

GAT boosters host festival

The newly formed nonprofit GAT Athletic Booster Club will host a fall festival fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Thompson Intermediate. The group is seeking assistance from area businesses and vendors, as well as offering booth rentals, and/or sponsorship opportunities.

Students seeking community hours are welcome to participate. The event is open to the public. For information, contact Liz Beltran at 832-577-1732 or e-mail beltran075@hotmail.com.

Library events scheduled

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

Play board games and more on Game Day, Thursday, Nov. 5, at 4 p.m.

Movie Madness is Thursday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for feature title.

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.

Knights host fish fry

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will once again serve fried catfish dinners at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church on Fridays, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20. Each dinner will consist of a farm-raised catfish fillet, french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob and iced tea. Soft drinks and desserts will be available for sale.

One- and two-piece dinners will be sold, dine in or take out, and will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall at 11011 Hall Road, between Sageberry and Sagetrail. The public is invited. All money raised will be used for scholarships and other local community charitable projects. For more information, call 281-484-2127.

Pregnancy center event set

The Crisis Pregnancy Center Grand Opening will be held Friday, Nov. 13, from noon to 7 p.m. The event is to celebrate the official opening of Beltway 8 South Crisis Pregnancy Center's new location at the intersection of Scarsdale and Beamer at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Suite 800.

Festivities begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon. Throughout the day, guests will be able to meet key leaders of the CPC, tour the center and discuss client services.

CPCs provide confidential and free services for women experiencing unplanned pregnancies. This center serves the South Belt, Pearland, Ellington and Clear Lake areas.

Sagmont Civic meets Nov. 9

Sagmont Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Nov. 9 at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfarr Drive, at 7 p.m. Visit sagmontcivicclub.org.

Lions Club meets Nov. 10

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

Aggie Moms meet Nov. 10

The Friendswood/Clear Creek Aggie Moms will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, 1100 S. Friendswood Drive. Socialize at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. All Aggie Moms are welcome. For more information, call Maria at 281-381-7366.

Dads' program at Stuchbery

Stuchbery 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 encourages fathers to participate in school activities and promote the importance of loving to read and write. The next workshop is Thursday, Nov. 5, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. The last session is Dec. 3. For information, call the school at 713-740-0752.

Stuchbery honors veterans

Stuchbery Elementary will host a Veterans Day Concert on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 9 a.m. in the school cafeteria. A reception for all veterans and their guests will follow in the library.

Music will be provided by the second-grade choir. All veterans, family and friends are invited to the concert as a small token of thanks for their unselfish and loyal service to this country in the armed forces.

Dobie drama presents play

The J. Frank Dobie Drama Department will present *Veronica's Room* by Ira Levin, a psychological thriller in one act, on Nov. 13, 14, 15 and 16, in the Black Box Theatre located in the fine arts hallway at Dobie High School. The show will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30. Tickets are \$3 each, and seats are limited. For ticket information, contact Director Aimee Small at asmall@pasadenaisd.org.

Mayoral, city council election results tallied

By James Bolen

The Nov. 3 election results have been tallied, with a few surprising results.

The mayoral race to replace term-limited Bill White will head to a Dec. 12 runoff between Houston City Controller Annise Parker and former City Attorney Gene Locke.

Parker received 30.5 percent of the vote to Locke's 25.9 percent.

Houston City Councilman Peter Brown received 22.4 percent of the vote, while underdog Harris County Board of Education Trustee Roy Morales received a surprising 20.2 percent.

City Controller

The race for city controller will head to a De-

ember runoff between Ronald C. Green and M.J. Khan.

Green received 36.3 percent of the vote to Khan's 32.5 percent.

Third challenger Pam Holm received 31.2 percent of the vote.

City council

Incumbent Mike Sullivan will maintain his District E city council seat, handily defeating challenger Phillip "Wayne" Garrison II.

Sullivan received 74.1 percent of the vote to Garrison's 25.9 percent.

The race for the At-Large Position 1 city council seat will head to a runoff between Stephen Costello and Karen Derr.

Costello received 24.1 percent of the vote to Derr's 19.6 percent.

The contest for the At-Large Position 2 seat will also head to a runoff, with incumbent Sue Lovell narrowly missing a majority with 48.8 percent of the vote.



Mike Sullivan

Challenger Andrew C. Burks Jr. received 21.4 percent of the vote.

In the race for At-Large Position 4, former Houston Police Chief C.O. Bradford easily defeated Noel Freeman.

Bradford received 52.3 percent of the vote to Freeman's 21.1 percent.

The race for At-Large Position 5 will head to a runoff between incumbent Jolanda "Jo" Jones and Jack Christie.

Jones received 42.1 percent of the vote to Christie's 36.4 percent.

State amendments

All 11 proposed amendments to the state constitution were approved by voters.

"Billy Goat Bandit" sought

The FBI is searching for a man wanted for the Oct. 27 robbery of the First Convenience Bank inside the Kroger at Sabo and Beltway 8.

The suspect has been dubbed the "Billy Goat Bandit" because of his scraggly beard.

Authorities say the man walked up to the bank shortly after 4 p.m. and handed the teller a note. The teller, however, couldn't read the note because the



man's hands covered the wording. The suspect then reportedly yelled, "I am a robber. Give me the money."

The teller complied, and the man was last seen walking across the Kroger parking lot.

The suspect is described as a black male between 25 and 30 years old, standing 5 feet 9 inches tall.

He was wearing a dark blue baseball cap, a white T-shirt and gray pants with dark blue stripes down the legs.

Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$5,000 for information that leads to the man's being charged and arrested.

Anyone with information about the case is urged to call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS or the FBI at 713-693-5000.

Riverstone Ranch resident charged with child porn

A joint task force raided a home in the 9200 block of Majave Cove Court in Riverstone Ranch early Monday, Nov. 2, after Colorado authorities alleged the homeowner had attempted to solicit a minor online.

Kent Thomas Johnson, 53, was arrested on charges of online child solicitation and possession of child pornography.

The investigation started when Johnson, a drama teacher at Episcopal High School in Belaire, was reportedly having a sexually explicit online conversation with what he thought was a 13-year-old boy. The "boy" was actually an

undercover Adams County sheriff's deputy in Colorado acting as a decoy.

The deputy contacted the Houston Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which in turn contacted the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, which assisted in the raid. A search of Johnson's home yielded a hard drive with several pornographic images of children.

Johnson is being held in the Harris County Jail on \$150,000 bond. If convicted, Johnson could face up to 10 years in prison and pay up to a \$10,000 fine.

Sagmont to host dog show

By Matt Griesmyer

Sagmont Church has been involved with the community through its Serve Initiative, bringing the time and compassion of the community to those who need it, but on Nov. 6 through Nov. 7, the church is going to the dogs.

Sagmont Church, located at 11300 S. Sam Houston Pkwy E. is bringing Hank Hough & the Amazing Dog Show to town.

Along with the dog show, there will be performances by national recording artists The Nash 3 and The All Stars Youth Banjo Band.

Buddy Griffin, the leader of the All Stars and community member at Sagmont leads the banjo band, which consists of South Belt children ages 7 through 18.

"The entire community is welcome to attend," Griffin said. "There will be hot dogs served an hour before the show, and any who attend are welcome to eat."

In addition to the performances, door prizes will be given out, including a puppy.

Sagmont Church has arranged this performance, in addition to a CD and book release to teach life lessons to children in a fun and unique way.

The book that Griffin wrote speaks through the eyes of Prophet the Amazing Dog, which is one of Hank Hough's (pronounced Huff) trained dogs.

Through the book, Prophet teaches readers

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Emmett speaks to chamber



Harris County Judge Ed Emmett (left) spoke at a luncheon sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital Wednesday, Nov. 4. The one-time state representative spoke on a number of items, but focused primarily on transportation and infrastructure issues. Emmett has a great deal of expertise in this field. As a representative, he served as chairman of the Committee on Energy, a member of the Transportation Committee and represented the state on numerous national committees relating to energy and transportation policy. In 1989, President George H. W. Bush nominated Emmett as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Shown with Emmett are Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital CEO George Gaston and the hospital's director of physician development Rebecca Lilley. A full story on the function will appear in next week's *Leader*. Photo by Jody Kuchta

PISD begins long-term strategic planning process

In an effort to better prepare for its future, the Pasadena Independent School District recently began a strategic planning process.

"Pasadena ISD is not a district that will settle for anything less than the best for our students," said Candace Ahlfinger, spokeswoman for the district. "We are meeting and exceeding goals, but we realize the need for long-term planning that guides all decisions so that we will continue on the right road."

Working jointly with Cambridge Strategic Services, the process will involve employees, parents, community members and students.

It is not the first time PISD has tackled such an endeavor.

"The last time that Pasadena ISD engaged in a thorough strategic planning process was in 1989. Each year the plan has been tweaked, but there is a time when an entire plan must be revisited," Ahlfinger said.

The school district recently took the first step of the process when a 30-member team met and developed a draft of beliefs, a mission statement, strategic objectives, parameters and strategies.

Beliefs are: A supreme being exists, and everyone has the right to make religious and/or spiritual choices; Everyone has purpose, worth and dignity; Individual potential is unknown and immeasurable; Family dynamics profoundly influence the decisions individuals make and the people they become; Connecting with others and building positive, meaningful relationships are essential; Learning is instinctive, lifelong, and unique to the individual; Communication is pervasive, essential, ever-present, and multidimensional; Feeling safe enhances the ability to learn; Diversity adds value to all areas of life; Change is natural and continuous; Each person is responsible and accountable in all aspects of life for the choices he or she makes.

The school district's mission statement is: "The mission of Pasadena ISD, the gateway to unlimited opportunity for the youth of our culturally rich community, is to empower students to become accomplished, self-directed, and collaborative citizen-scholars who boldly contribute to an increasingly complex and evolving world by engaging in rigorous curriculum, relevant experiences, and positive relationships while

embracing the uniqueness of each individual."

Strategic objectives are: Each student will graduate from high school, prepared for career and/or college, capable of personal and professional growth and adaptability; All students will embrace the value, worth, and dignity within themselves and in others; Each student will be a productive citizen strongly committed to family, volunteerism, and community leadership; All students will live purposeful lives of unlimited opportunities impacting others positively, improving themselves continuously and pursuing their dreams courageously.

Parameters are: We will make decisions based on what is best for each student; We will treat all people with dignity and respect; We will not compromise excellence; We will demand the best from each other; We will have faith in all of our students; We will not give up on any student.

Strategies are: We will ensure rigorous curriculum and relevant learning experiences that promote real life application; We will provide flexible learning environments, structures, and schedules that meet the needs of all 21st century learners; We will develop and promote 21st century career and college exploration and preparation programs for all students; We will actively recruit, develop, and retain a highly qualified staff; We will relentlessly pursue a culturally responsive approach to meaningful parental engagement; We will ensure vital and ongoing relationships with our business and community partners; We will embed appropriate technologies throughout the district to support both instructional and administrative needs.

The next step of the process is to form action teams for each of the seven strategies. Each action team will consist of approximately 25 to 30 people. These teams will have four to five months to develop a set of draft action plans. Each action plan will include a cost-benefit analysis.

The strategic planning team will then reconvene to assess the plans developed by the action teams, with their assignment being to review each plan and give one of the following labels: accept, reject, accept with stipulation or return

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Dobie homecoming royalty named



Dobie celebrated its annual homecoming football game Friday, Oct. 30, at Newcomb Field playing against the Sam Rayburn Texans. Yancy Moreno was crowned queen and Irving Garza as king. Photo by Dobie senior Josefa Maldonado

Readers' Opinions

Kaiser highly agrees with Yandell's letter

I highly agree with the opinion of Sandra Yandell published on Thursday, October 22, 2009.

I have to turn onto Sageplum to get to my house, a car is parked right there where I have to turn. When it is dark, I can hardly see it, I change lanes in time because I know it is parked there.

This is definitely a dangerous situation!

Christa Kaiser

The stars shone on Dobie football

Who are we? Who are we? J.F.D.! J.F.D.! Wow!wow!wow! what a game! I am 62 years old, and I've been a football fan since I was 11 years old. Never have I witnessed such a football game! The Longhorns were magnificent! They played their hearts out completely. The Lariaettes were flawless, and the band was wonderful. Yes, I am biased, my grandson, Zachary, plays in the band. But I really enjoyed Friday night. Thanks guys, all of you, you did a wonderful job. The people that attended will not soon forget Friday night. The moon was full, and the stars shone on Dobie. Good luck against Pearland!

Sal Flores

According to George, Americans are tired

Last night I was watching the news and I heard President Obama say that Americans are tired of huge corporations paying bonuses to their employees. He has said that Americans are tired of paying large premiums to insurance companies. He has said that Americans are tired of huge profits for the oil companies, financial companies and insurance companies. He is right we are tired of it. We are tired of many things Mr. President. My grandfather told me that before you try to order someone else's house you should make sure that your house is in order. My grandfather gave me this advice because he loved me and I give it to you because I love the United States of America.

* We are tired of watching our family and friends lose their jobs and their homes while you and your family and friends eat \$100.00 a pound Kobe beef and Latin dance the night away on our tax dollar.

* We are tired of canceling our family vacations while you fly your wife to New York City for dinner and a show on our tax dollar. I know you made a promise to her. We have all promised our families many things that we can no longer afford.

* We are tired of being told that we must sacrifice for the good of the society. Mr. President if we wanted to sacrifice we would live in a different country. In The United States of America we do not sacrifice. We overcome. We end suffering. We advance the human condition. The United States has been around for less than 250 years and has increased the freedom of the individual to a level not reached by countries that have had 1000's of years to do so. We have done that not by government, but despite government.

* We are tired of being told by you Mr. President that our doctors want to cut off our feet and remove our tonsils simply for profit. That is a scare tactic and a lie and is our president speaking. If the debate cannot be won with truth it is best lost.

* We are tired of being told that our taxes will not increase in the middle class as you Mr. President and Congress increase "fees" and "assessments" and "fines" on everything that we do. Your government wants to increase the "death tax" to 45%. 45% really?

* We are tired Mr. President of watching you and your advisers attack your "opponents" simply for disagreeing with you. We all have that right, specifically by our constitution that you swore to uphold and protect. When you Mr. President find it necessary to attack the United States Chamber of Commerce for disagreeing with you perhaps it is time for you to read the Constitution.

* We are tired of being told that if we voice our opinion with passion that we are mobs, domestic terrorists, and un-American. No sir, we are Americans. Mr. President you cannot choose which Americans you wish to represent you must represent us all.

* We are tired of listening to speeches about the deficiencies of our country. We are and have been the greatest beacon of freedom and equality the world has ever known. We feed the world. We freed the world. We protect the world and we pay the world for the privilege of doing so.

* We are tired of your government spending so much money that our children's children are already broke. Moody's released a statement

saying that if you do not stop spending money our country's credit rating will fall from the high status that it has enjoyed to that of what one congressman calls a "Banana Republic" within 5 years. According to your federal reserve numbers each man, woman, and child in the United States owes a liability of \$343,795.00. We are tired of paying for government's experiments. We have families. STOP SPENDING MONEY WE DON'T HAVE!

* We are tired of listening to you tell us that if we spend \$900,000,000,000.00 we can insure about half of the people that are uninsured and destroy the best health care system in the world. It is true that everyone who can comes to the United States for health care. It is true

that the United States has one of the highest costs for health care in the world. Do you know why Mr. President? Because when it is your life it is worth every penny to have the best. You and Congress will not change your health plan from the best to whatever it is you are creating. Why should we?

* We are tired of listening to how our politicians "serve" the people. If you serve us why do you make more money than the average American, have better benefits than the average American, live better than the average American and do not listen to the requests of the average American. We are tired of you telling us that you know what is best for us. We are not children. We are Americans.

George Valtasoros

Amazing dog show . . .

Continued from Page 1A about lessons of respect, loyalty and more.

Buddy Griffin has gone into the schools in the Pasadena Independent School District with the dog show, playing a song that he wrote titled *My Furry Four-Legged Friend*.

"The kids go nuts for (the show and song)," Griffin said. "Hank brings these dogs out - world championship dogs - and teaches the kids about obedience and discipline through the actions of the dogs and their master."

For more information, call Sagemont Church at

281-481-8770. Hank Hough and the Amazing Dog Show featuring The Nash 3 and the All Stars youth band will be at Sagemont Church on Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. A hot dog dinner will be served an hour before the performance, and all are welcome.

147th Reconnaissance Wing "rolls out" MQ-1B Predator

The 147th Reconnaissance Wing proudly rolls out its first MQ-1B Predator unmanned aircraft on Nov. 8, at Building 1382 (Hangar) at 10 a.m. This is the much anticipated public debut for the high tech, cutting edge missions of the 147th Reconnaissance Wing.

The 147 RW operates the MQ-1B Predator armed with the AGM-114 Hellfire missile. Combat support missions in the war are flown 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, directly from Ellington Field via advanced satellite communications; they provide persistent surveillance, armed reconnaissance, precision attack and close air support for U.S. and allied forces.

The Predator is an armed, multi-role, long endurance, Remotely Piloted Vehicle (RPV) that carries an Electro-Optical/Infrared camera,

laser target marker, and laser illuminator. The crew and aircraft can change roles to any part of the kill chain during one mission while performing the following missions and tasks: Intelligence, Surveillance Reconnaissance (ISR), Close Air Support (CAS), Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) support, precision strike, buddy lase, convoy over-watch, raid over-watch, target development, and terminal air control. Predators are used primarily for persistent ISR functions.

MQ-1B Predator's performance includes:

A maximum altitude of 25,000 feet; employment altitude of 10,000-20,000 feet; maximum speed of 120 knots; loiter speed of 80 knots; operational endurance of 22 hours; and maximum payload of 300 pounds externally.

The 147 RW is and will

remain on the leading edge of an ongoing revolution in warfare. As newer Remotely Piloted Vehicles are fielded, the intent is to transition to the MQ-9 Reaper, followed by the MQ-X. New developing and improvement tactics, exploring of joint training synergies, and examining of new roles for employing Remotely Piloted Vehicles in homeland defense and disaster response are under way. The 147th RW is rapidly becoming a premier employer of the Predator.

147 RW senior leadership and MQ-1B personnel will be available for interviews following the Nov. 8 ceremony.

Contact MSgt. Hanson at 281-929-2662 or e-mail dale.hanson@ang.af.mil for more information.

Genoa UMC sells turkey dinners

Genoa United Methodist Church located at 12501 Palmsprings and Highway, 3, will hold its annual turkey dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. Each turkey dinner includes turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, fresh cranberry sauce, yams, rolls and dessert, dine in or take out. Adult dinners are \$7 and children under 12 are \$5. For more information, call 713-946-2312.

Lance LeBlanc



Joseph Lance LeBlanc, 44, died Oct. 25, 2009, at home surrounded by his family after a long illness with associated heart complications.

LeBlanc was born in Houston, Texas, on June 3, 1965, to Michael and Karen Sue LeBlanc. He graduated from Dobie High School and briefly attended college. He worked as a stock broker and in various other fields of employment. A free spirit who saw humor, adventure and goodness in people and adventures. LeBlanc was a voracious reader who sought a deeper understanding and knowledge of life and people. He traveled throughout the western states and lived in Malaysia for a short time. He had a remarkable memory for details. He enjoyed life to its fullest.

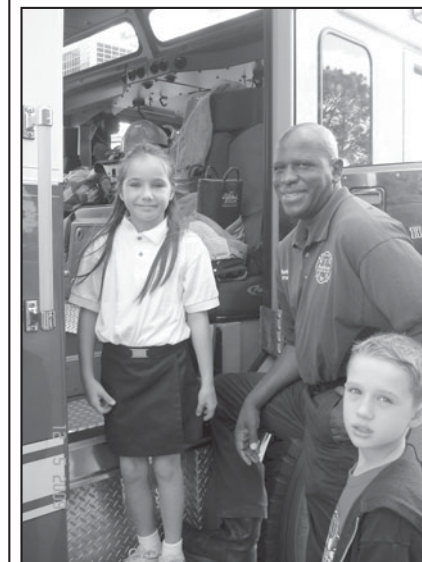
LeBlanc is survived by his father, J. Michael LeBlanc; grandfather Joe Takacs; brother Brant LeBlanc and wife Nora; aunts and uncles, Darnell and Marcell Carracosa and Randy and Susan LeBlanc; nieces and nephews, Justin, Chrystal, Alex, Steele and Brandon.

Funeral services will be held at St. Luke's Catholic Church at 11011 Hall Road on Friday, Nov. 6, at 1 p.m.

John Cowley



John Cowley, 79, died on Oct. 28, 2009, in Houston. He was born Nov. 16, 1929, in Hillsboro, Texas, to John and Artie Cowley. He was a Beverly Hills subdivision resident.



SVFD visits Moore

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department recently visited Moore Elementary during a Fire Prevention Assembly to teach students about fire safety. The students were treated to an entertaining and educational presentation on preventing and staying safe around fire. Pictured at left, second-graders Bella Acosta (left) and Elijah Donaho (front) visit with paramedic C. Hunter. Submitted photos



Safety the Clown (Pablo Castellano, center) performs a skit with kindergarten Jeremiah Johnson (left) and first-grader Deanna Castellanos.

Drive benefits homeless

Team Gabby and St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, will host a *Warm Blessings* drive to benefit the homeless.

Donations of blankets, sleeping bags, coats, gloves, socks and skullcaps are being accepted through Dec. 2. Team Gabby and St. Luke's will deliver all donations on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Drop off locations include St. Luke's Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road; the Romero home at 11103 Kirkpark Drive; Dobie High School, 10200 Blackhawk (see Helen in the front office); and Frazier Elementary, 10503 Hughes Road.

For information, call Jesus Romero at 832-876-0502 or Martha Valenzuela at 281-660-7280.

Volunteers are needed to assist in this project and future Team Gabby projects. If interested, contact Jesus Romero at jr11103@yahoo.com.

Deaths

Esther Flores Garza



Esther Flores Garza, 96, died Sunday Oct. 18, 2009, surrounded by her family. She was born March 16, 1913, in Lockhart, Texas.

Garza was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Alvino Vela Garza.

She is survived by her daughter, Gloria Alice Garcia and husband Raymond of South Belt; grandchildren Raymond Alvin Garcia and wife Christi, Susan Lynn Gould and husband Michael and Randy Lawrence Garcia and wife Nikki; great-grandsons Tyler Ray, Shane and Ross Garcia, and newborn Cameron Lawrence Garcia; and great-granddaughter Alexandra Vela Garcia.

Garza is also survived by her sister, Mary Alice Flores and companion Linda Johnson; sister Alma Flores Stoferson; brother Robert Flores and Mollie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m. in the main chapel of Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home. Interment followed at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Raymond Alvin Garcia, Randy Lawrence Garcia, Michael Gould, Tyler Ray Garcia, Shane Garcia and Ross Garcia.

Honorary pallbearers were Ramiro Garza Martinez, Ruben Garza Martinez and Raymond R. Garza.

Marjorie Unruh



Marjorie Unruh, 89, died on Oct. 29, 2009. She was a South-Belt resident.

Unruh was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Ted Unruh, and son Gregory Unruh.

She is survived by her daughter, Dixie Unruh Melillo; her "like a son" Ralph Melillo, wife Rita and their daughter Alyssa; grandchildren Ralph Melillo, Anthony Melillo, Justin Unruh, Carrie Porter and husband Bill, Justin Tarr, Dixie Jacob and husband Chad, Beau Unruh and Jonnie Unruh; and great-grandchildren Lacey Melillo, Barbie Melillo, Eddie Melillo, Anastasia Melillo, Sidney Porter, Leziel Porter, Will Porter, Annie Porter and Braslyn Jacob.

A celebration of Unruh's life was held on Sunday, Nov. 1, at Fairmont Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Pasadena.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Rose Breast Center, 12700 North Featherwood, Suite 260, Houston, TX 77034.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.FairmontFH.com.

Ella Kathleen Buratti



Ella Kathleen Buratti, 3 months old, died Oct. 31, 2009. She was born on July 23, 2009, in Houston.

Buratti is survived by her parents, Mark and Leslie Buratti of South Belt; grandparents David and Eileen Porter, Leziel Porter, Will Porter, Annie Porter and Braslyn Jacob.

Womack and husband David, Rebecca Cappello and husband Joshua; uncle Jason Overstreet; cousins Brittany Wingo, Taylor and Zac Womack, Jack, Sam and Sara Cappello, Hunter Overstreet and Savannah Baldwin; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Nov. 4, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 410 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009 on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. at the offices of Smith, Murdaugh, Little & Bonham, LLP located at 1100 Louisiana, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77002. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value on all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: J. Sirkel, A. Koether and L. Edrington
AGAINST the proposal: (none)
PRESENT and not voting: (none)
ABSENT: R. D. Stratton, K. Love

The following table compares taxes on the average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.720 /\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.720 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.000 /\$100
Percentage increase in rates		0.0000%
Average appraised value	\$117,179	\$137,891
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$117,179	\$137,891
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 843.69	\$992.82
Annual increase in taxes if Proposed tax rate is adopted		\$149.13
And percentage of increase		17.6759%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Questions or comments regarding this notice can be directed to Esther Buentello Flores at the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

Leader obituary policy

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

Dobie High announces honor rolls for first six-weeks

Dobie High School recently released its honor rolls for the first six-weeks grading period of the 2009-2010 school year. Students earning status are:

Ninth grade

Oluchi Chinonyerem Aarouchukwunyer, Zohair Abubakar, Jennifer Acero, Laura Izal Aguilar, Ivette Alejandra Alza, Analía Victoria Alcoba, Hector Alonso, Carol Lilian Amaro, Christopher Chukwunonso Anagbogu, Mason Patrick Ankenbruck and Aaron Nathaniel Gabino Arambula. Joel Michael Arhelger, Genevieve Au, Debbie Amy Auguste, Jacquelyne Marie Baade, Kalon Tyrell Bailey, Madeline Margaret Ball, Veronica Mireya Barahona, Jennifer Esmeralda Bardales, Rhianna Raquel Barrientos, Demetri Armand Bellini and Angelina Michelle Benavides. Cody Edwin Bennett, Kelvin Damone Bennett, Travis Devin Berkstresser, Audrey Lenore Beyer, Sobia My Bhatti, Clyde Eugene Blackwell, Sonia Lucia Bonavita, Nancy Book, Krystal Marie Brewer, Nancy Buenrostro and Jasmine Hienthanh Bui. Amber Nicole Cadena, Alisa Michelle Calvillo, Jose Luis Cantu, Roland Cao, Neftali Antonio Carcamo, Cecilia Gisell Cardenas, Miriam Yvonne Castaneda, Fatima Elizabeth Castellon, Carlos Daniel Castillo, Melina Ceja, Thelma Chavez and Cody G. Collins.

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Lariaette of the Week



The Lariaette of the Week for Oct. 26 through Oct. 30 is Angie Guevara, daughter of Esmeralda and Francisco Guevara. She is a junior and a first-year member of the Lariaettes.

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 A very happy birthday goes out to **Morgan Denise Pardo** who turned 16 on Nov. 3. Lots of love and kisses are sent from all of Morgan's family.

NEDDERMANS VISIT SOUTH BELT
 Ted and Nancy Nedderman of Burlington, Conn., former South Belt residents, recently returned to the area for a visit. They have two children. Daughter **Carolyn Nedderman Solak** and husband **Jeff** live in New Hartford, Conn. where Carolyn is a physician's assistant. Son **Thomas Nedderman** lives in San Antonio and is an asset protection manager for Jack in the Box Restaurants. Thomas has two children: daughter **Madison**, 9, and son **Hunter**, 6.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 5 through Nov. 11.
Atkinson Elementary
 Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Debra Lambert** Nov. 11.
Frazier Elementary
 Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Natalie Ladanyi** Nov. 8.
Jessup Elementary
 Marking a birthday Nov. 11 is **Darlene Daniels**.
Meador Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for **Kari Pankratz** Nov. 8.
Moore Elementary
 Special birthday wishes are sent to **Patricia Norman** Nov. 5. Enjoying a birthday Nov. 6 is **Cindy Gunter**.

South Belt Elementary
 The day for a birthday cake for **Linda Moreno** is Nov. 5.
Stuchbery Elementary
Sallyt Gharani celebrates a birthday Nov. 5. Birthday greetings are sent to **Frank Zayas** Nov. 7.

Melillo Middle School
 On Nov. 7, **Nydia Montemayor** marks a birthday. Birthday wishes are sent to **Sheila Hughes** Nov. 9.

Morris Middle School
Barbara Chandler is wished a happy birthday Nov. 8. Blow out the birthday candles for **Ruthie Rogers** Nov. 10.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Birthday wishes go to **Kanda Graves** on Nov. 6. Nov. 7 is the day for a double-layer cake for **Tonie Noise** and **Marsha Valle** who share a birthday. Enjoying a birthday Nov. 10 is **Andrea Davidson**. **Norma Gamino** has a birthday Nov. 11.

Thompson Intermediate
Sherial Caswell marks a birthday Nov. 5. Sharing a birthday Nov. 7 are **VeAnn**

Richards and Emily Cruz. Gina Gibson is sent birthday greetings on Nov. 8.
Dobie High

On Nov. 5, **Stacy Walton** celebrates a birthday. Three cheers for a happy birthday are sent to **Rhonda Dover, Monique Jackson** and **Charles Washington** on Nov. 7. Sharing a birthday Nov. 8 are **Joy Atkins** and **Stephen Sutton**. Special birthday greetings are sent to **Lori Alexander** on Nov. 9. On Nov. 10, **Eula Comfort** celebrates a birthday.

LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS
 Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its October meeting in the home of **Diane Schimnosky** with **Susan Watson** serving as co-hostess. Twelve members were present and one visitor, **Judy Switzer**, who says she would like to reaffiliate with the chapter. Final plans were made for the bus trip to Couthatta on Oct. 24 for the annual Ways & Means Project. The chapter's Preferential Tea will be held on Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. The Program, *Sharing Adventures of Japan*, was presented by Schimnosky and the group tested Japanese food.

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Longhorn band section of the week



The Dobie Longhorn Marching Band recognized the drum majors as Section of the Week at the Dobie versus Rayburn football game on Oct. 30. These students were honored for their hard work and outstanding performances during the previous week. Drum majors are, left to right, seniors **Tyler Scarberry, Caitie Wright** and **Travis Higgins**.
 Photo submitted



Dobie debate earns tournament trophies
 Twenty-six Dobie debaters endured tough competition at Alief Hastings High School on Oct. 16 and 17 against 44 other schools. Debate participants pictured are, left to right, Debate Team President **Sarah Taqvi, Jonathan Lo, Shekeyla Caldwell** and **Zaheer Kamal**.
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BHI defeats Miller in Academic Games

In the Oct. 22 opening season of Academic Games, the Beverly Hills Intermediate Bearbrains defeated the Miller Minds by a final score of 52-33.

Both teams began with a slow start as the coaches from each school fielded almost entirely new students unfamiliar with NAL rules and gameplay. This was evident by the 4-4 tie at the end of the first quarter. BHI then went on a 15-6 run in the second quarter to take a commanding 19-10 advantage.

The third quarter teams did excellent jobs on their presentations of *Living on Mars* as both schools scored 19 points overall to bring the tally to a 38-29, BHI advantage.

The Bearbrains went on to outscore Miller 14-4 in the fourth quarter to win by a final score of 52-33.

The BHI Bearbrains will face Queens next on the road to go for their second victory early in the season.

SJC South presents renditions of classics

The San Jacinto College South percussion ensemble will present *Rhythmical Renditions of the Classics* on Friday, Nov. 6. The performance, directed by SJC music instructor **Debbie Benoist**, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the theater inside the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center.

Eleven SJC student percussionists will perform on instruments as the marimba, mallet, bells and a drum set. Smaller instruments of the percussion family will also be used. The music includes a movie theme, a Mozart rendition, Beethoven and Slavonic Dances by Dvorak.

"This is a great way to introduce children to the classics. They'll enjoy the fun sounds of police whistles, sirens, the triangle, tambourine, shakers, and even a duck call," Cynthia Stevens, visual and performing arts department chair, will make a special guest appearance. San Jacinto South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road.

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30 years ago (1979)
 Hundreds of local residents, politicians and other dignitaries turned out for ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Texas Commerce Bank-South Belt.
 Lisa Lybarger, Jeff Brannen, Teri McKown, Erin Kennedy and Kaye Miller were chosen as citizens of the week at Stuchbery Elementary School.

25 years ago (1984)
 Longtime Thompson Intermediate School band director **Jimmy Foster** returned to Pasadena after a brief teaching stint at Grapeland High School.

20 years ago (1989)
 Beverly Hills Intermediate School celebrated its 25th anniversary.

15 years ago (1994)
 A record number of voters resoundingly defeated all five bond propositions by nearly a two-to-one margin in the Clear Creek Independent

School District referendum. Nearly a quarter of a million dollars' worth of new parking lot lighting was being installed at Almeda Mall.
 Area resident **Elida Perez**, a bilingual teacher at Bonner Elementary, was named one of six Guiding Stars elementary teachers in the Houston/Galveston area.

10 years ago (1999)
 Police charged **Leonard Sutton II** with murder in the death of **Patrick Thomas**, 21.
Mika and **Dusty Rogers** were grand champion winners in the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo.

5 years ago (2004)
 Voters approved the \$299.86 million bond with about 64.5 percent of the vote. Rep. **Tom DeLay** won re-election to his 11th term. Local elected officials **Sen. Mario Gallegos**, **Constable Gary Freeman**, **Sen. Mike Jackson**, **Rep. Robert Talton**, **Judge Jo Ann Delgado** and **Commissioner El Franco Lee** also won re-election.

1 year ago (2008)
 With results tallied from the general election, Democratic incumbent **Nick Lampson** lost his 22nd Congressional District seat to Republican challenger **Pete Olson**. Republican incumbent **Mike Jackson** retained his state Senate District 11 seat, easily defeating Democratic challenger **Joe Jaworski**. In the race for the House District 129 seat, Republican incumbent **John Davis** handily defeated Democratic chal-

lenger **Sherrie Matula**, a former teacher and school board member. Republican businessman **Ken Legler** narrowly defeated Democrat mortgage broker **Joel Redmond** in the race for the House District 144 seat, formerly held by **Robert Talton**. Democratic incumbent **Gary L. Freeman** easily defeated Republican challenger **Daniel Vela** for the position of Harris County Precinct 2 constable.

There was an attempted bank robbery at the Chase Bank at 11222 S. Sam Houston Parkway East. Two men wearing ski masks entered the bank. One of the men wielded an assault rifle and immediately approached the teller's booth. The second man carried a white bag and ordered everyone inside the bank to lie on the floor. Bank customers, as well as the tellers, heeded the men's warnings and lay down on the floor. Once the men could no longer see the tellers, they unsuccessfully attempted to kick a door in to gain entrance behind the counter. When this proved futile, the men quickly left the bank with no money. The pair fled the scene in a silver sedan. No immediate arrests were made.

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Couple celebrates 45 years together



Al and Barbara Vasquez, 37-year residents of Sagemont, celebrated their 45th anniversary Oct. 14. They are both 1959 graduates of Edinburg High School. After high school, Al served in the U.S. Navy for four years. The couple married and moved to Houston in 1964. They have three children, Liza, Arnold and Albert, who are all Dobie High School graduates. They have six grandchildren, Dominique, Kristy, Alexa, Joseph, Victoria and Krystal. For their anniversary, the couple traveled to Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri. They visited Branson, Mo., with longtime friends, Joe and Jeane Farue of Oklahoma, and Alice Rosa of Edinburg, to see different shows.

McClisters mark 40th anniversary



Pete and Sandy McClister will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 7. The couple married at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Houston in 1969. They have resided in Sagemont for 30 years, where they have raised their family and are members of Sagemont Church. The couple have two children, Ryan McClister and Mandy McClister-Smart and husband Keith. They enjoy spending their spare time with grandson Rylee, their pride and joy. They will celebrate the occasion with family and friends at a party hosted by their children.

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Tri-County Republican Women meet Nov. 10

The Tri-County Republican Women's Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland. Justice Jeff Brown of the 14th Court of Appeals and candidate for the Texas Supreme Court will speak on the Constitution and the Rule of Law: The importance of Judicial Conservatism in our State Courts. Social time begins at 10:30 a.m. with business and speaker at 11 a.m. Cost of lunch is \$12. RSVP to 281-484-8083 for lunch reservations. All visitors are welcome.

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UH-Clear Lake gives veterans special recognition, celebration

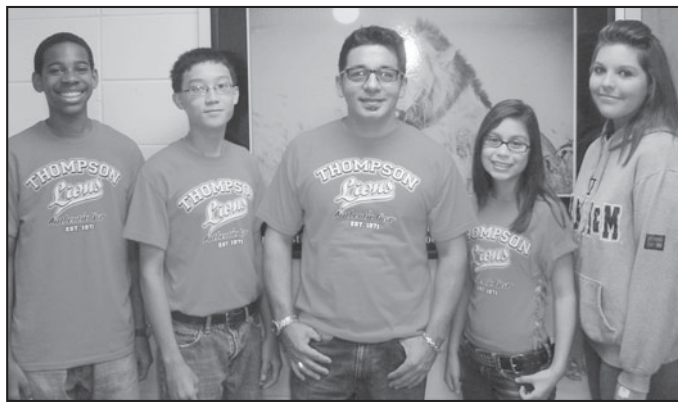
Local veterans will get special recognition from the University of Houston-Clear Lake as it hosts the seventh annual Veterans Day celebration on Nov. 11. Sponsored by the UH-Clear Lake's Office of Alumni and Community Relations and supported by area businesses, organizations and volunteers, the event takes place from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the university's Liberty Park and Student Services and Classroom Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The celebration will also acknowledge U.S. Marines and recognize veterans from the aerospace industry. Office of University Advancement Executive Secretary Cheryl Rohde who coordinates the event emphasizes, though, that all veterans are appreciated at the event. "We've had people bring their elderly veteran parents year after year because the parents are so moved by the warmth and sincerity of the event," said Rohde. "We are also fortunate to be surrounded by so many veterans connected to NASA Johnson Space Center as well as those who are currently serving or have served at Ellington Field."

This year's keynote speaker is Walter Cunningham, an astronaut and Marine veteran. Johnson Space Center is requesting NASA astronauts and other veterans sign one of five banners representing the branches of military. The ceremony will also include an Army helicopter flyover and the dedication of a gazebo, which will be dedicated to the families of veterans and active duty personnel. Displays include an Apache Attack helicopter and vintage military vehicles and equipment on loan from Bluebonnet Military Motor Pool of Texas.

One of them will be the M422 "Mighty-Mite," a lightweight quarter-ton jeep-like vehicle used by the Marine Corps in the 1960s. "I think it's refreshing that UH-Clear Lake shows an interest in doing something for the vets that recognizes what they did and provides the public a way to show appreciation," Sanders said. For information about the Veterans Day celebration, visit www.uhcl.edu/veterans day or call 281-283-2021.

Students to visit Japan



Four Thompson Intermediate students will travel to Hadano, Japan, with Thompson counselor Prudencio Reyna (center) in celebration of the 45th anniversary of the Sister City project between Pasadena, Texas, and Hadano, Japan. Thompson Intermediate is the first school to send students to Japan. Those who will attend are, left to right, De'Andre Russell, Khoa Truong, Reyna, Tanya Torres and Alexia Perez.

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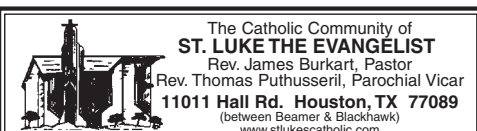
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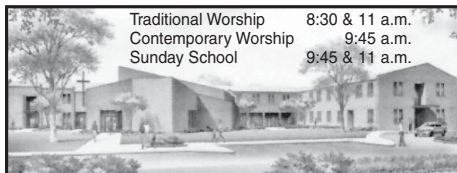
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It's Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs at Moore



Sheryl Munn reads to one of her pumpkin character creations, Corduroy the bear.

With October came a special opportunity for Moore Elementary School teachers as they began a fun, literary project that helps both students and children in Texas Children's Hospital. Moore teachers set out on their mission by buying a children's book, artificial pumpkins and other assorted decorations before setting to work. Their task is to bring a storybook character to life by cutting, pasting, and painting – however their imagination leads them.

These pumpkin characters decorate the entryway to Moore Elementary in a fund-raising effort with double benefits. Students can be seen carefully examining the pumpkin characters to choose their favorite. After they make their choice, they get to "vote" by dropping their money into the jar by their choice.

After students have the

opportunity to vote, teachers take the books and pumpkins to Texas Children's Hospital. Children at the hospital are brought to the hospital library where Moore Elementary teachers read the books to them. If children are unable to actually go to the library, the teachers will go to their rooms to read.

The books and pumpkins are then left at the hospital where they are used throughout the year.

Sheryl Munn, Moore music teacher, has a special interest in this project since her daughter-in-law, Lauren Munn, is a child life specialist at Texas Children's. "The children get to hold the pumpkins while we read the stories and then use the pumpkins and the books throughout the year. Sometimes they have a favorite character so they want to hold that character pumpkin when

life gets especially difficult for them."

After taking her character pumpkin to the hospital last year, kindergarten teacher Patti Parker received an e-mail from a parent with a child in Texas Children's Hospital. "The parent was so appreciative of our efforts. She said that the pumpkin made her child feel better and made her procedures less difficult. It was such a good feeling."

Funds raised by the voting will be used for a memorial in the Moore garden for Cliff Swearingen, former assistant principal at Moore who died last year. "It is a fun way for students and teachers to help others and help the school," explained Jill Lacamu, Moore Elementary principal. "Parents and community members can join the fun and support the school by coming in and voting also."



Moore second-grader Alexis Flores makes his choice for Toy Story pumpkin characters.

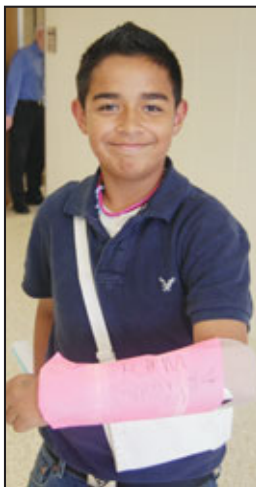


Naieli Garbay, Moore Elementary second-grader, places her vote for *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*.

Beverly Hills raises money for Breast Cancer, Team Gabby Day



Breast Cancer Awareness/Team Gabby Day was held recently at Beverly Hills Intermediate where students raised \$700. Above, some of the students are shown who support Team Gabby. They are, left to right, Christian Bertrand, Kaitlyn Bohannon, Ashley Gallant and Deanna Alanis. At right, Eddie Rivera sports his pink cast in support.



Teachers supporting Breast Cancer Awareness/Team Gabby Day at BHI pictured are, left to right, Crystal Lilly, Jamy Smith, Diane Hallman, Ilene Landestoy, Laura Dossman, Cristina Lopez, Cynthia Lozano, Rene Nixon, Dionna Lopez and Toni Noise. Photos submitted

BHI cheer excel at district camp



The Beverly Hills Intermediate cheerleaders performed outstandingly during the district camp this past summer. The squad received a trophy for performing the best dance routine in the entire Pasadena Independent School District. Squad members pictured are, left to right, (front) Danielle Buckholt, (middle row) Kristin Gonzalez, Kaneesha Williams, Kelsey Huerta, (back row) Sabrina Troxlar, Emily Sargent, Destinye Barnes-Hall, Ironesha Brewer, Tessa Somdah and Alondra Cahue.

High school art display at SJCS through Nov. 9

More than 100 local high school students submitted artwork for the High School Mail Art Exhibition at San Jac College South, currently on display through Nov. 9.

During a recent opening reception at the Parker Williams Library, South campus President Dr. Maureen Murphy greeted the budding art-

ists and their families and recognized contest winners.

The exhibit is a part of the campus' fall arts schedule that includes a mixture of musical performances, theater productions, art exhibitions and dance productions.

For information, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.

LPI free lecture series begins

The Lunar and Planetary Institute invites all adults to attend *Astronomy, God, and the Search for Elegance*, a presentation by Guy Consolmagno, S.J., Nov. 19.

This free public presentation is part of the Cosmic Exploration Speaker Series at the institute. This year's series is *The Search for Meaning, for Planets, for Life*.

Kepler, Maxwell and Einstein found a sense of aes-

thetic "rightness" helped direct their scientific intuition toward theories that could be expressed with ration and mathematics. Ultimately, this link has profound theological implications. Consolmagno will discuss how one proceeds from an emotional appreciation of the beauty of the universe, to a deeper understanding that satisfies both reason and emotion. The institute's presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be fol-

lowed by a light reception. Reservation are not needed. The institute is in the USRA building, 3600 Bay Area Boulevard. For more information, call Andrew Shaner at 281-486-2163, shaner@lpi.usra.edu, or visit www.lpi.usra.edu/education/lectures.

PISD plan . . .

Continued from Page 1 for more work.

When the action plans are complete, the strategic planning team will have a final draft. This final draft will be presented to the superintendent, who will make the final recommendations regarding timing and resource allocation.

The PISD Board of Trustees must give final approval of the strategic plan before it is implemented in the district. Upon approval, implementation of the plan will begin. The strategic plan will be implemented over a five-year period with annual updates.

The entire planning and development process will take approximately 18 months.

Ahlfinger is confident the process will deliver results. "The new strategic plan will help ensure that all of our energies and resources are being dedicated to the right areas to achieve these goals," she said.

For more information on the strategic planning process or to sign up to be a part of an action team, call Darla Massey at 713-740-0151 or e-mail dmassey-jones@pasadenaisd.org.

Garza completes Naval career



CMI Luis A. Garza of South Belt honorably completed 14 years in the U.S. Navy in October 2009. He is currently stationed in Houston. Garza is the son of Rosario and Jose Garza. His brothers are Jose, Rosbel, David and Abraham, and his sister is Daisy. He has two children, Caleb and Eli, and his fiancé is Cristy Sandoval. Photo submitted

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Clear Brook sweeps past F.B. Austin; Dobie survives North Shore scare

In the do-or-die world of playoff volleyball, anything goes. Sometimes it's pretty and sometimes not. All that matters in the end is advancing to play again.

Fellow No. 2 seeds Clear Brook and Dobie are both headed to the area round of the Region III playoffs after winning bidistrict matches Nov. 3.

While Clear Brook's quick 25-14, 25-17, 25-20 victory over Fort Bend Austin was machine-like, Dobie's road to the next round was much more difficult.

Down two games to one and facing elimination against North Shore, the Lady Longhorns decided their season would not end in the first round of the playoffs yet again.

Instead, senior Andrea Bertrand had eight of her match-high 23 kills in the fourth game as Dobie rallied to tie the match.

In the first-to-15 points final game, Dobie failed to

convert four match points but got a service winner from Laci Washer and a hammer from Kiara Harris on its fifth match point to kick off a big celebration on center court at Phillips Field House.

The final tally read 18-25, 25-23, 17-25, 25-13, 19-17 for Dobie, giving the school its first playoff win since the 2003 season.

Next up is the area round as 32 teams remain in contention for the Region III title.

Clear Brook will take on La Porte, which rallied from two games down in the nightcap at Phillips Field House to defeat Baytown Sterling.

Dobie draws Fort Bend Travis, which is being considered as a Region III favorite at this point.

Dobie head coach Joe Sabatell said Travis will indeed present a tough challenge.

"Travis is a very talented team, and we are going to have to be at our best to give ourselves a shot," Sabatell said.

"In the playoffs, anything can happen. Our players never give up, and I know

they will fight all the way."

Dobie nips NS

In the first of two matches that went the distance at Phillips Field House, Dobie outlasted North Shore after a big effort from its senior-laden lineup.

But the Lady Longhorns were slow to get out of the gate.

By contrast, North Shore came out determined to get

the win, using a stiff blocking effort up front to take the first game 25-18.

Both Bertrand and Ashleigh Havard were turned back on kill tries late in the game before the Lady Mustangs' Brittany Boyett closed out the game with a kill.

North Shore went on to lead the second game 23-21, but Kiara Harris tied the game for Dobie at 23-23 with a dink.

Fellow senior Laci Washer came up with a service winner to tie the match at one game apiece.

The third game was the tightest of the match, with the final standstill coming at 16-16. From there, North Shore went on to score nine of the next 10 points to take a 2-1 game lead.

Their backs firmly planted against the wall, Dobie pushed on behind a big effort from Bertrand (eight

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Area playoff round Nov. 6

Dobie vs. Fort Bend Travis
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The Lady Longhorns' five-set bidistrict volleyball playoff victory over North Shore Nov. 3, the school's first postseason win since 2003, was cause for plenty of celebration. After senior Kiara Harris (6) hammered down the match winner, the Dobie bench erupted in joy. Joining the happiness was, from left, Ashleigh

Havard, Christina Diaz, Blythe Nguyen (4), Courtney Franklin, Andrea Bertrand, Kristen Stolicki, Amanda Nguyen, Katherine Finney (5), Harris, Ceci Gonzalez (floor), Laci Washer (floor) and Quynhnhu Ngo. Dobie next moves on to the area round to take on Fort Bend Travis.
Photo by John Bechtle

Despite win, Horn football eliminated

CB also out after 4th loss

The offseason will come early for the Clear Brook and Dobie High School football programs.

Although one week remains in the regular season, both the Wolverines and Longhorns have been eliminated from postseason contention.

Clear Brook's final hopes were dashed after the team lost 25-13 to current District 24-5A leader Clear Springs Oct. 30 at Veteran's Memorial Stadium.

At Newcomb Field in Pasadena the same night, Dobie celebrated its homecoming by running past Sam Rayburn 34-14 as Demarcus Boyd (115 yards) and Davion Hurst (103 yards) broke the century rushing mark.

Unfortunately, week nine wins for Pearland (over Deer Park) and La Porte (over Pasadena) brought an end to the Longhorns' last-ditch move toward the playoffs.

In the 22-5A standings, Memorial (6-0) has won the championship, while Pearland is 5-1. Deer Park and La Porte are both 4-2.

Dobie (3-3), which will end its regular season Nov. 6 at Pearland, could conceivably finish in a tie involving La Porte, Deer Park or both.

Trouble is, Dobie has already lost to both La Porte and Deer Park and would come up short in any head-to-head tiebreakers if needed to decide seedings.

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Junior slot receiver Davion Hurst, who had 103 yards rushing on seven carries, races toward the goal line in the third quarter against Sam Rayburn Oct. 30 at Newcomb Field as linemen Frank Perez (76) and Cody Early (60) join the mix. Hurst's run set up a 6-yard touchdown run by Demarcus Boyd (115 yards, three scores) moments later. Despite the win, the Longhorns (4-5, 3-3) have been eliminated from playoff contention in District 22-5A.
Photo by John Bechtle

Numbers not good

In District 24-5A, the seeding order has yet to be decided, but Clear Springs (5-1) is in and Galveston Ball, Brazoswood and Dickinson (all 4-2) are leading the way for the other three playoff slots.

Clear Brook (2-4) will finish the regular season Nov. 5 at Veteran's Memorial Stadium against Alvin.

Tyler men's soccer ends SJC's season

San Jacinto College goalkeeper Emmanuel Frias (at left in photo) made several key stops against Lon Morris in the Region XIV semifinal round, a 7-0 victory, but the Coyotes' season ended with a 3-1 loss to No. 1 ranked Tyler Oct. 31 in Tyler. The Coyotes advanced to the national championship game a season ago but then underwent a roster makeover due to graduation and other issues. The 2009 team started the season slowly but played better down the stretch before dropping the Region XIV title match for the first time since 2003. San Jacinto ended its season at 11-6-1.

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DOBIE Players of the Week

Demarcus Boyd
Joe Scott

Dobie vs. Sam Rayburn
Boyd rushed for 115 yards and 3 touchdowns, and Scott made numerous big stops during Dobie's 34-14 win.

Horns' swim set to meet

The Dobie High School swimming booster club will host its monthly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the media room in the athletics field house beginning at 7 p.m.

Parents of all swimmers in the program are encouraged to attend.

JFD soccer plans events

The Dobie High School girls' soccer booster club is planning a pair of fundraising events in preparation for the 2010 season.

Parents and players will host a garage sale Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8 a.m. to noon at Moore Elementary. A variety of items will be available for purchase.

On Saturday, Nov. 14, players in the program will host a car wash at the Kroger on Sabo from 8 a.m. to noon.

Both events are designed to help raise monies for costs associated with the program during the season.

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Longhorn subvarsity football plays well, gets three victories

Dobie's subvarsity football program continued its late-season surge, winning three games Oct. 29.

Dobie JV 12 Sam Rayburn 7
Devonte Boyd's two second-half scoring runs helped lift the Longhorns' junior varsity squad to a tight 12-7 victory over Sam Rayburn.

The Texans led 7-0 at halftime, but Boyd broke loose on touchdown gallops of 35 and 40 yards in the second half to help Dobie to the win.

Dobie sophomores 27 Memorial 7
The Longhorns' sophomore team played a complete game in all phases to down the Memorial Mavericks 27-7.

Jemarcus Shelvin, Dem-

etrius Green, Ceasar Bernal and Deshaun Whitehead paced the defensive group as Dobie held the Mavericks to a third-quarter score.

On offense, Quinton Kelly-Roberts gave the Longhorns a spark with a 57-yard touchdown jaunt in the first quarter.

Dobie led 6-0 at halftime and then put together three scoring drives in the second half to secure the win.

Caleb Wieschman's three-yard touchdown plunge pushed Dobie's lead to 14-0. In the fourth quarter, Chris Garcia contributed a nifty 17-yard touchdown run. Kelly-Roberts then ended the scoring as he went nine yards for the Longhorns' final touchdown as part of an impressive performance.

The win moved the sophomore team to 3-4 overall this season heading into the season finale against Pearland Nov. 5.

Dobie freshman Orange 42 Sam Rayburn 0

With one of its most thorough games of the season, Dobie's freshman Orange unit crushed Sam Rayburn 42-0.

The defense produced three turnovers and essentially completely shut down the Texans' attack as Andre Timmons and Donte Morris had pass interceptions and Michael Hoofkin recovered a fumble.







Patrick Hurst and Jonathan Jones delivered quarterback sacks, and Carlos Rodriguez also had a great game overall.

Offensively, the Longhorns' running game was huge.

Jones had three touchdown runs, and Hurst added two more. Kelton Bailey did his part, firing a touchdown pass to Brandon Terrell.

The win moved the team to 4-5 this season entering the final game against Pearland Nov. 5 at Pearland.

South Belt football predictions

						
Dobie at Pearland	Dobie	Dobie	Pearland	Pearland	Dobie	Pearland
Deer Park at Pas. Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial
Pasadena at Sam Rayburn	Sam Rayburn	Sam Rayburn	Sam Rayburn	Sam Rayburn	Sam Rayburn	Sam Rayburn
Alvin at Clear Brook	Alvin	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook
Clear Lake vs. Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Lake	Clear Creek
Clear Springs at Dickinson	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs
Galveston Ball at Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood
La Marque at Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
Dawson at Santa Fe	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Santa Fe
Brazosport at Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Brazosport	Texas City
This week's record	6-4	7-2	9-1	6-4	6-4	6-4
Season record	62-37	57-42	64-35	63-36	50-49	59-40

Fowler second at SOs



Thompson Intermediate coach and instructor John Fowler placed second in the Texas Senior Olympics competition, placing well in a variety of events to earn the runner-up overall spot.

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Sports calendar

FOOTBALL
Thursday, Nov. 5
Clear Brook varsity hosts Alvin, 7:00
Dobie JV hosts Pearland, Auxiliary, 6:30
Dobie sophomores host Pearland, Auxiliary, 4:30
Dobie freshman Orange at Pearland, The Rig, 6:30
Dobie freshman White at Pearland, The Rig, 4:30

Friday, Nov. 6
Dobie varsity at Pearland, The Rig, 7:00

SWIMMING
Thursday, Nov. 5
Dobie at Fort Bend tri meet, 6:00

BASKETBALL
Saturday, Nov. 7
Brook varsity boys at Pas. Memorial scrimmage, 9 a.m.
Dobie varsity boys hosts scrimmage, 1:00
Dobie JV boys at Pas. Memorial scrimmage, 9 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 9
(Regular season openers)
Dobie varsity girls at Friendswood, 7:00
Dobie JV girls at Friendswood, 5:30
Dobie freshman A girls at Friendswood, 4:00

Tuesday, Nov. 10
(Regular season openers)
Clear Brook varsity girls host Crosby, 7:00
Clear Brook JV girls host Crosby, 5:30
Clear Brook freshman A girls host Crosby, 4:00

Thursday, Nov. 12
Clear Brook varsity boys host scrimmage, 4:00
Dobie varsity girls at Baytown Lee tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity girls at Baytown Lee tourn., TBA
Clear Brook JV girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook JV boys host scrimmage, 4:00
Dobie JV girls at Alief tourn., TBA
Dobie freshman A girls at Alief tourn., TBA
Clear Brook freshman A girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook freshman B girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA

Friday, Nov. 13
Dobie varsity girls at Baytown Lee tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity girls at Baytown Lee tourn., TBA
Dobie JV girls at Alief tourn., TBA
Clear Brook JV girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie freshman A girls at Alief tourn., TBA
Clear Brook freshman A girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook freshman B girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA

Saturday, Nov. 14
Dobie varsity girls at Baytown Lee tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity girls at Baytown Lee tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity boy hosts scrimmage, 10 a.m.
Clear Brook JV girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie JV girls at Alief tourn., TBA
Dobie freshman A girls at Alief tourn., TBA
Clear Brook freshman A girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook freshman B girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Nov. 17
Clear Brook varsity boys host Angleton, 7:00
Clear Brook varsity girls at Katy, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls host Madison, 7:30
Clear Brook JV boys host Angleton, 5:30
Clear Brook JV girls at Katy, 5:30
Dobie JV girls host Madison, 6:00
Clear Brook sophomore boys host Angleton, 4:00
Clear Brook freshman A boys host Angleton, 5:30
Dobie freshman A girls host Madison, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman A girls at Katy, 4:00
Clear Brook freshman B boys host Angleton, 4:00
Clear Brook freshman B girls at Katy, 5:30

Lions' football punishes Jackson

Thompson Intermediate's football programs sharpened up for the playoffs by sweeping all four games against the Jackson Wildcats Oct. 27-28.

The Lions came away with the best overall record in the Pasadena Independent School District standings, going a combined 29-2-1 before the postseason.

In doing so, Thompson qualified for the championship game, representing zone B in three first-place games.

Against Jackson, the Lions were in solid form and focused on closing out the regular season in strong fashion.

Lions 8A 30 Jackson 0

The Lions' eighth-grade A team came away a winner by defeating the Jackson Wildcats 30-0.

The victory for the Lions (7-1, 4-0) set the stage for a rematch against Beverly Hills (7-1, 4-0) for the district championship. The Bears won the first game between the two teams.

In the season finale against Jackson, Travarus Ansley scored on the first play of the game, a 62-yard run up the middle.

Later in the first period, Darien Childs caught a 25 yard pass from Kevin Ca-

ballero. After the conversion kick by Orr Benami, the Lions led 14-0.

Joe Lopez scored on a pass from Caballero in the second quarter, and Benami was good on the extra point kick as the Lions led 22-0.

Childs closed out the scoring by catching a 12-yard pass, and with Benami again kicking successfully, the Lions were able to clear the benches and coast to their seventh win of the season.

Playing well on offense was Dennis Le, Salvador Banales, Jesse Tate and Jesse Jackson.

The defense made a statement by keeping the Wildcats out of the end zone.

There was a host of Lions who saw action from the defensive side of the ball, and Adam Zepeda, Abdul Marei, Josh Johnson, Zach McMahan, Rommel Garcia, Ross Garcia, Karlton Winchester and Lazaro Galvan were some of the top performers.

Lions 8B 46 Jackson 13

A close game turned into a rout as the Lions' eighth-grade B team defeated Jackson 46-13.

The Lions finished at 6-1-1 overall with the win, surviving a tough first half along the way.

The first half didn't go

exactly as planned as each time the Lions drove down the field and scored, the Wildcats matched their touchdown.

The score at halftime was 13-12 with Jackson in the lead. But the Lions weren't satisfied to let the game continue in that fashion, and the second half was a different story.

The Lions went on to score 34 points in the second half without allowing any more Jackson scores, leading to an easy win.

The Lions got tremendous play from Tony Beltran, Marc Rolon, Gabe Garza, Ivan Rocha, Xavier Bluiit, Jeremy Vargas, Saul Romero, Jason Edokpa and Carlos Sanchez in the win.

Lions 7A 29 Jackson 0

The Lions' seventh-grade A team kept its perfect season intact, knocking off the Jackson Wildcats 29-0.

The victory gave the Lions (8-0, 4-0) the first-place spot in zone B with a championship game against zone A winner Beverly Hills coming.

Lions 7B 40 Jackson 6

Thompson finished off an unbeaten regular season (8-0, 4-0) at the eighth-grade B level, beating Jackson 40-6.

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Thompson eighth-grade VB splits

Thompson Intermediate's volleyball program had a great series against San Jacinto, winning three of the four matches played.

The eighth-grade Dark team came up with a win, while the eighth-grade Light team played well despite falling. The Lady Lions' seventh-grade teams rolled to victories.

The eighth-grade Dark team took the court first. The first game went back and forth, but the Lady Lions held on for a tight win.

With tough defense and great teamwork, the Lady Lions prevailed in the first game 25-20.

A series of mistakes by Thompson allowed San Jacinto to tie the match with a

25-17 win in game two.

In the deciding game, the Lady Lions fell behind early but then scored 10 consecutive points on the serving of Morgan Clay to build a commanding lead.

The Tigers clawed their way back to close the gap, but Thompson was not going to be denied.

Leslie Nava scored the match's final nine points, as the Lady Lions cruised to 25-16 victory.

Celeste Moon and Sara Martinez were key in setting up the offense with their passes and sets.

Karessa Whitely had a monster block that keyed the team's victory, and she got help on the defensive end from Aimee Mar, Maria

Flores and Jerraca Hubley.

The eighth-grade Light team wanted to match the dark team's victory.

The Lions stayed with the Tigers early in game one, but were not able to match the intensity of San Jacinto, losing the first game 11-25.

The Lions wanted to come out strong in the second game, but too many errors and big hits from the opposition were too much for the Lions to handle, as they fell in the second game by a score of 25-11.

Ascension Henderson was the leading scorer with seven points for the Lions. Andrea Balderas made five-points, and Alexis Cabelle-ro and Lynsi Crawford each had three points.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Volleyball Standings Through Oct. 27 matches

8 Light	W	L	8 Dark	W	L	7 Light	W	L	7 Dark	W	L
Beverly Hills	8	0	Bondy	8	0	Park View	7	1	Beverly Hills	8	0
Bondy	8	0	Beverly Hills	6	2	Beverly Hills	6	2	Queens	7	1
Miller	6	2	Miller	5	3	Southmore	6	2	Bondy	6	2
Southmore	4	4	Southmore	5	3	Miller	5	3	Miller	5	3
San Jacinto	4	4	Thompson	5	3	Bondy	5	3	S. Houston	4	4
Queens	4	4	San Jacinto	4	4	San Jacinto	4	4	Park View	4	4
Park View	4	4	Queens	3	5	S. Houston	3	5	Southmore	3	5
Thompson	2	6	S. Houston	2	6	Thompson	3	5	Thompson	1	7
Jackson	1	7	Jackson	1	7	Queens	1	7	Jackson	1	7
S. Houston	0	8	Park View	1	7	Jackson	0	8	San Jacinto	1	7

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football Standings Through Oct. 28 games - Final Regular Season Standings

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

8A Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	4 0 0	7 1 0
Queens	3 1 0	6 2 0
Southmore	2 2 0	4 4 0
South Houston	1 3 0	4 4 0
San Jacinto	0 4 0	1 6 0

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 24, Queens 7
Miller 32, San Jacinto 8
Southmore 14, South Houston 6

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	4	0	0	7	1	0
Bondy	3	1	0	6	2	0
Park View	2	2	0	2	5	0
Miller	1	3	0	2	6	0
Jackson	0	4	0	1	7	0

Game Scores

Bondy 24, Park View 14
Thompson 30, Jackson 0
Miller 32, San Jacinto 8

8B Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	3 0 1	5 2 1
San Jacinto	3 1 0	5 2 0
Queens	1 1 2	4 2 2
Southmore	1 2 1	2 4 2
South Houston	0 4 0	2 6 0

Game Scores

San Jacinto 44, Miller 24
Beverly Hills 14, Queens 14
Southmore 25, South Houston 13

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Bondy	2	0	2	5	1	2
Park View	2	1	1	2	3	2
Thompson	2	1	1	6	1	1
Miller	2	2	0	3	5	0
Jackson	0	4	0	0	8	0

Game Scores

Bondy 14, Park View 14
Thompson 46, Jackson 13
San Jacinto 44, Miller 24

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

7A Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	4 0 0	7 1 0
South Houston	2 2 0	4 4 0
San Jacinto	2 2 0	4 4 0
Southmore	2 2 0	4 4 0
Queens	0 4 0	0 8 0

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 47, Queens 0
Miller 28, San Jacinto 18
Southmore 8, South Houston 7

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	4	0	0	8	0	0
Miller	3	1	0	5	3	0
Bondy	2	2	0	5	3	0
Park View	1	3	0	2	6	0
Jackson	0	4	0	1	7	0

Game Scores

Thompson 29, Jackson 0
Miller 28, San Jacinto 18
Bondy 50, Park View 0

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

Game Scores

Southmore 15, South Houston 13
Beverly Hills 30, Queens 0
San Jacinto 38, Miller 0

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	4	0	0	8	0	0
Miller	3	1	0	3	4	1
Jackson	2	2	0	2	6	0
Bondy	1	3	0	2	6	0
Park View	0	4	0	2	6	0

Game Scores

Thompson 40, Jackson 6
San Jacinto 38, Miller 0
Park View 12, Bondy 6

Gonzalez-Granholm third at PPK



Thompson Intermediate seventh-grade student John Gonzalez-Granholm placed third in the age 14- to 15-year-old category during the Pasadena Independent School District's Punt, Pass and Kick sectional championships at Newcomb Field. Pictured with Gonzalez-Granholm is Thompson coach John Fowler.

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8-under Stingers place second at Pearland



The 8-under South Belt Stingers took second place at the Pearland Girls Softball Association tournament. The Stingers advanced to the championship game with a perfect record before settling for the runner-up spot. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Allyssa Ramirez, Coco Garcia, Amaya Mon-

tano, Sydney Franco, Vivian Martinez, (middle row) Adriana Martinez, Camryn Wincher, Samantha Ortiz, Raylene Martinez, McKenzie Ermis, Abigail Gallo, (back row) coaches Raul Montano, Les Wincher, Cheryl Franco and Jimmy Martinez.

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Rams, Dolphins BAFLs advance

The Bay Area Football League playoffs move to the conference championship round Nov. 7, and the Ellington Rams and Southbelt Dolphins still have two Super Bowl hopefuls in the running.

Southbelt is still alive in the senior division after holding off the Pearland Texans 7-0 in the quarterfinal round.

The Sagemont Cowboys and Ellington Rams were not as fortunate in senior-division games.

The Cowboys could not score during a 6-0 loss to the Santa Fe Braves, and the Rams were also the victims of a close game as they fell to the Pasadena Panthers 7-6.

In the junior division, Ellington emerged with a 12-6 victory over the Pearland Patriots, while the Dolphins defeated the Pearland Texans 20-6.

Ellington is the lone South Belt area team remaining in the sophomore division.

The Rams downed Alvin 18-6. In the same division, Southbelt's season came to an end after a 39-18 loss to the Texas City Stingrays.

The conference championships will be held in Pasadena and Alvin.

Quarterfinal playoff results

Senior division

Santa Fe 6
Sagemont 0

Junior division

League City 24
La Marque 12

Pasadena 7
Ellington 6

Ellington 12
Pearland Pats 6

Southbelt 7
Pearland Texans 0

Pearland Canes 42
Texas City 0

East End 14
Manvel 6

Southbelt 20
Pearland Texans 6

Sophomore division

Pearland Pats 12
League City 0

Freshman division

La Marque 18
League City 7

Ellington 18
Alvin 6

Pearland Pats 26
Santa Fe 0

Pearland Canes 19
Pearland Texans 6

Pearland Canes 42
Texas City 0

Texas City 39
Southbelt 18

East End 13
Pearland Texans 7

Thompson football sweeps past Jackson

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The Lions went on to score six touchdowns in the game, one each from Julian Coronado, Gage Myers, Gerron Hall, Robert Saenz, Jimmy Nevarez and Devin Telles.

Thompson's Socrates Guzman snapped the ball so well on conversion tries that Samson Tamijani was

able to successfully kick five out of six two-point tries through the uprights.

In addition to having such a strong game offensively, the Lions were playing hard on defense. The defense had several highlights, but the leader for the day was Coronado, who made several big plays in the win.

South Belt baseball team collecting toys

The South Belt Horns 9-under and 10-under select baseball teams will hold a Toys for Tots Drive Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members of the U.S. Marine Corps from Ellington will be present. Those wishing to donate are asked to bring an unwrapped, new toy inside the mini storage location at 10300 Blackhawk. For questions or to make arrangements for early donation drop-off, call Alex Arriaga at 713-376-6911 or Kat Kiel at 713-594-1569.

JFD grad Demel-Cecchini makes softball hall of fame

Dobie High School graduate and softball standout Angela Demel-Cecchini is about to enter the hall of fame.

West Virginia Wesleyan will induct three individuals and one team as its 2009-2010 class into the athletics Hall of Fame.

Those to be enshrined in the Rockefeller Center lobby by include Demel-Cecchini '98 (softball), Eric Chandler '96 (track and field, cross country), Atle Nesheim '93 (soccer), and the 1985 men's soccer team.

The honorees will be inducted into the hall of fame on Saturday, Feb. 13, during a banquet in the Benedum Campus Center.

With the 2010 class, the hall of fame will now have 71 individuals and 11 teams.

Cecchini is a 1994 Dobie graduate and the daughter of former Beverly Hills residents Carolyn Demel and the late Milton Demel.

She played until the age of 12 in the South Belt



Angela Demel-Cecchini

Girls Softball Association and then played for Class A travel teams until graduating from Dobie.

During her senior year at Dobie, Cecchini accepted a softball scholarship at West Virginia Wesleyan, where she excelled with true passion and commitment to her sport.

She was given the nickname "Tex" by her teammates, by which she is still known today.

LSA middle school soccer team wins district title



For the second year in a row, the Lutheran South Academy middle school soccer team celebrated an undefeated season, winning the Houston Lutheran Association Conference district championship. The team of seventh- and eighth-grade students gave up only one goal in the HLAC tournament against three teams to win the district title. The team finished the season at 14-0. Members of the team are, left to right,

(front row) Aubrie Wells, Stephanie Zeller, Carly Jackson, Rebecca Hart, Bobby Anton, Jaime Arteaga, James Springer, Rachel Springer, George Ishac, Andrew Canales, (back row) coach Jeremy Brumm, Walter Piecznski, Braden Shaffer, William Brennan, Joe McMahon, L.J. Del Papa, Balbino Beltre, Alexander Silvagnoli, Wyatt Griffis, Aaron Klaes, Tony Ishac, Venkat Reddy and coach Andrea Kimble.

BAFL Playoff Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 7

Senior conference championships at Pasadena High School: Santa Fe vs. Pasadena Panthers, 9 a.m.; Southbelt vs. East End, 10:45 a.m.

Junior conference championships at Pearson Park, Alvin: Ellington vs. League City, 9 a.m.; Southbelt vs. Pearland Hurricanes, 10:45 a.m.

Sophomore quarterfinal round at Pasadena High School: Pearland Patriots vs. Ellington Rams, 12:30 p.m.; Pearland Hurricanes vs. Texas City Stingrays, 2:15 p.m.

Freshman conference championships at Pearson Park, Alvin: La Marque vs. Pearland Patriots, 12:30 p.m.; Pearland Hurricanes vs. East End, 2:15 p.m.

Jokers second at Twitty Memorial softball event



The Houston Jokers took second place at the Miranda Hunt Twitty Memorial softball tournament at Kipper Mease Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Dawn Claunch,

Linda Garcia, Brittany Garcia, Julie Griffin, Helena Zerata, (back row) Oscar Perea, Ram Garcia, Mike Mendez, Lalo Lerma, Jarrod Dotson, Rudy Mendez, Randall Smith and Angela Cruz.

8-under Longhorns' softball finishes 7-1



The South Belt 8-under Longhorns finished the fall softball season with a remarkable record of 7-1. The team also competed in the Gabby Romero Memorial round robin tournament, taking second place. Members of the team are left to right (front row) Lexi Manriquez, Patricia Hopkins, Haleigh Carter,

Angelina Ortega, Jessica DeLacerda, (middle row) Madeline Jasso, Danielle Colunga, Maritza Elizalde, Alexia Garcia, Mykala Garcia, Sophia Colmenares, Justice Maes, (back row) coaches Duane Morris, Jennifer Chavez and Raquel Maes.

Submitted photo

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

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.

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 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-756-8536 for more information.

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

8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, NOV. 6

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena,

1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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

Noon
Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7
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, NOV. 8
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, NOV. 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.

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

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.

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.

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, NOV. 10

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.

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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 281-944-8083.

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 diorama, 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://hcmgap2.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 Erma 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 meetings? 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, NOV. 11
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.

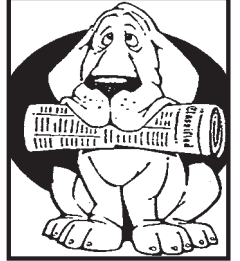
7 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturnpoint.com. BAPT is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour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

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 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.

9:30 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.



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10219 KIRKLEEN DR.: Sat., Nov. 7, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Multi-family garage sale. 11-5
10826 TOWERBRIDGE: Fri. & Sat., Nov. 6-7, 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Washer/dryer, queen bed, DVD/DVR combo, CD player, TV stand, books, TV, video's, toddler (boys) & teenage (girl) namebrand clothes, formals, household items. 11-5
12510 SOUTH GREEN DR.: Sat., Nov. 14, 8 a.m. - noon. Next weekend! Community garage sale. 696 homes, moonwalk, popcorn, goodies. 11-5
9819 SAGEROYAL: Sat., Nov. 7, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Clothes, furniture, household items, & lots of toys. 11-5
11618 KIRKMEADOW: Off Beamer near Beltway and BHI. Sat., Nov. 7, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Older boys clothes, toys, knick-knacks, furniture, etc. 11-5
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9842 SAGEORCHARD LN.: Off Blackhawk Blvd. Thurs. & Sat., Nov. 5-6. New items, Egyptian sheet sets, new toys, Spider Man cars, Buzz Light Year, air soft gun. 11-5
11447 SAGEVALE LN.: At Sagemont Subdv. Fri. & Sat., Nov. 6-7, 8:30 a.m. - noon. Moving sale, lots of household items. Everything must go! 11-5
10218 KIRKVALE DR.: Sat., Nov. 7, 8 a.m. Women's and toddler's clothing/shoes. Housewares, books, toys, craft items & knick-knacks. 11-5

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Football playoffs: Dobie, Brook to be left ousted after final week

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There aren't many coaches who enjoy discussing the topics of finishing out the string on a high note or building morale for next season.

Players, especially those in the senior class, sometimes have a difficult time staying motivated when there is no playoff berth to be had.

But Dobie interim head coach Carey Sink said the Longhorns will come up with a big effort against Pearland, a program that crushed the Longhorns in the 2008 season finale.

Since third-year head coach Bobby Cotton took a medical leave following the team's Oct. 10 varsity game against Deer Park and Sink was handed control of the program on an interim basis, the Longhorns have played with a spark.

The team was simply out-manned by La Porte's power rushing attack Oct. 17.

And even though the Longhorns are more talented than Pasadena and Sam Rayburn and therefore were supposed to win those games, the team methodically did so.

Against Pearland, Dobie isn't going to be given much support in terms of winning outside of the team's fan base, but Sink expects a tremendous effort.

"I do know that our guys have continued to do a great job of representing themselves and Dobie High School in a proud fashion," Sink said.

"The guys have given us great effort in practice and have played hard in the games. Overall, this is a

great group of guys, and it's led by the seniors. I think we'll go out against Pearland and play good football."

As for the on-the-field expectations, Sink knows the Longhorns' defense has to be able to get Pearland's offense off the field and not allow the Oilers to sustain long drives.

On offense, the Longhorns will get a chance to see if their suddenly explosive running game that has featured Demarcus Boyd, Trezzmond McNair, Andrew Robinson and Davion Hurst can strike as quickly or as often against a very talented Pearland squad.

"I've heard some folks saying they have seen us get back to playing old school Dobie football, and that's what we want," Sink said.

"We have some exceptional football players in this program and have shown that particularly over the past couple of weeks."

"In this last game, I expect us to come out and give it our all and leave it out there on the field. Our seniors have been terrific. As a group, all of the players in the program have dealt with adversity this season and come away from it with their heads up. That's all we can ask for as a coaching staff."

Run game sinks SR
For the second straight week, Dobie used its superior speed at the skill positions and another solid offensive line performance to beat an opponent.

This time, Dobie used a big second half to bounce Sam Rayburn 34-14 Oct. 30 at Newcomb Field, one of the highlights of the

school's homecoming festivities.

Boyd's 115 yards rushing and three scores led the way, and Hurst also had several big runs on his way to a 100-plus yard effort. Boyd's three scores give him five in the last two games.

Senior quarterback Aaron Kutra, starting his third straight game, also played well, firing a late 34-yard strike to Jonathan Urrutia for a touchdown.

Defensively, the Longhorns were not great but played well enough in the passing game to limit the Texans.

"We have to be able to play to our strengths," Sink said. "We have some speed at the skill spots, and Aaron has also done a great job of handling the offense and making some good throws when we need them."

"On the defensive side, a lot of those seniors have continued to play well. I really appreciate the effort I have seen."

CB loss fells team
Clear Brook could have remained in the playoff mix with a win over Springs, but it was not to be.

Instead, the Chargers held on to the top spot in the district while eliminating the defending district champions from playoff contention.

Quarterback Matt Heidt ran for a 27-yard score and threw a 17-yard touchdown strike to Tyler Stowe.

However, the Chargers, who led 9-0 early on, answered one of Clear Brook's touchdowns with a kickoff return for a score and then added another long return to set up another one to ice the game.

Penton-Shaulis soon began taking part in time trials, then advanced to eliminations along with 25 to 35 fellow racers.

As the day went on, Penton-Shaulis went round for



Penton-Shaulis a drag racing champ

15-year-old cancer survivor gains first NHRA victory

Justin Penton-Shaulis has always dreamed of beating cancer and to live out his passion as a National Hot Rod Association driver.

He's on track to doing just that. Penton-Shaulis, a 15-year-old sophomore student at Dobie High School, is beating cancer, having been in remission since June of 2007.

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Penton-Shaulis is continuing to live his dream. He began his racing day Oct. 17 like any other race day, getting to the track about 8 a.m.

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round, defeating all of the other drivers.

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JFD swimming is fifth

Dobie High School's swimming team opened the 2009-2010 season with a fifth-place showing at the Deer Park Invitational.

Longhorns' head coach David Cameron cited Chelsea Graham and Kathleen Nguyen among the standouts for the girls and Martin Zuber and Reggie Barton

for the boys.

For the most part, we're just about where I expected us to be at this point in the season," Cameron said.

"We've still got a lot of work to do with starts, turns and other fundamentals that appear to be lacking. But I think we're in for a really great season."



Junior tailback Demarcus Boyd, the team's most consistent rusher this season, victimized Sam Rayburn for 115 yards and three scores. Regardless of the outcome of the season finale at Pearland, Boyd is viewed by the Dobie coaching staff as a key member among the returnees for 2010.

Dobie volleyball advances past NS

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kills in the game).

North Shore briefly led the fourth game 3-1, but it was all Dobie from there.

Bertrand paved the way, and Havad, Katherine Finney and Harris also had big plays in the game.

A relatively easy 25-13 Dobie win forced a fifth game, and the Lady Longhorns simply refused to quit.

Both teams had match points. Dobie had four of its own, and North Shore led 17-16 while serving.

But Dobie tied the game on a North Shore hitting error, and Washer brought her team to a fifth match point with a service winner. Then came Harris' hammer. Game and match to Dobie.

"We were inconsistent, and we obviously can't play like that and expect to be able to hang with Travis," Sabatell said.

"What I did like is that we battled and just wouldn't let them close it out. That's the thing we have done all year. Play hard and let the chips fall."

"Travis is going to come at us with a lot of firepower. They have at least four Division I college prospects and maybe a fifth. To win, we have to play a much cleaner match than we did against North Shore."



Two of Dobie's stars in its bidistrict volleyball playoff win over North Shore, Kiara Harris (6) and Andrea Bertrand (15) combine for a block against North Shore's Toure Hopkins. Watching the play are Kelli Sims (9) and Courtney Dixon of North Shore. Bertrand led Dobie with 23 kills in the match.

Photo by John Bechtle

Family celebrates first win

In photo at left, Justin Penton-Shaulis (second from left) joins family members (from left) Angela Shaulis (mother), Daryl Shaulis (father) and Tyler Shaulis (brother) in celebration after winning his first National Hot Rod Association event. The 15-year-old Dobie sophomore student is becoming one of the top young talents in the sport.

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