community Center, 9400 Hall Road. Country singer Vencie Hill, niece of legendary "Gentleman Jim" Reeves, will entertain the group with *A Tribute to Patsy Cline*. Refreshments will follow, and all seniors are invited.

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 for \$5 or to make a donation.

Workshops at Stuchbery

Stuchbery Elementary will present *Very Positive Outlook*, a Reading with Dads workshop series that focuses on the connection between involved male parents and the educational success of their children. It will encourage fathers to participate in school activities and promote the importance of loving to read and write.

The first workshop is Thursday, Oct. 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The second session is Nov. 5, and the third session is Dec. 3. Fliers and an invitation for each workshop will be in each child's folder.

Neighborhood Watch sought

At the quarterly Kirkwood South Homeowners Association meeting held on Sept. 24, residents requested the board of directors inquire about forming a neighborhood watch group for the subdivision.

President Estella Davis has called the Harris County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit for a meeting to discuss the program. Interested Kirkwood South homeowners are requested to e-mail Davis at evdavis1948@sbcglobal.net for meeting date and time.

Lariaettes hold dance clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Hand and Stand Clinic Oct. 15 in the Dobie dance room from 6 to 8 p.m. for children in grades K-8. Preregistration is \$25 or \$35 at the door, cash or money order only. Preregistration by Oct. 9 guarantees a T-shirt.

Clinic participants will be invited to sit in the stands with the Lariaettes at the Dobie versus Pasadena football game on Oct. 23.

For information, call Lori Perez at 281-797-8370.

Library events scheduled

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

Movie Madness is Thursday, Oct. 8, at 4 p.m. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for feature title.

A Protect Your Back workshop will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Learn about common back pain problems, exercises to strengthen the back to prevent future problems, and those who should treat backs. Register at the reference desk or online at www.hcpl.net.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by participating in the third annual trivia contest through Thursday, Oct. 15. Winners will receive a gift certificate to a local restaurant. There will also be a themed craft for children to celebrate on Oct. 15 at 4 p.m.

Family storytime is Tuesday at 7 p.m. Preschooler storytime is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is Thursday at 10 and 11:15 a.m.

Lion boosters meet Oct. 13

The GAT Athletic Booster Club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Thompson cafeteria. Items on the agenda include the fall festival fundraiser, membership drive and the GAT Athletic Booster Club bylaws.

For information, call Liz Beltran at 832-577-1732 or Cindy Munoz at 832-618-3649. All athletic parents are encouraged to attend.

Chamber's Evening of Cuisine set for Oct. 15

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual Evening of Cuisine and antique car show will take place Thursday, Oct. 15, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Now in its 12th year, the event will give attendees a chance to sample food from a wide variety of local vendors and is by far the chamber's most popular fundraiser.

Confirmed food and drink vendors taking part in this year's event include Texas Land & Cattle, II Brother's Pasta, Las Haciendas Mexican Bar & Grill, Deno's, Dixie Deli, Dream Dinners, H-E-B Blackhawk, Joe's Crab Shack, Mi Tienda, MNJ Catering, Outback Steakhouse, Perry & Sons Market & Grille, Sicily Pizza, Pasta & More, Silver Eagle Distributors, San Jacinto College Culinary Department, La Cantina Mexican Grill

and Fox & Hound Smokehouse & Tavern.

Attendees will cast votes for their favorite cuisine, as prizes will be awarded to winners in various categories.

The function will also include a live and a silent auction. Current auction items include a 37-inch Magnavox flat screen TV with DVD player, a deluxe cedar children's playhouse, a private wine-tasting tour for 20 from Haak Vineyards, a box-seat party for 20 at a 2010 Astros game, a 20-inch Mongoose bicycle, Cabela's hunting gear, a four-person pass to the Kemah Boardwalk, a decorative windmill, a ride with Santa Claus on a Southeast Volunteer Fire Department

fire engine, a perfume basket and gift certificates from participating food vendors.

A classic car and hot rod show will be held in the parking lot of the event. Organized by Carl and Brian Rodgers of American Transmission Center, the show will award trophies to all winners.

To enter a car in the show costs \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Each entry includes one ticket to the Evening of Cuisine.

Those wishing to show a car, should contact American Transmission Center at 713-944-7212.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door

and are available at the chamber, The Gardens, H-E-B Blackhawk and the *Leader* offices.

For more information, call the chamber office at 281-481-5516.

Gabby's cancer battle ends

Team Gabby has lost its honorary member.

Gabriela "Gabby" Romero, a junior student at Dobie High School, died Oct. 2 after a 15-month battle with renal cancer. She had turned 17 years of age on Sept. 10, and in recent weeks had been under hospice care at the family home.



Gabriela "Gabby" Romero

Services were held Oct. 4-5 at St. Luke's Catholic Church (see obituary on Page 2A). The funeral turnout was said to be the largest in the church's history.

Prior to and since the services, residents have been able to spot hundreds of pink ribbons, lovingly placed on trees and signage by many of Romero's friends and supporters.

Yet, as news of her death brought many tears, there were also plenty of tales of celebration along the way.

Romero and her family, which includes parents Edna and Jesus as well as her brother, Jesus III and a sister, Brenda, were able to draw inspiration from Team Gabby, a support group that initially numbered in the tens and eventually grew to include thousands (See more about Team Gabby on Page 6B).

The founding members of Team Gabby included primarily the youth softball and volleyball players she had befriended while growing up in the South Belt area. Today, members of Team Gabby are located all over the nation.

While at Dobie, Romero was a member of the junior varsity volleyball program. She played varsity softball in a reserve role as a freshman and was due to play a larger part with the team before her illness came in the summer of 2008.

Even during her illness, Romero offered her support at many Dobie functions. Last spring, she cheered from the dugout as the Lady Long-

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Sattler, 11, dies in bungee home accident



William Sattler

Sagemont resident William Sattler died Sunday, Oct. 4, following a bizarre accident that took place at his home the previous day. (See obituary, Page 2A.)

Sattler, 11, was decorating for Halloween with his family at their house in the 11300 block of Sagemont when the child used a bungee cord to swing from a hook in the home's ceiling. According to family members, the cord slid from around his body and caught his neck, strangling him.

The child's grandmother attempted to perform CPR, while waiting for emergency help to arrive. EMTs were able to revive Sattler. However, his brain was no longer functional due to oxygen depletion.

All of Sattler's vital organs and skin were donated by his family. His family is further planning to start a fund through Melillo Middle School to help students with dyslexia, a disorder

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Auction items are starting to pour in for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 12th annual Evening of Cuisine. Items shown above are a 37-inch Magnavox flat screen TV with DVD player and a deluxe cedar children's playhouse. Shown above with the items are chamber Executive Director Sally Mitchell and Sam's Club employee Johnny Carmona.

Harris County raises constable contract rate

By James Bolen

A mid-year budget review meeting at Harris County Commissioner's Court Tuesday, Sept. 29, resulted in a 7.1 percent rate increase for Precinct 2 Constable deputies to remain patrolling areas of the South Belt not incorporated by the City of Houston.

The decision comes at a time when the county, like many residents, is strapped for cash.

General fund expenditures for the first six months of the fiscal year were up 1.2 percent over projections, and by the end of the year in February, are expected to be 3.5 percent over last year.

The current contract requires local municipal utility districts, through Security Alliance, to pay 70 percent of the constable's costs, while the county picks up the remaining 30 percent.

Under the new arrangement, which takes effect Friday, Jan. 1, the Clear Brook City, Sagemeadow and Kirkmont municipal utility districts will now pay roughly 75 percent of all costs.

A deputy's cost will increase from \$57,415 to \$61,492 or \$4,077 more a year.

Many other existing area contracts require 100 percent of payment for added deputy patrols. This practice will ultimately be countywide, according to Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner El Franco Lee. The rate, however, will be raised

incrementally, as to not be too drastic.

"We're trying to be sensitive to the times and how hard it is on everyone," Lee said.

The rate increase will be absorbed locally through a small hike in fees, according to Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District General Manager Chris Clark.

At 36 cents per household, the rise in costs will be minimal to residents served in areas under the contract.

Additional cost-cutting measures taken by the

county include eliminating all out of state travel and cost of living adjustments and instituting a hiring freeze, with exceptions being made on a case-by-case basis.

While county officials are finding ways to save money, Lee is simultaneously hopeful he can provide additional Harris County Sheriff's deputies to patrol the South Belt and is in negotiations to possibly open a storefront in the area.

"I'm looking for an opportunity to have more of a presence," he said.

Prison ministry holds banquet at Sagemont

Less Than The Least Ministries (LTTLM) will hold its annual banquet Thursday, Oct. 15, in the hall at Sagemont Church from 6 to 9 p.m.

LTTLM is a faith-based prison ministry that caters to inmates throughout the Texas and Louisiana penal systems. The group also has a weekly radio broadcast.

This year's function will be dedicated to the ministry's outreach program for public schools titled *Don't Take The Wrong Bus*, in which offenders convey to youth their message against gang activity and life in the prison system.

Mike Richards, former KPRC host of *The Mike Richards Show* and Texas state senator, will

be the keynote speaker at the event.

Bobby Herring, or Tre9 as he is known in the Christian hip-hop genre, will provide the evening's entertainment. Tre9 is an accomplished artist who has served in both local and international missions.

The banquet will also honor volunteers who support the ongoing work of the ministry's programs in public schools, prison units and radio. A silent auction will be held that includes art

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After 39 years, Bracewell closes



After being open for nearly 40 years, the Bracewell Library branch at Almeda Mall officially closed its doors Saturday, Oct. 3. Signs on the building direct patrons to return books to 8145 Park Place. A new Bracewell branch is currently under construction at 9002 Kingspoint near Blackhawk. A grand opening ceremony for the facility will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m. The two-month closure is necessary to take inventory and move the building's contents.

Photo by Matt Griesmyer

Bracewell Library branch closes

Bracewell Library, located at 10115 Kleckley, officially closed its doors Saturday, Oct. 3.

The branch was opened by the Houston Public Library on March 23, 1970. Located on a one-acre site next to Almeda Mall, the facility was named for J.S. Bracewell, an attorney and civic leader, who served 26 years on the Houston library board.

The architectural firm of Neuhaus & Taylor designed the light brick structure to blend with the adjacent shopping center.

The branch was the first in the Houston Library System to have an audio-visual collection, including tapes of classical, operatic and popular music.

The library also featured a large collection of literary recordings, as well as slides, filmstrips and 8mm films.

Another innovation at the time was the addition of paperback books for both adults and juveniles.

Shortly after opening, the Bracewell branch sponsored a pet show with more than 100 entries competing for most unusual, best-groomed and smartest pets.

The library also provided activities for children, such as the summer reading program and

preschool story time.

Nearly 40 years later, the City of Houston broke ground on a new facility to replace the aging Almeda location. The groundbreaking ceremony, held on March 23, 2009, took place 39 years to the day of the original branch opening. The event was hosted by District E Councilmember Mike Sullivan and Houston Public Library Director Rhea Brown Lawson.

To be located at 9002 Kingspoint near Blackhawk, the structure will be roughly 12,000 square feet, compared to the original 8,000-square-foot library, and offer more resources.

Funded as part of the city's Capital Improvement Plan, the new building is projected to cost \$5.5 million.

A grand opening ceremony will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m.

The two-month closure is necessary to take inventory and move the building's contents, according to Houston library spokeswoman Sandra Fernandez.

Anyone who has an item placed on hold at the original location can pick it up at the Park Place Regional Library branch at 8145 Park Place.

For additional information, call 832-393-1970.

Deaths

Gabriela Romero



Romero, sister Brenda, brother Jesus III, nieces Mya and Caressa, nephew Ethaniel, grandparents Octaviano Urbina and San Juana De Leon, and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

The funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, Oct. 5, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Interment followed at Forest Park East Cemetery. A vigil was held at 7 p.m.

Monday evening a reception was held at J. Frank Dobie High School. (See related story Page 1A.)

Michael Crowley Jr.

Michael Raymond Crowley Jr., 19, of Fayette, Mo., died Sunday morning, Sept. 13, 2009, near Angleton, Texas, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was a Sagamore resident and attended San Jacinto College South.

Crowley is the son of Michael and stepmother Laddonna Crowley of Fayette and Kimberly (Cox) Mock of Bedford, Pa. He was born



in Bedford, Pa., on Dec. 13, 1989. He attended Fayette High School, graduating in 2008, had been employed at C&R Market and attended Central Methodist University.

A great lover of all of sports, he was a fan of the Missouri Tigers and the St. Louis Cardinals and enjoyed NASCAR competition. He was a member of Faith Family Church.

Crowley is survived by his parents and grandparents: Mrs. Bobby (Pat) Crowley of Fayette and Don and Colleen Cox of Bedford, Pa. He leaves two sisters: Heather Nichole Crowley of Bedford,

Pa., and Victoria Gorman of Fayette; and three brothers: Sgt. Joshua Crowley of Watertown, N.Y., Christopher Crowley of Bedford, Pa., and James Gorman of Fayette. Also surviving are numerous other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held Friday, Sept. 18, at St. Luke's Catholic Church. A memorial service was also held Sept. 27, at Faith Family Church near Fayette with the Rev. Jamie Page officiating. Burial followed at Walnut Ridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Family's Choice care of Friemonth-Freeze Funeral Service, 174 Hwy 5 & 240 N., Fayette, MO 65248.

Randolph A. Parker

Randolph Alexander Parker, 99, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009. He was a South Belt resident. He was born to Molly and Thomas Parker on June 14, 1910, at home in Climax, Ga. He was the youngest of 14 children of whom only eight survived to adulthood.

As a teenager, Parker was admitted to a hospital in New Mexico to receive treatment for tuberculosis. After his recovery, he made his way to Camp Hood, Texas, where he met and married Dorothy Brown in 1942. They had one child, Sandra.

The family moved to Hous-

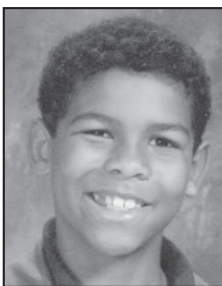


Michael Alvin Peters



Michael Alvin Peters, 42, of Liverpool died Oct. 3, 2009, after being struck by a train. Peters was born Oct. 5, 1966, in La Marque, Texas, to parents Henry and Delores (Schilhab) Peters. He has been a lifetime resident of Liverpool. He was serving as the mayor of Liverpool at the time of his death. He had done maintenance work for the Sagamore Civic Club for nearly 20 years. He married Donna Hayden on April 27, 1991, in Alvin. Peters is preceded in death by his father, Henry Peters, brother Roger Peters, his grandparents, father-in-law Don Hayden and nephew Tony Peters. He is survived by his wife, Donna Peters; mother Delores Peters; children Michael Levi Peters and Alayna Ann Peters, all of Liverpool; brothers and sisters Mark Henry Peters and

William Sattler



William Sattler, 11, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009. He was born July 28, 1998. Sattler was a sixth-grade student at Melillo Middle School.

Survivors include his mother, Charlene Patterson;

wife Patty of Liverpool, Chris Peters of Clear Lake, Ginger Little and husband Darrell of League City, and Cheryl Peters-Vickers of Liverpool; mother-in-law Jewel Hayden of Houston; sister-in-law, Roxy Sizemore and husband Forrest of Pearland; sister-in-law Joanna Staner of Pearland; and numerous nieces, nephews, family members and friends. A memorial service will be held Oct. 8, 2009, at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Alvin. In lieu of flowers, the family will accept donations to an account that has been established at Regions Bank in Alvin for Levi and Alayna Peters for their college education fund.

father Richard Williams; step-father Clyde Sykes; grandparents Steve and Leslie Patterson, Jinny and Kurt Trout and Ruth and Forrest Rice Jr.; brother Adam Sattler; and sister Monique Scott.

Other survivors include uncles Kyle and Keith Trout, Ryan Patterson, Fabian Rodriguez, Charles Gomez, John Reynosa, Patrick Williams and Anthony Rice; aunts Stacy Moreno, Mandy Meitzen,

Misty Jackson, Stephenia Gomez, Jacquelyn Rice, Victoria Rice and Hazel Williams; great-grandmother Virginia Sattler, great-grandparents Rodney and Patsy Thornton; great-grandfather Ken Trout; and many cousins.

Visitation for family and friends will be Saturday, Oct. 10, from noon to 2 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale. The funeral will follow at 2 p.m.

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Readers' Opinions

Thanks to community for supporting Gabby

To South Belt Leader family and friends, It is sad to say that Gabby Romero passed away the morning of Oct. 2, at 4:30 a.m. She was a softball player at Dobie and was loved by many of us. She has been fighting cancer for 16 months. I want to thank all of you at *South Belt Leader* and those of you that have supported her and her family throughout this difficult time.

Hilda Torres

Johansen: Unhappy with Olson, meeting

Our new representative in Congress, Pete Olson, was supremely disappointing at his town hall meeting Saturday when he failed to adequately address NASA and its funding problems. Admittedly, Olson has little knowledge about Johnson Space Center and next to no power in the U.S. House of Representatives, but at least he could identify and clarify the budget issues inherent in the exploration programs originally promoted but not adequately funded by President Bush (this is probably one of the biggest unfunded mandates in US history).

Saturday, Olson obviously preferred to preach to the local far-right hotheads than to talk to district voters in rational terms about the most important local issues. While he said he supported all voters in this district, he, time and again, mimicked Rush Limbaugh and Glen Beck to tickle the fancy of his few supporters. Olson, avoiding verbal questions and using a controlled written question process, decided to not address the apparently "difficult" issue of increasing NASA's human space flight program budget. It is too bad that some who disliked Obama, provided votes for Olson last November. We could've had someone with the knowledge and power to work with the Obama administration rather than throwing silly accusations at the president.

Pete Johansen

Valtasaros: Worried about health care

I booked a cruise for my wife's birthday this year. After doing my stuff on the Internet, I read the page about documentation. The site said I need a birth certificate, an enhanced drivers license, a passport or a government ID. My wife and I decided to renew our passports. We called the passport office to tell them we needed our passports on the express plan for we are traveling within 4 weeks. Remember that 4 number, it will be important later. We were told we had to wait until we were 2 weeks away from our departure to call and make an appointment to meet with a passport representative. At the meeting we could take care of the required documentation and get our passports in 2 to 3 weeks. Yes 2 to 3 weeks or we could get them the same day but that was not guaranteed. 2 to 3 weeks was the guarantee.

I asked if we could make an appointment sooner to give us enough time to get our passports before our departure in 4 weeks. I was told they do not make appointments for the express plan passports sooner than 2 weeks from date of departure. I then asked when our appointment would be if we called two weeks out. I was told that they did not know.

So if I call the passport office to express my passport issuance two weeks from my departure date I might get an appointment before my departure date at which time it might take 2 to 3 weeks for my passport to arrive... or it might be ready the same day. Yes you can read the last sentence again (and if it makes sense to you, you too can be a government official) or if you are like me you can scream, "Why can't we do it now?"

The frightening thing is that the government has been issuing passports for over 100 years and this is the level of efficiency that they have achieved.

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Health Care phone call: "Hello and welcome to your government health care hotline. We are here for you. For Greek press 1, for Spanish press 2, for Mandarin press 3, for Vietnamese press 4, for Swahili press 5... for English press 197."

"Hello government health care bureaucrat in charge of emergency health care procedures. I just accidentally cut off my arm and am bleeding to death. According to my local doctor I have less than 10 minutes to live and I need to make sure that all my documentation is in proper

order. What? I have to call you back when I have 5 minutes to live and at that time we can make an appointment for sometime within 10 minutes so that we can meet to see if I can get my paperwork done before my death or it might be ready right away, but you can't guarantee that. Wait, wait can I hold because I am feeling a little weak and don't know if I remember what the number for English was. Hello, hello, hello, hello, hello, hello..."

George Valtasaros

What has happened to Dobie football?

What has happened to the winning tradition? Dobie gets the same kids that have success at the little league and intermediate school levels. The same kids once they get to Dobie they struggle with having success. We all know the kids are not the problem. A change for the better needs to be made sooner rather than later so we can regain that winning tradition once again.

Jeremy Ward

In response to letter from Higginbotham

I'm writing in response to Mr. Higginbotham's editorial in the September 17, 2009 issue of the *South Belt Leader*.

Mr. Higginbotham, as a teacher I expect you to know the difference between caution and censorship. President Obama was in no way censored by the Pasadena Independent School District. Grab a dictionary and look up the word!

Your impassioned opinion reminds me of the character Vizzini in the classic story *The Princess Bride*: a vile character who mistakes tortured reason for cunning, leading to his own demise.

Let's start with the tortured logic. You showed the speech to your students - in your class and presumably with the consent of the district - yet you used it to teach a lesson in censorship? Parents deserve your disgust because the text of the speech was available "for over a day before its delivery" (I guess you forgot it was a holiday?), yet the fact that the President's "suggested curriculum" initiated the conflagration weeks in advance of the speech is insignificant.

You say you initially didn't plan to show the speech and that the disgusting cowardice of the school district forced you to stand up for American values and freedom of expression, yet you cannot understand parents who, in reaction to the President admitting he overreached, freely express their concern over the motives and content of the speech!

You insist our corrupt two-party system cannot elect a fringe political movement into office, yet you label the overwhelming collective voices of concerned parents - many of whom no doubt voted in the election to which you refer - these you label as intolerant hyperpartisans who can't "stomach the idea of their kids hearing information they disagree with" and "allowed their irrational fear and mass hysteria to overwhelm their better judgement."

The President's speech was "nothing more than a back-to-school pep talk", yet your students will discuss the speech and the President's policies in an atmosphere that will set the standard for discussing "all controversial material."

You say intolerance and hyperpartisanship are far from you and that we should listen to the opinions of people we don't agree with, but those parents who disagree with you are ignorant intolerant extremist racists who get "too much of their political education from fear-mongering misinformation demagogues like Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh."

While we're still on the topic of tortured logic, thank you for validating the district's policy of shutting down "all news websites and other media outlets" to prevent rogue teachers from violating the district's support of the clear and overwhelming will of parents to have the opportunity to review the speech first.

Mr. Higginbotham, I don't know you except for what you wrote about me in the local newspaper. You denounce my caution as censorship. You expect me to listen to you, yet you dismiss my opinions as hateful. Instead of addressing my position you attack my person. You tend to blame me and other parents before criticizing the President. You express concern over the message we're sending to our students, yet when I and other parents express the exact same concern we are intolerant. Obviously, when you say "we must listen to those we disagree with," you mean that applies to us parents and not to you.

Marcel Guerin
Publisher's Note: This letter was edited.

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Dobie Band Member of the Week



The Dobie Band Member of the Week for Sept. 21 through Sept. 24 is Julia De Los Santos, daughter of Janie and Jimmy De Los Santos of Woodmeadow. She is a senior.

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SJC instructors update their skills

To keep up with industry trends and developments, two San Jacinto College process technology instructors recently completed externships at Sun Products, a local plant that manufactures detergents and biodiesel.

During the summer, Mike Speegle and Greg Smith completed 40 hours of refresher training at the plant located in the Bayport industrial complex to enhance their skills and learn about recent technological advancements.

Smith is a full-time process technology instructor at the Central campus, and Speegle is the Central campus' process technology department chair.

"I was able to view equipment that I'm familiar with but have never actually seen in operation," commented Speegle. "I learned a lot and can use the experience to better educate our process technology students."

San Jac offers a two-year associate degree program, as well as a one-year certificate program in process technology at the Central campus. Students learn about the ever-

changing field of process technology in a state-of-the-art training lab that simulates a modern petrochemical processing unit.

"Technology changes, industry regulations and standards change, and process technology instructors must keep up with those changes," Speegle remarked. He also says he was impressed with the job performance and skills of the operators at Sun Products, a safe plant with a well-trained workforce.

For information about SJC visit www.sanjac.edu.



At the Sun Products facility, from left to right, Sun Products plant manager Craig Shultz with San Jacinto College instructors Mike Speegle and Greg Smith.
Photo submitted

Hide and Seek opens at PLT



Pasadena Little Theatre will present *Hide and Seek*, a mystery by Lesley Havard. This thriller, directed by Gregory R. Brown, opens Oct. 16 and runs weekends through Nov. 1. *Hide and Seek* blends past mysteries with the present as it probes secrets that an old, abandoned farmhouse yields – only at great peril to the present occupants. The collision between real and supernatural forces is set in motion when a couple, expecting their first child, encounters inexplicable problems as they try to refurbish an old farmhouse. The cast includes Alane Johnson, Russell Prince, Sophie Herron, Colton Wright, Sheryl Rade, Glenn Keith, Carolyn McLeod, Jeff Luchsinger and Juli Reynolds. Cast members are, left to right, South Belt resident Sheryl Rade, Alane Johnson and Russell Prince. For reservations or ticket information, visit pasadenalittletheatre.org or call 713-941-1758.

Bill combats state nursing shortage

Gov. Rick Perry recently highlighted Texas' efforts to combat the state nursing shortage by further investing in nursing education. The governor signed House Bill 4471, which improves the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program and provides incentives for nursing programs to enroll and graduate more nurses.

"We need more qualified nurses graduating in Texas, and House Bill 4471 accelerates us toward that goal," Perry said. "This bill is an important investment in the future of health care in our state, and I am proud to have worked with our Legislature to address the nursing shortage in Texas."

HB 4471 improves the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, which was established in 2001 to help stem the shortage of nurses in Texas, by rewarding high-performing nursing programs with up-front money to hire additional faculty.

HB 4471 also holds nursing programs accountable by creating a new incentive for schools to admit and graduate more nurses. The bill requires a nursing program to apply to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to use grant funds from the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction

Program to enroll or graduate a specific number of students.

If the nursing program fails to meet its enrollment or graduation benchmark, THECB may require it to return unearned grant money or withhold future grant awards.

"While the national health-care debate rages on, I'm proud that Texas is actually doing something to improve health care for Texans through this legislation, which will create more homegrown nursing talent in the state," Rep. Lois Kolkhorst said. "This bill means more opportunities for quality nursing jobs and a healthier Texas for everyone."

Texas nursing schools graduated more than 7,600 new registered nurses in 2008, a 69.7 percent increase over 2001. Despite these gains, Texas nursing schools will not produce a sufficient number of nurses to meet the health care needs of Texans through 2020, according to

the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies. Nursing schools often cite the lack of faculty as the biggest barrier to enrolling more students.

Addressing the state's nursing shortage remains a priority for the governor. The Legislature has provided increased levels of funding over the last three legislative sessions to address the nursing shortage through the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, Nursing Innovation Grant Program, and the Texas Hospital-Based Nursing Education Partnership Grant Program, a program created at the request of the governor to promote partnerships between academic institutions and hospitals to build the state's nursing education capacity. This session, the Legislature appropriated \$49.7 million to the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program for 2010-2011, a \$35 million increase over 2008-2009.

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Local school districts use Safe School Alert systems

Parents and community using Harris County Department of Education's Safe School Alert system receive timely information about area emergency school closures and re-openings.

The grant-funded, online site enables school districts to quickly provide accurate updates to the media and public. Emergencies posted through the new system launched last summer can be weather related, man-made or facility related.

Subscribers may gain information through the Web site at www.safeschoolalerts.org. In addition, they may join a mailing list which alerts them to emergencies within a particular district.

Users of the system see a map of greater Harris County school districts on the open-

ing page. Each district outlined on the amp contains two hyperlinks. One link posts emergency information while the other directs users to the school district's site.

Safe School Alerts is powered through the Public Information Emergency Response System, or PIER. PIER is a highly reliable, Web-based community emergency management system with stringent security standards. It is supported with a base of nationwide servers that serve current users such as the U.S. Coast Guard, the Texas Medical Center and the Harris County Offices of Emergency Management.

"Over 900,000 students are served on 900-plus campuses in Harris County," said John Wilson, senior consultant for HCDE's Center for

Safe and Secure Schools. "Hurricane Ike showed us the vulnerability of communications systems during emergencies. School districts are well served through this system."

The center develops safety and security strategies for school environments. The following school districts are members: Aldine, Alief, Channelview, Clear Creek, Crosby, Cypress-Fairbanks, Dayton, Deer Park, Dickinson, Friendswood, Fort Bend, Goose Creek Consolidated, Harris County Department of Education, Houston, Huffman, Humble, Katy, Klein, La Porte, Lamar, New Caney, North Forest, Pasadena, Pearland, Sheldon, Spring, Spring Branch, Stafford Municipal, Tomball and Waller. Future expansion is planned.

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Clear Brook High JETS win nationwide NASA contest



The JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) Club at Clear Brook High School are "over the moon" about their nationwide contest win. NASA challenged students to think about what a human presence on the moon might look like and to develop a two-dimensional drawing or three-dimensional model. Clear Brook students Sami Khaleeq, Kenny Lam, Brian Lemke, Karl Schaefer, and Mason Tang worked for several weeks on their design and used software from the Project Lead the Way laboratory to create a 3D model. Their entry won first place in the 3D category and earned \$750 for the JETS. Khaleeq attended the 40th anniversary of the lunar landing in Washington, D.C., in July and accepted the cash award. He also met Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, and Charles Bolden, the chief administrator of NASA. Pictured, left to right, former astronaut Armstrong and Khaleeq in Washington, D.C., celebrating the 40th anniversary of the lunar landing and the JETS Club NASA contest win.
Photo submitted

Auxiliary Unit 490 hosts annual charity 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.

The Winter Wonderland Christmas in October is an open-to-the-public, annual event scheduled from 7 to 11 p.m. One of the country and western groups in the area, the James Garner Band, will keep the evening fun for everyone.

In addition to the music and dancing, there will be food (brisket and all the fixings), door prizes, raffles and

auctions. B.Y.O.B. (beer, wine and setups will be sold by the post).

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased in the clubroom or from any auxiliary member. For active military, tickets are \$5 per person.

The primary live auction prize is a weekend for four via limo to Delta Downs. In addition, there are nearly 100 other items for the silent and live auctions. Charlotte Johnson, the Auxiliary Unit 490 president, commented, "This is our biggest fundrais-

er 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 the street from Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base. The largest American Legion post in Texas, Post 490 serves southeast Houston, South Houston Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, the South Belt, a portion of Pasadena, and the Clear Lake area.

Teacher certification information session offered

The Continuing and Professional Development (CPD) division of San Jacinto College will offer a free information session about the Alternative Teacher Certification program, which provides the opportunity to become a certified teacher in Texas.

"If you hold a bachelor's degree and would like to find out how to become a certified teacher, plan to attend," said Heidi Cisneros, program manager.

The free information session will be held Tuesday,

Oct. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the San Jacinto College North campus, located at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston. The session will take place in the

Chablis Restaurant inside the Slovacek Student Center.

For more information, call 281-459-7119, or e-mail detra.johnson@sjcd.edu.

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Lariaette of the Week



The Lariaette of the Week for Sept. 28 through Oct. 1 is Briana Harper, the daughter of Nora and John Harper. She is a sophomore and a first-year member of the Dobie Lariaettes.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LARRY
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Larry MacNeil** on Oct. 8 from mom **Carly**, brothers **Kenneth, DeLo, Abram, Joey** and **Randall**, sister-in-law **Georgi** and niece **Koryn**. Larry is a 2006 Dobie High School graduate.

HAVE A GREAT DAY, MR. HICKS!
The Dobie Longhorn Band sends birthday greetings to Director **Richard Hicks** and wishes for a wonderful day on Monday, Oct. 12. Best wishes are also sent from his family and friends.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 8 through Oct. 14.

Atkinson Elementary
Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Gina Cantrell** Oct. 8. On Oct. 9, **Elizabeth Eckols** celebrates a birthday. Blow out the birthday candles for **Lena Ortiz** Oct. 10. Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Rocio Chavez** Oct. 12. Greetings for a wonderful day are sent to **Karen O'Connor** Oct. 14.

Burnett Elementary
Enjoying a birthday Oct. 12 is **Cynthia Gonzalez**. The day for a birthday party for **Denise Ngo** is Oct. 13.

Frazier Elementary
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Virginia Fernandez** Oct. 8.

Jessup Elementary
On Oct. 10, **Haidee Taboada** celebrates a birthday. Birthday greetings are sent to **Norma Fuentes** and **Francisca Compean** Oct. 11.

Meador Elementary
Birthday greetings are sent to **Ellen Gardner** on Oct. 11.

Moore Elementary
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Ellen Gardner** Oct. 11.

Stuchbery Elementary
A birthday is celebrated by **Claudette Farley** Oct. 10. **Pam Tyer** enjoys a birthday Oct. 13. Birthday greetings are sent to **Jackie Salisbury** Oct. 14.

Morris Middle School
Stephanie Davis is wished a happy birthday Oct. 10. Birthday wishes are sent to **Kennette Jones** Oct. 13.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Oct. 9 is the day for a birthday cake for **Kelly Young**. Sharing a birthday Oct. 10 are **Barbara Krohn** and **Sandra Shaffer**.

Thompson Intermediate
Enjoying a birthday Oct. 8 is **Patricia Sites**. On Oct. 10, **Erica Alvarez** is sent birthday greetings. **Laura SanMiguel** has a birthday Oct. 11.

Dobie High
A special birthday greeting is sent Oct. 11 to **Beatriz Garcia**. Oct. 12 is the day for a birthday party for **Richard Hicks**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Shane Brown** Oct. 16.

LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS
Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its September meeting in the home of **Jan Henrickson** with **Patricia Cox** as co-hostess. Nine members were present and three were absent. Plans were discussed for the Oct. 9 social to see the **Art Park Players** in Deer Park. On Oct. 24, the group will have its annual trip to Coushatta Casino Resort for the Ways & Means Project. Following the meeting, Henrickson presented the program, **Sharing the Adventures of Amelia Earhart**. The next meeting of the Laureate Psi Chapter will held in October at the home of **Diane Schimnoski**.

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Dobie Band Section of the Week



The Dobie Longhorn Marching Band recognized the baritones as Section of the Week at the Dobie versus South Houston football game on Oct. 1. These students were honored for their hard work and outstanding performances during the previous week.

Section members are, left to right, (front row) Alyssa Mata, Travis Chrisman, Kevin Pell, Jimmy Esquivel, (back row) Seth Chavez, Michael Anagbogu, Zach Ezzell, Rene Rodriguez and Caleb Hanley.

Photo submitted

PLT's Sorry, Wrong Chimney auditions set Oct. 18, 19, performances in Dec.

Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road, will hold auditions for *Sorry, Wrong Chimney*, by Jack Sharkey and Leo W. Sears, on Sunday, Oct. 18, and Monday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. Performances are weekends, Dec. 4 through Dec. 20.

Auditions consist of cold reading from the script.

Contact the director, Jada August, at jadapa1@yahoo.com or the assistant director, Julie Owen, at jokoelc@aol.com with questions. For more information, visit the Web site at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.

The play is set 10 days before Christmas, and character David Tuttle has secretly been moonlighting as a department store Santa so he can buy his wife a fur for Christmas. He tells her he's working late at the office, but she suspects his late nights at the office are an excuse to sneak out to have an affair. A suspected other woman, nosy neighbors, a slightly off-balance Santa burglar and his tough, gum chewing, gun totting fiancée, and a hypnotized policeman who thinks he's a Chippendale dancer, add up to a rollicking lighthearted tale that is full of mistaken identities and zany fo-ups, with a smattering of slapstick. Suggested character ages are 25 to 50, but all will be considered. Characters include:

David Tuttle: A struggling young executive; some physical comedy.

Samantha Tuttle: His suspicious bride of six months; appears in sexy pj's; physical comedy

Natalie Weldon: The Tuttle's flamboyant neighbor across the hall; physical comedy

William Weldon: Natalie's psychiatrist husband

Kris Kreigle: A simple man with a holiday delusion that he is Santa Claus; physical comedy

Sheila: Kris' devoted, gum-smacking, gun-toting fiancée; physical comedy

Policeman: A determined disciple of law and order; appears in boxers.

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PANDORUM (R) (10:30 @ \$5), 12:50, 3:45, 6:20, 8:55, 11:25
LOVE HAPPENS (PG13) (11:00 @ \$5), 1:55, 4:35, 7:35, 10:10, 12:50
TYLER PERRY'S I CAN DO BAD ALL BY MYSELF (PG13) (10:35, 11:55 @ \$5), 1:15, 2:30, 4:05, 5:35, 6:40, 8:25, 10:20, 10:55, 12:20
HALLOWEEN II (2009) (R) (10:55 @ \$5), 9:55, 12:45
INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS (R) (10:00 @ \$5), 1:10, 4:30, 7:50, 11:05

DIGITAL 3D

TOY STORY & TOY STORY 2 IN 3D DOUBLE FEATURE (G) / (10:00 @ \$8), 2:00, 6:00, 9:55
CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D (PG) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40
THE FINAL DESTINATION 3D (R) 10:30 PM, 12:35 AM

COUPLES RETREAT (PG13) / (10:30, 11:45 @ \$5), 12:35, 1:20, 2:25, 3:20, 4:15, 5:15, 6:10, 7:05, 7:55, 8:50, 9:50, 10:40, 11:35, 12:40

THE INVENTION OF LYING (PG13) / (11:35 @ \$5), 2:30, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35, 12:55

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) / (10:05, 11:10 @ \$5), 12:20, 1:30, 2:40, 3:50, 5:00, 6:15, 7:20, 8:30, 9:40, 10:50, 11:55, 1:05

WHIP IT (PG13) / (11:15 @ \$5), 2:05, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55, 12:25

ZOMBIELAND (R) / (10:10, 10:45, 11:30 @ \$5), 12:15, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:10, 3:55, 4:40, 5:30, 6:25, 7:00, 7:45, 8:40, 9:15, 10:05, 11:50, 11:40, 12:20

SURROGATES (PG13) (10:15, 10:40, 11:05 @ \$5), 12:25, 12:55, 1:25, 2:45, 3:30, 3:40, 4:55, 5:55, 6:35, 7:30, 8:10, 9:00, 9:45, 10:20, 11:45, 11:55, 12:45

ALL ABOUT STEVE (PG13) (11:05 @ \$5), 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:20, 12:45

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS (PG) (10:20 @ \$5), 1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 8:30, 10:45, 12:55 3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES

THE INFORMANT (R) (1:40, 4:40, 7:25)

JENNIFER'S BODY (R) (4:10, 10:00, 12:15)

9 (PG13) (10:30 @ \$5), 12:45, 2:55, 4:55, 7:05

ALL ABOUT STEVE (PG13) (11:25 @ \$5), 4:30, 7:10

THE FINAL DESTINATION (R) (2:10, 9:30, 11:30 3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES)

G.I. JOE: THE RISE OF COBRA (PG13) (10:25 @ \$5), 1:15, 7:15

THE HANGOVER (R) (9:55 PM, 11:20 PM)

AMC SELECT

FREE STYLE (PG) (10:25 @ \$5), 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:25, 12:50
FROM MEXICO WITH LOVE (PG13) (11:40 @ \$5), 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35, 12:10
CAPTIVATOR: A LOVE STORY (R) / (10:25 @ \$5), 1:35, 4:20, 7:35, 10:25

IMAX

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG) (11:20 @ \$9), 1:50, 4:25, 6:50, 9:25, 11:50

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Remember When

30 years ago (1979)
Students at San Jacinto College South campus selected blue and silver as the school's official colors.

The Strawberry Community Health Center celebrated its second anniversary of service to Pasadena and the surrounding area.

25 years ago (1984)
A Thompson Intermediate School student was serving a 60-day detention at the Guidance Center for setting fire to a small quilt on a display table in a classroom.

Dobie cheerleader Jennifer Pyle was crowned 1984 homecoming queen at Dobie High School's football halftime ceremonies.

20 years ago (1989)
Dobie High School senior Piper Heinrich was crowned homecoming queen.

After exhaustive research, members of the South Belt area Pony/Colt League's environmental committee recommended not playing at the United Sports Association fields on Dixie Farm Road.

15 years ago (1994)
Thompson Intermediate School was to receive \$13,441 from the Texas Education Agency as a reward for improvement on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests.

Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Donna Branch collected her 300th career win.

10 years ago (1999)
Senior Courtney Crouch was crowned the 1999 Clear Brook High School homecoming queen.

Harris County Sheriff's officers made an arrest in the killing of 83-year-old South Belt resident Sidney Irby.

5 years ago (2004)
A 21-year-old mother living in the Highland Meadow Village apartments was arrested on two felony counts of child abandonment. A maintenance worker heard children crying inside the apartment. Upon entry, a 2-year-old and a 6-month-old were found unattended. The mother was arrested by Precinct 2 Constable deputies when she returned two hours later.

Testing for tuberculosis continued at Dobie High School after 25 persons came back positive for the disease. The testing was the result of a student who tested positive being in contact with those tested.

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist was the recipient of the 2004 Stewardship Parish of the Year award. Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza presented the award to the Rev. Stephen R. Horn during a celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy.

PISD received recognized status for the seventh consecutive year. CCISD also received the recognized designation for the ninth straight year.

1 year ago (2008)
Alameda Mall General Manager Terry Felton announced Burlington Coat Factory would fill the location that formerly housed JC Penney. Founded in 1972, the company's first store, located in Burlington, N.J., sold coats exclusively, hence its moniker. Eventually with 394 stores in 44 states, the company expanded its inventory to include men's and women's clothing, linens, baby products and home furnishings. Construction was delayed, however, due to damage caused by Hurricane Ike.

Houston police homicide investigators arrested Fredrick Douglas Wednesday, Oct. 1, for the Aug. 7 killing of Andrea Prentice Shelton. Douglas, 20, was a former Dobie student.

The Arlington Independent School District offered to aid Pasadena ISD in its hurricane relief efforts. The offer stemmed from a friendship between PISD Board of Trustees Vice President Vickie Morgan and AISD Board of Trustee member Bowie Hogg. The pair had met in August at an educational conference in Santa Fe, N.M. In addition to the PISD partnership, AISD set up a Web portal to encourage other school districts to help support districts affected by the storm.

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PISD president visits Moore



Fred Roberts, president of Pasadena Independent School District School Board, recently visited and ate lunch with students at Moore Elementary. Pictured are, left to right, Moore third-grader Andrew Hammond and Roberts. Photo submitted

Mata, Flores wed in Galveston

Jillena Mata and Eric Flores were married Sept. 6, 2009, in a double-ring ceremony at the Ashton Villa Mansion in Galveston, Texas. The bride's father escorted her down the aisle. A reception followed at the Garten Verein Pavillion. Parents of the bride are Debbie and Willie Mata of Sagemont. Parents of the groom are Doann and Manual Flores of Pasadena. Malena Adams served as maid of honor. Junior bridesmaid was Brooke Flores, and bridesmaids were Kristen Mata, April Tatham, Jenny Sanislow, Jenna Jones and Melissa Herrera. Danny Delorosa served as best man. Junior groomsman was Anthony Reyes, and groomsmen were Isaiah Mata, Kit Kachmar, Justin Lecourias and Corey Salyer. Ushers were John Morin and Servaundo Mata. At the mansion, the bridal party entered to *Canon in D* and the bride to *Air on the G String*, both of which were played by a violinist, pianist and opera singer Shanon Langham, who also sang *Ave Maria* during the ring exchange. At the reception, Bobby Reyes served as disc jockey, and the Panic Zero band played. The bride is a Dobie High School graduate and a hairstylist at Riario. The groom graduated from Pasadena High and is a contractor for EGF Contractors. The couple will continue to live in the South Belt area.



Mr. and Mrs. Eric Flores

Lions Club meets Oct. 13

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

Two science programs awarded accreditation

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Industrial Hygiene and Safety programs for the School of Science and Computer Engineering were granted accreditation by ABET, Inc., bringing the total number of university programs in the school receiving accreditation to six. One of the newly accredited programs is a specialization in the environmental science program chaired by Associate Professor of Environmental Science Carl Zhang, Professor of Industrial Hygiene and Environmental Science Dennis Casserly coordinates the industrial hygiene program, while the coordinator of the safety program is Assistant Professor of Industrial Hygiene and Safety Magdy Akladios. Currently, accredited courses include chemistry, computer engineering, computer information systems and computer science. For more information about the School of Science and Computer Engineering, visit <http://sce.uhcl.edu>.

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SJC HR exec retires after 41 years

By Rob Vanya
 Communications Coordinator
 San Jacinto College
 James Fowler, who has served San Jacinto College for 41 years as a dedicated instructor and administrator, retired at the end of August. Fowler taught biology for 17 years at the Central campus and then moved to the district office as the college district's benefits coordinator. In 1987, he accepted the position of the district's personnel/benefits director, a title that was later changed to vice chancellor of human resources. Fowler was raised on a farm in New Waverly and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from Sam Houston State University. He and his wife Jacquelyn are longtime residents of Deer Park. They have two adult children, Greg and Jeff, and four grandchildren, Berkley, Caylie, Chase and Camrhen, ranging from 3 to 14 years old. Fowler is a member of the Pasadena Rotary Club, and he and his wife are active members of Servants of Christ United Methodist Church. He has served in several leadership capacities at the church — the administrative board, finance committee and in other key positions. Fowler reflects fondly on a rewarding career with a college district that has become large enough to serve the community, and yet is still small enough to care. "Faculty in particular have more time to get to know students and offer guidance for career paths," he remarked. "San Jacinto College is a great place to work, and employees care about each other and are involved in community activities." Fowler has seen a lot of changes around San Jacinto College through the years, particularly in the area of technology. "When I began teaching, the blackboard and chalk were the backbone of the class, and tests consisted of hard copies that students



James Fowler, who plays dulcimer as a hobby, retired from San Jacinto College after 41 years of service as a faculty member and administrator.

answered on the documents," he recalled. "Later, we added overhead projectors and transparencies, film clips, and scantron answer sheets that a machine could grade. In the area I taught, particularly in the lab, there were lots of hands-on learning projects, and we took campus field trips to collect water samples in the ditches and ponds on the golf course to identify the flora and fauna. We did not have to compete with cell phones going off in class, and students sending and receiving text messages." He also fondly recalls the early years of the college, when there were considerably fewer students and employees. "During those early years as a faculty member, there were departmental picnics and social events affording opportunities for us instructors to get to know more about each other," he commented. "We played racquetball and had touch football games regularly. Of course, we were also much younger." Fowler says the most rewarding part of his job as the college's vice chancellor of human resources has been "helping an employee through a challenging situation, whether it is a supervisor with a difficult personnel matter or an employee with a problem." "San Jacinto College is better for having had James not only as an employee, but as a mold of this college," said Dr. Brenda Lang Hellyer, SJC chancellor. "His commitment over the last 41 years has been not only to San Jacinto College but to the community as well. He has served with commitment and passion and was always eager to lend a helping hand. I am thankful to his years of dedicated service to San Jacinto College." Known for his wit and sense of humor, Fowler tries to live by a simple philosophy. "I have always believed the same tasks can be accomplished with a positive attitude and a sense of humor." He also has simple plans for retirement: "Spend more time relaxing and traveling with my wife, playing with my grandchildren and completing projects at home."

Gumbo Gala success for SJC

Pct. 8 Constable Bill Bailey's 25th Anniversary Gumbo Gala was a success, with all proceeds donated to the San Jacinto College Foundation, which provides scholarships to students. Employees of the Precinct 8 Constable's office, known as the 8-Team, served approximately 1,500 bowls of seafood gumbo to area residents at the recent event at the Pasadena Convention Center. "To date, the gala has brought in more than \$30,000, and we are still awaiting final checks," said Susan Arcscott, San Jac vice president of resource development. "This could not have happened without the amazing and generous support of Constable Bailey, his wife Janis, and Precinct 8 employees. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey's unwavering support of the foundation and our students is a truly wonderful gift for which I am extremely grateful." Proceeds from the gala will help San Jac students such as Braddrick Price, Julie Wren and Jose Moreno, who were recognized at the event and were recently awarded scholarships through the foundation's Milton O. Stanley Jr. Endowed Scholarship. With the help of friends

and relatives, the Baileys set up the Milton O. Stanley Jr. Endowed Scholarship in 2005 as a tribute to their son. Price, who is working toward earning a process technology degree from San Jacinto College, expressed his gratitude for the scholarship. "Aside from supporting my family, I have a 94-year-old father to look after," Price said. "A lot of people are depending on me, including my wife and four children, and I cannot let them down. We are so thankful to the Bailey family for their generosity."

LEGAL NOTICE

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 San Jacinto College District is seeking sealed proposals for South Campus Mechanical Upgrades until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, 10/20/09. All inquiries should be directed to Larry Logsdon at 281-998-6120. Plans will be distributed by Ridgway's Inc. through the "Plan Well" system. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 10 AM, Tuesday, 10/13/09 in the Interactive Learning Center of the San Jacinto College South Campus, 13735 Beamer Road, Houston, TX.

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 San Jacinto College District is seeking sealed proposals for Central Campus Paving & Drainage until 10 AM, Tuesday, 10/20/09. All inquiries should be directed to Larry Logsdon at (281) 998-6120. Plans will be distributed by Ridgway's Inc. through the "Plan Well" system. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 10 AM, Tuesday, 10/13/09 in the Interactive Learning Center of the San Jacinto College Central Campus, 8060 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, Texas.



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Music teachers group receives charter

A music teachers group received a charter from the Texas Music Teachers Association at a recent convention. Recently, the music group held a musicale recital at Sagemont Church, featuring many of its students. The association provides numerous opportunities, such as theory tests and world of music programs, winter musical, composition and

publication contests, concerto competition and other festivals. The Texas Music Teachers Association also offers musical events on a state level at yearly conventions held in different cities. There are ensemble performances at the state conventions chamber music, solo, concerto and vocal competitions and star performer recitals, as well as scholarships in music offered.

New UHCL board elected for 2009-10

Officers for the University of Houston's Clear Lake Professional and Administrative Staff Association were recently elected for the 2009-2010 academic year. They include Assistant Director of Organizational Development Ron Klinger, president; UH-Clear Lake Chief of Police Paul Willingham, vice president; Health Center Nurse Sarah Roberts, secretary; Director of Accounting Usha Mathew, treasurer; Dean of Students

Coordinator Lindsey Fulton, archivist alternate. Also elected are School of Education Director of Student Relations David Benz, Planning and Budgeting Committee alternate; School of Education Collaborative Coordinator/Academic Adviser Michelle Kaltenbach, Facilities and Support Services Committee alternate; and School of Education Academic Adviser Carmen Coley, University Life Committee alternate.

HCDE Burnett Head Start students receive assistance



Burnett student Maria Aviles (left) and sister Aracely Ariles enjoy a celebrity moment with Claire the puppet from the Assistance League of Houston. Students received uniform packets filled with clothes, a pair of shoes, hygiene kit and book as part of Assistance League of Houston Operation School Bell. The program provides uniforms for 1,200 students enrolled in Harris County Department of Education Head Start. All the HCDE Burnett Head Start students received the "stimulus packages."

SJC Central sets musical performances

During October San Jacinto College Central's music department will present a variety of choral and musical concerts that promise to offer something for every type of music aficionado. All performances are free and open to the public and will take place in the Jan Corbin Recital Hall located inside the Monte Blue Music Building, 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. The concert schedule includes:

• Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. – Fall Choral Concert, featuring choral performances by students and faculty members.

"The program will feature a wide variety of musical style periods, from baroque to classical to folk songs," commented Paul Busseberg, Central campus music instructor. "Additionally, we will incorporate two new languages into our repertoire by singing selections in Hungarian and Russian." Busseberg will serve as conductor for the concert, and piano accompaniment will be provided by Sarah Spencer.

• Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. – A piano recital featuring Sarah Spencer, Central campus music instructor and skilled pianist. Spencer began her piano studies at age 5 and by age 7 was winning such prestigious competitions as the Viola Hartman Achievement Awards and the Montgomery Music Association Scholarship competitions, in addition to numerous other local and state competitions.

Spencer collaborates frequently with faculty and artists from the Houston Symphony Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Eastman School of Music, and the University of Southern California.

She is a frequent adjudicator for competitions in Texas

and a frequent lecturer and performer for the American Liszt Society. The program will include works by Bolcom, Liszt, Ravel, and Stravinsky.

• Oct. 29, 7 p.m. – Sweets

& Serenades Concert, featuring solo choral and musical performances by San Jacinto College Central students. Prior to the concert, audience members are invited to enjoy tasty dessert items.

SJC offers a wide range of music degree plans and course options at all three campuses. For information, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.

Sullivan checking lights



Houston City Councilman Mike Sullivan visited the South Belt Thursday, Oct. 1, to personally inspect the traffic lights at the intersection of Beamer and Hughes. The lights have been a concern to many residents, as louvers installed on them make it difficult to tell what color is being displayed. Sullivan acknowledged there was a problem and said he would work to correct it.

Lion cheerleaders roar



The Thompson cheerleaders led the crowd with cheers and chants against the school's rival, the Beverly Hills Bears. The Lions' football team may not have pulled out a victory against the Bears, but Lion fans did not give up hope. The crowd gained momentum with the help of the Thompson cheerleaders when the Lions were down. Lion fans did

not give up, and the spirit of the Lions roared and shook the stadium. Cheerleaders pictured are, left to right, (front row) Kayla Szydlo, Karla Reyna, Catherine Sorto, Miranda Rodriguez, Sydney Gutierrez, Kim Molina, (back row) Morgan Clay, Sara Martinez, Abby Pedroza, Lynsi Crawford and Shalyn Scott.

Photo by Carol Waters

Sagemont

Continued from Page 1A pieces by prison inmate artists and craftsmen. Funds will be used to support the ministry's operation and programs.

Several of LITLM's board members and volunteers are South Belt residents. These include Director John "Zeke" Young of Kirkwood South, Secretary Estella Davis of Kirkwood South, Jim Parks of Kirkwood and Cyndy and Carey Young of Kirkwood South.

Davis views the ministry as an essential part of her faith. "We're here as Christians to prevent youth from going the wrong way," she said.

Individual tickets are \$30 each. A reserved table for eight is \$300.

To purchase individual tickets, call Brandon Warren at 281-412-6435, extension 122, or e-mail Blwarren1080@yahoo.com.

Sattler death . . .

Continued from Page 1A from which Sattler suffered.

Sattler was a sixth-grade student at Melillo Middle School. He previously attended Stuchbery Elementary.

He was a former Boy Scout and was involved in

youth sports.

Family members are asking those who attend Sattler's funeral to wear light-colored casual attire, as the ceremony will be a celebration of his life rather than his death.

See related obituary on Page 2A.

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SoHo sets 40th

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For information, visit the Web site at www.class-report.org/usa/tx/so_houston/shhs/1969/.

Catching the wave



Weber Elementary students Natica Sam (left) and Sydney Holland enjoy free strawberries as part of the CATCH the Wave - Eat your 5 a Day campaign sponsored by the Clear Creek ISD Child Nutrition Department the week of Sept. 21.

CCISD celebrates fruit, veggie month

Every elementary school in the Clear Creek Independent School District had the opportunity to go green,

red and purple recently as the CCISD Child Nutrition Department went the extra mile to help students celebrate National Fruit and Veggie Month.

The promotion, CATCH the Wave - Eat your 5 a Day was seen in the elementary cafeterias across the CCISD district.

Each day, cafeteria staff served free samples of the fruit/veggie that corresponded with the color for that day to every student.

This is one of many ways the Child Nutrition Department works with the elementary schools on the Coordinated Approach to Children's Health (CATCH) program which teaches healthy living to students.

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Dobie stalls South Houston 14-3

Dickinson crushes Brook 30-9

It's business has been handled against South Houston, and now the Dobie Longhorns are set to play their biggest varsity football game of the season Oct. 10 against Deer Park at Newcomb Field.

Both teams will enter the game at 1-1 in District 22-5A play. Dobie got a big defensive effort, a pick-me-up from reserve running back Trezzmond McNair, in downing South Houston 14-3 Oct. 1.

The following night, Deer Park was felled 7-2 by La Porte as the two teams engaged in a ferocious defensive battle.

So Dobie's drive toward a possible playoff berth is alive and well. However,

neighboring Clear Brook is in an 0-2 hole in the District 24-5A race after falling 30-9 to Dickinson Oct. 2 at Sam Vitanza Stadium.

Suddenly the Wolverines, who won the district title last season, are fighting for their playoff lives.

Dickinson scored 21 second-quarter points en route to a 24-9 halftime lead.

Now, the Wolverines return to Veteran's Memorial Stadium in League City. First up is an Oct. 10 game against Brazoswood at 2 p.m. The following week, the Wolverines will face Clear Lake.

McNair, Tisby lift JFD
Charles Tisby was a one-man wrecking crew on defense and Trezzmond Mc-

Nair gave the Longhorns' offense a huge lift in the win over South Houston.

With Tisby hounding the South Houston quarterbacks on his way to 3 1/2 sacks, the Trojans gained just 146 total yards and 10 first downs.

Dobie was not spectacular on offense, but running back Demarcus Boyd was solid in the first half before leaving with an injury, and McNair finished the deal.

In between, sophomore quarterback Blake Jackson continued his develop-

ment, finding Michael Collins with a 21-yard scoring strike with just over eight minutes to play.

Collins made the grab along the right sideline and tipped into the end zone for the touchdown that gave the Longhorns their final margin of victory.

The Longhorns collectively rushed for 158 yards.

Boyd's shining moment came in the first quarter as he carried the ball eight straight times, taking care of all 34 yards in a short drive that ended with his two-yard touchdown plunge.

South Houston made a bid to tie the game just before halftime, but Andres Molina dropped a possible

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Dobie defensive end Charles Tisby (45) dominated the action against the South Houston Trojans, earning three quarterback sacks in the Longhorns' 14-3 victory Oct. 1 at Newcomb Field. On this play, South Houston's Cory Kelly (77) was left behind to watch as Tisby closed in on Trojans' quarterback Dominique McCoy in

first-half action. The win allowed Dobie (2-3 overall) to stay in contention for a playoff berth with important back-to-back home games coming against Deer Park (Oct. 10) and La Porte (Oct. 17). The Dobie-Deer Park game at Newcomb Field includes a special 3 p.m. kickoff.

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Unranked SJC soccer gets Tyler rematch

In an odd role reversal, the San Jacinto College men's soccer team finds itself playing spoiler heading into the second half of the regular season.

Coming off the college's best-ever finish, second, at the national tournament in 2008, the Coyotes have delivered mixed results this season.

After the Coyotes played to a 1-1 split at the Richland College tournament, San Jacinto is 5-4 overall heading into a big weekend of play.

It all starts with a rematch against No. 2 Tyler Oct. 9 at Tyler.

In recent years, San Jacinto has dominated the matchup, using wins over the Apaches to vault to four nationals appearances in five seasons. Now, though, it's the Coyotes who have a chance to scuffle what has been a spectacular season for the veteran Tyler group to this point.

After taking on Tyler Oct. 9, the Coyotes will play at Lon Morris in Jacksonville Oct. 10.

"Right now, I would love to see us go out and play two great games back-to-back," San Jacinto College head coach David Santesteban said.

"Tyler is very talented. Even if we were to fall, and I sure hope we don't, but as long as we play well and then follow that up with a great match against Lon Morris, we can get back on track."

Santesteban pointed out that the Coyotes can still host regionals later this month with a strong push down the stretch.



Clear Brook got past Clear Creek in five games Oct. 6 at Brook as setter Sam Bentley (above) helped guide the Lady Wolverines (7-1) to a season series sweep over the defending Region III champions.

Brook VB sweeps series; Creek falls
Pearland ousts Dobie

Battling to the bitter end once more, Clear Brook's varsity volleyball team has made a statement.

The Lady Wolverines defeated defending Region III champion Clear Creek in five games - 25-20, 22-25, 25-17, 15-25, 15-10 - sweeping the season series from the Lady Wildcats.

The victory gives Clear Brook (7-1) a solid hold on second place in the District 24-5A standings with a key home match coming Oct. 9 against Dickinson at 6:30 p.m.

Clear Lake, which handed Clear Brook its lone loss in 24-5A action, is atop the standings at 8-0. Lake will play at Clear Brook Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Junior Alicia Dittlich led the Lady Wolverines with 18 kills as the team went on to win. Brook was also extended to five games against Clear Creek in the first round of play before winning.

Meanwhile, Dobie's match against Memorial was played Oct. 7 after press time.

Due to the death of teammate Gabby Romero and subsequent funeral services, the Lady Longhorns were granted an extra day to prepare for the match.

The Lady Longhorns' next home match is Oct. 9 against South Houston. The varsity match is to be played at 4:30 p.m.

Dobie is looking to bounce back from a loss to

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JFD subvarsity football tops SH

Before Dobie's varsity football team downed South Houston (see Page 1B), the Longhorns' subvarsity teams handed the Trojans a pair of losses Sept. 30.

Dobie JV 27 South Houston 0
Deandre Bolden accounted for three touchdowns, and the Longhorns' defense dominated in a 27-0 junior varsity victory over the Trojans.

The Longhorns got to 3-2 overall and improved to 2-0 within the district at 2-0 with the thorough win.

Bolden was on the receiving end of a scoring pass in the first quarter and Jesse Portales kicked the extra point for a 7-0 Dobie lead.

In the second quarter, Anthony Simmons rushed for a touchdown as the Longhorns went up 13-0.

Before the half, the Longhorns blocked a punt out of the back of the Trojans' end zone for a safety.

Up 15-0 at the half, Dobie kept rolling in the second half. Bolden ran for a

touchdown and then caught a scoring pass from Jerrel Gooch to close out the scoring.

Bolden, Simmons, Malcolm Glover and Gooch were the Longhorns' leaders on the offensive side.

On defense, the coaching staff credited the play of each member of the unit.

Dobie freshman Orange 26 South Houston 8

Donte Morris and Jonathan Jones each scored twice as the Longhorns' freshman Orange team punished South Houston 26-8.

Morris had a 37-yard dash to the end zone in the first quarter as Dobie went ahead 6-0.

In the second quarter, Morris fielded a South Houston punt and raced 73 yards for a score as the Longhorns executed well on special teams.

Jones took over in the second half, finding the end zone on runs of 56 and 45 yards to help the Longhorns roll to their second win in five games. The team's mark in 22-5A is 1-1.

Offensively, William Morris, Donte Morris, Jones, Jordan Harrison, Austin Hicks, Taylor Finney and Carlos Rodriguez excelled in their roles.

On the defensive side of the football, Jones, Brandon Terrell, Harrison, Rodriguez and Jonathan Cooper were the standouts.

Dobie football date changes

Dobie head coach Bobby Cotton has announced date changes for the Longhorns' subvarsity games against Deer Park and La Porte.







The Horns' junior varsity (6:30 p.m.) and sophomore (4:30 p.m.) teams will play at Abshire Stadium in Deer Park Thursday, Oct. 8.

Dobie's freshman White and Orange teams will host Deer Park on campus Oct. 8.

On Thursday, Oct. 15, Dobie's JV (6:30 p.m.) and sophomore (4:30) teams will play at Laird Stadium in La Porte.

The Longhorns' freshman White and Orange teams will host La Porte on campus, with both games set to kick off at 4:30 p.m.

South Belt football predictions

						
Dobie hosts Deer Park	Dobie	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Dobie	Deer Park
Clear Brook hosts Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood
Baytown Lee vs. Baytown Sterling	Lee	Sterling	Sterling	Sterling	Sterling	Sterling
South Houston vs. Pasadena	South Houston	South Houston	South Houston	Pasadena	South Houston	South Houston
La Porte at Pearland	Pearland	La Porte	Pearland	Pearland	La Porte	Pearland
Galveston Ball at Clear Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs
Dickinson at Clear Creek	Dickinson	Dickinson	Creek	Creek	Dickinson	Creek
Manvel at Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Manvel	Texas City	Manvel	Texas City
Angleton at Dawson	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton
Clear Lake at Alvin	Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake
This week's record	7-3	7-3	8-2	7-3	4-6	5-5
Season record	39-20	32-27	40-19	36-23	30-29	32-27

Sports calendar

VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 8
Thompson 8 Light hosts Bondy, 4:30
Thompson 8 Dark hosts Bondy, 5:45
Thompson 7 Light hosts Bondy, 4:30
Thompson 7 Dark hosts Bondy, 4:30
Beverly Hills 8 Light hosts South Houston, 4:30
Beverly Hills 8 Dark hosts South Houston, 5:45
Beverly Hills 7 Light hosts South Houston, 4:30
Beverly Hills 7 Dark hosts South Houston, 5:45

Friday, Oct. 9
Clear Brook varsity hosts Dickinson, 6:30
Dobie varsity hosts South Houston, 4:30
Clear Brook JV hosts Dickinson, 5:30
Dobie JV hosts South Houston, 5:30
Clear Brook freshman A hosts Dickinson, 4:30
Dobie freshman A hosts South Houston, 6:30
Clear Brook freshman B hosts Dickinson, 4:30

Tuesday, Oct. 13
Clear Brook varsity at Brazoswood, 6:30
Dobie varsity at Deer Park, 6:30
Clear Brook JV at Brazoswood, 5:30
Dobie JV at Deer Park, 5:30
Clear Brook freshman A at Brazoswood, 4:30
Dobie freshman A at Deer Park, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman B at Brazoswood, 4:30
Dobie freshman B at Deer Park, 4:30
Beverly Hills 8 Dark at Miller, 4:30
Beverly Hills 8 Light at Miller, 5:45
Beverly Hills 7 Dark at Miller, 4:30
Beverly Hills 7 Light at Miller, 5:45
Thompson 8 Dark at Park View, 4:30
Thompson 8 Light at Park View, 5:45
Thompson 7 Dark at Park View, 4:30
Thompson 7 Light at Park View, 5:45

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

SOCCER
Friday, Oct. 9
San Jacinto College at Tyler, 7:00

Saturday, Oct. 10
San Jacinto College at Lon Morris, noon

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. 8
Clear Brook JV at Brazoswood, 6:30
Dobie JV at Deer Park, Abshire, 6:30
Clear Brook sophomores at Brazoswood, 4:30
Dobie sophomores at Deer Park, Abshire, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman A hosts Brazoswood, 6:30
Dobie freshman A hosts Deer Park, campus, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman B hosts Brazoswood, 4:30
Dobie freshman B hosts Deer Park, campus, 4:30

Saturday, Oct. 10
Clear Brook varsity hosts Brazoswood, Veteran's, 2:00
Dobie varsity hosts Deer Park, Newcomb, 3:00

Tuesday, Oct. 13
Beverly Hills 8A at San Jacinto, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8B hosts San Jacinto, 5:00
Thompson 7A at Miller, 5:00
Thompson 7B hosts Miller, 5:00

Wednesday, Oct. 14
Thompson 8A at Miller, 5:00
Thompson 8B hosts Miller, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7A at San Jacinto, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7B hosts San Jacinto, 5:00

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

TENNIS
Friday, Oct. 9
Dobie varsity hosts Sam Rayburn, 2:30

Tuesday, Oct. 13
Dobie varsity at Pearland, 3:00

The Thompson Lions football program was able to show off plenty of pride after winning three of the four games in the neighborhood series against the Beverly Hills Bears.

The Bears won the eighth-grade A game, but

In the third quarter, Edwards squeezed in to the end zone from seven yards out to put the Bears up 34-0. The Bears added another touchdown in the fourth quarter after Villarreal recovered a Lion fumble. Cedeno raced 41 yards for the score and a

Gerry Blacknel. The win gave the Bears a 3-1 overall record.

Despite the loss, the Lions (3-1) got strong play from Travarus Ansley, Josh Johnson and Joe Lopez on offense and Rommel Garcia, Lopez, Darien Childs, Caleb Refuge and Aaron Melendez on defense.

Thompson 8B 9 Beverly Hills 6

The Lions held on to win the eighth-grade B game, 9-6, as both defenses played well in the game at Auxiliary Stadium.

Thompson improved to 4-0 with the win, while the Bears fell to 2-2.

Thompson 7A 12 Beverly Hills 8

The Lions' seventh-grade A team scored in the final minute to edge the Bears 12-8 in the seventh-grade A game.

It was a tough loss for the Bears (3-1), who led the entire way until the end.

In the first quarter, the Bears put together a 68-yard scoring drive.

Joe Gonzalez hooked up with Robert Andrade on a 22-yard touchdown pass. Maurice McMorris, David Eldridge, Tyler Alfred and Quinton Boling provided the blocking on the play. Sergio Quintanilla kicked the extra point to put the Bears up 8-0.

Just before the half, the Lions cut into the Bears lead with a touchdown to make the score 8-6 at the half. The second half was a defensive battle, with both teams coming up with turnovers.

Andrade came up with a Lion fumble after Darius Simmons crushed the Lions' quarterback. In the fourth quarter, the big blow came with a minute left in the game. The Lions came

up with a touchdown pass to edge the Bears 12-8.

Thompson was led by Ty Lozano, DeAndre Jackson, Damian Molina, Jarvis Lester, Anthony Cantu, Xavier Rodriguez and Jacob Alford. The Lions' defense was helped by the strong play of John Gonzalez-Granholm, Cedric Horton, John Rico, Greg Rivera, John Rico and Darien Smith.

The Bears received outstanding play from Keesan Coley, Alan Flores, Matthew McGowen, Nick Reichelderfer, Errington Thomas, Donald Groves, John Rodriguez, McKay Sumra, Carlos Gonzalez, Maurice Hightower, William Reyes and Jeff Lopez.

Thompson 7B 20 Beverly Hills 8

The Lions' defense played exceptionally well in the seventh-grade B game as Thompson went on to win 20-8.

Both teams entered the game with an undefeated record, but only one left with it intact.

The Lions kicked off to start the game and wasted no time in getting the ball back.

The Bears fumbled and the Lions recovered. It only took three plays for Julian Coronado to get into the end zone with the 12-yard touchdown run as the Lions took a quick 6-0 lead.

Later in the quarter it looked like the Lions were about to take a commanding lead, but a second touchdown was called back due to a holding penalty.

The Bears got the ball back and slowly but steadily marched down the field. They scored the touchdown and made the extra point kick to take a lead of 8-6.

But at the halftime break, the Lions woke up. March-

ing down the field on their opening drive, the Lions made it down to the one-yard line before Gage Myers punched it in for the touchdown.

The Lions' defense got tough and got the ball back, and the offense quickly capitalized on it with Myers throwing a 32-yard touchdown pass to Jimmy Nevarez.

In the fourth quarter, the Bears again started marching down the field and completed a long pass to their tight end on a fourth

down. But Thomas Williams lowered his shoulder and blasted a Bears' player, sending the ball flying loose on a fumble which was recovered by the Lions. That ended the game with the Lions victory of 20-8.

A great job was done by both the first quarter team and the second quarter unit.

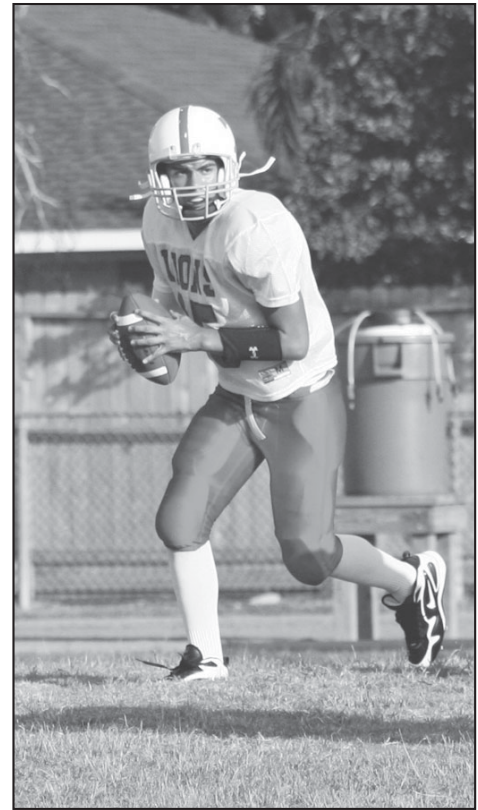
The first quarter group included Myers, Nevarez, Gerron Hall, Chas Anderson, Austin Perkins, Abel Hernandez, Colin Davis, Jonathan Woodall, Patrick Cruz, Donte Belle, Samson Tami-

jani and Rodrigo Garza.

The second quarter team consisted of Williams, Robert Saenz, Devin Telles, Steven Martin, Keyaundre Conaway, Jacob Cardenas, Xavier Dotson, Joseph Mercado, Austin Morales, Diego Villegas, David Martinez and Christopher DuFresne.

The Bears could get a shot at revenge when the Pasadena Independent School District Intermediate school playoffs begin in November.

For now, the Lions have plenty of pride.



Thompson's seventh-grade A team quarterback Ty Lozano rolls out in search of a receiver during the first half of the Lions' big 12-8 victory over the Bears. Thompson scored in the final minute to win the game.

the rest of the series belonged to Thompson.

Beverly Hills 8A 40 Thompson 0

The Beverly Hills eighth-grade A team came away with a big victory against the Thompson Lions, winning 40-0 to gain the lone win in the series.

The Bears' defense was the key by shutting out the Lions' offense and creating prime field position for the offense to operate.

In the first quarter, the Bears jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead when Jaylon Johnson rambled 22 yards for a touchdown. Nick Villarreal, Derrick Porter and Ben Scott provided the blocking on the play.

Sam Rodriguez recovered a Lion fumble to set up the Bears' next score. Daryl Edwards and Jaylon Johnson hooked up for a 26-yard scoring pass. Marlon Jackson had a big block to spring Johnson loose for the touchdown. Jesse Cedeno kicked the extra point for a 14-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Jesse Cedeno blasted through the line for a touchdown from three yards out. Kalif Dorsey, Malik Dorsey and Robert Sanchez provided the blocking up front as the lead increased to 20-0. Late in the first half, Carnez Gant found the end zone from five yards out. Kendrick Allen and Martin Cruz supplied the blocking on the play. Cedeno kicked the extra point to give the Bears a 28-0 halftime lead.

40-0 lead.

Others playing well for the Bears included Josh Sutton, Jackie Bergeron, Trevon Greenwood, Luis Lopez, Ernesto Duenez and



Thompson also came away with a win in the seventh-grade B game at Thompson as Chasmond Anderson (7) ran well behind several big blocks in the game. The Lions went on to win the game 20-8.



In Beverly Hills' 40-0 rout in the eighth-grade A game at Newcomb Field Sept. 29, Jaylon Johnson (9) broke free for a long scoring run, aided by a big block from teammate Marlon Jackson (44).



The Thompson Lions, including Keithon Robinson (7) got the first of their three wins in the series against Beverly Hills during the eighth-grade B game Sept. 29. Both teams played great defensively, and the Lions escaped with a 9-6 victory to improve to 4-0 this season. Photos by John Bechtle and David Flickinger

Rams cage Panthers, Dolphins tame Mustangs with three wins

With three weeks remaining in the regular season, teams in the Bay Area Football League are looking to solidify their footing as the playoffs approach.

The Ellington Rams stayed on course, winning three of the four games they took part in against the Pasadena Panthers.

The Southbelt Dolphins won three of the four games played against the Friendswood Mustangs.

Pasadena seniors 12 Rams 6

The Rams' lone loss in the series came in the senior division game as the Panthers won a tight 12-6 game.

The game was tied at 6-6 before the Panthers scored in the fourth quarter to take the win.

Gerald Bowman scored the Rams' touchdown on a pass reception in the third quarter.

The Rams fell to 5-2 overall after the loss.

Players who gave their all for the Rams included Valor Ojeda, Chris Gilliam, Dante Rivera, Cameron Jackson, Demarco Allen, Brandon Harper, Deshawn Roberson, Jeremiah Guajardo, Joseph Ramirez, Adrian Torres, Frank Sanchez, Jeremy Owens, Francisco Villarreal, Landon Rankin, Eulalio Martinez and Peyton Polk.

Rams juniors 37 Panthers 0

One of the most impressive performances of the day came from the Rams' juniors, who pounded the Panthers 37-0.

The victory lifted the Rams to 5-1-1 with three games remaining.

Ellington scored three touchdowns in the first quarter to ice the game.

Myles Duke began the scoring with a 20-yard touchdown run, and Anthony Owens ran for the conversion.

Jaylon Bolden's 40-yard scoring dash was then followed by Owens' conversion run.

DeAndre Childs finished off the big first quarter with a 6-yard scoring plunge as the Rams led 21-0.

Bolden registered a safety against the Panthers in the second quarter. He then ran 22 yards for a touchdown as the team led 30-0 at halftime.

Kaelon Woods added a 22-yard touchdown effort for the Rams in the win.

On defense, Blake Cervantes and Joshua Musquiz had fumble recoveries, and Owens, Bolden, Tywon Mackey Jr. and Nicholas Alvarez had several tackles each.

Rams sophomores 35 Panthers 0

The Rams' sophomore team improved to 6-1 overall after crushing the Panthers 35-0.

Four different Rams had scoring runs, and Jo Jo Castaneda delivered a safety on defense as the Rams rolled.

Ellington quickly went up 22-0 on the strength of 60- and 12-yard touchdown runs by Royce Hunter.

The extra-point runs were added by Hunter after the first score and by Breon Simmons after the second score.

Simmons got in on the act with a 42-yard run in the first quarter, which was followed by Earl Gresham's two-point catch.

Castaneda ran 25 yards

for a touchdown in the second quarter, and Zion Walker was successful on the conversion run.

DeJuan Dixon ended the scoring with a 2-yard run in the third quarter.

On offense, the Rams were led by Hunter, Simmons, Castaneda, Walker, Michael Staten, Montrai Scott, Ernie Guzman, Luke Gilliam, Micah Dixon, Ivan Tagle, Nick Irwin, Anthony Stasiak and Gresham as the team rolled.

The defensive shutout effort was paced by DeJuan Dixon, Johnson, Mark Milton, Matthew Lopez, John Moreno, Dimitri Giannopoulos, Joshua Sordia, Malcolm Weston, Barone Rivera, Desmond Owens and Al Figueroa.

Rams freshmen 18 Panthers 12

In the freshman game, the Rams (3-4) held on for an 18-12 victory after scoring in the fourth quarter.

Each of the Rams played well in the game, including Travis Watson Jr., Fernando Sifuentes III, Anthony Garcia Jr., Devin Childs, Javian Castaneda, Michael Powell Jr., Matthew Gilliam, Jerick Garcia, Romeo Ramirez, Marquice Scott, Matthew Cervantes, Mateo Guzman, Nicholas Rodarte, Colin LeBlanc, Steven Trevino, Sebastian Comabella-Paredes, Anthony Gonzalez, Joshua Mancina, Murt Marshall, Julian Calvillo, Aaron Ramos, Neiman Lewis-Wells, Glenn Bishop, Gregory Mumphy and Mario

Barajas.

Ram pee wees coast

Although scores are not kept in the pee wee division, it was clear the Rams were solid against the Panthers.

Four Rams found their way into the end zone with the football, including Darrius Carr (twice), Demontre Carr, Mikey Ramirez and Adrian Tamez.

On offense, Jordan Soliz, Alexander Garcia, Manuel Frias, Xavier Musquiz and Carr (fumble recovery) stood out.

The defense was paced by Duntre Miller, Richard Gary, Edward Lilly, Kevin Taulton, Kelby Williams, Tamez, Soliz and Carr. Others who played well included Ryan Saxton, Joshua

Jack, Marcus Saenz, Ignacio Izaguirre, Isaac Garcia and Matthew Balderas.

Friendswood seniors 20 Dolphins 18

Friendswood's seniors converted a two-pointer after a touchdown in the third quarter, providing the difference in a 20-18 win over the Dolphins.

With first place on the line, both teams were at their best.

Jacoby Perro scored three touchdowns for the Dolphins, including runs of 30 and 20 yards. He also raced 75 yards for a touchdown on a kickoff.

Andrew Lopez had an interception on defense, and Elijah Levy recovered a fumble.

The win lifted the Mus-

tags to 7-0 in the division, while the Dolphins slipped to 6-1.

Others playing well for Southbelt included Travis Tanner, Randy Johnson, Justyn Gonzalez, Orlando Ochoa, Tamurick Hickman, Greer Vincent, Willie Scott, Christian Wright, Adam Gonzales, Traveon Franciour, Jason Lester, Andrew Lopez, Kameron Dolford, Michael Arnesen, Ty Morris and Mason Miller.

Dolphins juniors 35 Mustangs 0

Thanks to a total team effort, the Dolphins' juniors improved to 6-1 with a 35-0 shutout over the Mustangs.

Ernesto Rodriguez got the Dolphins off to a fast start as he caused a Mustang fumble on the opening kickoff. The ball was recovered by Bennie Hamilton Jr.

Desmond Flores and Keith Armstead also jumped

on fumbles for the Dolphins. Osby Mitchell III and Jacob Arnesen logged quarterback sacks in the game.

Offensively, the Dolphins put together a terrific game plan. D'Vaughn Pennamon scored first on a 23-yard run in the first quarter. Later, Eric Detiege raced 25 yards for a score and Hamilton ran into the end zone for a 13-0 edge.

Pennamon's 20-yard scoring dash was followed by Hamilton's conversion run as the Dolphins led 20-0 at halftime.

A 10-yard touchdown burst came before Mitchell's two-point reception in the third quarter. Detiege then capped the scoring with a 50-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Rodriguez made good on the conversion run.

Kehlan Williams, Austin Czeczinski, Isaiah Stone-

Bay Area Football League

Week Eight Games

Saturday, Oct. 10

Southbelt Dolphins at Manvel Ravens

Manvel High School, 19601 Highway 6

Sagemont Cowboys at La Marque Cougars

La Marque High School, 397 Duroux

Ellington Rams at League City '49ers

League City Sportsplex, 1331 Link Road

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.)

man, Joey Bourgeois Jr., Matthew Sanchez, Alexander Williams, T.J. Kilby, Desmond Scott, Brandon Salgado, Joshua Ramirez and Bennett Oko also starred for the Dolphins.

Dolphins sophomores 29 Mustangs 0

Southbelt's sophomore team was strong in all phases of the game, pounding Friendswood 29-0. The win left the Dolphins at 4-3 this season.

Friendswood was shut down thanks to the Dolphins' great defensive play. Jaizac Garcia had a fumble recovery and a quarterback sack.

Londen Jenkins sacked the Mustangs' quarterback twice, and Javen Hedgeman recovered a fumble. Byron Flores had a sack, and Bryce Feagin caused a fumble.

Jeremy Davis began the scoring with a 50-yard run to the end zone in the first quarter.

Jacoby Davis then scored on a 20-yard run. Hedgeman and Jenkins had successful conversions after the scores.

Hedgeman scored from 10 yards away in the second quarter, and Jenkins had a 15-yard run in the third quarter.

Others leading the Dolphins to the win included Eddie Borrego, Ethan Riojas, Ty Wright, Samuel Parker, Steven Hernandez, Justin Thomas, Charles Potter, Ryan Puga, JaLon Hunt, Trey Trevino, Jacob Garcia, Jamal Phillips, William Fusilier, Rudy Flores, Marshall McGowen and K.J. Reyes Jr.

Friendswood 0

Dante Proctor's 35-yard touchdown run was the lone score of the game as the Dolphins' freshman defense led the way to a 6-0 victory over Friendswood.

The win moved the Dolphins to 3-4 overall.

Cervantes Pounds recovered a fumble, as did Joshua Jacobs. Pounds also recorded a quarterback sack in the game.

The Dolphins also received great play from Jalen Lendsey, Elias Adkins, A'Darius Ward, Lance Tanner, Roger Solis, Tyler Swanagan, Anthony Moreno, Christian Cleaveley, 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.

SB pee wees excel

The Dolphins' pee wee division team is still playing very well.

Xavier Lerma and Jonnavon Wade each found their way to the end zone three times. The Mustangs did not score.

Randy Smith, Donovan Berotte, Dreshon Downey, Bryce Sanchez, Cleveland Tucker, Deven Lendsey, Jacob Rodriguez, Santos Sanchez, 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 excelled for the Dolphins in the game.

Dolphins freshmen 6

10-under Aces win Pasadena softball tourney



The South Belt Aces, a 10-under fall league team representing the South Belt Girls Softball Association, placed first in the Pasadena Angels tournament even after illness struck four players and the team had to complete the event with just eight players. Members of the first-place team are, left to right, (front row) Michyla Saenz, (second row) Ariana Rodriguez, Gabriella Nguyen, Camryn Ridge, (third row) Celina Saenz, Kimberly Ontiveros, Honey Meza, Michelle Kristoff, (back row) assistant coach Chris Ontiveros and coach Bobby Kristoff. Not pictured are Kendall Gothard, Mackenzie Schulze, Jamie Maury and Jacquelyne Garcia

11-under Eclipse claim Battle of Bats baseball



The Texas Eclipse, an 11-under select baseball team from the South Belt area, won the Battle of the Bats tournament at South Post Oak Park after winning five of six games. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Javier Figueroa, Jerick Paquinto, Euro Diaz, J.T. Trujillo, (middle row) Alberto Quiroga III, David "Alex" Gonzalez Jr., A.J. Martinez, Ethan Montes, Noah Longoria, (back row) coaches Joe Martinez, Euro Diaz, David Gonzalez, Jay Paquinto and Alberto Quiroga. Gonzalez Jr. was named the most valuable player in the tournament.

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8-under Stingers place second at San Marcos



The 8-under South Belt Stingers made their way to the championship game at the San Marcos tournament before falling in the final. Members of the Stingers are, left to right, (front row) Vivian Martinez, Allyssa Ramirez, Sydney Franco, Amaya Montano, Coco Garcia, (middle row) Raylene Martinez, Camryn Wincher, Mckenzie Ermis, Abigail Gallo, (back row) coaches Raul Montano, Les Wincher, Cherly Franco and Jimmy Martinez.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCT. 8
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.

9:30 a.m.

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Fellowship of Friends, 144 Park Avenue in League City. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others to the interdenominational meeting.

Noon

Al-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.

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.

Houston Chapter of Inmate Families Organization - Meets at the Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose. Call 713-515-3736 for more information.

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. 9
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.

AARP - The American Association of Retired Persons meets the second Friday of each month at the community center at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road.

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. 10
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.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11
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 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. 12
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.

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Noon

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6 p.m.

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.

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CALENDAR

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6:30 p.m.
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.

7 p.m.
Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church.
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.
TUESDAY, OCT. 13
 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.

9:30 a.m.
CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. They are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook near the Landolt Pavilion. All Texas retired school employees from all surrounding school districts are welcome to attend and join this organization. Annual dues are \$35.

10 a.m.
American Begonia Society - Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Pasadena Town Square Community Room. For more information, call 713-946-4237 or 713-941-7158.

10:30 a.m.
Tri-County Republican Women - Meets at Golfcrest Country Club. A luncheon is available for \$15 with advance reservations by the Friday before the meeting. To make reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083.

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.
Green Thumb Series - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening seminars the second Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake area. Programs will be

held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Visit the Web site for a list of topics and location at http://hcmgapp2.tamu.edu or call 281-991-8437.
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 Erna Coskey at 713-946-6049.

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.
Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

7:30 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For more information, contact Brenda Fitch at 713-533-4508 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays 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.
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14
 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.

9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information.

11:30 a.m.
American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter - Now meets at Sudie's Restaurant, I-45 South/League City on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, call Sheila Hardy at 281-337-9407 or Carolyn Wagner at 281-337-9410.

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.

4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the second week of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199.

6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.

7 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BAPT is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

Bay Area New Democrats - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House on Buccanere Drive, across from the new Clear Lake Library. For more information, contact John Cobarruvias at john.cobarru.vias@bayareanewdemocrats.org or visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15
 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.

11:15 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 Scarpsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.

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Romero remembered as inspiring

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horns reached the regional quarterfinals.

Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Joe Sabatell said it was easy to see how much Romero was cared for and how much she cared for her friends and fans.

"It was truly a beautiful thing to see how the kids in our program pulled together to show their support during what was obviously a tough situation," Sabatell said.

"As coaches, we never had to direct or ask for anything to be done. These girls came through on their own because of their love for Gabby."

"There were so many heartfelt efforts along the way. Gabby certainly left her mark. She inspired so many of our athletes, and I believe she was inspired by them."

Family friend Lori Craft told the *Leader* how the Team Gabby effort began.

Craft's daughter, Courtney, a 2009 Dobie High School graduate, is now playing volleyball at

Galveston College.

Lori Craft said Romero's select softball team, the Bay Area Shock Wave, came up with the Team Gabby slogan.

Shortly thereafter, as Craft and other family friends organized a car wash during the summer of 2008, the effort mushroomed.

Lynette Montes, whose daughter, Stephanie, is also a Dobie graduate, helped with getting the pink Team Gabby shirts produced. Since then, Team Gabby has seemingly taken on new members daily.

"This is truly a heart-breaking situation," Craft said. "But Gabby stayed so positive and brought so many people together. She was one of a kind."

Craft said her husband, Joe, coached Romero and many other local players when they were small children. She remembers Romero as "always being such a happy little girl."

As many still grieve the loss of such a young and talented young lady, Craft said there are other les-

sons she and others have learned during this time.

"A lot of us have lived out here in the South Belt area, and as you see more crime and things like that, you think it's time to move out," she said.

"But this gives you an awesome feeling even though we have lost a beautiful young woman. The entire community came together in a big way and did what they could. It makes you proud to be in this area."

Dobie principal Steve Jamail echoed many of Craft's thoughts. He was a coach at Dobie before moving up the administrative ladder to eventually become the principal. Jamail, too, is proud of what he has witnessed.

"It's important to point out that Gabby was so courageous and poured everything she had into her fight," Jamail said.

"Obviously, it all came as a shock to her, her family and everyone else when the diagnosis came."

"She always kept a positive attitude and never let it get her down. Team Gabby fought with her. Gabby was an inspiration to so many, and her legacy will live on in so many ways."

As for the way the school came through in support of their friend and loved one, Jamail is certainly proud.

"The effort we saw through Team Gabby and many of the support efforts is an example of why I have stayed at Dobie all these years," Jamail said. "We are a family, and we have a great community that provides support in times of need. It's a great atmosphere. I think that showed in this case. Our hearts go out to the Romero family."

Romero Memorial Field dedication coming Oct. 18

The South Belt Girls Softball Association will honor one of its own Sunday, Oct. 18, as Field No. 1 at El Franco Lee Park will officially become Gabby Romero Memorial Field.

Romero, who began her standout softball career in the SBGSA, died Oct. 2 after a 15-month battle with cancer. Her parents, Edna and Jessie Romero, have also been tireless league volunteers over the years.

The South Belt Girls Softball Association invites the community and area girls' softball leagues to join in on the special event for a day of fun.

The league will host a fundraiser tournament and other activities during the day. The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. Volunteers will also sell barbecue plates beginning at 11 a.m.

Teams in the 6-under,

8-under and 10-under divisions are being sought for the tournament. To enter, call SBGSA official Aaron Longoria at 713-478-0078 or direct e-mail to guylongoria@yahoo.com.

To make any other donation to the event, call league president Ruben Garcia at 281-904-5109.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Team Gabby fund, which will now go toward helping other families battling cancer.

The field dedication, complete with the unveiling of a special sign, will be held at 2:30 p.m.

Garcia, the current SBGSA league president, said the decision to honor Gabby Romero was simple.

Team Gabby donations ongoing

The Romero family is still accepting Team Gabby donations that will go toward helping other local families who are battling

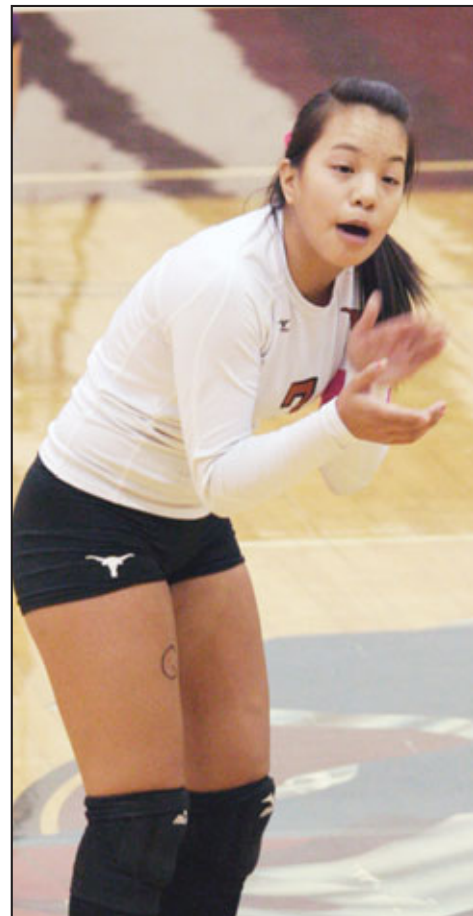
"We are dedicating the field in memory of Gabby as we felt her message of being strong and staying positive during her life's struggles represented a positive message that should be shared with others," Garcia said.

"She was part of SBGSA growing up, and her parents were involved as board members and volunteers as well."

"We are very proud of her and her family, as well as the countless volunteers, Team Gabby, that rallied around her until the very end." The *Leader* will continue to provide details on the dedication and other events as they become available.



Gabby Romero (left) and her mother, Edna Romero, were all smiles during a car wash fundraiser in Gabby's honor during the summer of 2008. Now, the South Belt Girls Softball Association is set to recognize Gabby and her family Sunday, Oct. 18, at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park.



Senior Quynhhu Ngo inspires her teammates during Dobie's varsity volleyball match Oct. 2 at Pearlland High School. Pearlland swept the match to hand Dobie its first loss in District 22-5A play.

Varsity volleyball...

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Pearland Oct. 2 in a match that came fewer than 10 hours after the Dobie players had learned of the death of teammate Gabby Romero (see story on Page 1B).

Given the opportunity to postpone the match, the Lady Longhorns elected to push forward.

A tough Pearland squad, combined with drained emotions, contributed to a relatively easy sweep for the Lady Oilers.

So Dobie finished the first half of district play in a first-place tie with Pearland at 6-1.

In the second half of district play, the Lady Longhorns have road matches at Deer Park and La Porte,

but head coach Joe Sabatell believes his team will be able to continue its focused play.

"It's a big second half for us for sure, but these ladies have shown a fighting spirit all season and I know they are determined to continue that."

The same goes for Clear Brook, which will almost certainly need a win over unbeaten Clear Lake to have a shot at the 24-5A title.

Still, Clear Brook has all but assured itself of a play-off spot with six matches to go but wants more than that.

With seven wins in eight matches, the Lady Wolverines are playing like champions in 24-5A.

Dobie-Deer up next

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scoring pass in the end zone despite being left all alone. South Houston settled for Jorge Pineda's 38-yard field goal as time expired in the half.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Longhorns again came up big on defense to set up a scoring drive.

Keon Onwuchuruba stopped the Trojans' Leroy Scott for a one-yard loss on a fourth-and-one play, giving the Longhorns possession of the football on their own 30 yard line.

McNair dashed for a 45-yard pick up on first down and then carried for four yards down to the 21-yard

line. From there, Jackson rolled right and found Collins, who briefly juggled the ball before making the scoring reception from 21 yards out.

The second of Irving Garza's two conversion kicks brought the final score to 14-3.

Onwuchuruba had a fumble recovery later in the quarter as the Longhorns continued to bring defensive pressure.

Now comes Deer Park, a team that has won four straight over the Longhorns. It's a great opportunity for the Longhorns to deliver a payback performance.

Dobie soccer boosters to meet

The Dobie High School boys' soccer booster club will host its first meeting of the school year Wednesday, Oct. 14 at the school.

The meeting will be held in the athletics media room

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