

Kroger robber sought

The Kroger at 11701 South Sam Houston Parkway was robbed Monday, Nov. 9, at 5 a.m. A Hispanic male wearing a navy blue hoodie and armed with a shotgun took an undetermined amount of money. The suspect weighs approximately 180 pounds and stands 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 9 inches tall. Any one with information should contact the Houston Police Department at 713-884-3131.

Leader holiday closing

The *Leader* office will be closed Thanksgiving and Friday, Nov. 27. The deadline for copy will be Thursday, Nov. 19, at noon, and the deadline for paid advertisements and classified word ads will be Monday, Nov. 23, at noon. The Thursday edition of the *Leader* will be available Wednesday, Nov. 25.

GAT holds fall festival

The George A. Thompson Athletic Booster Club will hold a Fall Frenzy Saturday, Nov. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Thompson Intermediate. Activities will include concessions, rock climbing, face painting, tattoo fun, ring toss, cupcakes, area vendors, and two flag football games. From 2:30 to 3 p.m. will be a powder puff game between Thompson's athletic girls and their moms. From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., the Thompson athletic boys will play their dads. Pre-sale \$5 wristbands will be sold through Nov. 13, during school lunch. Game and concession ticket sales will be on Nov. 14. Wristband holders will not need to pay a gate fee; \$1 for students and \$2 for adults, this is only for entry to the football games. For information, contact Liz Beltran at 832-577-1732 or e-mail beltran075@hotmail.com.

Pettitte golf tourney set

The 14th annual San Jacinto College Foundation Golf Tournament will be held Nov. 17. The tournament kicks off Nov. 16 with a reception featuring a live and silent auction. Andy Pettitte is expected to be in attendance. (For more information, see Page 3A.)

Kirkmont to meet

Kirkmont Section 3 and 4 Community Association will have its annual meeting Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Kirkmont MUD Building 10102 Blackhawk. Residents of those sections are urged to attend. Annual maintenance fees and deed restrictions will be discussed, and board members will be elected.

PIP meeting Nov. 17

Positive Interaction Program meets Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Guest speaker is Katherine Cabaniss, executive director of Crime Stoppers. For information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

Heavy trash scheduled

Tree waste will be picked up Thursday, Nov. 19, for city of Houston residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 27, due to the Thanksgiving holiday falling on Thursday. For information, call 3-1-1.

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 at Dobie. The show will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30.

Tickets are \$3 each. Seats are limited. For information, contact Director Aimee Small at asmall@pasadenaisd.org.

Knights host fish fry

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will serve fried catfish dinners at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church Nov. 13 and Nov. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the parish hall, 11011 Hall Road. The public is invited. 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. A ribbon-cutting will be at noon. During the day, guests will be able to meet leaders of CPC, tour the center and discuss client services. CPCs provide confidential and free services for women experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

Thompson PTO meets

Thompson PTO will meet Monday, Nov. 16, at 6:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

GAT parents meet Nov. 17

There will be an eighth-grade dance committee meeting Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Thompson cafeteria. Parents are invited to attend. Immediately following the meeting, a GAT booster meeting will be held at 7 p.m. All athletic parents are invited to attend. For information, contact Liz Beltran at 832-577-1732 or beltran075@hotmail.com.

Sullivan to host town hall meeting on flooding

Councilmember Mike Sullivan will hold a follow-up flooding and drainage town hall meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Marie Flickinger Building on the San Jacinto

New detention pond studied Could hold up to 1 billion gallons of water

By Marie Flickinger

There may be good news in the future for South Belt area residents concerning the main problem facing the community – flooding.

In July, City Councilman Mike Sullivan hosted a flood meeting featuring the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Harris County Flood Control, City of Houston Public Works and Engineering and elected officials.

The result of that meeting, and a story in the *Leader* by Matt Griesmyer, made community members aware that the long-awaited U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clear Creek plan should not be waited on to correct area flooding.

Man found in ditch

By Matt Griesmyer

On Nov. 11 at approximately 11:30 a.m., the *Leader* staff received a report of a body in the ditch at Beamer and Scarsdale.

The *Leader* contacted the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department for information regarding the report.

Medical personnel released information that a 52-year-old male was reported found in the ditch earlier by a child who was fishing.

When the medical team arrived at the said intersection, the child who reported the injury had left the scene.

It is unclear whether the man fell off the bridge at the intersection or from under the bridge.

The man did not sustain any serious injuries but was treated and then taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

The man, who has no residential address, reported that he was struck by a car sometime during the previous night.

Motorcyclist dies

The Houston Police Department is investigating a fatal traffic accident that took place Friday, Nov. 6, on the Gulf Freeway near Dixie Farm Road at 7 p.m. The male victim, Friendswood resident Karl Gallagher, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police reported Gallagher, the driver of a yellow Honda motorcycle, was traveling west on Dixie Farm Road, as the driver of a silver Toyota Tundra pickup was turning north from Dixie Farm Road onto the Gulf Freeway feeder.

While making a left turn, the pickup driver failed to yield the right of way, causing Gallagher's motorcycle to strike the Toyota's passenger-side door.

County tries to correct Scarsdale lights

By Marie Flickinger

For the last three to four weeks, the *Leader* has been receiving calls and e-mails regarding the changing of the timing for the lights at Scarsdale and Beamer. Complaints began shortly after work was done on lights at that intersection.

Although it is not clear whether or not timing was thought to be a problem at the intersection, the timing was obviously changed and became a

major problem.

For example, northbound traffic from the direction of San Jacinto College and Memorial Hospital Southeast, which previously turned left at the intersection to head westward, was able to travel through the intersection without stopping.

After the adjustments, the traffic could not flow through the intersection and the vehicles became jammed up on the bridge and Beamer.

According to deputies from Constable Gary Freeman's office, the number of traffic accidents has increased.

Last month, the *Leader* requested the county look return the timing to the previous schedule. This week, county officials made the adjustments, and motorists should find the traffic back the way it was before the unwanted timing adjustments were made.



The 147th Reconnaissance Wing of the Texas Air National Guard officially unveiled its first MQ-1B Predator Remotely Piloted Vehicle, Sunday Nov. 8, at Ellington Field. While the aircraft just arrived at Ellington, crew members from the 147th have been flying overseas missions with it for the past two years. Shown with the vehicle are, left to right, Col. Kenneth Wisian, commander 147th Reconnaissance Wing, M.G. Jose Mayorga, adjutant general, State of Texas, and Brig. Gen. John Nichols, commander Texas Air National Guard. See related guest editorial on Page 2A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital focuses on heart disease

It is estimated that heart disease kills one person every 34 seconds. To better educate the public about the country's No. 1 killer, prevent the disease in those who don't have it and better treat those who do, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital has renewed its commitment to make heart disease education, prevention and treatment a top priority by taking a leadership role in heart-related community education events and expanding the heart services at the hospital.

The hospital's renewed heart health campaign commenced with the 2009 Bay Area Start! Heart

Walk recently where MSHS donated \$25,000 and raised an additional \$17,000 from physicians, employees and their friends and families.

According to the American Heart Association, the proceeds from the walk, totaling approximately \$170,000 and counting, will fund lifesaving research, as well as public and professional education programs.

MHSH not only utilized its presence at the Bay Area Start! Heart Walk to educate participants and their families about heart disease, but also shared the exciting news about the hospi-

tal's expanded heart program and new treatments available for patients.

This fall, the cardiac catheterization lab at MSHS is expanding and will offer additional services to meet heart patients' needs, whether it is treatment for a blocked artery, an irregular heartbeat or heart attack.

"We are installing an additional room and new imaging equipment, which will give us the space and technology to perform more life-saving procedures such as angioplasty and stenting to fix blocked arteries in a timely manner," said

Todd Ginapp, cardiology manager at MSHS.

Also starting this fall, the cardiac catheterization lab will offer electrophysiology (EP) services. EP is a branch of medicine that works with the electrical parts of the heart.

Specially trained electrophysiologists will be on hand to implant devices in patients to help maintain a normal heart rhythm and prevent problems, such as cardiac arrest.

Electrophysiologists can also perform non-surgical treatments for patients with a rapid heartbeat.

Medina honored by NASA

South Belt resident Fernando Medina, a structural test engineer specialist with ERC was awarded NASA's prestigious Silver Snoopy Award. He received the award for his outstanding engineering contributions to the STS-120 on-orbit support of the Space Station Solar Array Repair procedure. The recognition event was held at the Gilruth Center at Johnson Space Center on Oct. 22. Medina and his wife, Lorie, have been married 11 years and have three children. Lorie Medina is a teacher. The children attend Weber Elementary. Shown are, left to right, astronaut Sunita Williams, Lorie Medina holding daughter Hannah Medina, and sons Dylan and Andrew Medina, Fernando Medina, astronaut Karen Nyberg, and Ellen Ochoa, deputy director of Johnson Space Center.



Emmett addresses chamber

By James Bolen

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett was the guest speaker Wednesday, Nov. 4, at a luncheon hosted by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

Emmett, also a former state representative, spoke on a number of items but focused primarily on the county's future. "Harris County is on the cusp of change," Emmett said.

The judge said Harris County is unique because of its size, saying it has roughly 4 million residents to Loving County's 90 residents.

Emmett further noted that 1.3 million residents live in unincorporated portions of Harris County, which, by population, would make these areas the size of the seventh largest U.S. city.

Despite Harris County's size, Emmett said it must function by the same set of rules as smaller counties.

"The county can only do what the state allows," Emmett said.

An expert in transportation and infrastructure matters, Emmett said the main area of future change in Harris County is the Port of Houston. Other nearby ports, such as New Orleans, are ill-

Readers' Opinions

Thanks to dedication Gabby participants

The South Belt Girls Softball Association would like to thank the South Belt community for attending the sign dedication ceremony in memory of Gabby Romero and for their generosity. We were able to raise over \$4,500 for the Romero family. We were truly touched by the number of people who attended and thankful for all the volunteers who came to help. We were definitely blessed with great weather and great folks.

We want to say thank you to the South Belt Lady Stros '95 head manager Rene Vela, Coach Carlos Barba and treasurer Diana Vela for donating and selling the pink and white balloons for the balloon release. It was truly a beautiful sight to see all the balloons take flight on such a beautiful sunny afternoon. We also appreciate our Umpire-In-Charge Jimmy De Los Santos and all his crew, who donated their time to officiate the games for free. We would like to express our gratitude to the many companies who donated items and truly appreciate Mrs. Alicia Gonzales who spearheaded the raffle - Nadine Guzman, Patricia Bizzarri, Isaac Dunn, Edith Salley, Robbie Segler, Sanders

Morris Harris as well individual donations made by Charlie and Terri Salazar (Libation Basket), Willie May Albritton (5 sets of Egyptian Cotton Sheets, 3 mirrored pictures), SBHLL President Amy Smith (free photo session), Pasadena Diamond Girls headed by Jennifer Romero (Texans Basket) and State Representative John Davis (Flag Flown over State Capital). A big thank you to Chris and Felicia Escalera who donated all the materials and their time making delicious funnel cakes and to Mrs. Gloria Loera who added a touch of color to visitors with face painting and animal balloons. We are thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Stebenne who donated all the tournament trophies for 1st and 2nd place teams. We want to thank David Mendoza for cooking the brisket. Thanks to Joe Gonzalez for donating 200 hamburger buns.

We were so glad we were able to give something back to the teams who entered the tournament. We thank all the teams who came out with some coming as far away as Splendora, Deer Park and Livingston. The 6U SBGSA Lady Cougars, 6U Pearlant Phantomz, 6U SBGSA Diamond Divas made donations as well including a \$500. donation from the Splendora Cat Attack. We are grateful for the several SBGSA parent volunteers

helped throughout the day including Rebecca Jimenez, Carrie Ramirez, Yvonne Longoria, Esmeralda Rodriguez and Julie Argo. Thank you also to the help from Dobie students Mary Le, Nicole Andrade, Brittany, Kelsey Holmes, Gio Lucario, Devante Watson, Selby Guerra and SBGSA softball players, Sara Vela, Jordan Hinojosa, Jocelyn Reyes, Emily Pina, Challen Averre and Marissa Longoria who help staff the raffle and concession stand.

We are also grateful to the news representatives that attended, Duarte Giraldo, John Bechtie and Dobie News. Your support and wonderful coverage of the event relayed how much the South Belt community truly cares and spotlighted a beautiful young woman who touched so many. We also would like to express our gratitude to all the SBGSA board members who worked so hard to make the event extra special, treasurer Yvette Rodriguez, tournament director Aaron

Longoria, concession directors Roxanne Diaz and Norma Reyes, field maintenance directors Bobby Reyes and Adam Gonzales, 10U director Tim Sitka, 6U director Sal Rodriguez, Secretary Salli Kristoff and fundraiser directors Diana Vela and Roxanne Carranza.

We give a big thank you to Maria Fernandez for reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and for singing the National Anthem. We also want to thank Deacon Jesse from St. Luke's for his beautiful words. Last but not least we wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Romero and their family for joining us. Their inspiring words even through this time of grief were moving and food for thought. We apologize if we have forgotten anyone who took their Sunday to help with the event. We are blessed to have so many wonderful people in our community and we once again thank you all. Sincerely,

Ruben Garcia, President
South Belt Girls Softball Association

Guest Editorial

Predator Rollout at Ellington

The following presentation was made at the roll out of the Predator Sunday, Nov. 8, by Col. Kenneth Wisian, newly appointed commander of the 147th Reconnaissance Wing at Ellington Field. (See related photo Page 1A.)

Today marks a significant milestone for the Texas Military Forces, Air National Guard and the 147th Reconnaissance Wing. We now have our new aircraft - the MQ-1B Predator. Although having the aircraft here today is but one step in the process of standing up our Wing's new mission, it is symbolic of the entry of the Texas National Guard into the leading edge of a new form of warfare. One way to look at the evolution of warfare is through the increase in stand-off distance in combat (the distance through which blows are inflicted). Since pre-history, stand-off distance has gone from arm's length through rock, spear and arrow distances to rifle, artillery and missile ranges today. And although there have been long range weapons for a while (e.g. ICBMs), they were not live in that once launched, there were no further changes possible. Now, short of leaving the planet, we have maximized stand-off distance. Now we are fighting, live on the other side of the planet, right now! Right here!

But, it is not just the stand-off distance (and therefore the safety of our crews) that has improved - this new class of weapons is revolutionizing war in multiple ways. First, the unblinking eye - the live, continuous, persistent surveillance of the battlefield with the video feed going anywhere in the world, from the Pentagon to the individual on the ground, all simultaneously seeing the bad guy on the other side of the ridge. For this reason alone, the demand for more "CAPs" or orbits is virtually unlimited. As fast as people and equipment come out of the school or factory, they are in the fight. This is a growth industry! The second factor is the extremely precise strike that we bring to the table - not the precision itself, so much as the ability to wait around a long time (20 hours or more), but still be ready in an instant. And by the way, the Predator is relatively quiet and rarely observed by the bad guys - this is old-school stealth - a small, quiet, high-flying aircraft. That is why, according to published reports, the Predators are the weapon most feared by the Taliban today.

Although we are only now getting our aircraft on station here, our crews have been flying missions in the war, from here (and Nevada) for almost two years. In that time, we have roughly 20,000 flight hours in the combat zone, dozens of missile shots and have participated on more than two hundred combat engagements and raids. As these statistics show, we exist primarily to provide support to the guy on the ground. In the current wars Remotely Piloted Vehicles are almost completely tactical, but that will change.

The current extreme demand for RPVs will pass. Over the long term the demand for operational "CAPs" (Combat Air Patrols) is likely to fluctuate dramatically.

For this reason and because they are flown "in garrison" i.e., from home, the Guard (and Reserve) are ideal Total Force operators of RPVs. Our ability to flex, with part-time, traditional members, depending on national needs makes us perfect for the role.

I get really excited when I think of all the possibilities and potential at hand; we are at the same point in the evolution of RPVs/UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) that the manned aircraft was in WW I flying open-cockpit biplanes! Improve-

ments, ideas, roles, are all changing and growing at a furious rate. I am confident that there are major roles and missions for RPVs in the future, which we have not thought of yet. But new ideas apply not only to combat employment - think of the potential domestic uses for RPVs; from aid to law enforcement to disaster response (under the legal authority of the governor). We are making plans now (for these gentlemen here) to offer this type of capability to the state as soon as possible. Think the governor (or FEMA or the president) would like to have continuous, persistent, live video from a disaster area versus radio or phone relayed second-hand information, or (no offense to our media friends) news video? Think what this would do for search and rescue operations, or damage assessment.

It is not always evident how big change is when you are in the middle of it - most periods of revolutions in military affairs, going back to the dawn of war, were not recognized as such at the time. Although it is quite tempting, I will not say conclusively that RPVs constitute a military revolution. What is certain is that the method of fighting war has changed in a big way - at least on the level of the advent of telegraph or radio, but I feel that we are only beginning to see what will come of remote control war, again much as the people involved in the WW I air war had no concept of supersonic aircraft, ICBMs or cruise missiles, much less their impact.

I talked about revolutions earlier. And by the way, history is littered with countries that failed to master new ways of war. That the United States is the world leader in yet another revolutionary change in the ways of war signals clearly that we are solidly in our superpower prime. All this technology, as exciting (glamorous?) and ground-breaking as it can be, only enables revolutionary change. People, creative people, are the essential spark to figure out how to use the technology in revolutionary ways. We have only begun to tap the potential in remotely piloted vehicles - new ideas, uses, and methods are bursting out everywhere. This unit is quickly becoming one of those fountains for new ideas. Our pool of talent is leading the way in developing new tactics and improving crew performance. Our people must and will make the difference; other units, services and countries have or will soon have the same level of equipment; it is our people that are putting us out in front. It is all our people, not just the air crews, who are responsible for getting the mission done; security forces, maintenance, and finance are all responsible for the success of us and our mission.

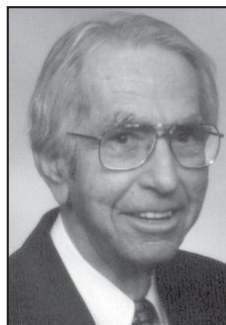
Having this ceremony on our unit's family day is appropriate especially since the Guard is celebrating the "Year of the Family" - I give my sincere thanks to the families (including my wife, Meena). You have sacrificed a lot for your spouse/mom/dad to serve our country and state - it is not forgotten and is deeply appreciated.

The 147th Reconnaissance Wing, the Texas Air National Guard and Texas Military Forces have a long, distinguished, "out front" combat history.

With this new, leading edge mission, and our outstanding people, we will add in a big way to the history to be written.

Deaths

R.L. Clay



R.L. Clay, 85, died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009. He was born May 28, 1924, in Van Zandt County, Texas, to the late Ed Clay and Retha Swain Petty. Clay graduated from Brownfield High School and Tyler Commercial College. He served in the U.S. Air Force, 78th Fighter Group - 8th Air Force, in World War II. He retired from NASA and was a member of Sagemont Church and a longtime South Belt area member.

Clay is survived by his wife of 60 years, Frances Murphy Clay; sons Mark Clay and Robert Clay and wife Ruth; three granddaughters, Ashley, Brittany and Morgan; his sister, Mildred Wilson; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives, as well as a host of friends.

A service celebrating Clay's life was held Monday, Nov. 9, in the chapel of Niday Funeral Home with Dr. John Morgan and the Rev. Emory Gadd officiating.

Graveside services and interment followed at Liberty Hill Cemetery in San Augustine, Texas.

Memorials may be made to Sagemont Church - Living Proof Project at www.sagemontchurch.org, Hope Village at www.hope-village.com, or to a charity of one's choice.

Delores Findley Brown



Delores Findley Brown, 77, died Monday, Nov. 9, 2009. She was a longtime resident of South Belt, moving to the area in 1970.

Brown was born Aug. 8, 1932, in Mission, Texas, to Ralph Findley and Helen Davis. She was a graduate of McAllen High School.

She and Robert C. Brown were united in marriage on Sept. 14, 1951.

Brown and her family relocated to Houston in 1968. She retired in 1992 from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as an area manager, human resources management training, with almost 30 years of service.

Brown is survived by her husband, Robert C. Brown; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Debra, and

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Kyle and Wendy; six grandchildren, Aaron and wife Anna, Brandon and wife Ericka, Stephen, Ryan, Amber and Kristen; and four great-grandsons.

Also surviving are stepmother Lucille Findley; sister Jennifer and husband Robert; brother Brad and wife Lynda; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at Niday Funeral Home with the Rev. Chuck Schneider officiating.

Interment will follow at Houston National Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers are grandsons Aaron, Brandon, Stephen and Ryan Brown, brother-in-law Robert Spier and friend Bill Davis.

For those desiring, memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Rebecca Leigh Napper

Rebecca Leigh Napper, 56, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at home. She was born on July 3, 1953, in Norfolk, Va., to Clifford and Teula Whitehorse.

She was a member of Freeway Baptist Church and had been a resident of Sagemont

for 25 years. Napper was preceded in death by her brother, Clifford "Buddy" Whitehorse, and parents Clifford and Teula Whitehorse.

She is survived by Jimmy Napper; daughters Beckie Davidson and husband Matt of Houston and Diane Napper of Deer Park; sons Ricky Napper of Houston, Jerry Napper of Houston and Kenny Napper and wife Chasity of Pearland.

Also surviving are her sisters, Judith Whitehorse of Norfolk and Patricia Wood of Highlands, Texas; nine grandchildren, Matt, Tyler, Michael, Heidi, Tanner, Josh, Ty, Cody and Kylar. Visitation will be held on Friday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Crowder Funeral Home in Pearland.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m. at Crowder Funeral Home with her nephew, the Rev. Mike Napper, officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Park Cemetery in League City, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in Napper's name to The Rose, 12700 North Featherwood, Suite 260, Houston, Texas 77034.

Thanksgiving contest set

The *Leader* would like area students in grades fourth through sixth to write a letter for Thanksgiving stating what they are thankful for.

The students with the most thankful letter will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win four Galveston Schlitterbahn Indoor Waterpark tickets. The letters may be e-mailed to mynews@southbeltleader.com or brought to the office at 11555 Beamer. The deadline for letters to be submitted will be Nov. 18, 2009.

Church sells turkey dinners

Genoa United Methodist Church, 12501 Palm Springs, will hold its annual turkey dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14.

Dinner includes turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, 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.

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Velasquez finalist, Gettig receives award



Dobie High School junior Quinn Velasquez (left) recently won recognition as being one of 12 students nationwide to participate in the last round of the International German Olympics at the Goethe-Institute in Chicago on Nov. 12-13. Junior Hannah Gettig (right), although not chosen as a finalist, will also receive an award from the Goethe-Institute. Velasquez and Gettig are members of Heidi Lorenz's German III class. Submitted photo

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 for this and future Team Gabby projects. If interested, contact Jesus Romero at jr11103@yahoo.com.

Library events scheduled

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

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

Investigate ancestries and family histories when the genealogy discussion group meets at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16. Also, the December computer class schedule becomes available. Space is limited - sign up early.

After School Craft Time is Thursday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. Free tickets are required.

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.

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SJC South presents fall dance concert

Set to the music of Velvet Underground, Vas, and Buddy Holly, just to name a few, *Winter Works* is a collaboration of work by students, faculty and guest artists Amanda Jackson and Michelle Manzanales. Jackson is a San Jacinto College alumna who recently received her bachelor's degree in dance from Texas Woman's University. She has already performed and choreographed professionally throughout Texas, Oklahoma and South Carolina.

Manzanales is a former South Belt resident and Dobie graduate as well as a University of Houston graduate who serves as rehearsal director for Luna Negra Dance Theater in Chicago and teaches at Hubbard Street

Dance Center. Other *Winter Works* choreographers include Dr. Patty Haselbarth, SJC's dance program coordinator and lead faculty; Stephanie Rodriguez, instructor; and SJC students Seth McPhail, Arielle Stuerhk, Randy Hall and Christi Carington.

Performances will be held Nov. 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. each night at the Proscenium Theatre inside the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center.

San Jacinto College South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road. View the complete SJC South fall arts schedule at <http://news.sanjac.edu/?p=1165>.

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

Meador teachers honored



Ten teachers from Meador Elementary recently received \$100 gift cards from Sam's. They were honored as Teachers of the Year for 2008-2009. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Assistant Principal Beverly Bolton, Marie Henry, Maria Gonzalez, Claudia Denoon, Mike Gill, Principal

Darlene Davis, (back row) Johnny Carmona (membership sales supervisor of Sam's), Crystal Rothberg, Heather Cline, Cheryl Caudill, Chantay Hill and Jennifer McDuff. Not pictured is Cindy Rogers, who also received the award.

Submitted photo

CCISD seeks external review

The Clear Creek Independent School District is committed to continuous improvement, not only for students but also as a district. It is with this in mind, Greg Smith, superintendent of schools, has recommended and the board of trustees approved what is known as a Curriculum Management Audit.

"Whenever people hear the word audit, it conjures negative feelings, but in actuality this kind of audit is

welcomed by high performing school districts like Clear Creek ISD," said Smith. "The audit will focus on the school system and how we can improve our services to students and stakeholders."

The audit will be conducted by the American Association of School Administrators. During the week of Nov. 9, a team of certified education auditors from Texas and across the nation will step inside every school in the district to observe classrooms, pour over thousands of curriculum documents, and interview personnel and community members. Five standards guide the audit process:

1. Governance and leadership
2. Curriculum and learning
3. Equality, equity and connectivity
4. Feedback and assessment
5. Productivity and resource use

The audit team will identify areas of weakness based on those five guidelines and present the findings to the superintendent. This process will likely last several months.

For information, contact the Office of Public Information at 281-284-0020.

Foundation postpones 14th annual Golf Tournament until Nov. 17

Due to inclement weather predicted for the Houston area, the San Jacinto College Foundation 14th Annual Golf Tournament, with guest host Andy Pettitte, has been postponed to Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Pettitte played baseball at San Jacinto College in 1991 and is currently a member of the New York Yankees. He returned to the World Series, and set the record for most wins in the Major League Baseball postseason.

Monies raised from this are dedicated to student scholarships. To date, the foundation golf tournament has raised more than \$892,000. For the 2008-09 academic year, the foundation awarded more than 600 scholarships totaling more than \$265,000.

The golf tournament kicks off on Monday, Nov. 16, with a reception featuring live and silent auctions. Auction items include autographed posters of Pettitte, a Houston Texans vs. Indianapolis Colts suite package valued at \$50,000, a party for 10 people at Minute Maid Park, a weekend at Caesars Palace Las Vegas (including airfare), a three-night stay at the Golden Nugget Las Vegas (includes dinner at Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse and roundtrip airfare), tickets to Schlitterbahn Galveston Island Waterpark, Texas Renaissance Festival tickets, free legal service (will writing), golf for four at Tour 18, and a party for eight in the CBS Radio suite at a Houston Rockets game.

Tournament spots and sponsorships are still available. The first round tees off Nov. 17 at 7:15 a.m., with breakfast catered by Chick-fil-A, and the second round will begin at 12:45 p.m. Both rounds include lunch catered by Sudie's Catfish House. All

golfers are invited to a dinner by Outback Steakhouse.

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

Two flights will be determined after all scores are submitted, and the average score will be the break point for the division of the two flights. First place in each flight receives a \$100 gift certificate to the Pro Shop for each player. Second place will each receive a \$75 gift certificate to the Pro Shop, and third place team members will each receive a \$50 gift certificate.

Sponsorship levels are:

- World Series - \$10,000. Includes 12 playing spots, 10 (\$500 each) named scholarships, exclusive hole sponsorship, tent with table, 24 reserved seating tickets to the reception, and recognition.
- Grand Slam - \$5,000. Includes eight playing spots, exclusive hole sponsorship, tent with table, 16 reserved seating tickets to the reception, and recognition.
- Home Run - \$3,000. Includes eight playing spots,

exclusive hole sponsorship, and recognition.

- Triple Play - \$2,100. Includes four spots and exclusive hole sponsorship.
- Double Play - \$1,600. Includes four playing spots and sign sponsorship.
- Single Play - \$800. Includes four playing spots.
- Individual Player - \$200
- Tent Sponsor - \$500
- Exclusive Hole Sponsorship - \$500
- Sign Sponsor - \$150

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

Clear Brook speech, debate team working to reach state

The Clear Brook Speech and Debate Team performed well the weekend of Oct. 24 at Lamar Consolidated High School.

Wins include two third-place awards in Lincoln Douglas Debate by Saurabh Limaye and Raveena Bhalara, who both earned four state points.

Continuing the winning streak were Kelly Hogg and Karl Schaefer who placed third and eighth, respectively, in impromptu speaking.

Not to be outdone, Jessica

Cetrone placed first in student Congress, for which she earned eight points toward her 10-point goal for state qualification.

Other winners include Hogg with six points, Bhalara with four points and Cetrone with two points in domestic extemporaneous speaking after placing third, fifth and seventh, respectively.

Andrew Kocen and Nathan Tamburello also accumulated six and two points in foreign extemporaneous speaking as a result of placing fourth and

seventh in the tournament.

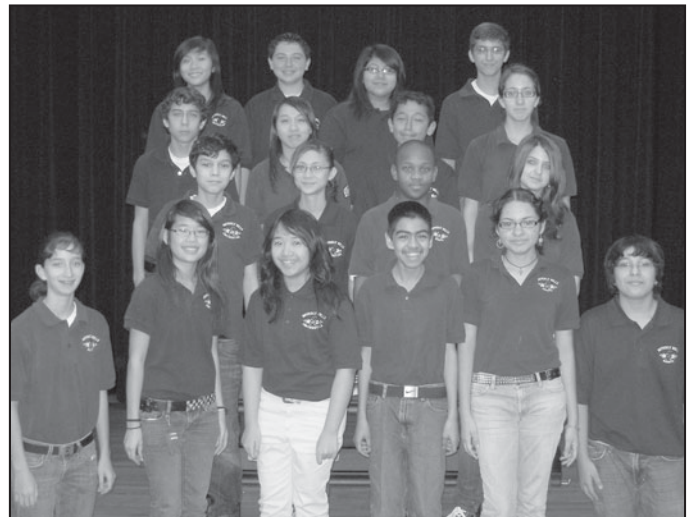
Karl Schaefer was the biggest winner of the weekend by bringing home a second-place award in domestic extemporaneous speaking, which earned eight points, bringing him close to a double state qualification in this event.

Schaefer will be the first of his teammates to compete at the yearly state meet in Ysleta, Texas, in March. Five additional teammates who hope to qualify in the next few weeks remain in the wings.

BHI students selected to Region XIX Orchestra

Several Beverly Hills Intermediate students auditioned for, and were selected as, members of the Region XIX Orchestra for 2009-2010. BHI students competed against others from Pasadena, Deer Park, LaPorte, North Forest, Aldine and Humble independent school districts. The clinic and concert will be held in January at Deer Park High School.

Symphonic Orchestra



BHI Symphony Orchestra members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Mikaela Guevara, Judy Dang, Elissa Nguyen, Pablo Cananles, Stephanie Orozco, Edward Ramirez, (second row) Cristian Vargas, Alexis Rodriguez, Brian Williams, Erica Guerra, (third row) Ricky Flores, Jennifer Trinh, Vincent Gonzalez, Brianna Guevara, (back row) Mailynn Nguyen, Tyson Salinas, Selena Alvarado and Chanse Morris. Not pictured are Kayla Dokhani, Amy Hallaron and Carlos Rodriguez.

Philharmonic Orchestra



BHI Philharmonic Orchestra members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Deanna Alanis, Adolfo Gracia, Cindy Nguyen, Geraldine Navarrete, Sophia Guerrero, (second row) Jesus Garcia, Cristian Delgado, Rachel Rodriguez, Erin Blackwell, (third row) Desire Gambino, Angel Cervantes, Nhu Nguyen, Stephanie Galaviz, (back row) Sydney Idele, Marcela Reina, Josh Collins and Ivan Macias.

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Author visits Dobie

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, *New York Times* best selling author Susan Beth Pfeffer visited Dobie High School. The 10th-grade students read two of her books, *Life as We Knew It* and *The Dead and the Gone*, during the summer and this school year. All 10th-grade students received a copy of *The Dead and the Gone* as part of Pasadena Independent School District's GEAR UP program. All English II classes were able to hear her speak, ask questions and get their books autographed. Pfeffer's third book in the series is set to be released on April 1, 2010.



Erica Facundo (right) and Pfeffer (left) while Erica gets her book signed.



From left to right, Annabel Villa, Sheila Cardenas, and Stephania Valles wait patiently for Pfeffer to sign their copies of *The Dead and the Gone*.

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Lariaette of the Week



The Lariaette of the Week for Nov. 2 through Nov. 6 is Alaina Burns, the daughter of Pam and Kirt Burns. She is a sophomore and a first-year member of the Lariaettes.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 12 through Nov. 18.

Atkinson Elementary
Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Yaaresi Quintanilla** Nov. 12.

Burnett Elementary
Enjoying a birthday Nov. 13 is **Peggy Watts**. The day for a birthday party for **Tammy Dayrit** is Nov. 14. Birthday greetings are sent to **Nohemi Garcia** Nov. 17.

Jessup Elementary
Marking a birthday Nov. 13 is **Marsha Hodson**. On Nov. 18, **Kathy Gordon** has a birthday.

Moore Elementary
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Mauri Klann** Nov. 17.

South Belt Elementary
The day for a birthday cake for **Hilda Gonzales** is Nov. 13. **Tanya Hensley** and **Beth McClure** share a birthday Nov. 15. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Cameron Dodson** Nov. 16. On Nov. 18, **Jennifer Sumner** has a birthday.

Stuchbery Elementary
Perla Montemayor celebrates a birthday Nov. 16. Birthday greetings are sent to **Tonya Davis** Nov. 17.

Melillo Middle School
On Nov. 12, **Rosa Rodriguez** marks a birthday. Birthday wishes are sent to **Rosalinda Delgado** Nov. 13. Enjoying a birthday Nov. 15 is **Wendy Lefever**. The day for a birthday cake for **Carol Zann** is Nov. 18.

Morris Middle School
Lorraine Hollis and **Shannon Summerlin** are wished a happy birthday Nov. 16. Blow out the birthday candles for **RubyAnn Reyna** and **Jennifer Sumner** who share a birthday Nov. 18.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Birthday wishes are sent to **Sheila Smith** on Nov. 13. Nov. 14 is the day for a birthday cake for **Martina Barrera**. Enjoying a birthday Nov. 17 is **Sharon Sellers**. **Melanie Grisham** has a birthday Nov. 17.

Thompson Intermediate
Sharing a birthday Nov. 12 are **Carol Waters** and **Guillermina DelaRosa**. Celebrating a birthday Nov. 13 is **Shelia Smith**. Birthday greetings are sent to **Maria Lerma** Nov. 15.

Dobie High
A birthday is shared by **Norman McIntyre** and **Keith Purdue** Nov. 15. On Nov. 16, **Irvn Theodile** celebrates a birthday. Special birthday greetings are sent to **Nicole Barnes** on Nov. 17.

DOBIE TRAILMIXERS MEET
The Dobie Trailmixers recently held their October meeting at Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Topics of discussion included:
Jon Rascoe is off to Argentina on a hunting trip.
The group noted that **Angie Stallings** is doing a great job as the new principal at Pasadena Memorial. **Jeremy Richardson**, Dobie coach and social studies teacher, joined Stallings there as assistant principal. Richardson and his wife are expecting their third child.

Lois Sumner is doing maintenance jobs on her house and is also substituting, mostly at Dobie.

Bobby Cotton has been relieved of his Dobie head coaching job due to health problems. Dobie alum **Carey Sink** is filling his shoes.

Carol and Dutch Uran enjoyed a New England cruise recently. She was known as **Carol Barber** at Dobie.

Donna Chamblin Smith recently took a New England cruise to see the fall foliage with a group of 75 folks from Sagemont Church. Smith has added three granddaughters to her family this summer. Between checking on her father and brother in Nacogdoches, doing yard work, and helping out with all three grandchildren who live nearby, she is a busy retiree.

Dobie's National Forensic League placed in the top 10 percent of NFL chapters nationwide last year, qualifying the team as members of the NFL "100 Club." Congratulations to speech and debate director **Trish Boudra**. **Quinn Velasquez** has won recognition as one of only 12 students nationwide to take part in the last round of the International German Olympics 2010. The event will take place in Chicago Nov. 12-13. German teacher **Heidi Lorenz** is his coach.

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AARP Chapter 199 will meet Friday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. This month, musical entertainment will be provided by the Noteables.

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

Note: AARP Chapter 199 will hold its Holiday Christmas Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 18, at 11:30 a.m. at Chabuca's restaurant located at 316 W. NASA Parkway. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased by calling 281-334-4698. The deadline for tickets is Nov. 20, and seating is limited.

For general information about the Bay Area Community Center or about what AARP Chapter 199 has to offer, call 281-326-2955 or e-mail President Carol Ledergerber at clleder@hotmail.com.

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Longhorn Band section recognized



The Dobie Longhorn Marching Band honored the trombones as Section of the Week at the Dobie versus Pearland football game on Nov. 6. Members are, left to right, (front row) Natalie Yii, Vernon Rose, Jasmin Pruneda, Taylor Valley, (back row) David Arcemant, Dylan White, Andy Reyes and Layla Brown. Not pictured is Kaitlyn Wallis. Photo submitted

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Atkinson names honor, merit rolls

Atkinson Elementary recently released its honor and merit rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period of the 2009-2010 school year. Students earning status are:

Second grade Honor roll
Isayah Alderete, Angela Chapa, Kay Duong, Leah Ha, Hannah Lazo, Jacob Leipold, Sarah Maryum, Ava Mendez and Samantha Narvaez.

Third grade Honor roll
Ashley Nguyen, Jessica Nguyen, Omar Orozco, Tommy Salinas, Bryan Shahariar, Corbin Sherwood and Charlie Tran.

Merit roll
Jennifer Cao, Purba Daria, Renee Deng, Zoe Fletcher, Vivian Huynh, Phuong-Thu Le, Andrea Menendez, Cindy Nguyen and Kevin Nguyen.

Second grade Honor roll
Theodore Randle, Minh Ta, Charlie Tamayo, Andrew Tran, Andrea Uribe, William Vargas and Nicholas Welcome.

Third grade Honor roll
Alyssa Carrico, Elizabeth Early, Katherine Flores, Kevin Galvan, Destinee Gonzales, Jeremiah Gray, Bao Huynh, Victoria Hyams, Nhicatherine

Le and Ricardo Lima.
Laury Locksey, Nicolas Luna, Jade Nanez, Khanh Nguyen, Wendy Pantoja, Gabriela Rodriguez, Daniel Saiz and Michael Sartor.

Merit roll
Erik Aguirre, Natalie Armenta, Sierra Berry, Ricardo Canales, Eric Escobedo, Vasti Gonzalez, Leal Humberto and Kathy Mai.

Fourth grade Honor roll
Jorge Marquez, Valeria Nicaragua, Darin Pulido, Kyana Shannon, Lily Tran and Clare VanPelt.

Kimberly Bui, Celeste Covarrubias, Clarissa Diaz, Melina Flores, Michelle Fuentes, Giselle Garcia and Travis Ho.
Samantha Merrill, Paul Ontiveros, Jose Rodriguez, Victoria Ta and Earnest Webb.

Merit roll
Jacob Ferrell, Yicell Gonzalez, Cristina Nguyen, Justin Nguyen, Natalie Orta, Christian Ponce and Griselda Ramos.
Xochitl Romero, Erika Rubio, Annie Tran, Kate Tran and Perla Zuniga.

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Remember When

30 years ago (1979)
Construction was under way on a proposed home development on Kingsport Road by developer John Leba. A total of 86 homes were scheduled to be built by Astro Homes on 16 acres behind Atkinson Elementary School.

Dobie High School football player Troy Leland set a District 23-4A and greater Houston area record by kicking a 55-yard field goal in Pasadena Memorial Stadium.

25 years ago (1984)
The undefeated district champion Dobie High School Longhorns lost their post-season playoff game to La Porte.

Steve Sanders, vice president of Memorial Southeast Hospital, reviewed the features of the new hospital with a model and drawings at a meeting of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

20 years ago (1989)
Sagemont Baptist Church minister John Morgan received a nomination for president of the Baptist

General Convention of Texas.

South Belt area high schools hosted College Night for their seniors.

15 years ago (1994)
Ten of the 26 campuses of the Clear Creek Independent School District were recognized as exemplary (4) or recognized (6) by the Texas Education Agency for their outstanding scores on the 1993-94 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

Clear Creek and Pasadena independent school districts, the city of Houston and Harris County all boosted taxes for 1994.

10 years ago (1999)
The long-anticipated South Belt showdown between Dobie and Clear Brook high school football teams was to be played at the Astrodome.

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees approved holding a bond election which would result in \$199.05 million improvements to the district.

5 years ago (2004)
After winning a bond

election by almost a 2-to-1 margin, PISD officials started moving forward with construction of two new local schools.

In less than two hours, cars ran into two Sagemont homes, four blocks apart.

In a mock presidential election, fourth-grade students at Moore Elementary re-elected George W. Bush over John Kerry by 370 votes to 186.

The San Jacinto College South's soccer team was headed to the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament for the second time. This was after winning the Mid-South District title game 4-0 over Hines Community College.

A female driver was killed instantly on the Gulf Freeway when her vehicle, which was reportedly traveling at a high rate of speed, overcorrected on a curve in the road. She lost control of the car, and slammed into a concrete overpass support.

Dobie seniors Adrian Dennis and Funaki Kefu were named king and queen

at the homecoming game against South Houston.

1 year ago (2008)
The San Jacinto College men's soccer team advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Men's Soccer Championships in Phoenix. The team was one of eight in the nation to play in the tournament.

The identity of a victim who drowned in the 11000 block of Sagevale was released by authorities. Martin Ledezma Jr., 24, was discovered by his brother at the bottom of their household swimming pool.

The Houston Fire Department arrived at the scene and tried to administer CPR, but it was too late. Paramedics pronounced Ledezma dead at the scene. Houston police said no foul play was suspected in the incident.

Jessup Elementary celebrated its 50th anniversary with an old-fashioned carnival on the school grounds. Several former staff members and students were in attendance.

Foster, Carter wed in double-ring ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carter

Lara Foster, of Grapevine, and Ben Carter, formerly of the South Belt area, were united in marriage on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, in a double-ring ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Grapevine, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Patricia Foster of Grapevine.

The groom is the son of Al and Mary Carter of Friendswood.

Alyson Wolthoff of Grapevine served as maid of honor.

Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Carter, brother of the groom and a resident of Stafford, Va., served as best man.

Bridesmaids were Heather Hardy, Melissa Parks, Kristin Arredondo and Whitney Vaughan.

Groomsmen were Todd Swenson (brother-in-law of the groom), Mark Dunlap, Allen Rogers and Russell Wright.

Cody Foster (brother of the bride), Peyton Carroll, Chris Basso and Jeffery Viktorin served as ushers.

Flower girls were Katelynn Carter and Lillie Swenson, both nieces of the groom. Kaled Foster served as ring bearer.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Heritage High School in Colleyville and a 2008 graduate of Texas A&M. She is currently an associate manager for Western Lithograph in Houston.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Dobie High School. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M and is currently the financial reporting officer for RigNet, Inc., in Houston.

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. They will make their home in Pearland.

Wheeler rides the roof for Komen

By Matt Griesmyer

When the students at Melillo Middle School raised more than \$1,700 to donate to breast cancer research, Principal Diane Wheeler hit the roof – literally.

As part of efforts to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Organization, Wheeler made a deal with her students.

If the students raised money for the Komen Organization, supporting breast cancer research, there would be certain events to celebrate their philanthropic donations.

One of those events consisted of Wheeler spending the school day on the roof of the school.

Wheeler had all of the amenities of the modern roof-sitter: a lawn chair, blanket, a bucket of emergency supplies – donated by the front office staff under the guise of a port-a-potty, her laptop and a book to pass the time.

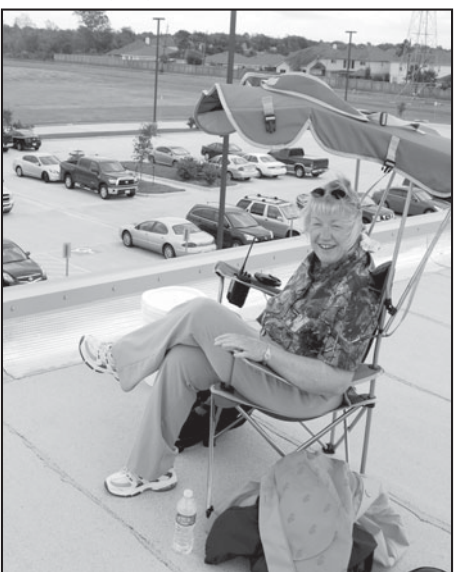
"The kids love it," Wheeler said. "They really think the port-a-potty joke is gross. They have done really great with their donations."

For further celebration of their donations, the fifth-grade counselor is getting "slimed," the fifth grade assistant principal will kiss a cow, other counselors and teachers will get pies thrown at them, a male teacher will wear a fluffy feminine blouse to work and a male assistant principal will have his head shaved into a mohawk and then dyed pink.

If students brought in a \$3 donation on Fridays in October, they were able to step out of standardized dress for the day and wear a shirt of their choice.

"Our final goal is a minimum of \$3,300," Wheeler said. "We did this for the fun of getting kids to donate to (Susan G. Komen for the Cure Organization)."

Oct. 28 turned cloudy during mid-afternoon, and



Wheeler eyed the sky for signs of a weather change. "I think the kids inside are doing a rain dance or something," Wheeler said. "Even if it rains, I will be up here."

Moore names first honor, merit rolls for 2009-10

Moore Elementary recently named its honor and merit rolls for the first nine-weeks of the 2009-2010 school year. Students earning status are:

First grade Honor roll
Kristen Barba, Makayla Baxter, Makayla Carker, Megan Cowan, Collin Dague, Marshall Dang, Meagan Dryden, Emily Fonseca, Joseph Garcia and Karsten Garcia.

Second grade Honor roll
Christina Hoang, Evelyn Lien, Kenny Ly, Abigail Marin, Jacob Martinez, Kyndall Morales, Harrison Nguyen, Alan Nguyen, Henry Nguyen and Anya Patel.

Third grade Honor roll
Kevin Pham, Vincent Powell, Jaden Rendon, June Santillanes, Marisa Soto, Ariel Steele and Julia Westfahl.

Fourth grade Honor roll
Garrett Barrientos, Hillary Bazaldua, Sarah Bustamante, Alex Cuaping, Klarissa Garza, Ana Gracia, Holly Hernandez, Maria Hernandez, David Hoang, Chelsey Holman, Carolyn Huerta, Kevin Le, Vina Le, Kevin Ly and Daira Macias. Nam Nguyen, Rosa Phan, Ngoc Phan, Reagan Razo, Jenna Rodriguez, Brianna Rodriguez-Hernandez, Stephanie Saldivar, Patrick Tran, Zaid.

Hy Tran, Marcey Tsikis, Pablo Tufino, Cindy Vuong and Tannor Willis.

Merit roll
Thomas Aleman, Alexis Gammon, Jaizac Garcia, Gracie Garcia, Susan Hatton, Alice Ho, Elizabeth Jasso, Diana Mendoza, Mylan Phan and Jazmin Rodriguez. Leslie Rodriguez-Rangel, Jose Salazar, Dominique Sanchez, Issac Santos, Madison Tobias, Julian Torres, Vivian Tran, Jayline Yanez and Aleena Zaid.

Meador lists honor, merit rolls for first nine weeks

Meador Elementary recently released its honor and merit rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period of the 2009-2010 school year. Students earning status are:

1st grade Honor roll
Jaiden Campbell, Gizelle Cardona, Alondra Castillo, Kristiyle Garcia, Natalie Garza, Darren Groves, Juan Hernandez, Nelson Herrera, Emily Ivy and Josue Munoz.

2nd grade Honor roll
Nathan Ancira, Bianca Cruz, Charisma Denoon, Alazae Garcia, Brianna Gomez, Ariel Robles, Shaun Simpson, Manuel Vasquez, Valeria Vasquez and Andrew Zayas.

3rd grade Honor roll
Roberto Campa, Alyssa Dominguez, Marissa Enriquez, David Garcia, Jael Garcia, Alijah Gonzalez and John Hoang.

4th grade Honor roll
Nicole Castillo, Josiah Knight, Alicia Landa, Monique Marin, Kobe McMahon, Savannah O'Quinn and Fabiola Quezada.

SJC to offer massage therapy for spring 2010

San Jacinto College students interested in massage therapy may train to become certified practitioners through the college's newest massage therapy program, launching spring 2010.

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The 608-hour program includes more than 350 hours of education in the science of therapeutic bodywork and 192 hours of classroom, lab and clinical courses.

Curriculum includes anatomy and physiology, massage techniques, kinesiology, pathology for massage therapists and an internship.

Graduates will be eligible to take the licensing exams offered by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards or the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.

Massage therapists are often sole practitioners; however, many find employment in a variety of areas, such as resort spas, retreat centers, hospitals, health clubs, massage and wellness clinics, beauty salons, on-site corporate wellness programs, chiropractic offices, orthopedic offices and medical offices.

"Overall, this program will prepare you to contribute to the health of any client through direct intervention, knowledgeable referral or wellness advocacy," said Jacque Darragh, a Texas state licensed massage therapy instructor. "This program includes a structured clinic internship that prepares students for professional practice."

The cost of the SJC program is significantly lower than private schools for massage therapy; the price of the program is the same as SJC tuition. Students also earn college credit with each massage therapy course they successfully complete.

St. Luke's ECD celebrates fall



With the help of their parents, the children at St. Luke's Early Childhood Center were able to build their very own pumpkin patch on the ECC playground at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Pictured, left to right, are Pre-K students (front row) Angelina Sanchez, Michael Larivee, (back row) Olivia Lugo and Alex Quiroga. Photo submitted

Festival offers award winning French film at UH-Clear Lake

University of Houston-Clear Lake and the Tourneés Festival present the award winning, coming-of-age French drama *Le Fils de L'Épicer/The Grocer's Son* on Nov. 14 at 7 p.m., in the UHCL Student Services and Classroom Building Lecture Hall, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Set in the French countryside, this drama features performances from Nicolas Cazalé, Clotilde Hesme and Jeanne Goupil.

The Tourneés Film Festival is supported by the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Centre National de la Cinématographie, the Grand Marnier Foundation, the Florence Gould Foundation, highbrow entertainment and the Franco-American Cultural Fund (Directors Guild of America, Motion Picture Association, SACEM & Writers Guild of America). Tickets are \$3.75. *A Taste of French* mini language lesson will be held before the film, which has English subtitles.

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Thompson students visit Keystone



Thirty-four Thompson eighth-grade Lions took a trip to Keystone Science School in Keystone, Colo. for the 18th year. The students were chaperoned by Holly Bailey, Mary Curtis, Jennifer Guerrero, Susie Haas, David Petit and Carol Waters. The eighth-graders learned not only about standard science curriculum, but also about the world around them. They were introduced to ideas of conservatism as it pertains to them. "How will this waste impact you?" was one of the many questions the Lions were asked repeatedly. Students were encouraged to learn to respect themselves, nature and the Earth. These students were privileged to learn about science and nature through their travel to Keystone. Students attending the trip pictured are, left to right, (on the ground) instructor Mitchell Whittier, Alex

Benitez, (front row) Ryan Schoffner, Nicholas Taylor, Kayla Szydio, Alyssa Williams, Maddie Zapata, Madeline Carmia, Nick Cessna, Carol Waters, Jennifer Guerrero, (second row) Holly Bailey, Toni Beltran, Morgan Clay, Erik Salazar, Justin Johnson, De'Andre Russell, Darian Childs, Haley Raney, (third row) Susie Haas, Nick Engle, Annie Nguyen, Alexis Caballero, Steven Mendietta, Jerecca Hubley, Mary Curtis, instructor TL Waugh, (fourth row) Mayve Rodriguez, Jackie DeLeon, Douchane Sells, instructor Amber Rudeen, Sydney Gutierrez (back row) David Petit, Andrew Tyer, Rommel Garcia, Anthony Gomez, Burgandy Petri, Andre Guerra, Taylor Ard, Fernando Rojas, Aimee Mar, Taylor Surratt, and Amanda Bates

Photo submitted

All City Band students selected



Students selected as All City Band members from Thompson Intermediate School pictured are, left to right, (front row) Nicholas Cessna, Tim Wright, Xavier Bluit, Alex Benitez, (middle row) Ricky Vasquez, Kamaran Gardner, Nick Engle, Ivan Luna, (back row) Michael Beltran, Tuan Phan, Babacar Faye, Taylor Surratt and Joshua Gougis. Not pictured is Zack Reyes. Photo submitted

Hobby Lions Club to meet

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Frazier names first 9-weeks rolls

Frazier Elementary recently released its honor and merit rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period of the 2009-2010 school year. Students earning status are:

Kindergarten
Perfect attendance
 Steve Alvarez, JaMarian Bryan, Viviana Carvajal, Uzomah Chukwuemeka, Jacob Garcia, Gariella Lozano, Michael Morrow and Jaime Mendez.

First grade
Honor roll
 Andrea Brown, Jose Cabrera, Abigail Chiovaro, Ian Cisneros, Jacob DeLaRosa, Brenna Fuller, Gabriel Garza, Savannah Garza, Kassandra Gomez, Alayna Gonzalez, Amanda Harris, Abbey Hartley and Jada Hubley.

Second grade
Honor roll
 Stephanie Alvarez, Sydney Babineaux, Ailyn Balderas, Mario Barajas, Cameron Lilly, Ethan Chapa, Danillelle

Third grade
Honor roll
 Mekenka Carter, Connor Caughlin, Angela Cruz, Destiny Davis, Alexandra Garcia, Samantha Gilbreath, Megan Glass, Stephanie Gonzalez and Jeremy Guerrero.

Fourth grade
Honor roll
 Sydney Bonner, Nathan Chapa, Anthony DeArza, Emily Duren, Maritza Hernandez, Nikki Howell, Sebastian Leal, Diego Montoya, Melanie Pineda, Valerie Provence, Andrew Quiroz, Daniel Shaffer, Morgan Smith and Jacob Young.

Perfect attendance
 Brock Biondo, Deon Brown, Devan Campos, Makena Carter, Conner Caughlin, Karina Cedillo Cruz, Andrea Cruz, Michelle Fernandez, Alezandra Garcia, Marco Garza, Michelle Garza and Samantha Gilbreath.

Merit roll
 Jonathan Acosta, Joseph Chavez, Elizabeth Hidalgo, Paris Howell, Angel Lerma, Vanessa Lozano, Sophia Martin, Javier Martinez, Jorel Martinez, Leonardo Rodriguez, Jason Tao and Kayla Wilkerson.

Perfect attendance
 Stephanie Alvarez, Sydney Babineaux, Ailyn Balderas, Mario Barajas, Cameron Lilly, Ethan Chapa, Danillelle

Merit roll
 Alessandra Bellini, Marco Garza, Alivia Gonzalez, Roxanne Hernandez, London Howell, Samantha Lopez, Macie Owens, Chelsie Pedraza, Peyton Miller, Oscar Puente and Adam Quiroz.

Perfect attendance
 Jonathan Acosta, Alan Arreola, Aijalon Ash, James Bischof, Sydney Bonner, Joseph Boulteris-Duarte, Jackelin Bustos, Daniel Camacho, Bryan Carvajal, Nathan Chapa, Jalen Clark and Julissa Davila.

Perfect attendance
 Brock Biondo, Deon Brown, Devan Campos, Makena Carter, Conner Caughlin, Karina Cedillo Cruz, Andrea Cruz, Michelle Fernandez, Alezandra Garcia, Marco Garza, Michelle Garza and Samantha Gilbreath.

Merit roll
 Jonathan Acosta, Azalie Amaro, Alexia Cobos, Silvia Contreras, Jovan Correa, Julissa Davila, Camryn Davis, Ellena Mendez, Deon Nguyen, Andrea Orrego, Owen Castillo, Kristen Pena and David Pogue.



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Peña visits SJCS

Renowned southwest artist Amado Peña recently visited the San Jacinto College South campus to reflect upon his 30 years of experience creating paintings that depict the life and culture of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. A native of Laredo, Peña is known as the Artisan of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona and dedicates his artwork toward increasing the public's knowledge and interest in the tribe and the American Indians who survive by living in harmony with an adversarial, untamed environment. His artwork can be seen at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. The artist met with SJC students, faculty and staff members for three Inside the Artist's Studio sessions and a question and answer session. For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.



Photo: Amado Peña answers students' questions during an Inside the Artist's Studio session at San Jacinto College South.

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FBT's 1-2 punch upends JFD, Brook; successful volleyball season closes

A quick 1-2 punch, courtesy of the Fort Bend Travis varsity girls' volleyball team, has knocked both Dobie and Clear Brook out of the playoffs.

The Lady Tigers first sent Dobie reeling from the postseason Nov. 6 at Manvel, sweeping a 25-18, 25-19, 25-16 decision in the area round.

Next came Clear Brook, which had swept its way past La Porte in three games Nov. 6. But it was far from easy as Travis and Clear Brook

engaged in perhaps the biggest thrill ride of the postseason.

Travis won the opening game against Clear Brook 25-12 but then watched as the Lady Wolverines celebrated a 25-15 second-game win.

The two teams then traded 25-21 wins, with Travis claiming the third game and Brook sending the match to a fifth game with a rally in the fourth.

In the end, Travis survived with a 15-12 victory, advancing to the regional

semifinals at 28-14 overall.

So just like that, Clear Brook's season has ended with a 28-12 overall record for the team.

It's certainly no fun to fall at this point in the season, but there is no shame at Dobie or Clear Brook.

Dobie's senior-dominated lineup finished at 21-17 overall, winning a play-off match for the first time since 2003.

Senior libero Amanda Nguyen led the way along with fellow seniors Kiara Harris, Andrea Bertrand,

Laci Washer and Quynhhu Ngo. Juniors Katherine Finney, an outside hitter, and middle blocker Ashleigh Havard, were also big contributors.

The team will also lose seniors Christina Diaz and Blythe Nguyen, but sophomores CeCe Gonzalez and Kristen Stolicki will get a longer look next season.

At Brook, the program will likely keep rolling. Seniors Sam Bentley and Molly Machol are key losses.

Christmas, Duke women's hoops coming to take on HBU Nov. 13

The sixth-ranked Duke University women's basketball team, featuring Dobie High School graduate Karima Christmas, is coming to town.



Karima Christmas

Duke, which reached the second round of the national tournament last season, will open the 2009-2010 season on the road against Houston Baptist University Nov. 13. Tip-off is at 8:30 p.m.

The Blue Devils will then travel to College Station to take on No. 9 Texas A&M Nov. 25. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Christmas, now a junior at Duke University, is coming off a fine season for the

Blue Devils. One of the first players off the bench last season, Christmas averaged 7.5 points and 4.2 rebounds per contest while also delivering a big defensive presence.

Christmas, seeking to

expand her offensive game this season, had 18 points in Duke's final preseason tune-up, a scrimmage win over the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Along the way, Christmas collected nine rebounds.

Dobie's Cooper is 45th at regional CC event

Dobie's La Shay Cooper closed out a fine cross country season, taking 45th overall at the Region III varsity girls' cross country meet at the Lone Star College-North Harris County campus in Houston Nov. 7.

Cooper proved she had earned her spot.

Navigating the rugged two-mile course, Cooper posted a time of 12 minutes, 38.9 seconds.

Cooper was joined by members of the Deer Park team representing 22-5A.

Rams' sophs, juniors make SB round



Ellington Rams sophomore player Royce Hunter (4) jumps on a loose football during the team's 13-6 victory over the Pearland Patriots in the Bay Area Football League conference final round. The Rams' victory ensured the team a spot in the Super Bowl round, to be played Nov. 21 at Stingaree Stadium in Texas City. The Rams (11-1) will take on the Pear-

land Hurricanes (12-0) for the championship. Other Rams involved in this play included Earl Gresham (13), DeJuan Dixon (7), Micah Dixon (61) and Barone Rivera (28). The Rams' junior team will also compete in the Super Bowl round after downing League City 37-13. Ellington will also play the Hurricanes for the Super Bowl title.



Oilers blank Dobie 42-0

Dobie defensive lineman Sefita Kefu (81) played in his final game as the Longhorns lost 42-0 to Pearland Nov. 7 at The Rig in Pearland. The loss left the Longhorns at 4-6 overall, including 3-4 in District 22-5A action. On this play, Kefu sheds the block of Charlie Plaster (17) in an attempt to get to running back Juan Trujillo (24). Pearland offensive lineman Ian Gray (72) is also in the mix. Kefu is part of a Longhorn defensive unit that will now undergo an offseason overhaul with the pending loss of several key senior starters.

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Losses end Dobie, CB football seasons

It wasn't the way the varsity football season was supposed to end.

Clear Brook, which just last season won the District 24-5A title, closed out a disappointing 3-7 run this season after losing Nov. 5 at home to Alvin, 27-19.

A night later in Pearland, Dobie's 4-6 campaign came to a staggering end as the Oilers blasted the Longhorns 42-0. It's the fifth straight season Dobie will miss the postseason.

Head coach Paul Lanier's option offense had little trouble gaining yards or scoring points. Turnovers, however, were a big issue.

City football, won the district title. Dickinson made the playoffs for a second straight season in Class 5A and Galveston Ball, rebounding from Hurricane Ike in 2008, also made the

Still, at 29.8 points per game, the Wolverines seemingly scored enough points to win more than three games.

Then again, the Wolverines' defense was victimized by the big play all season and gave up exactly 300 points. That's not a good enough performance to win more than three games.

The offseason will again be key for Clear Brook. In 2010, the run to the District 24-5A title appears to be tougher than ever.

Clear Springs, in just its second season of var-

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San Jacinto	5	4	Miller	5	4	Bondy	6	3	Miller	5	4
Southmore	4	5	Southmore	5	4	Miller	5	4	Park View	5	4
Queens	4	5	San Jacinto	5	4	San Jacinto	4	5	S. Houston	4	5
Park View	4	5	Queens	4	5	Thompson	4	5	Southmore	4	5
Thompson	3	6	S. Houston	2	7	S. Houston	3	6	Thompson	2	7
Jackson	1	8	Park View	2	7	Queens	2	7	Jackson	1	8
S. Houston	0	9	Jackson	1	8	Jackson	0	9	San Jacinto	1	8

Beverly Hills 8th Light wins PISD volleyball crown



Beverly Hills Intermediate's eighth-grade Light volleyball team won the Pasadena Independent School District title with a perfect 9-0 record after beating Bondy Intermediate (8-1) for first place. Members of the program are, left to right, (front row) Amber Nguyen, Valerie Baez, Reniece Arevalo, Andrea Galvan, Brianna Guevara, (second row) Marlene Martinez, Mykayla O'Connor, Kayla Dokhani, Jessica Montoya, Amy Hallaron, Hong Pham,

Elizabeth Montemayor, (third row) Arleni Espinosa, Cassandra Lara, Karina Ramirez, Sara Hernandez, Lauren Lozano, Yvonne Molina, Mikaela Guevara, Audrey Medina, Stephanie Buenrosto, Maria Alarcon, coach Toni Noise, Breshaun Franklin, Destinye Barnes-Hall and Emily Bray. Not pictured are Riley Miller, Breanna Roddy, Tessa Somdah, T.K. Williams and Emily Sargent.

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Beverly Hills VB wins two district titles

Beverly Hills Intermediate came away with two undefeated district volleyball titles after closing the season with wins over Bondy Nov. 3.

8 Light takes crown
The eighth-grade Light team played the Patriots of Bondy for the title, and the match went the distance.

Beverly Hills started strong, winning the opening game 25-7.

The Lady Bears came out strong with great serves from Briana Guevara with 3, Karina Ramirez with 7, Breshaun Franklin with 6 and Valerie Baez with 10.

Andrea Galvan contributed 11 winning serves, including an ace, and the strongest server was Amber Nguyen, who had 21 service winners, including an ace.

In the second game, the Lady Bears let the Patriots gain control of the match and go on and win with a score of 25-16.

In the last match, which would determine the district

championship, the Lady Bears pulled it together to go on a scoring run and never look back.

Beverly Hills collectively had 30 kills against the Patriots, and a block from Franklin closed out the win.

The Lady Bears defeated the Patriots 25-7 to take the crown. Others playing well in the match included Maria Alarcon, Stephanie Buenrosto, Hong Pham, Jessica Montoya, Arleni Espinoza and Emily Sargent.

8 Dark takes second
The Lady Bears' eighth-grade Light team was playing for second place in the district, while Bondy had already claimed first place prior to the match.

In the first match, Bondy led 5-0 before Beverly Hills came back and eventually tied the match at 22-22.

The Lady Bears received good serves from Audrey Medina and Breanna Roddy with 3 each, Yvonne Molina with 2, Lauren Lozano

with 4, MyKayla O'Connor with 5, Destinye Barnes-Hall with 6 (one ace), Riley Miller and Tessa Somdah with 7 and Cassandra Lara with 10 winning serves (one ace).

Unfortunately, the Lady Bears couldn't handle the Patriots' serves or defense at the net and fell to the Patriots in two games.

Kaneesa Williams, Sara Hernandez, Reniece Arevalo, Amy Hallaron, Kayla Dokhani and Emily Bray all played well against Bondy.

Beverly Hills wound up tied for second place at 6-3 with Thompson. Bondy finished the season at 9-0.

7th Dark undefeated
The Lady Bears' seventh-grade Dark team had a bit of pressure going into the match against Bondy, trying to protect an unbeaten record.

Things worked out just fine. The Lady Bears had a slow start, but once they picked up the intensity in the second game after a pep

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Beverly Hills FB wins two crowns, Lions' 7B finishes perfect season

The Pasadena Independent School District's premiere intermediate school football programs - Beverly Hills and Thompson - met three times in the playoffs to determine the overall divisional champions.

In the end, the Bears walked away with titles in the eighth-grade A and seventh-grade A divisions. The Lions were crowned champions of the seventh-grade B division.

Bears 8A 33 Thompson 8

The Bears' eighth-grade A football team dominated the Thompson Lions 33-8 to earn the district championship. Beverly Hills' defense controlled the game, and the team's offense could not be stopped.

Once the Bears' opening game jitters wore off, they controlled the rest of the game.

In the first quarter, Jesse Cedeno blasted into the end zone from 12 yards out. Robert Sanchez, Kendrick Allen and Malik Dorsy provided the blocking on the play to put the Bears up 6-0.

Daryl Edwards then stepped in front of a Lions' pass on defense to set up the Bears' next score.

Carnez Gant capped off a 97-yard drive as he outran the Lion defense 70 yards to the end zone.

Gerry Blacknell, Marlon Jackson and Kalif Dorsy had key blocks on the play which put the Bears up 12-0.

The Bears' defense once again created a Lions' turnover as Jackson came up with a loose ball for a fumble recovery.

The Beverly Hills offense took advantage of the turnover to add another score as Cedeno followed the blocking of Martin Cruz and Nick Villarreal into the end zone from 5 yards out.

Blacknell kicked the extra point to give the Bears a 20-0 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Jaylon Johnson scooted into the end zone from 6 yards out. Derrick Porter and Kendrick Allen provided the blocking on the play. Edwards ran in to the end zone with the conversion point for a 27-0 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Edwards added another touchdown from 5 yards out to put the Bears up 33-0.

Ben Scott, Villarreal and Robert Sanchez provided key blocks on the play.

The Lions added a touchdown of their own with less than a minute to play to make the final score 33-8.

Also playing a big part in the title game for Beverly Hills was Josh Sutton, Trevon Greenwood, Chris Lopez, Ernesto Duenez and Antonio Norman.

Bears 7A 24 Thompson 6

The Beverly Hills seventh grade A football team overpowered the Thompson Lions 24-6 to win the district championship with a great overall team effort.

In the first quarter, the Bears and the Lions were scoreless. In the second quarter, the action began as the Bears found the end zone first on Joe Gonzalez's 13-yard blast up the middle.

Taylor Alfred, Alan Flores and Maurice Hightower provided the blocking on the play.

Sergio Quintanilla kicked the extra point for an 8-0 lead. The Lions then cut into the Bears' lead with a touchdown. However, the Bears blocked the extra point to maintain their lead and to go into halftime leading 8-6.

In the third quarter, the Bears' Darius Simmons returned the kickoff 43 yards to set up the team's next score.

Robert Andrade made a big play as he recovered a Bears' fumble in the end zone after a running play to increase the Bears' lead.

Quintanilla provided the extra point for a 16-6 margin.

On the ensuing kickoff, after a big hit by Maurice McMorris, the Bears recovered a Lions' fumble to set up their next touchdown.

Gonzalez added his second touchdown on a 1-yard scamper to put the game away in the fourth quarter. Kesean Coley, William Reyes, Quinton Bolling and Carlos Gonzalez had key blocks on the play.

Quintanilla added his third extra point for a 24-6 lead.

The Bears' defense came up big on the Lions next two possessions when Darius Simmons and Joe Gonzalez each came up with interceptions to secure the title and an 8-1 overall record.

Queens 8B 3 Lions 0

Thompson's eighth-grade B played its final game of the season, losing 3-0 to Queens in the playoffs.

The Lions had beaten Queens 13-6 in the second week of the regular season and knew the Hornets were anxious for a rematch.

The game was an old fashioned, hard hitting defensive struggle.

A Thompson turnover led to a field goal try for the Hornets with two minutes to play, and they converted it for a 3-0 lead.

Despite the loss, the entire Lions' team played very well with great contributions from each of the players.

Lions 7B 14 Beverly Hills 8

Thompson's seventh-grade B team took its undefeated record to Beverly Hills for the PISD championship game.

Both teams had improved so much since their last meeting and were anxious to show it.

The Lions were determined to make a statement that their undefeated record

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Battlin' Bears capture 7A district FB Beverly Hills 24, Thompson 6



Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade A running back Maurice McMorris (14 with football) breaks for the end zone behind a convoy of blockers during the second half of the Bears' big 24-6 victory over the Thompson Lions in the Pasadena Independent School District 7A championship game Nov. 2 at Thompson Intermediate. Those lending a hand on the play included, from left, Carlos Gonzales (27),

Kesan Coley (57), Tyler Alfred (73) and Maurice Hightower (75). With the win, the Bears finished the season at 8-1 overall. The Lions, champions of zone B, also finished at 8-1. The Bears also won the eighth-grade A district title, besting the Lions 33-8 Nov. 3 at Newcomb Field. The Lions' seventh-grade B team was the only unbeaten and untied team, going 9-0 after beating the Bears 14-8 in the playoffs.

Sports calendar

SWIMMING

Saturday, Nov. 14

Dobie at La Porte invitational, all day

BASKETBALL

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

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Thompson 7th Light girls at Miller, 4:30
Thompson 7th Dark girls at Miller, 5:45
Thompson 8 Light girls at Miller, 4:30
Thompson 8 Dark girls at Miller, 5:45
Beverly Hills 7th Light girls at Park View, 4:30
Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls at Park View, 5:45
Beverly Hills 8 Light girls at Park View, 4:30
Beverly Hills 8 Dark girls at Park View, 5:45
Thompson 7th Light boys host Miller, 6:15
Thompson 7th Dark boys host Miller, 5:00
Thompson 8 Light boys host Miller, 6:15
Thompson 8 Dark boys host Miller, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7th Light boys host Park View, 6:15
Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys host Park View, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8 Light boys host Park View, 6:15
Beverly Hills 8 Dark boys host Park View, 5:00

Thursday, Nov. 19

(McDonald's Texas Invitational)
Dobie varsity boys host Manvel, Dobie, 9 a.m.
Dobie varsity girls host Cy-Creek, Dobie, noon
Dobie varsity boys host S.A. Warren, Dobie, 1:30 p.m.
Brook varsity girls host La Porte, Sam Rayburn, noon

Friday, Nov. 20

(McDonald's Texas Invitational)
Dobie varsity boys in bracket play, TBA
Dobie varsity in bracket play, TBA
Brook varsity girls in bracket play, TBA

Saturday, Nov. 21

(McDonald's Texas Invitational)
Dobie varsity boys in bracket play, TBA
Dobie varsity in bracket play, TBA
Brook varsity girls in bracket play, TBA



Thompson's seventh-grade B football team capped a perfect 9-0 season after beating Beverly Hills 14-8 in the Pasadena Independent School District playoffs Nov. 3 at Beverly Hills. Thompson's Chasmond Anderson (6) finishes off a scoring run after a fine block from Gage Peete-Myers (3). The Bears' defensive player is Santiago Montoya (14). In the series, Beverly Hills won two playoff games over Thompson, but the Lions' seventh-grade A team would not be denied its perfect season.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football Standings

Final Cumulative Standings - Playoffs included

Eighth Grade A Division				Seventh Grade A Division					
Place	Team	W	L	T	Place	Team	W	L	T
1st	Beverly Hills	8	1	0	1st	Beverly Hills	8	1	0
2nd	Thompson	7	2	0	2nd	Thompson	8	1	0
3rd	Queens	7	2	0	T-3rd	Miller	5	3	1
4th	Bondy	6	3	0	T-3rd	Southmore	4	4	1
5th	Southmore	5	4	0	5th	Bondy	6	3	0
6th	Park View	2	6	0	6th	S. Houston	4	5	0
7th	Miller	3	6	0	7th	San Jacinto	5	4	0
8th	S. Houston	4	5	0	8th	Park View	2	7	0
9th	San Jacinto	2	6	0	9th	Jackson	1	7	0
10th	Jackson	1	8	0	10th	Queens	0	8	0

Playoff game results				Playoff game results					
1st	Beverly Hills	33	Thompson	8	1st	Beverly Hills	24	Thompson	6
2nd	Queens	33	Bondy	26	2nd	Southmore	8	Miller	8
3rd	Southmore	22	Park View	17	3rd	Bondy	12	South Houston	0
4th	Miller	14	South Houston	8	4th	San Jacinto	33	Park View	7
5th	San Jacinto	14	Jackson	8	5th	Jackson	2	Queens	0

Eighth Grade B Division				Seventh Grade B Division					
Place	Team	W	L	T	Place	Team	W	L	T
1st	Bondy	6	1	2	1st	Thompson	9	0	0
2nd	Beverly Hills	5	3	1	2nd	Beverly Hills	7	2	0
3rd	San Jacinto	6	2	0	3rd	Miller	4	4	1
4th	Park View	2	4	1	4th	Southmore	5	4	0
5th	Queens	5	2	2	5th	Jackson	3	6	0
6th	Thompson	6	2	1	6th	S. Houston	3	5	1
7th	Southmore	3	4	2	7th	San Jacinto	6	3	0
8th	Miller	3	6	0	8th	Park View	2	7	0
9th	S. Houston	3	6	0	9th	Queens	4	5	0
10th	Jackson	0	9	0	10th	Bondy	2	7	0

Playoff game results				Playoff game results					
1st	Bondy	6	Beverly Hills	0	1st	Thompson	14	Beverly Hills	8
2nd	San Jacinto	20	Park View	14	2nd	Miller	14	Southmore	13
3rd	Queens	3	Thompson	0	3rd	Jackson	20	South Houston	14
4th	Southmore	28	Miller	8	4th	San Jacinto	26	Park View	13
5th	South Houston	28	Jackson	8	5th	Queens	7	Bondy	0

Ravens land VB nationals berth

The San Jacinto College women's volleyball team knocked out the competition for the fifth straight year at the Region XIV Tournament, earning a return trip to the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament Nov. 18-23 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

After sending Laredo home in the first round, San Jacinto came back strong on offense with double-digit kills and digs during a tight game against Lee College Nov. 7, winning 25-23, 25-23, 26-24.

Sophomore hitter Christie Dorch, a Friendswood High School graduate, was named the Region XIV most valuable player, knocking down 17 kills against Lee for 25 total kills during the tournament.

Fellow classmate Holly Moreno and freshman Amanda Deem (both from Pearland High School) were named to the all-tournament team. Deem also was the night's dig leader with 29.

"We played tight as a team; we were consistent and shook things off really

well," said Ravens' head coach Sharon Nelson, now in her eighth season at the college.

"We are blessed with a lot of talent this year. It's another year to build a tradition."

The Ravens' freshmen class sparked as the team fought to push their final scores ahead of Lee.

Freshman Candace Soares recorded a double-double with 12 kills and 15 digs. Nadejda Ivanova set her teammates up with 54 assists, but it was freshman Brittney Wood's two final

kills and freshman Alyssa Dibbern's block that broke ties at 22 and 23 in the final game.

"We just told each other out there to stay focused, controlled and work together," Wood said. "And Nadejda is an amazing setter. She can set the ball up for anyone."

San Jacinto enters the national tournament with a 30-7 overall record.

Last season, the team finished fifth in the nation, the highest national tournament finish under the tutelage of Nelson.

San Jacinto College volleyball heads back to nationals



The San Jacinto College women's volleyball team qualified for the national tournament after winning the District L title with a sweep over Lee College. The Ravens finished fifth at last year's national tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Amanda Deem, Bruna Menezes, Brooke Spossey, Nadejda Ivanova, assistant coach Mike McCrary, (back row) head coach Sharon Nelson, Candace Soares, Kimberly Crnkovic, Brittany Wood, Holly Moreno, Abbey Barnett, Christie Dorch, Moana Masaniai, Lauren Curley, Alyssa Dibbern and Jyoti Ruffin.

Tanksley narrowly wins FB pickers contest

Eli Tanksley, owner of Clear Brook Realtors, is the 2009 champion of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* high school football pickers contest.

Each week, this group of local high school football supporters meets for lunch and reveals their picks for the week.

There are 10 games per week, and the committee must decide who will win. The list of games includes teams primarily based in District 24-5A, District 22-5A and District 23-4A.

By rule, the contest is completed when both Dobie and Clear Brook are finished with their seasons. This season, neither team made the playoffs.

Despite a 6-4 record in the final week of the contest, Tanksley held on for the title with a 70-39 record.

Toni Muse, the defending champion, had another great season. Leading the way for several weeks during the action, Muse also closed out with a 6-4 final-



Eli Tanksley

week mark to end with a 69-40 record.

For much of the season, Muse and Tanksley went head-to-head for the top spot, along with Troy Leland, whose son, Garrett, plays for the Dobie Longhorns.

Leland was third at 68-41, and Joe Craddock placed fourth, predicting 64 of 109 games.

John Bechtle, *Leader* sports editor, was fifth with a 62-47 record. Emory Gadd finished at 57-52.

Tanksley was gracious in accepting his victory.

"I have been one of the pickers for several years," he said. "It is a great deal of fun to be allowed to participate in the program."

"I drive my wife, Sheila, crazy, because I take her all over town to see these high school football games."

But it isn't enough for the Tanksleys to attend Dobie or Clear Brook games. Late in the season, they drove to Fort Bend to watch a contest in that district.

"We usually go to games on Thursday, Friday and Saturday," Eli Tanksley said.

"Sheila is a good sport and my best supporter. She likes for me to be in first place, because she knows Eli is happier."

"Every year is a challenge, but this year was especially hard. John Bechtle, the *Leader* sports writer makes it difficult every week. He chooses the slate of games we pick from, and there are no giveaways."

Of course, Tanksley has

already committed to defending his title next season.

"I love the high school football players, the bands and all the groups that put these weekend games together," he said.

"It's these kids and these programs that keep kids off drugs and out of jail. These kids care about their teams and about doing the right thing. That makes me feel so good."

McDonald's Texas Invitational basketball event is Nov. 19-21

The McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament, featuring 48-team boys' and 32-team girls' field, is coming to town Nov. 19-21.

Now one of the nation's most anticipated high school basketball events, the McDonald's event will again feature not only some of the most talented teams from both Texas and Louisiana, but also some of the more notable players in recruiting circles.

Many of the big-name programs are back in the mix this season, including boys' gold division finalists San Antonio Madison (champion) and Duncan-

ville (runner-up).

The boys' gold division championship game is set for Nov. 21 at Phillips Field House.

There is also much anticipation in the girls' fields. Defending Division I champion College Park and runner-up Cy-Fair are back.

So are Division II finalists Corpus Christi Ray (champion) and Tomball (runner-up).

Game locations include Phillips Field House, Scott Talton Court at Dobie, Pasadena Memorial High School, South Houston High School, Sam Rayburn High School, San Jacinto College (Central), Pear-

land High School, Pearland Dawson High School and Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Each of the 48 boys' teams will compete in two round robin games Nov. 19 before being divided into gold, silver and bronze brackets for play running Nov. 20-21.

In the girls' field, there are separate Division I and Division II brackets.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Pasadena Independent School District's Education Foundation. To date, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been donated.

See more event news in the Nov. 19 *Leader*.

Lion, Bear FB battle rages

Continued from Page 2B was rightly earned, and they did so.

On the opening kickoff, the Lions sped down the field and blasted the Bears' runner, knocking the ball loose and recovering the fumble.

It took two plays for the Lions to score as Chas Anderson ran around the right side on a fake reverse for a 30-yard touchdown.

The extra point kick was blocked, making the score 6-0. The Lions kicked the ball off again, flew down the field and again pummeled a Bears' ball carrier forcing another fumble.

The Lions recovered, but the Bears' defense was tougher, and the Lions turned the ball over.

In the second half, the Bears connected on a pass that put them at the goal line. From there, Beverly Hills was able to run the

ball in for a touchdown.

The Bears then kicked the extra point successfully for an 8-6 lead.

But this Lions' team has too strong of character to let that stop them. The Lions saved their best football for last as the defense was stifling.

After tackling the Beverly Hills punter at the Bears' 1-yard line on fourth down, Gage Myers was able to sneak the ball in for a touchdown.

Samson Tamijani kicked the extra point through the uprights for a 14-8 lead.

The Lions then finished out the win on defense, making several big plays including a fourth down sack by Robert Saenz to ice the victory.

Solid blocking by Christopher DuFresne, Ricky Vazquez, Joseph Mercado, Xavier Dotson, Abel Hernandez, and P.J. Cruz helped

the run game be successful for the Lions.

Great tackling by Thomas Williams, Julian Coronado, Jimmy Nevarez, Alex Hatton, Austin Perkins and Gerron Hall keyed the defense.

The win gave the Lions a perfect season with a 9-0 record, including two wins over Beverly Hills.

Although the Lions played hard, their inability to stop the Bears, along with some costly mistakes led to their defeat.

Deandre Jackson scored the only touchdown for the Lions, but there were others who contributed.

Jarvis Lester, John Gonzalez-Granholm, Damien Molina, Anthony Cantu and Daniel Carter played well on offense.

On defense, the Lions were led by Anthony Starks, Jonathan Shaw, Ty Lozano and John Rico.

Boys' team in McDonald's field

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| Alief Elsik | Kempner |
| Alief Taylor | Kingwood |
| Atascocita | Kingwood Park |
| Austin Westlake | Klein Collins |
| Bellaire | La Porte |
| Channelview | Mansfield Summit |
| College Park | Manvel |
| Conroe | McAllen |
| Crosby | North Crowley |
| Dallas Hillcrest | Pasadena |
| Desoto | Pasadena Memorial |
| Dickinson | Sam Rayburn |
| Dobie | South Houston |
| Duncanville | Pearland |
| Fort Bend Bush | Pearland Dawson |
| Fort Bend Hightower | Richardson Berkner |
| Fort Bend Marshall | Richardson Pearce |
| Galena Park | S.A. Madison |
| Houston Chavez | S.A. Taft |
| Houston Westside | S.A. Warren |
| Humble | Smithson Valley |
| Huntington, La. | Spring |
| Katy Cinco Ranch | Spring Dekaney |
| Katy Seven Lakes | West Monroe, La. |

McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament

- Nov. 19 Boys' round robin**
- Dobie vs. Manvel, Dobie, 9 a.m.**
- Dobie vs. S.A. Warren, Dobie, 1:30 p.m.**
- Nov. 19 Girls' Division II bracket play**
- Dobie vs. Cypress-Creek, Dobie, noon**
- Brook vs. La Porte, Sam Rayburn, noon**

Tickets purchased on or before Nov. 19: \$20 (adults)

Tickets purchased on or before Nov. 20: \$15 (adults)

Tickets purchased on or before Nov. 21: \$10 (adults)

Single day adult tickets: \$5

Single day student tickets: \$2

Tickets available at Pasadena ISD athletic office, 2902 Dabney, Pasadena

Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, 4334 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena

Girls' team in McDonald's field

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| Bellaire | La Porte |
| Clear Brook | Mansfield Summit |
| Clear Creek | McAllen |
| Clear Lake | North Crowley |
| College Park | North Shore |
| Corpus Christi Ray | Pasadena |
| Cy-Creek | Pasadena Memorial |
| Cy-Fair | Sam Rayburn |
| Cy-Falls | South Houston |
| Dickinson | Pearland |
| Dobie | Pearland Dawson |
| El Paso Eastwood | S.A. Jay |
| Hardin Jefferson | S.A. Madison |
| Katy Cinco Ranch | S.A. Warren |
| Kingwood Park | S.A. Wagner |
| Klein Collins | Tomball |

BHI volleyball finishes strong

Continued from Page 2B talk from their setter, Kiana Zermeno, the team was fired up to win.

Alondra Arriaga served up 15 winners, several of which were not returned by the Patriots.

Kianna Zermeno chipped in with nine unstoppable serves. The team pulled together and wound up winning the match in a sweep.

Other players contributing greatly to the win and a terrific season for Beverly Hills were Deserey Cabrales, Tina Nguyen, Kirsten Dominguez, Tran

Toe, Tiffany Johnson, Adriana Ontiveros, Victoria Blackmon, Maria Mireles, Lauren Sanchez, Sarah Anleu and Rachael Ballard.

7 Light earns third place

The Light team came out very strong but lost a tough match in three games to Bondy. Thus, the two teams wound up in a third-place tie at 6-3.

For Beverly Hills, Sady Olguin and Jai Franklin were unstoppable at the net.

The hits and tips by both power hitters could not be returned by the Patriots.

Clarissa Moreno and Virginia Soto played their best games of the season, setting up their teammates at every opportunity they could.

The Lady Bears played hard all three games and never gave up, but the Patriots edged them out in the end.

Recognition goes out to Stella Somdah, Ariana Solis, Malyn Nunez, Suzette Gonzalez, Savanna McCormack, Valline Bertrand, Alysson Navarro, Jessica Cortez, Alyssa Sandoval and Jackie Peace for a fine season.

CALENDAR

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

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

6:30 p.m.

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

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

8:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

7 a.m.

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

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10 a.m.

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

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

Noon

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

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. 15

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. 16

7 a.m.

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

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 Sagement 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.

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

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

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CALENDAR

TUESDAY, NOV. 17
 7 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

The Bay Area Military Officers' Wives - hold monthly luncheon meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at Bay Oaks Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Active duty or retired officers' wives are eligible. For information, call Patt Simon at 832-221-2696 or Wendy Peters at 281-333-3115.

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.

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

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

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

7 p.m.

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

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

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

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly

sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525.

8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18
 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.

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 - Free monthly gardening educational programs meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The programs are at 10 a.m. at Clear Lake Park in the meeting room located at 5001 Nasa Parkway, Seabrook (on the south side of the lake). The programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 281-991-8437 or visit the Web site at www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu.

11:30 a.m.

Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. E-mail HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com for more information.

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.

6:30 p.m.

La Leche League of Pasadena - Mothers who wish to breast-feed their babies will find support and information at the Fairmont Library on Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Meetings are held the third week of the month. Children and nursing babies welcome. For more information, call 281-998-1095.

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

7 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 19
 7 a.m.

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

11:15 a.m.

Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club - Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club, in affiliation with Stonecroft Ministries, hosts monthly luncheons at Golfcrest Country Club from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. The luncheon

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11:30 a.m.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets on the third Thursday of each month at Makenzies Grill, 9330 Broadway in Pearland. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlnnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

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.

5:30 p.m.

Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.

6:30 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

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

8:30 p.m.

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

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Losses end CB, Dobie football seasons

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playoffs. The journey to next year's playoffs, it seems, begins now.

Dobie looks ahead
Despite the loss to Pearl-land in the season finale, Dobie interim head coach Carey Sink is excited as he looks forward.

Named the Longhorns' interim leader with four games remaining, Sink oversaw what was largely a solid body of work. The biggest thing was the work ethic and desire to improve shown by players program wide.

"At the varsity level, I am so proud of the way these kids responded to the ad-

Girls hoops begin

CB's Redmon takes debut; FW drops Dobie

It didn't take long for first-year Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball coach Blair Redmon to earn her first victory at the school.

Playing in front of the home fans Nov. 10, the Lady Wolverines got past Crosby 43-30, getting off to a winning start this season.

Redmon, who came to Clear Brook from Humble High School, will take her 1-0 record into action as the Lady Wolverines play in the Baytown Lee High School Tip-Off Classic Nov. 12-14 in Baytown.

Meanwhile, the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team is still looking for its first win after losing 61-45 at Friendswood Nov. 9.

Dobie's culprit was an exceptionally slow start.

versity they were handed," Sink said. "It's not easy to start the season with one coach in charge and then be dealt another one mid-way through.

"Overall, our guys showed up every day ready to practice hard and to play Dobie High School football the way we've all been taught. I am proud of that."

At the subsvarsity levels, the Longhorns delivered a mixed bag of results in terms of wins and losses. But Sink said the effort and character he saw out on the field is plenty to get him excited about the offseason.

"We'll miss our seniors," Sink said. "What a great

group of guys. Going forward, our varsity returnees and our subsvarsity players represent our future.

"We're anxious to get started with the offseason program and work toward 2010."

As for the future, Dobie's permanent head coaching situation has yet to shake out. Bobby Cotton, who began his third season as

head in 2009 but then took a medical leave after the sixth game, remains on contract.

"It's not about me," Sink said. "I want to be here for the kids and for Dobie High School for as long as I am asked to be here. Things have to play out.

"Right now, our focus as a staff is to be here for the kids and to move forward."



Sophomore Andrew Robinson (22), being pursued by Pearlland defensive players Travis Cook (6) and Myles Kanipes (10), is just one of the dynamic offensive players set to return next season for the Longhorns.

Photo by MannyG Photography



Southbelt's senior team went up against the East End Eagles in the conference championship round of the Bay Area Football League playoffs after losing to the Eagles 32-0 during the regular season. This time, East End advanced to the Super Bowl after a 22-6 victory over the Dolphins at Pasadena High School Nov. 7.

The game was hard-fought, and the Dolphins had their moments. On this play, Southbelt running back Elijah Levy (24) seeks running room behind a bevy of blockers, including (from left) Mason Miller (89), Andrew Lopez (53), Jason Lester (52), Orlando Ochoa and Tamurick Hickman (22).

Photos by David Flickinger

Rams' sophomores, juniors gain BAFL SB berths

An exceptionally competitive round of conference championship games has left only the best teams standing in the Bay Area Football League postseason.

Next up is the Super Bowl round, to be played Saturday, Nov. 21 at Stingaree Stadium in Texas City.

Locally, just two teams from the Ellington Rams' organization remain in the mix for the title.

Ellington will take on the Pearlland Hurricanes in both the junior and sophomore divisions at the Super Bowl extravaganza.

The Rams moved within a step of the big trophy, downing the League City '49ers 37-13 in the conference title round.

The Rams, now 8-3-1 overall this season, will face off against the 12-0 Pearlland Hurricanes for the Super Bowl crown.

Members of the Rams' junior team include Joshua Martinez, Anthony Owens, Nicholas Alvarez, Evan Mottu, Alexander Duke, Kaelon Woods, DeAndre Childs, Isaiah Vasquez, Adrian Fonseca, Tywon Mackey Jr., Noah Ortega, Jaylon Bolden, Blake Cervantes, David Rodarte Jr., Isaiah Brooks, Jalen Williams, De'von Williams, Cesar Barrera Jr., Joshua Musquiz, Julian Guevara, Jose Escobar, Josh Rankin, Andrew Rodriguez and Myles Duke.

Ellington's sophomore team is also heading to the Super Bowl after clipping the Pearlland Patriots 13-6.

The Rams (11-1) will

battle the Hurricanes (12-0) for the trophy.

The Rams' sophomore team includes Nicholas Irwin, Desmond Owens, Montrai Scott, Anthony Stasiak, Gabriel Fonseca, Joseph Castaneda, Matthew Lopez, Michael Slaten, Nakia Johnson, Mark Milton, DeJuan Dixon, Luke Gilliam, Malcolm Weston, Jonathan Moreno, Barone Rivera, Ivan Tagle, Royce Hunter, Ernie Guzman, Zion Walker, Dimitri Gian-

nakopoulos, Micah Dixon, Breon Simmons, Joshua Sordia and Earl Gresham.

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BAFL Super Bowl round

Saturday, Nov. 21, Texas City

Senior division

Pasadena Panthers (6-6) vs. East End Eagles (10-1-1)

9 a.m.

Junior division

Pearland Hurricanes (12-0) vs. Ellington Rams (8-3-1)

10:45 a.m.

Sophomore division

Pearland Hurricanes (12-0) vs. Ellington Rams (11-1)

12:30 p.m.

Freshman division

Pearland Patriots (12-0) vs. Pearlland Hurricanes (11-1)

2:15 p.m.

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Dobie grads pace Tyler women's soccer to nationals

At right, Dobie graduates Taylor DeLeon (left) and Beatrice Soto show off Tyler Junior College's District E women's soccer championship trophy won by the Apaches after downing Meridian Community College 3-0 in the title match Nov. 7 in Mississippi. DeLeon, a 2008 Dobie graduate, was part of a terrific defensive effort from her defender spot as Meridian got off just seven shots. Soto, a 2009 Dobie graduate, made one save as the winning goalkeeper. Tyler (16-0-1), ranked seventh in the current National Junior College Athletic Association Division I poll, will host the NJCAA national tournament Nov. 19-22 in Tyler. It's a great accomplishment for the Tyler program, now in just its second season of existence.



Dobie swimmers rule Fort Bend dual meet

The Dobie High School swimming team dominated a tri-meet also featuring Fort Bend Marshall and Fort Bend Travis, gaining an early season confidence boost along the way.

The Longhorns were first to the wall in all but one event. Dobie's boys were victorious in each of their events.

JFD boys coast

The Longhorns easily handled the competition in events against Travis and Marshall. Dobie defeated Marshall 164-12 and took out Travis 167-35.

Senior Martin Zuber was one of several standouts among the boys. Zuber won the 50-yard (24.98 seconds) and 100-yard (57.34) freestyle events and was a member of two winning relays for the Longhorns.

In the 200-medley relay,

Zuber teamed with Reggie Barton, Drake Williams and Michael Henderson for the win in a time of 2:01.18.

Barton, Henderson and Zuber later teamed with Stephen Rodriguez to give the Longhorns a victory in the 200-yard freestyle relay at 1:43.03.

Williams did his part in the individual events with a pair of wins. Williams' time of 2:22.23 gave him first place in the 200-freestyle.

Williams then captured the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:18.16.

As for Barton, he also played a big part in the Longhorns' win. At 1:02.10, Barton was the winner in the 100-butterfly. He was second to Zuber in the 100-freestyle at 58.43.

Rodriguez gained an individual honor in the 200-individual medley,

grabbing the top spot with a time of 2:36.64.

Dobie delivered another victory in the boys' 500-freestyle behind the performance of Adam Cervantes, whose time of 6:27.34 was easily the best time in the event.

In the 100-backstroke, the Longhorns' Tri Nguyen claimed first place, touching the wall in a time of 1:15.13.

The meet finale saw Dobie take the win in the 400-yard freestyle in a time of 4:12.86. The winning team was composed of Joe Cavazos, Chase Lindsey, Nguyen and Kevin Rodriguez.

Lady Longhorns rule

Just like their male counterparts, the Lady Longhorns came through with a thorough performance.

In the end, Dobie outscored Travis 124-50 and

beat Marshall 126-17.

Chelsea Graham was one of the top performers for the Lady Longhorns.

She first teamed with Kathleen Nguyen, Tramanh Nguyen and Laura Jordan for a victory in the 200-medley relay in a time of 2:19.97.

The same foursome (Graham, Jordan and the Nguyens) also proved to be the top team in the 200-freestyle relay, putting together a time of 2:01.71.

Individually, Graham cruised to a victory in the 200-freestyle with a time of 2:23.66. She also claimed the 500-freestyle, touching the wall at 6:26.23.

Kathleen Nguyen posted a time of 29.66 for first place in the 50-free and also won the 100-free at 1:05.60.

In the 200-individual medley, the Lady Longhorns' Claire Logan finished first at 3:03.82.

At 1:39.05, Kayla Helm chipped in for the Lady Longhorns with a victory in the 100-backstroke. Tramanh Nguyen broke through for an individual win in the 100-breaststroke, earning a time of 1:23.15.

In the final event of the meet, Dobie won the 400-freestyle relay as Paige Jones, Helm, Crystal Sartor and Julie Murphy combined to finish at 5:18.59.

"I really felt like our swimmers had a great showing," Dobie coach David Cameron said.

"I'm proud of them for doing such a great job. They've been putting in some really hard work, so it's nice when you see a pay off."



A big defensive effort allowed the Ellington sophomore team to get past the Pearlland Patriots 13-6 in a Bay Area Football League conference final game at Pasadena High School. On this play, Rams' defenders Trai Scott (9), Dimitri Giannakopoulos, (50) and Barone Rivera (28) combine on a tackle.



Members of the Southbelt Dolphins' senior defensive unit work together to bring down an East End Eagles runner during the conference final game at Pasadena High School Nov. 7. Those Dolphin players included Mason Miller (89), Christian Wright (30) and Elijah Levy (24). The Eagles won the game 22-6 to advance to the Super Bowl.



The Ellington Rams sophomore team is headed to the Super Bowl round Nov. 21 at Stingaree Stadium in Texas City. Above, DeJuan Dixon kicks off against the Pearlland Patriots during the Rams' clinching 13-6 victory in the semifinals. Next up, the Rams will face the Pearlland Hurricanes.

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