

City tree waste pickup set

Tree waste only will be picked up Thursday, Nov. 18, for city of Houston residents living north of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

Holiday trash pickup

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

Residents living in the Clear Brook City M.U.D. District will not have regular trash service pickup on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25. Regular services will resume on Monday, Nov. 29.

City of Houston

Trash and tree waste will be picked up for City of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8 on Friday, Nov. 26.

Holiday closings set

South Belt-Ellington Leader

The Leader office will close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 24, and remain closed until Nov. 29. The deadline for copy is Thursday, Nov. 18, at noon, and the deadline for paid advertisements and classified word ads is Monday, Nov. 22, at noon. The Thursday edition of the Leader will be available Wednesday, Nov. 24.

Parker Williams Library

The Parker Williams Library on Scarsdale will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, for Thanksgiving. It will re-open Monday, Nov. 29, at 1 p.m.

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

The offices of Clear Brook City M.U.D. will be closed Nov. 25 and Nov. 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday, and will re-open on Nov. 29 at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side of the building.

Dobie JROTC car wash set

The Dobie High School Air Force JROTC will host a car wash on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the McDonald's at 11323 Fuqua (next to the Sam's Club) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PW Library sets events

The following events are scheduled for the week of Nov. 18 through Nov. 24 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Saturday, Nov. 20, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

Fall craft time will be held Monday, Nov. 22, at 2:30 p.m. This program is for school age children 5 and up. Also, the Friends of the Parker Williams Library will meet at 9 a.m.

Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, and toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

Knight's Fish Fry cancelled

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 Fish Fry scheduled for Friday, Nov. 19, has been cancelled. The social hall of St. Luke's Catholic Church is not available on that date due to unexpected circumstances.

Wood Meadow II contest

The Wood Meadow Section II Association will hold a Christmas decorating contest for everyone in the community to participate in. The association will award a first- and second-place winner for the best Christmas decorations. Judging will take place on Dec. 18, 2010, and prizes will be awarded.

Night out for parents

Dobie Project Graduation will host Parent's Night Out at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd., on Friday, Nov. 26, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Parents can leave their child with the J. Frank Dobie Senior Class of 2011 and their parent sponsors for \$5 an hour for a minimum of two hours. Games, movies, activities and fun will be available for ages 2 through 12 years.

This is an opportunity for Senior Class of 2011 members to raise much needed funds for their Project Graduation event on June 3, 2011. For more information, call Christine Duensing at 281-974-0867 or Sharon Finney at 281-793-5918.

Benefit concert at SJCS

San Jazz South, the jazz ensemble at San Jacinto College South, will present a benefit concert to aid former San Jac South student and the jazz ensemble's first drummer, John Hourani, on Monday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. Hourani was instrumental in the formation of the group. He was also a Houston radio personality known as "John Prince."

Hourani is fighting brain tumors, cancer and seizures. He has been in this struggle for almost two years.

Donations will be accepted. Donations can also be made directly to a fund set up for Hourani at any Bank of America. The fund is under the name John Hourani # 586-023-486-976. All donations will be deposited in Hourani's Bank of America account.

Thompson sells yearbooks

The Thompson Lions yearbook is now on sale for \$40 while supplies last.

For information, call Erica Alvarez at 713-740-0510.

County to construct new detention pond

By James Bolen

In one of its largest undertakings to date to alleviate area flooding, the Harris County Flood Control District is set to construct a massive detention pond on 120 acres of land off Beamer, across the street from San Jacinto College.

To be located in the area that once housed the South Bend subdivision, the new pond will hold approximately 1 billion gallons of water. Soil sampling conducted by both the county and the Brio Site Task Force have determined the once-hazardous site to now be safe.

The new detention site, which will flow into Mud Gully and then into Clear Creek, will be similar to the existing pond near Blackhawk and Dixie Farm Road, but roughly four times the size.

Although the detention facility had been pro-

posed more than 20 years ago, it wasn't until a July 2009 meeting sponsored by Houston City Councilman Mike Sullivan that county officials decided to take action. At the meeting, representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the earliest drainage improvements could be made to Clear Creek would be 13 to 15 years.

The Corps has been studying the Clear Creek Project since 1962 at the cost of \$35 million. Corps officials at the meeting further said any future work on Clear Creek would likely require a new congressional authorization and additional funding, due to its change in scope over the last 47 years.

Following the 2009 meeting, Harris County officials, with strong support from Precinct 1 Commissioner El Franco Lee, began the process of acquiring the necessary land. The deal was fi-

nalized last month.

While the endeavor is expected to greatly improve drainage in the area, the Corps project will still go forward as originally planned.

This past year, a coalition that included the chairs of both the local Republican and Democratic parties was created to promote the con-

struction of the new pond. The group's efforts were not necessary, however, as all local officials, including U.S. Rep. Pete Olson, were supportive of the measure.

The overall cost of construction has yet to be determined, as Harris County has only begun its

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Mitchell speaks on NASA jobs

Bob Mitchell, president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP), spoke on the current state of NASA at a luncheon sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, Nov. 16.

A longtime South Belt resident, Mitchell has more than three decades of experience in the aerospace and aviation industries and recently led a delegation to Washington, D.C., in an effort to help save NASA jobs.

On his latest trip to the capital in March, Mitchell, along with 145 other travelers from 26 states, made a record 355 congressional office visits. Since February, Mitchell has given 33 speeches and 157 interviews and has appeared in 111 print and electronic media articles. He said approximately 62,000 letters had been delivered to President Obama, urging him to keep a healthy

local NASA presence.

The delegation, which included multiple elected officials including Houston Mayor Annise Parker, played an integral role in maintaining roughly 7,000 direct and 11,000 indirect jobs at the Johnson Space Center.

Mitchell said, however, the group's mission was not just about saving jobs, but enhancing the quality of life.

He noted that NASA's contributions included laser surgery, global positioning systems, cellular phones, fetal monitors, heart pumps and even modern tire treads.

The speaker said it is essential for NASA to maintain a robust manned space program to remain competitive with other countries such as Russia, China and India, which are vigorously going forward with their own endeavors.

Dobie season comes to close

Dobie's return to the varsity football playoffs after a five-season drought was short-lived as host Beaumont West Brook downed the Longhorns 46-21 in the Class 5A Division I bidistrict round Nov. 13 at the Thomas Center in Beaumont.

West Brook, which advanced to take on Pearland in the area round, scored the first 14 points of the first quarter and the final 11 of the second quarter en route to a 25-7 halftime edge.

From there, the two teams battled back and forth, with West Brook coasting to the win. So Dobie's season is over at 8-3 overall, but head coach Jim Phillips, who has now completed his first season at the school, is far from disappointed.

The Longhorns won their first district championship since 1999, with the players believing in

Phillips and his staff the entire way. Thus, Phillips knows there is more to come.

"These kids accomplished so much this season, showing that what we saw as coaches was true. There are athletes and plenty of ability here at Dobie, and this is just the start of something special," Phillips said.

"The offseason has already begun for us. The next step is to win the district title again and to get a first-round playoff win. West Brook had been there before. They went three rounds deep in 2009. Now we have some of that experience of being in a playoff environment. We'll know better what to expect. It's going to be an exciting offseason for us."

For more on Dobie's playoff battle with West Brook and other football-related news, see Page 1B.

Blackhawk Park to gain lighting

Houston City Council voted Tuesday, Nov. 9, to appropriate more than \$300,000 for outdoor lighting at Blackhawk Park, located at 9401 Fuqua Road.

This appropriation consists of the purchase, delivery and installation of sports-field lighting for one soccer field and one football field.

It also includes seeding for the disturbed areas. This is the second phase of development, and installation of the lighting is scheduled to begin Feb. 1, 2011.

Construction will take six to eight weeks to complete.

Since taking office in 2008, District E Councilmember Mike Sullivan has received numerous requests for lighting at the park and has encour-

aged such improvements.

"There are several sports teams in this area of my district who have reached out to me for support," Sullivan said. "It is important to me that the children have a safe, secure and well-lit area to practice and play."

The Blackhawk Park improvements are funded as a Capital Improvement Project under the Parks and Recreation Department. The entire scope of work consists of a new entry, paved parking for 60 cars with overflow for 30, two soccer fields, football field, multiuse pavilion with restrooms and concessions, playground, tree plantings with irrigation and a picnic area.

For more information, contact Sullivan's office at 832-393-3008.

Evers inducted into Hall of Fame



J. W. "Jay" Evers (left) was inducted into the Southern Arkansas University 2010 Sports Hall of Fame at a ceremony held in Magnolia, Ark., on Friday, Oct. 29. Evers was a standout athlete in both basketball and baseball at the university. An all-around athlete in high school where he also played football, Evers was named an Arkansas High School Distinguished Alumnus in 1998. He is pictured with his wife Marilyn. The couple have resided in the South Belt area for more than 40 years. They have three children who all graduated from Dobie High School.

Photo submitted



SVFD opens new station

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department celebrated the grand opening of its new station Saturday, Nov. 13, by having an open house and official ribbon-cutting ceremony. SVFD Chief Chuck Tylka is shown on the left with the Rev. James Burkhart of St. Luke's church who is blessing the new building. Burkhart has also been named chaplain of the department. The statue shown in the photo commemorates firefighters who have died over the years. More photos of the event will run in next week's Leader.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Meeting set on Shaver repairs

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan will host a meeting Thursday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. at the YES Prep Southeast School, 353 Crenshaw, to discuss the widening of South Shaver Road.

Speakers at the function will include representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Houston's Department of Public Works and Engineering.

The proposed construction would widen South Shaver Road from the Gulf Freeway to Highway 3. The project would expand the area street from a four-lane undivided roadway with open ditches to a six-lane divided roadway with raised median, curb and gutter drainage, sidewalks, street lighting and improved underground utilities.

The project would include channel improvements to a portion of Berry Bayou and a new de-

tention pond that outfalls from South Shaver.

Since taking office, Sullivan has received numerous complaints about the lack of attention to South Shaver Road. He has continued to work with the city and TxDOT to ensure that this Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) project be realized during his tenure.

After many delays with the other organizations involved in this project, Sullivan is anxious to see it scheduled to begin in the fall of 2011.

"Seeing the South Shaver Road project come to fruition has been a priority from day one," Sullivan said. "Not a week goes by without some form of communication from my constituents about their displeasure with this road."

For more information, contact Sullivan's office at 832-393-3008.

Man arrested for sexual assault

Pasadena police arrested a Beverly Hills resident Sunday, Nov. 14, for the aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Teodora Hinojosa, 38, was apprehended at his home in the 9700 block of Sumerlin at roughly 9:30 p.m.

Acting on advice given by the Texas Depart-

ment of Family and Protective Services, police began investigating Hinojosa late last month, a spokesman for the department said.

The alleged incident occurred in Pasadena. No further information was immediately available.

Records indicate Hinojosa was also arrested in 2004 for exposing himself to a child.

Team Gabby collects clothes

Friends and family of the late Gabby Romero, along with members of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, are currently hosting their second annual Warm Blessing clothes drive to benefit the homeless.

Collectively referred to as "Team Gabby," the group will accept new and slightly used clean jackets, coats, sleeping bags, blankets, gloves, socks and skull caps through Friday, Dec. 17.

Drop-off stations are Dobie High School, St.

Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1 Beverly Hills Intermediate School, and the Romero's home at 11103 Kirkpark Drive.

Organizers are also seeking volunteers to help distribute collected items on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Romero, a standout local athlete, died in October 2009 after a 15-month battle with renal cancer.

For more information or to volunteer, call Edna Romero at 832-876-0502.

Evers honored by alma mater

Longtime South Belt resident J. W. "Jay" Evers was honored Friday, Oct. 29, by being inducted into the 2010 Sports Hall of Fame at his alma mater, Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Ark.

Evers, along with seven other inductees, was recognized at a banquet and induction ceremony held at the David W. Reynolds Center on campus. The Sports Hall of Fame plaque award was presented by university president Dr. David Rankin. All inductees were introduced at halftime of the homecoming football game.

A 1957 graduate of SAU, Evers was a point guard on the District 17 NAIA champion Mulerider basketball team and played shortstop for the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference champion baseball team.

He batted .480 during the 1956 season, and this record still stands 54 years later as the highest batting average for a season. During the 1956 season, he also slugged nine home runs in twelve conference games and was outstanding handling

his shortstop position flawlessly.

Following graduation Evers signed a professional contract with the St. Louis Cardinal baseball organization.

Prior to attending SAU, Evers graduated from Arkansas High School in Texarkana, where he was an all-around athlete starring in football, basketball and baseball. He was an all-state quarterback on the Razorback football team and achieved all-district honors in basketball.

In 1998 he was named an Arkansas High School Distinguished Alumnus.

Evers and his wife Marilyn have resided in the South Belt area for more than 40 years. Their three children, Joyce, Deron and Angela, all graduated from Dobie High School.

The distinguished athlete and his wife are charter members of Sagemont Church, where he serves as a trustee and deacon. He retired in 2001 as vice president of the Unisys Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, and now enjoys time with his six grandchildren and playing golf.

Readers' Opinions

Memorial's Dr. Bapat honored

County flood work ...

Hynes sends thank you for benefit help

I would like to thank George and Kathy Valtasaras for all the hard work that they and all the volunteers did for Daisy Hills benefit. It was a great success. Thanks so much to everyone that worked and supported Daisy during this time of need. God Bless Everyone! Thank You,
Mellonie Hynes

Project Grad asks for area sponsorships

The 2011 Dobie High School Project Graduation Committee is organizing a safe, fun-filled celebration for graduation night on June 3, 2011, and we are inviting all businesses in our community to participate. With your help, we can make this a successful and memorable experience for the seniors of J. Frank Dobie High School. Parents, Dobie Faculty and members of the community pull together by donating funds, gifts, and time to provide a safe, secure, alcohol and chemical free night for our senior 2011 graduates. Contributors can provide cash or items for door prizes, game prizes food and drinks. Special gifts can be DVD players, television sets, digital cameras, iPods, college supplies, gift cards and other items. Included with our sponsor letter is a form you can use to let us know how you can support us in this project. Your name and gift will be acknowledged.

Please send donations to: Dobie High School, Attn: Leslie Rustin, 10220 Blackhawk, Houston, TX 77089 (Please make checks payable Pasadena ISD in care of Dobie Project Graduation 2011). If you prefer to donate by credit card, you may contact Leslie Rustin at 713-740-0370, ext. 04135. Please contact Christine Duensing at 281-974-0867 or Sharon Finney at 281-793-5918 if you have any questions or require additional information. On behalf of the J. Frank Dobie's 2011

Project Graduation Committee and the J. Frank Dobie High School graduating class of 2011, we want to thank you in advance for your support and generosity. Sincerely,
Christine Duensing
Dobie Class of 2011

Project Graduation Committee
NOTE: Anyone donating items as door prizes will receive recognition on the Project Graduation banner as well. Also, e-mail christine.duensing@sbcglobal.net the correct spelling of a company or family's name and add the sponsored amount.

Concerns for school zone on Scarsdale

I am a concerned citizen that lives in the South Belt area (Woodmeadows Subdivision) and travel Scarsdale to and from work daily, sometimes during the school hours. The reason for my letter to your office is I did not know who else or what office to contact regarding this safety issue as it concerns the school children in the area.

I have noticed that not many drivers seem to notice or pay attention to the flashing school crossing lights and continuously speed through the school zone (in both directions). Part of the reason maybe is that the flashing zone lights next to the DarBar Restaurant inbound on Scarsdale (from I-45) is partially covered by tree branches and sometimes I even almost miss it if I am not paying attention. Sometimes they are not even flashing when the ones going the opposite way are.

Secondly, when drivers stop at the traffic light where the crosswalk is, once the light turns green, they speed on through not realizing they are STILL in the school zone until you cross Poplarwood Drive. It just makes me crazy to observe this. It scares me so to think that innocent children may get run over, hurt or killed by these speedy drivers.
Lois Proff

Dr. Avinash Bapat, a cardiologist at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, was among approximately 20 expatriate Indians to be presented the 2010 Pravasi Achievers Gold Medal from the Non-Resident Indian Welfare Society of India.

Bapat and others received the medal in recognition of their notable contributions to health care. "I am touched to be honored by those from my homeland. It means a great deal to be recognized for contributions to a field I am passionate about," said Bapat.

The mission of the NRI Welfare Society of India is to strengthen the bonds between India and nonresident Indians. "Indian doctors in America are making considerable contributions—in medical and health care," wrote Gurinder Singh, secretary general, NRI Welfare Society of India.

A graduate of Bombay University, Bapat has been practicing medicine for more than 40 years. After completing his residency in New York, Bapat served as program director and chairman of the cardiology department at New York Medical College Metropolitan Hospital. In 1986, he arrived in Houston to start a private practice and joined Memorial Hermann Southeast as a specialist in cardiac catheterizations. Kyle Price, chief operating officer at Memorial Hermann Southeast, said Bapat's expertise and leadership has been a key factor in the expansion of the hospital's heart and vascular program which has grown from just 150 cases per year to almost 2,000 diagnostic cases annually, many of them complex.



Dr. Avinash Bapat

"We are very proud to have Dr. Bapat on our team of cardiologists. He is a respected physician and has made significant contributions to his field," said Price.

In 2007, Bapat was named the Memorial Hermann Southeast Physician of the Year.

In 2008 he received the designation of Master of the American Academy of Cardiology – bestowed to individuals who have served the American College of Cardiology with distinction for more than 15 years.

Typically, the ACC bestows the honor of Master to one or two of its more than 15,000 members each year.

Additionally, Bapat has served on the faculty of Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Texas Medical Branch.

Additionally, Bapat served on the board of trustees for Memorial Hermann and has participated in several committees, including cardiology and ethics.

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preliminary engineering studies and has not started the design phase. Galveston County officials, however, have agreed to contribute \$10 million to the project, as it will also benefit them by detaining water that currently drains to Clear Creek.

Construction is expected to begin sometime in the next two to three years, according to HCFCD spokeswoman Heather Saucier. Once begun, Saucier said construction is expected to take roughly 30 months to complete.

Jackson visits Park Manor



Sen. Mike Jackson recently toured Park Manor. Shown with Jackson are, left to right, Greg Lentz, owner of Park Manor; Leticia Caballero, director of government relations for the Texas Health Care Association; Jackson; Vicki Morel, administrator of Park Manor; and Wayne Culp, Park Manor vice president of operations.

State Sen. Mike Jackson toured Park Manor of South Belt recently.

Jackson and Donna Coleman, the senator's district director met with Park Manor owner Greg Lentz, Vice President of Operations Wayne Culp, Administrator Vicki Morel and Leticia Cabrillo, who serves as director of government relations for the Texas Health Care Association.

In the meeting, Jackson heard about the many challenges that face skilled nursing facilities in Texas. The state of Texas is one of the lowest paid states for Medicaid services. In the United States, 48 states pay more for the care of their elderly and disabled than Texas does.

Medicaid cuts of \$25.6 million from Austin, along with the Medicare cuts from Washington, threaten the quality of the care that fragile

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Deaths

Hiram Edward Woosley Jr.



Hiram Edward Woosley Jr., 77, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010. He was born Dec. 16, 1932, in Meridian, Texas, to Hiram and Rhea Woosley.

A graduate of Baylor University, Woosley also earned graduate degrees from the University of North Dakota and Midwestern Seminary.

He began his career as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force; his career then expanded into corporate management for more than 30 years.

Retirement allowed Woosley to pursue his passion – serving God by devoting the rest of his life to pastoral care as an associate staff member of Houston's Sagemont Church where he held various leadership roles and served as a deacon for 35 years.

He invested his life as a teacher, coach, pilot, school board member, businessman, minister, and dedicated husband, father and grandfather.

Woosley is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughters Suzanne Gray and husband Doug, Debbie Roberts, and Brenda Neal and husband Mike; grandchildren Bethany Kunz and husband Garrett, Mika Cochrum and husband Blake, and Aaron Neal and Cameron Gray; and two great-grandsons, Gavyn and Gage Kunz.

Survivors also include brothers Henry Woosley and wife Liz, and James K. Woosley and wife Diane; and sister Helen Horn.

While serving in the Air Force, Woosley ministered to rural missions as a lay-preacher.

The funeral service celebrating Woosley's life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at Sagemont Church with Dr. John Morgan and the Rev. Emory Gadd officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends before the service, from 1 to 2 p.m.

In lieu of floral tributes, memorial contributions in Woosley's name may be made to The Living Proof Project of Sagemont Church, 11300 S. Sam Houston Pkwy. E., Houston, TX 77089, or at www.sagemontchurch.org.

Guadalupe Leal

Guadalupe Leal, 42, died surrounded by his family at his home in Houston on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, after a battle with brain cancer. He was born on Jan. 3, 1968, in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Leal lived in Brownsville, Texas, before settling in Houston in 1979, and was a South Belt resident for 15 years. Survivors include his wife, Amparo "Alicia" Leal; chil-



Memorial services are pending.

Michael Shane Morris



Michael Shane Morris, 30, of Pearland, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010. He was born April 25, 1980, in Houston.

Morris is survived by his wife of 10 years, Tabitha Hilley Morris; his three children, Stephen, Emily and Zachary; parents Carl (former Sagemont resident) and Gina Morris and his mother, Wanda Gibson; brother Jereme Morris; sister Courtney Collier; and his grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

The service honoring Morris' life was held Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at SouthPark Cemetery in Pearland.

John Devine Jr.



John E. Devine Jr., 84, died Nov. 13, 2010. He was born Nov. 3, 1926, and was a longtime Sagemont subdivision resident.

He was a devoted member and deacon of St. Luke's Catholic Church, a member of Passionist Partners, and in his 33 years, he performed hundreds of weddings and funerals. His life was also dedicated to teaching at both the high school and college level for 32 years.

He enjoyed writing and reading, which he shared with members of the Pasadena Writers Club.

Devine is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marceline Devine; children Susan Napoli, John and wife Charlene Devine, Miles and wife Sophia Devine, Stephen Devine, Theresa Devine, and Lisa and husband David Rosenstein.

He is also survived by grandchildren Lisa Rashidi-Ranjabar, Clare Napoli, Matthew Napoli, Jason Devine, Justin Devine and Alexa Rosenstein.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at St. Luke's Catholic Church with a vigil at 7 p.m.

A mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, Nov. 19, 2010, at 10 a.m. at St. Luke's with rite of committal to follow at Forest Park East Cemetery.

Dollie Jean Jack



Dollie Jean Jack, 76, died peacefully at her home Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010.

She was born in Galveston on Oct. 21, 1934, to Katie Lee Smith and Robert Dorsey Smith Sr.

She was a South Belt area resident and, for many years, was an active member of St. Francis Xavier Church.

Jack is survived her husband of 56 years and best friend, Willis Jack; daughters Linda Lockett, Brenda Jack, Cynthia Mayon and stepson Charles Cannon Jr. (Lisa).

She was known as "Honney" to grandchildren Willis D. Jack (Alexandra), Lori Lockett, Antoinette Mayon, Charles Cannon Jr. (Vonaya) and Chandra Cannon.

Other survivors include sisters Delores Houston, Pamela Glover; brother William Smith of Galveston; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nephews and friends Yolanda Walls, LeWanna Cannon, Danita Johnson and the Russell and Chestine families.

SJC to assist student veterans

San Jacinto College is evolving to meet the needs of an increasing student veteran population, starting with a \$400,000 Department of Education grant.

With an influx of about 200 additional student veterans each year, the college will use the funds to open Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success at each of the three SJC campuses. More than 1,200 student veterans attended SJC last year, according to Amy Ammerman, dean of enrollment services at the North campus.

"The post-9/11 GI Bill is more generous than the previous one. In result, we're seeing more people come back from deployment choosing to use their educational benefits at community colleges," said Ammerman. "Our goal is to make the enrollment process easier for these incoming veterans so that fewer students will slip through the cracks."

The Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success

will provide student veterans with one single source for all their enrollment, financial aid, Veteran Affairs, and educational planning questions, and automatically connect them to other services like disability and counseling.

Three Veteran Success coordinators joined SJC this semester to provide immediate assistance to student veterans, certify VA benefits and work closely with financial aid.

It's this type of individualized service that 24-year-old Corp. Brenda Rock of Houston would like for her fellow student veterans. As a VA work-study student, Rock said her peers enter college with a lot of questions relating to the extra steps required of them to utilize their VA benefits under the GI Bill.

"I know the process, but so many don't," said Rock. "When I came in, I was overwhelmed with information, and that's why I'd love to see more VA representatives assisting veterans across the

college." Twenty-five-year-old Spc. Nick Martin says having a one-stop shop source will save a lot of time for disabled student veterans like himself. "Currently, I'm having to print off paperwork and take it to multiple areas of the college during the enrollment process," said Martin. "It's going to be nice to have one place to go for all the processes related to student veterans."

SJC is a Servicemembers Opportunity College and joins the top 15 percent of the nation's colleges, universities and trade schools on the 2010 Military Friendly School list. The college accepts up to 15 military credits for transfer credit and is home to a Student Veterans of America chapter at the South campus.

A Veterans Education Network, which also served as a model for the upcoming Veteran Success Coordinator positions, was established in 2009 to better assist incoming student veterans.



San Jacinto College work-study student Corp. Brenda Rock of Houston helps fellow veterans navigate through the college registration and financial aid processes. Rock said she supports an initiative that would provide incoming student veterans with coordinators who specialize in Veteran Affairs educational benefits and processes.

Photo by Jeannie Peng-Armao, San Jac College

SJC South hosts FIRST LEGO League practice

The San Jacinto College Aerospace & Biotechnology Academy, San Jacinto College South campus computer science department, and the University of Houston College of Technology recently hosted the FIRST® Robotics LEGO® League Practice Tournament in the South campus banquet hall.

Students were given real-world engineering challenges in which they built LEGO-based robots to complete specific tasks on a thematic playing surface. These tasks allow them to apply different math concepts, critical thinking,

team building, and using their imagination in the design of their robots.

Students also gave presentations to judges and had a chance to get feedback from their sponsors as well.

Jim Meeks, an instructor in the computer information technology department, was on hand to help assist with the event.

"The computer information technology department of San Jacinto College South is happy to assist with the practice session for FIRST Robotics LEGO League. We feel that it is important to

support the community that we serve," he said.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded in 1989 to encourage and motivate young people's interest in science and technology. The not-for-profit public charity creates original, unique programs to engage students in educational and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math.

For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150, visit www.sanjac.edu or www.facebook.com/SanJacintoCollege.



San Jacinto College student moderator Jordan Bell, center, is flanked by Nolan Ryan Junior High School eighth-graders Gabriel Viernes (left) and Sairahul Adharapurapu (right) at a robotics competition held recently at the South campus.

Photo by Rob Vanya, San Jacinto College marketing department

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Beverly Hills Region Orchestra selected



More than 400 students from Region XIX competed recently for a prestigious spot in the Region XIX Middle School Orchestra. Region XIX includes Pasadena ISD, Deer Park ISD, La Porte ISD, Humble ISD, North Forest ISD, and Aldine ISD. Beverly Hills Intermediate triumphed again with 28 students chosen to participate in the Region XIX Clinic and Concert, Jan. 21 and 22, 2011, at Kingwood Park High School. Fourteen of the 28 were selected to perform with the Symphony Orchestra and 14 with the Philharmonic Orchestra. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Nicollette Lopez (P), Nhu Nguyen (S), Elissa

Nguyen (S), Jessica Cortez (P), Alondra Arriaga (S), Ruben Vargas (S), (middle row) Matt McGowen (P), Tyson Salinas (S), Omar Medina (P), Marcela Reina (S), Heidi Tran (P), Victoria Blackmon (S), (back row) Princess Villanueva (S), Jocelyn Pena (P), Catherine Thai (S), Isaias Gonzalez (P), Angela Rosales (S), Adolfo Gracia (S), Kiyah Brooks (P), Carlos Borri (P), Alexis Rodriguez (S), Kevin Rosales (P), Carlos Rodriguez (P), Alyssa Sandoval (S), Vincent Gonzales (S) and Valentin Galarza (P). Not pictured are Geiser Crespo (P) and Angelica DeJesus (P).

Photo submitted

NASA CEP student flies in Super Guppy

J. Frank Dobie High School senior Zaheer Kamal jumped in with both feet when he was placed to work in the Aircraft Operations Division as part of the Career Exploration Program (CEP) at NASA Johnson Space Center.

During Kamal's first week at Ellington Field, NASA Pilot/Astronaut Greg C. "Ray J" Johnson presented Kamal with a project of calculating historical T-38 data dating all the way back to the seven original astronauts. The overwhelming task included calculating more than 250,000 hours of flight time, assimilating numerous aircraft and pilot statistics, and graphing the results.

Kamal meticulously and efficiently tackled the project every day until it was finished, in just less than two months.

To the surprise and delight of Johnson and the organization, Kamal completed the task in record time and with impeccable accuracy. Johnson was so impressed and appreciative that he invited Kamal to be a passenger aboard the Guppy Aircraft during its next local training flight.

On Oct. 20, Kamal joined several pilots and members of his organization aboard the Guppy for a routine local flight. The flight lasted about two and a half hours and flew over Galveston, Baytown and Channelview.

The Guppy also completed six "touch-and-go's," which Kamal described as "feeling like you're going 100 miles per hour in a car," yet still very peaceful and surreal.



Dobie High School senior Zaheer Kamal sits in the cockpit of the Guppy Aircraft at Ellington Field after earning the opportunity to be a passenger during a local training flight.

Kamal's ride in the Guppy Aircraft was a great reminder to him that "hard work really does pay off." He expressed that the experience made him want to continue doing his best and to work hard to attain even more exciting opportunities in the future. Kamal was recently accepted at

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Fla., where he will attend school in the fall of 2011 and continue to work toward his goal of becoming a NASA pilot.

CEP, managed by Universities Space Research Association is a competitive program designed to train,

educate and motivate students to pursue college/university degree programs leading to NASA-related careers. Students work at JSC part time during the school year, and develop skills and exposure necessary for successful careers in NASA-related professions.

Melillo first nine-weeks honor rolls named

Melillo Middle School recently announced its honor rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period of the 2010-2011 school year. Students earning state are:

Honor roll Fifth grade

Jonathan Acosta, Diana Adame, Tyra Adams, Adela-Marie Alanis, Raymundo Alba, Thomas Aleman, Azalie Amaro, Temaya Amerson, Francesca Arellano, Rogelio Armenta, Clarissa Arredondo, Hector Arreola-Covarrubias and Natalie Aviles.

Jacqueline Ayala, Leonardo Baez, Doan Banh, Nicholas Barrientes, Pedro Barrientes, Felicia Barton, Hillary Bazaldua, Destiny Bedford, Nathan Bennett, Michaela Berryman, Sydney Bonner, Jacob Briand, Kayla Brooks and Ethan Brown.

Ka Naia Brown, My Linh Bui, Lauren Burleigh, Jacklin Bustos, Madison Cabalero, Miranda Calderon, Daniel Camacho, Carlos Cantu, Valerie Cantu, Jamie Carman, Jose Castaneda, Britney Cas-

taneda-Jasso, Nicole Castillo and Owen Castillo.

Alyssa Chapa, Nathan Chapa, Alexis Chicas, Jalen Clark, Christian Compton, Karissa Cook, Rafael Cores, Fabian Corrales, Jovan Correa, Israel Cotton, Christopher Coy, Ty Critchfield, Jasiel Cruz, Mateo Cruz and Vanessa Cruz.

Julissa Davila, Camryn Davis, Trinity Davis, Xian De La Garza, Ashlyn De Santiago, Mark Dearza, Andrea Del Villar, Diamante Deleon, Christopher Deramus, Vi Diep, Abasi Dominguez, Mason Douglas, Emily Duren and Mason Eldridge.

Mark Embrey, Fred Escobedo, Alan Escudra, Alexis Esquibel, Bryce Feagin, Julian Flores, Charlotte Ford, Alex Fuentes, Alexis Gammon, Adamaris Garcia, Angelica Garcia, Jacob Garcia, Jacquelyne Garcia, Joseph Garcia and Analise Garza.

Mayela Garza, Kristen Giles, Daniel Goforth, Cyrus Gonzales, Aleida Gonzalez, Alejandro Gonzalez, Destinie

Gonzalez, Elezar Gonzalez, Marissabelle Gonzalez, Michelle Gonzalez, Monica Gonzalez, Jacob Gossett, Brendon Griffin and Mara Guerra.

Mark Gutierrez, Natalie Guzman, Aidan Holmai, Taylor Hargrove, Susan Hatton, Alena Hay, Jazlyn Henderson, Sage Henderson, Aiana Hernandez, Alexis Hernandez, Clarissa Hernandez, Erick Hernandez and Jeremiah Hernandez.

Lauren Hernandez, Maritza Hernandez, Ramon Hernandez, Brendan Hoang, David Hoang, Chelsey Holman, Jazlyn Howard, Alejandro Ibarra, Sameria Jackson, Cheyenne Jewell, Devin Jewell, Jasmine Jimenez, Jakob Jones and Hailee Karsten.

Kristian Kelly, Hannah Klugh, Georgina Labarrera, Jillian Lawson, Diemtuyen Le, Jason Le, Vina Le, Sebastian Leal, Edgar Lerma, Dakota Lewallen, Andrew Logan, Eliana Loreda, Katelyn Loxterman, Mykayla Loy and Marcus Loya.

Kevin Ly, Daira Macias,

Ellyssa Manriquez, Christopher Marshall, Juan Martinez, Amanda Mejiahernandez, Jasmine Melgar, Ellena Mendez, Jacqueline Mendoza, Michael Mendoza, Leonard Meyers, Anjelica Meza, Madisen Mills and Katherine Montes.

Mason Morales, Kelsey Mosley, Andrea Mujica, Thomas Muniz, Brooke Nabi, Valerie Nava, Anthony Nguyen, Deon Nguyen, Dominic Nguyen, Katie Nguyen, Kirsten Nguyen, Phuc Nguyen, Sang Nguyen, Tommy Nguyen and Andrea Orrego.

Ramon Ortega, Kevin Pacheco, Kimberly Padilla, Victoria Palos, Maria Pedrosa, Belen Perez, Jordan Perez, Luis Perez, Ricky Perez, Melody Perry, Lan Phan, Ngoc Phan, Rosa Phan, Emily Pina and Caitlin Pineda.

Melanie Pineda, Christian Ponce, Valerie Provence, Andrew Quiroz, Emanuel Ramirez, Laurny Ramirez, Ricardo Ramos, Victoria Rangel, Reagan Razo, Jackelyn Rendon, German Reyes, Joseph Robinson, Kaitlin Robinson, Marissa Rodgers and Jenna Rodriguez.

Leslie Rodriguez, Marcos Rodriguez, Mario Rodriguez, Brianna Rodriguez-Hernandez, Leslie Rodriguez-Rangel, Nahum Ruiz, Valerie Sahagun, Cesar Salazar, Nathalia Salazar, Isaiiah Saldivar, Xavier Salinas, Dominique Sanchez and Dulce Santos.

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Sixth grade
Enrique Acevedo, Jennifer Amaya-Argueta, Ciriach Amerson, Saul Arenas, Arnya Arora, Valencia Barrientos, Summer Basham, Destinie Bautista, Jesse Bernal, Austin Biondo, Tamara Boero-Mansilla, Jazmyyn Bolden and Stephanie Bonilla.

Allison Bravo, Gloria Brizuela, Derek Bui, Alayna Cano, Nick Carcamo, Lindsey Cardenas, Raul Carranza, Kristy Castellon, Michael Castillo, Zachary Castillo, Andrea Cavazos, Jordan Cervantes, Diana Chapa and Angelique Chau.

Gabrielle Chretien, Toneshara Clarke, Emily Corona, Alyssa Corpus, Renee Coy, Alyssa Cruz, Belen Cruz, Britney Cubos, Chealse Cubos, Trinity Curry, Austin Dandridge, Julia Dasilva, Amanda Davila, Ajah Davis and Parker Deem.

Jacob Dehoyos, Samantha Delgado, Adrian Delossantos, Brynn Dempsey, Alvin Deveza, Gabriel Diaz, Ivan Diaz, Jay Do, Mary Doan, Nathanael Doss, Jordan Efrid, Jackson Elings, Mariel Emiliano,

Daniel Fernandez, Tiffany Flippen and Andrew Flores.

Janneth Flores, Karen Flores, Victoria Flores, Cindy Garcia-Blanco, Bryana Garcia, Cassandra Garcia, Lesly Garcia, Pedro Garcia, Kevin Gartner, Luisa Garza-Orozco, Jazalyne Garza, Triston Gibson, Russell Gilbert and Jacob Gilbreath.

Jade Giron, Brittany Gonzales, Leandra Gonzales, Mathew Gonzales, Arianna Gonzalez, David Gonzalez, Joshua Gonzalez, Miguel Gonzalez, Shelby Gonzalez, Shelsy Gonzalez, Austin Goodwin and Emily Granados-Carranza.

Liliana Guevara, Gloria Gutierrez, Trinity Harrison, Evan Hausler, Beatriz Hernandez, Emily Hernandez, Mireya Hernandez, Eric Hoang, Emani Hollins, Jazmine Howard, Devin Hua, Joe Huerta, Royce Hunter, Nicole Huynh and Thanh Huynh.

Dillon Jackson, Cristina Jasso, Alexis Jeanpierre, Aidan Jeffcoat, Joaquin Jimenez, Destiny Karkosky, Preston Kelley, Esther Kim, Michelle Kristoff, Stanley Krivik, Marissa Kruschinsky, Christian Lake, Robert Lazo, Michelle Le and Sean Le.

Yamelith Leal, Mauro Lerma, Darian Lewis, Brandi Lindsey, Valeria Lomas, Jake-line Lopez, Joseline Lopez, Nicole Lopez, Alanis Macias, Nikolas Maffei, Ebony Manzano, Damion Marshall, Amaya Martin, Marissa Martinez and Sara Martinez.

Katherine Maslonka, Brooke McGrath, Christa Melchor, Eduardo Mendez, Alexandra Meyers, Amy Montelongo, Viviana Montemayor, Eduardo Montoya, Deandre Moore, Mark Moorman, Oren Moreno, Matthew Morris and Aimy Nguyen.

Antony Nguyen, Bao Nguyen, Catherine Nguyen, Derek Nguyen, Dorothy Nguyen, Jaclynn Nguyen, Johnathan Nguyen, Quyen Nguyen, Taylor Nguyen, Tin Nguyen, Elliott Nino, Hector Nunez, Laura Ochoa and Donatus Oguamanam.

Raene Oliveira, Nathaniel Ontiveros, Adam Padilla, Alexis Pamplin, Beng Panerio, Ashley Patterson, Star Patterson, Jami Perez, Marc Perez, Thanh-Nguyet Pham, Steven Phan, Jaysha Ploucha, Brandon Ponce and Jonathan Pulido.

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Vianney Sanchez, Luis Santa, Brian Schoppe, Yenifer Serrano, Rebecca Shaffer, Jordan Shea, Astrid Silva, Miyah Silva, Nadelyn Smith, Lillian Spigner, David Strout, Sara Sultan, Emily Symeonidis and Leanna Ta.

Debora Tabarez, Kassandra Tabarez, Corina Tamez, Hailey Tapia, Nathanael Taylor, Taylor Teagle, Joe Thomas, Katherin Torres, Andrew Tran, Elizabeth Tran, Johnny Tran, Joseph Tran and Luxury Triplett.

Clinton Ugochukwu, Kaileigh Vanhouten, Jorge Vazquez, Julio Vela, Janet Vo, Lam Vo, Mykhanh Vuong, John Walker, Zion Walker, John Wang, Monica Watson, Kiara Wells, Grant Wilhelm and Samaria Wilson.

Meador students tour Sam's Club



A specially selected group of third- and fourth-graders from Meador Elementary recently took a tour of Sam's Club. The children were able to explore the various departments and learn first-hand from employees about their job responsibilities and how it takes every employee to make a store function successfully. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Jai Lynn Phillips, (second row) Mercedes Fernandez, Crystal Valle, (third

row) Destiny Humphrey, Maria Barrera, Keaira Watson, Ever Hernandez, (fourth row) Oscar Valladares, Kameron Lane, (back row) Jeremy Miller, teacher; Stephanie Davis, instructional aide; Johnny Carmona, community coordinator for Sam's Club; Beverly Bolton, assistant principal at Meador; and Carlos Upson, general manager for Sam's Club.

Photo submitted

SJC sets auditions for children in Christmas show Nov. 18-19

San Jacinto College Central's theater and film department will hold open public auditions for children to be cast in the annual holiday production *Santa's Christmas Magic: The Musical*.

Auditions for children ages 5 to 15 will be held on Thursday, Nov. 18, and Friday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. each date.

Auditions will be held in the Powell Arena Theatre on the Central campus, 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Materials need not be prepared in advance, and every-one auditioning should dress to move.

Santa's Christmas Magic: The Musical is a fantasy

about a sinister plot to steal Santa's magic. The cast includes 30 adult actors, singers and dancers, and up to 40 children.

"Adult actors were cast several weeks ago, and have been working hard learning lines, songs and dances," commented Dr. Jerry Ivins, artistic director for the musical. "Now the artistic team is hoping to cast local children who have one week of evenings open for rehearsals. We encourage all children who can sing, dance, tumble, act, or that just have an interest in theatre to come out. No experience is necessary."

The children's elf chorus will attend five rehearsals, and will appear in up to six

scenes in the show.

Rehearsals for the children will begin on Sunday, Nov. 28, and will continue until the show opens on Dec. 3.

Most rehearsals will last for about two hours until a few days before the opening of the show. Interested children should be conflict-free for evenings during rehearsal.

Performances are set for Dec. 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 5 and 12 at 2:30 p.m. Special matinee performances will be performed for area schools and child care centers on Dec. 3 and 10.

For more information about rehearsals or the play, call 281-542-2039, or e-mail jerry.ivins@sjcd.edu.

Pumpkin voting at Moore



Moore Elementary recently held its fourth annual Book Character Pumpkin Voting. For the past four years, staff members decorated pumpkins as book characters to motivate reading and raise funds for school and parent activities. After being displayed and voted on, the pumpkins and books are donated to Texas Children's Hospital where Moore staff members read the books to patients. Students shown are, left to right, Benjamin Tran, Jada Alix and Kyus Gordon.

Photo submitted

Clear Brook debate team earns numerous awards at Clear Lake



Members of the Clear Brook Debate Team earning awards at a competition at Clear Lake High School are, left to right, Rishi Suresh, Hunter Bodiford, Raveena Bhalara and Kelly Hogg.

brought home a third-place domestic extemp speaking trophy. He is currently also qualified in domestic extemp speaking for the state meet.

Kelly Hogg was another award winner during the competition in foreign extemp speaking, placing second. She is now a double-qualified competitor having qualified in both domestic and foreign extemp speaking. She also placed fifth in impromptu speaking.

Rounding out the wins for the weekend is Rishi Suresh, a quarter-finalist in LD debate. This placement has brought Suresh to the edge of state qualification, as he needs only one additional point before he is state bound for LD debate.

An additional six team members are waiting in the wings to join their teammates in Dallas.

The Wolverine debate team attended their latest meet at Clear Lake High School recently and returned to their home campus with the following accolades:

Closing out the final bracket in championship Lincoln Douglas debate were Raveena Bhalara and Hunter Bodiford who placed first and

second, accordingly.

Bhalara also received a first-place speaking award for Lincoln Douglas debate. This debate win qualifies her for the TFA state meet in March in Dallas.

Bodiford, after placing second in LD has added six points to his needed 10 total for the state meet and also

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Lariaette of the Week



The Lariaette of the Week for Nov. 8 through Nov. 13 is Princess Tabarez. Princess is the daughter of Patricia and Oscar Tabarez. She is a sophomore and a first-year member of the Lariaettes.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JACOB & CHLOE
Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Jacob Nguyen** who turns 9 years old on Nov. 19, and **Chloe Nguyen** who turns 8 years old on Nov. 23. Love is sent from mom **Nicole** and dad **Vinh Nguyen**. Jacob and Chloe are students at Atkinson Elementary.

BIRTHDAY WISHES SENT TO DONNA
Donna Whitted will celebrate her birthday Tuesday, Nov. 23. Best wishes are sent from husband **Gary**; children **Heather, Jacob** and **Aaron**; and granddaughter **Riley**. Also from parents **Carl** and **Frances Valigura** and her siblings and their families.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 18-24.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Yasmeen Barbour** on Nov. 22.

Frazier Elementary
Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Pat Singletary** Nov. 24.

Meador Elementary
Birthday wishes are sent to **Maria Robles** Nov. 20.

Moore Elementary
Ana Moreno is sent birthday greetings Nov. 20.

South Belt Elementary
Jennifer Sumner enjoys a birthday Nov. 18. The day for a cake for **Laurie Weathers** is Nov. 21.

Stuchbery Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Ana Moreno** Nov. 20.

Melillo Middle School
Nov. 18 is the day for a birthday party for **Carol Zann**.

Morris Middle School
RubyAnn Reyna enjoys a birthday Nov. 18. Celebrating a birthday Nov. 23 is **Daniel**

Parraz.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
The day for a birthday cake for **Melanie Grisham** is Nov. 18. **Rita Jaeger** has a birthday Nov. 19.

Thompson Intermediate
A special birthday wish is sent to **Rebekah Seeley** Nov. 19.

Dobie High
On Nov. 18, a birthday is celebrated by **Sandra Lopez-Celaya**. Birthday wishes are sent to **Louis Parlange** Nov. 19. **Clinton Hopper** is wished a happy birthday Nov. 20. The day for a party for **Rosario Castillo** is Nov. 22. A birthday greeting is sent to **John Ford** Nov. 24.

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2011 J. Frank Dobie calendars are currently on sale for \$10 each. The calendars feature football, Lariaettes, cheerleaders, band, boys' and girls' basketball, volleyball and the JFD singers. For more information, contact Carolyn Johnson at cj4s@aol.com or call 832-665-8376.

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Dobie Band Section of the Week



The J. Frank Dobie Longhorn Marching Band announced the trombones as Section of the Week for Nov. 1 through Nov. 5. The Band Members of the Week were **Jesus Garcia** and **Viktor Pineda**. Student Leader of the Week was **Ashley Garza**, and Spirit Member of the Week was **Leon Gilchrist**. Trombone members pictured are, (front row) **Jasmin Pruneda**, **Vernon Rose**, **Taylor Valley**, **Tuan Pham**, **Paola Zavala**, **Brandon Dowdell**, **Nathalie Yii**, **Rene Tovar**, (back row) **Brian Williams**, **Jesus Garcia**, **Taylor Surratt**, **Andy Reyes**, **Babacar Faye** and **Dylan White**. Photo submitted

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Stuchbery staff wears favorite hats



Stuchbery Elementary celebrated red ribbon week with a "hat day," and everyone had the opportunity to wear his or her favorite hat. Pictured above are, left to right, nurse **Anita Guerrero**, principal **Jackie Salisbury**, secretary **Denise Palos** and counselor **Tina Jo Flotten**. Photo submitted

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Remember When

25 years ago (1985)
The Dobie High School football team finished the regular season undefeated in 10 starts and won its first 5A playoff game in six tries, 9-7 over La Marque. The team's latest win over the Cougars marked the school's 100th

varsity football win in its 17-year history. Work was set to begin on the upgrading, widening and lengthening, of the Gulf Freeway's Fuqua and Scarsdale overpasses. The Sagement Cowgirls earned the top ranking at a Bay Area Football League drill team competition in League City after competing against nine other teams.

10 years ago (2000)
A storm hit the South Belt area destroying Central Ace Hardware's outside greenhouse. Dobie made its fourth consecutive appearance in the 5A state football playoffs opposing Nimitz. Dr. B.J. Garner was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the 147th Medical Squadron of the Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field.

5 years ago (2005)
Houston Police Chief Harold Hurt was the guest speaker at the South Belt monthly Positive Interaction Program meeting. Among his comments, Hurt said the influx of approximately 200,000 victims of Hurricane Katrina from Louisiana had severely depleted the normal ratio of 2.3 officers per 1,000 residents.

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Burnett releases honor, merit rolls

Burnett Elementary recently announced its honor and merit rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period of the 2010-2011 school year. Students earning honor and merit roll status are:

Honor roll

First grade
Jasmine Castillo, Alani Chapa, Joe Chicas, Melena Dongsi, Moses Estrada, Tae'lor Faux, Nayely Faz Urias, Jessica Flores, Destiny Gonzalez, Kaylee Goodrum, Alexis Kamal and Lexi Martinez.

Nataly Mendez, Leslie Mendoza, Brian Nguyen, Han Nguyen, Tommy Nguyen, Alejandro Ramos, Vanessa Rocha, Nikolas Rodriguez, Natalie Suarez and Melanie Velazquez.

Second grade

Isabel Acevedo, Gail Aflalo, Maritza Arreola, Jamin Benitez, Bianca Curry, Kalia Davis, Victor Garcia, Vanessa Garza, Aixa Guerra, Erica Hay, Joel Herrera, Johana Jasso, Joscelin Martinez and Valerie Martinez.

Anna McGuire, Desiree Miller, Maxine Mooring, Celeste Ortiz, Melanie Rios, Ivan Rivera, Jocelyn Robles, Lendi Santos, Madeline Schwausch, Kendall Spafford, TayVion Taylor, Kyrsten Tyler, Alexa Villarreal and Lauren Worley.

Third grade

Jocelyn Bustos, Courtney Chung, Quang Do, Angelina Dong, Nancy Flores, Andrew Garcia, Daniel Garza, Eduardo Gonzalez, Milow Lozano and Arrianna Martinez.

Christian Medina, Jesus Montes, Martin Nandin, Seth Paulk, Alex Rosalez, Naomi

Rodriguez, Cameron Serenil, Amy Tieu and Alissa Vara.

Fourth grade

Omar Chapa, Alan Contreras, Joshua Phan Coy, Osvaldo Escamilla, Ann Garcia, Max Guerra, Rishon Harvey, Laila Leija, Katherine Martinez, Lexee Miller, Tiffany Nguyen and Victor Nguyen.

Morgan Rankins, Rijja Rasool, Lauren Schwausch, Emily Solis, Giovanni Solis, Ariana Toran, John Velarde, Marco Velasquez, Alejandro Villanueva and Kianna Williams.

Merit roll

First grade
Rafael Argueta, Daniel Cantu-Bravo, Selena Galicia, Hassan Gutierrez, Jorge Jaimes, Kristin Lara, Maria Manzano, Elissa Nandin and Angel Oliva.

Alexandra Perez, Oscar Pereznegron, Jason Pham, Dalal Rammadan, Celia Rocha, Lisette Rodriguez and Justin Trevino.

Second grade

Sophia Aguirre, Antonio Aviles, Sarah Corral, Brianda Garcia, Adriana Jimenez, Adrian Martinez, Daniela Montoya, Bruce Nguyen, Lucus Nguyen, Diego Ortiz, Hector Rendon, Mark Reyes, Gilly Spencer and Jeiny Valenzuela.

Third grade

Enoc Curiel, Marissa Estrada, Rogelio Guajardo, Peter Hoang, Frida Quiroz, Justin Silva, Princeton Ugo, Stephanie Umanzor, Jacquelyn Velasquez and Kalyn Yezpe.

Fourth grade

Arismendy Aristy, Yessica Cruz, Dalilah Delossantos, Esteven Mata and Bianca Perez.

Linares, Chavez to marry



Frances Aidyn Linares and Christopher Alexander Chavez, along with their parents, Ray and Millie Linares of Helotes, Texas, and Benny and Sandra Chavez of Sagemont, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. The bride-to-be graduated from Communications Arts High School in 2004 and then from the University of Texas Health Sciences with a bachelor of science degree in nursing in 2008. She is currently employed at Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital in the neonatal intensive care unit. The prospective groom graduated from Dobie High School in 2001, received a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Houston in 2006, and a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Texas Health Sciences in 2008. He is currently employed at Christus Santa Rosa Hospital in the intensive care unit. The couple is planning a late-November wedding in San German, Puerto Rico.

Lewis releases Chops Express trumpet book

South Belt resident Eddie Lewis recently released his latest trumpet book, *Chops Express*. *Chops Express*, a complement to the evergreen trumpet book, *Daily Routines* (Eddie Lewis, 1988), provides a comprehensive system of routines that cater to beginner, intermediate, and virtuoso trumpet players.

Routines, a vital part of any musician's activities, delivers long-term strength, range and endurance benefits and stimulates growth when practiced daily. Unfortunately, routines are often neglected as musicians sacrifice practice time to meet the ever growing demands of school, work or family life.

Chops Express was born out of the feedback from regular *Daily Routines* users who expressed their frustration at having too little time to devote to their music practice.

Musicians of all ages indicated that they wanted the option of shorter routines for the busy times in their lives but didn't want to sacrifice any of the benefits that came with the traditionally longer routines.

Lewis responded to this need and drew on his 30 years of experience as a trumpet teacher, professional musician and composer, to create a new system of routines that integrates fully with the longer, more traditional routines (suitable for less busy times) but which can be completed in less than 15 minutes each day when practice time is limited.

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While *Chops Express* serves as a teaching resource for music instructors, it was specifically written for the individual musician to use without the assistance of an instructor. The book can be successfully used by beginner trumpet players and will remain part of their daily practice session as they work their way up to virtuoso and Carnegie Hall center stage.

Chops Express (ISBN 9-

780981-891880), along with nine other trumpet and jazz titles by author Eddie Lewis, is available through Tiger Music (www.TigerMusicStore.com).

Eddie Lewis is a Houston trumpet player of note with decades of experience playing jazz, classical music, salsa (and other tropical music), rhythm and blues, Tejano and klezmer music. As an active studio player, Lewis can be heard providing trumpet music for commercial jingles and a variety of CDs, including the Grammy-award winning *Chicanismo* by Little Joe and La Familia.

In addition to freelancing for as many as 50 bands a year, Lewis directs Consort Immanuel, a local business which specializes in fine music and provides jazz and brass ensembles for special occasions.

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Over the past three decades, Lewis has authored 16 music books, 10 of which are still in print. Lewis' greatest passion is teaching, and he serves the South Belt area as a private instructor and master class clinician in the areas of trumpet, jazz improvisation and composition.

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6th Grade



Carlos Garcia was nominated by Dina Bonner. She nominated Garcia because of his desire to always do his personal best. His positive attitude is such an encouragement to the classroom atmosphere. He volunteers to help and always has a smile on his face.

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Burnett Beavers... future Longhorns



Burnett Elementary students from several grade levels have become "Dobie Bleacher Creatures." They wear Dobie Bleacher Creature T-shirts to showcase their Dobie Longhorn spirit as they cheer on the football players. They have the opportunity to run through the Louie the Longhorn inflatable right before each home game at Veterans Memorial Stadium. Showing off their Longhorn Pride are, left to right, (front row) Desiree Miller, Mackenzie Rankins, Alexa Villareal, Chris Rolon, Genevieve Almaguer, third-grade teacher Lisa Baumann, Dimitri Salinas,

Dalilah de los Santos, Principal Cynthia Henderson, Jason Sandoval, (second row) Michael Magid, Diego Ortiz, Steven Sandoval, Isaac Mestizo, Daniel Garza, (third row) Roberto Rayos, Nicholas Nino, (fourth row) Jonathon Delgado, Seth Gonzalez, Bianca Perez, Morgan Rankins, Shawn Krivik, Alan Lopez, Quang Do, Amy Medina, Annjanette de la Fuente, Kaitlyn Goggins, Jazlyne Varela and Julius Wells.

Photo submitted

Atkinson honor, merit rolls named

Atkinson Elementary recently released its honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period of the 2010-2011 school year. Students earning status are:

Second grade Honor roll

Liberty Anderson, Miranda "Sofia" Ashley, Danielle Bulman, Nicholas Covarrubias, Matthew Dominguez, Lilliana Ferrell, Anthony Ho and Briana Keim.

Neriah Nanez, Bryan Nguyen, Huy Nguyen, Adriana Padilla, Jazmine Rojas, Celeste Salazar and Sergio Valdez.

Merit roll

Maliha Akhter, Rolando "Moses" Botello, Mariana Chavez, Erick Escobar, Sandy Ho, Jason Huang, Cindy Huynh, Kassandra Keller, Jhaila Mathews and Alan Medrano.

Lissette Moreno, Sashiana Munoz, Jason Nguyen, Precious Oko, Priscilla Perez, Francesca Reyes, Marissa Ramirez-Rodriguez, Ameera Roubi and Gerardo Torr.

Third grade Honor roll

Angela Chapa, Kay Duong, Jonathan Espinal, Leah Ha, Samantha Narvaez and Ashley Nguyen.

Merit roll

Andrea Menendez, Jessica Nguyen, Bryan Orozco, Tommy Salinas, Charlyze Tamayo, Minh To, Charlie Tran, Andrea Uribe and William Vargas.

Fourth grade Honor roll

Erik Aguirre, Alyssa Carrico, Kevin Galvan, Destinee Gonzales, Jocelyn Granados, Megan Harris, Victoria

Hyams, Catherine Le and Madison Lozano.

Austin Luu, Jorge Marquez, Ezekial Martinez, Khanh Nguyen, Wendy Pan-toja, Kyana Shannon, Daniel Siaz and Clare Vanbelt.

Merit roll

Monica Borri, Jeremiah

Gray, Richard Fructus, Julian Henderson, Bao Huynh, Ricardo Lima, Nicolas Luna, Nicholas Lewis, Kathy Mai and Anthony Moreno.

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Merit roll

Jaidyn Almaguer, Julio Alonso, Paris Gonzalez, Jose Hernandez, Antonio Infante, Remi Jackson, Nicole Jasso, Hailey Machado, Zacheus Macias, Manuel Martinez, Kathleen Nguyen and Grace Nguyen.

Vivian Nguyen, Isabella Padilla, Aiden Provost, Josue Rames, Khloey Rowe, Miranda Rull, Madison Sewell, Gerardo Solis, Kyle Stokes, Dylan Torres, Amie Tran and Kennedy Watson.

Second grade Honor roll

Saul Alejo, Jimena Alvarez, Kristen Barba, Esmeralda Calvillo, Deanna Castellano, Megan Cowan, Collin Dague, Marshall Dang, Dolores Diaz, Meagan Dryden and Lizeth Flores.

Joseph Garcia, Karsten Garcia, Christina Hoang, Aaron Langford, Evelyn Lien, Nathan Lopez, Kenny Ly, Abigail Marin, Cadie Masterson and Kyndall Morales.

Alan Nguyen, Henry Nguyen, Corban Parker, Anya Patel, Vincent Powell, Benito Rodriguez, June Santillanes, Marisa Soto and Julia Westfahl.

Merit roll

Makayla Baxter, Evelyn Diaz, Victor Garza, Olivia Gonzalez, Charles Maricle, Alvis Moes, Augustin Nguyen, Yessenia Pena, Kevin Pham and David Roman.

Third grade Honor roll

Jada Alix, Alyssa Bernal, Tammy Dang, Aubrey Davis, Elijah Donahoe, Nayeli Garibay, Matthew Ghansyam, Alejandra Gracias and Christian Hernandez.

Devin Hernandez, Vicki Le, Ariana Martinez, Ivan Medina, Daisy Nguyen, Kenneth Nguyen, Jennifer Nguyen, Evamaria Perla and Jackson Ruiz.

Julian Sanchez, Felicity Soto, Matthew Springer, Benjamin Tran, Alexander Tran, Trinity Tran, Savannah Tran and Amaode Uchendu.

Merit roll

Eduardo Benavides, Jayla Carmouche, Elaine Lien, Carson Morales, Alaysai Rhodes, Casey Smith, Joshua Smothers, Cameron Tobias and Son Truong.

Fourth grade Honor roll

Krystalyn Garcia, Alysa Gonzalez, Karen Green, Alex Hernandez, Sofia Hernandez, Juliana Hickman, Melody Le, Naird Macedo, Renita Navy, Adrian Nevarez, Aaron Nguyen and Michelle Nguyen.

Andy Nguyen, Alan Nguyen, Bao Nguyen, Trey Pettis, Silas Pham, Jeimmy Salinas, Neema Shafei, Kareem Solomon, Sydney Tran, Taylor Tran and Abigail Wells.

Merit roll

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West Brook Bruins eliminate Longhorns 46-21

Despite the way the final 46-21 score looks in the newspaper, Dobie's Class 5A Division I bidistrict playoff loss to Beaumont West Brook really was more closely contested. A terrible start to the game, combined with a disastrous finish of the first half, were key factors in the Longhorns' loss.

Attending fans on both sides of the field at the Thomas Center in Beaumont were certainly left with the impression that West Brook was the better team in the game, but the

final 25-point margin was indeed a bit deceptive. In the end, West Brook (8-3) advanced to take on Pearland in a Class 5A Division I area round game Nov. 20. Dobie's season came to a close with an 8-3 final margin, the school's best since 2004.

First half decides outcome
West Brook essentially secured the win with 14 points to start the game and 11 very quick points to close the first half.

The Bruins staked themselves to a 14-0 lead on a 9-yard run by DeMarques

Saulberry and a 30-yard pass from quarterback Bruce Reyes to Jalen Malone on the host team's opening two possessions.

After that, Dobie made some defensive adjustments and held the Bruins in check.

The Longhorns climbed back into the game late in the first half as quarterback Blake Jackson threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to Davion Hurst with 1:08 to go in the half.

With possession of the ball due time in the second half, the Longhorns had the momentum, but it was fleeting.

As they have done for much of the season with quite a bit of success, the Longhorns' went with a pooch kick on the ensuing kickoff.

The best-case scenario on the pooch kick is to induce a muff from the receiving team, thereby giving the kicking team a chance to recover the ball. At the very least, the receiving team makes a fair catch and the play is over.

Well, this pooch kick went awry for Dobie all the way around.

West Brook signaled for a fair catch on the play at its own 38-yard line, and the Longhorns were assessed a 15-yard penalty for interfering with the catch.

Just like that, the Bruins had the ball at Dobie's 42-yard line with 1:08 left. And then it got worse for the Longhorns.

On a fourth-and-17 play from the Dobie 31-yard line, Reyes found Jacobly Cunigan over the middle on a slant route for a touch-

Class 5A Division I Bidistrict Football Playoffs Beaumont West Brook 46, Dobie 21 Dobie finishes season at 8-3 overall



Dobie running back Andrew Robinson's (22) field of vision all too often featured looks like this one as the Beaumont West Brook defense swarmed in for a tackle after a short gain. Those in on the play for the Bruins included Ben Goodman (10), Collin Garrett (3), Justin Jackson (15, in background) and Jacob Bonura (40). The Longhorns' ground game, which produced more

than 300 yards per outing in the regular season, picked up just 155 against the Bruins in a 46-21 loss Nov. 13 at the Thomas Center in Beaumont. Robinson scored a late touchdown on a 32-yard run after the outcome of the game had been decided. Dobie's season ended at 8-3 overall while West Brook (8-3) advances to play Pearland in the area round.

Photo by John Bechtle

Texas Invitational basketball hits area

The high school varsity basketball season is about to jump into high gear with the arrival of the McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 18-20.

The tournament, now in its seventh season, will feature a 48-team boys' field along with 32 on the girls' side.

In the end, 12 teams will be crowned champion in a variety of divisions.

Other big winners will include local high school basketball fans and the Pasadena Independent School District's Education Foundation, which has been the recipient of more than \$525,000 in donations to date.

"This is always an exciting time of the year for everyone involved with the tournament," event founder Ben Meador said.

"There's always a lot of work to be done when the tournament nears, but it's

worth every bit of it because we know the area is about to be able to enjoy some of the best high school basketball this state has to offer."

When the tip-offs of the first session of games take place at 10 a.m. Nov. 18, it will signal the beginning of three days of basketball bliss, with games being played at 14 different locations on opening day.

The tournament's top two seeds include Fort Bend Bush on the boys' side and San Antonio Jay for the girls. Meador knows the tournament will once again play host to many of the state's top teams and players.

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Dobie girls vs. Dickinson
5 p.m., at South Houston

Brook girls vs. Sam Rayburn
10 a.m., at Southmore

Brook girls vs. La Porte
1:30 p.m., at Southmore

For South Belt area fans, Continued on Page 2B

Brook's Vrugink picks UH baseball



Clear Brook High School varsity baseball player Ryan Vrugink (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at the University of Houston beginning in the 2011-2012 school year after signing a letter of intent with the Cougars. Those with Vrugink at the signing included, left to

right, (seated) John Lacinski (grandfather), Gene Flores (Brook varsity baseball coach), Gail Lacinski (grandmother), (standing) Leighann Vrugink (mother), Bill Vrugink (father) and Michele Staley (Brook principal).

FB boosters set banquet

The Dobie High School football banquet will be held Sunday, Dec. 12, at the school.

Because booster club members have yet to select a caterer, ticket prices have yet to be established. However, the food line will be open only from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Additional banquet details will appear in the Leader as they become available. Fans may also visit the Longhorns' football Web site at dobielonghornsfootball.com.

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McDonald's Texas Invitational set to give area basketball fans a thrill

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The girls' basketball season has been under way for a little over a week now, but for many boys' teams in attendance, the tournament will serve as a quick measuring stick as coaches will have ample opportunities to see how their teams stack

up against upper echelon competition.

"We really like the fact that our event is early in the season, and so many teams can use our tournament to get an insight on their progress," Meador said.

"Whenever you bring this many quality teams together in one big event,

and its parking lot will host vendor booths, a giant shoe car, outdoor blow-up games, an interactive game zone, musical entertainment and more.

After the event, families are encouraged to stick around to attend two of the tournament's most popular games, the Division I boys'

Rayburn High School.

Division II boys' gold bracket title game, 1:30 p.m., at Sam Rayburn High School.

Division II boys' silver bracket title game, 3 p.m., at Phillips Field House.

Division II boys' bronze bracket title game, 3 p.m., at Dobie High School.

Division I girls' gold bracket title game, 6 p.m., at Pasadena Memorial High School.

Division I girls' silver bracket title game, 6 p.m., at South Houston High School.

Division I girls' bronze bracket title game, 6 p.m., at Pasadena High School.

Division II girls' gold bracket title game, 1:30 p.m., at Pasadena Memorial High School.

Division II girls' silver bracket title game, 1:30 p.m., at South Houston High School.

Division II girls' bronze bracket title game, 1:30 p.m., at Pasadena High School.

"This is our seventh season, and we feel like we have accomplished our goal of bringing the very best high school basketball tal-

ent to the Pasadena area," Meador said. "Every year, we work hard to try to exceed what we've done the previous year, and we can't thank those in the com-

munity enough for joining us in making that happen. It's three tremendous days of basketball, and we look forward to seeing the teams every year."

At right, senior shooting forward Edward Peabody is the lone returning letterman for a Dobie varsity boys' team that has revamped its lineup after advancing to the area playoff round a season ago. The Longhorns will open their regular season Thursday, Nov. 18, with games at Dobie against Dickinson (1:30 p.m.) and Westside (5 p.m.).



Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL Friday, Nov. 19

Dobie varsity boys at Texas Invitational, TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Texas Invitational, TBA
Brook varsity girls at Texas Invitational, TBA
Brook varsity boys host Cy-Creek, 7:00
Brook JV boys host Cy-Creek, 5:30
Dobie JV girls at Baytown tourn., TBA
Brook freshman A boys host Cy-Creek, 4:00

Saturday, Nov. 20

Dobie varsity boys at Texas Invitational, TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Texas Invitational, TBA
Brook varsity girls at Texas Invitational, TBA
Dobie JV girls at Baytown tourn., TBA

Monday, Nov. 22

Brook varsity boys at Dekaney, 2:00
Dobie varsity boys host Aldine MacArthur, 4:30
Brook JV boys at Dekaney, 12:30
Brook sophomore boys at Dekaney, 11:00
Brook freshman A boys at Dekaney, 12:30
Brook freshman B boys at Dekaney, 11:00

Tuesday, Nov. 23

Brook varsity boys host College Park, 2:00
Dobie varsity girls host Cinco Ranch, 7:30
Brook JV boys host College Park, 12:30
Dobie JV girls host Cinco Ranch, 6:00
Brook sophomore boys host College Park, 11:00
Brook freshman A boys host College Park, 12:30
Dobie freshman A girls host Cinco Ranch, 4:30
Brook freshman B boys host College Park, 11:00
Dobie freshman B girls host Cinco Ranch, 4:00

Friday, Nov. 26

Brook JV boys at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Saturday, Nov. 27

Dobie varsity boys at Friendswood, 3:00
Brook JV boys at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Monday, Nov. 29

Brook JV boys at Clear Falls, 6:00
Brook freshman A boys at Clear Falls, 4:30
Brook freshman B boys at Clear Falls, 4:30

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Dobie varsity boys at Langham Creek, 7:00
Brook varsity girls host Friendswood, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls host Kingwood, 7:30
Dobie JV girls host Kingwood, 6:00
Brook JV girls host Friendswood, 5:30
Brook freshman A girls host Friendswood, 4:00
Dobie freshman A girls host Kingwood, 4:30

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys host Bondy, 5:00
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Thursday, Dec. 2

Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek ISD tourn., Lake, TBA
Dobie varsity boys at Katy tourn., TBA
Brook JV girls at Humble tourn., TBA
Brook freshman A girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Brook freshman B girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Friday, Dec. 3

Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek ISD tourn., Lake, TBA
Dobie varsity boys at Katy tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Clear Brook, 7:00
Brook JV girls at Humble tourn., TBA
Brook freshman A girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Brook freshman B girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Saturday, Dec. 4

Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek ISD tourn., Lake, TBA
Dobie varsity boys at Katy tourn., TBA
Brook JV girls at Humble tourn., TBA
Brook freshman A girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Brook freshman B girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Sports news, notes

SBGSA early registration

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has announced a pair of early registration dates coming next month in preparation for the spring 2011 season. The first will be Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the other will be Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$70 per player. Both sessions will be held at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park. Additional registration dates will be held in January.

Texans' 12-U baseball tryouts

The Texans 12-under select baseball program is seeking players who are interested in competing in United States Specialty Sports and Nations Baseball events beginning in December. For more information about tryout dates, call coach Craig Redmon at 281-236-5112.

Softball pitching camp offered

Amanda Scarborough, all-American pitcher and current coach at Texas A&M University, will host a pitching camp at Texas Strike Zone in Pasadena, Saturday, Nov. 20. There will be a morning beginner's camp, followed by an afternoon advanced camp. Those who wish to register or who want to obtain more information may visit Scarborough's Web site at www.amanda9.com. Space is limited, so those interested are encouraged to register in advance.

"This tournament involves some of the best teams in the state, and we are looking forward to hosting it and competing in it. If you love high school basketball, you can definitely get your fill Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Both divisions are loaded with great teams. We are ready to get the games started."

Dobie varsity boys' head coach Kevin Cross

you're going to find out a lot about just about every team here."

Hoopla family day Nov. 20

A free Hoopla family afternoon of activities will take place Nov. 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Phillips Field House.

Located at 2606 Dabney next to Veteran's Memorial Stadium, the field house

gold bracket third-place game at 6 p.m. and then the Division I boys' gold bracket championship game at 8 p.m.

Other Nov. 20 bracket championship games are as follows:

Division I boys' silver bracket title game, 6 p.m., at Dobie High School.

Division I boys' bronze title game, 6 p.m., at Sam

For up-to-date scores and schedules, visit texasinvitational.com

Nov. 18 Pool Play Full Schedule of Tournament Games

Dobie	Phillips	Memorial	S.Houston1	S. Houston2	Rayburn	Bev. Hills	Pasadena1	Pasadena2	Southmore	SJInt1	SJInt2	Dawson	Pearland
B-Westside Dickinson 10 a.m.	G-Coll. Park C.C. Ray 10 a.m.	B-Pas. Mem. Crosby 10 a.m.	B-S. Houston Cinco Ranch 10 a.m.	G-Dobie La Porte 10 a.m.	B-Rayburn Kempner 10 a.m.	B-S. Valley Manvel 10 a.m.	G-Pasadena Mayde Cr. 10 a.m.	G-Pasa. Memorial Brazoswood 10 a.m.	G-Rayburn Clear Brook 10 a.m.	G-Duncan. Bellaire 10 a.m.	G-Cy-Falls M. Summit 10 a.m.	B-Channel. Galena P. 9:30 a.m.	B-Pearland Berkner 10 a.m.
B-Spring Con. Judson 11:30 a.m.	B-Dekaney Duncanville 11:30 a.m.	B-Westlake F.B. Bush 11:30 a.m.	B-Humble Bellaire 11:30 a.m.	G-S. Houston Yates 11:30 a.m.	B-Marshall Kingwood 11:30 a.m.	B-Alief Elsik J.J. Pearce 11:30 a.m.	G-Madison Pasadena 11:30 a.m.	G-Clear Creek Woodlands 11:30 a.m.	G-North Crowley North Shore 11:30 a.m.	G-Cy-Fair Klein Collins 11:30 a.m.	G-Pearland Cy-Ridge 11:30 a.m.	B-College P. Klein Coll. 11 a.m.	B-B-Conroe Chavez 11:30 a.m.
B-Dobie Dickinson 1:30 p.m.	G-C.C. Ray Irv. Mac. 1:30 p.m.	B-S.B. Mem. Pas. Mem. 1:30 p.m.	B-Sharyland S. Houston 1:30 p.m.	G-La Porte Dickinson 1:30 p.m.	B-Hillcrest Rayburn 1:30 p.m.	B-Atascocita Sm. Valley 1:30 p.m.	G-La Porte Pasadena 1:30 p.m.	G-Pas. Mem. S.A. Madison 1:30 p.m.	G-Clear Brook E.P. Eastwood 1:30 p.m.	G-Cy-Creek Bellaire 1:30 p.m.	G-M. Summit Tomball 1:30 p.m.	B-Galena P. Dawson 1 p.m.	B-S.A. Mad. Pearlard 1:30 p.m.
B-Spring DeSoto 3 p.m.	B-Dekaney S.A. Clark 3 p.m.	B-Sec. Baptist Westlake 3 p.m.	B-Humble M. Summit 3 p.m.	G-Dawson Yates 3 p.m.	B-Marshall Fl. Mound 3 p.m.	B-S.A. Taft J.J. Pearce 3 p.m.	G-King. Park Pasadena 3 p.m.	G-Clear Creek S.A. Jay 3 p.m.	G-C. Ranch North Shore 3 p.m.	G-A&M Con. Klein Collins 3 p.m.	G-Chavez Cy-Ridge 3 p.m.	B-N. Crow. Klein Coll. 2:30 p.m.	B-Conroe S.A. Warren 3 p.m.
B-Dobie Westside 5 p.m.	G-Irv. Mac. College Park 5 p.m.	B-Crosby S.B. Mem. 5 p.m.	B-C. Ranch Sharyland 5 p.m.	G-Dickinson Dobie 5 p.m.	B-Kempner Hillcrest 5 p.m.	B-Manvel Atascocita 5 p.m.	G-M. Creek La Porte 5 p.m.	G-Brazoswood S.A. Madison 5 p.m.	G-E.P. Eastwood Rayburn 5 p.m.	G-Cy-Creek Duncanville 5 p.m.	G-Tomball Cy-Falls 5 p.m.	B-Dawson Channelview 4:30 p.m.	B-Berkner S.A. Mad. 5 p.m.
B-Con. Judson DeSoto 6:30 p.m.	B-S.A. Clark Duncanville 6:30 p.m.	B-Sec. Baptist F.B. Bush 6:30 p.m.	B-M. Summit Bellaire 6:30 p.m.	G-S. Houston Dawson 6:30 p.m.	B-Fl. Mound Kingwood 6:30 p.m.	B-Alief Elsik S.A. Taft 6:30 p.m.	G-Madison King. Park 6:30 p.m.	G-S.A. Jay Woodlands 6:30 p.m.	G-North Crowley C. Ranch 6:30 p.m.	G-Cy-Fair A&M Con. 6:30 p.m.	G-Pearland Chavez 6:30 p.m.	B-College P. N. Crow. 6:30 p.m.	B-S.A. Warr. Chavez 6:30 p.m.

Brook's veterans pace opening 69-67 boys' basketball win over Deer Park

It's just one game, but the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team is already proving its mettle.

Returning lettermen Fred Richardson (23 points) and Spencer Bowman (19 points) led the way as the Wolverines opened the regular season with a 69-67

victory over Deer Park Nov. 16 at Clear Brook.

Alex Pettigrew, another returning player from last season's team, had 11 points as Clear Brook was able to hold off the Deer for a statement win.

Deer Park, the defending District 22-5A champion,

boasts one of the area's top players in Darian Banks, as well as standout forward Thomas Walkup.

Banks and Walkup had their way much of the night on the way to 24 points apiece, but Brook's defense was able to force a couple of key misses from Deer Park in the closing minutes to gain the win.

"Yes, it was a big win for us," Clear Brook head coach Jason Pillow said afterwards. "We look at the Deer as a team that will do many good things this year, and that team has a chance to go far. Hopefully we can

build on this one and have a successful season.

"Our returning players did a great job for us. Fred Richardson, Spencer Bowman and Alex Pettigrew stepped up big time. Chris Campbell struggled with fouls all night but still chipped in with nine points.

"The leadership of these kids will be invaluable down the stretch. With so many new faces on our team overall, we're going to rely on these guys to lead the way for us."

Brook may have survived this game against Deer Park, but Pillow knows the Deer are for real.

"Banks and Walkup are really good players. Very hard to guard. We were fortunate that they missed some shots down the stretch that helped us win. I am glad that we do not have to play them twice in district. They are going to be tough."

Dobie girls fall to Madison; still confident heading to McDonald's invite

Now 3-3 through first week-plus of the season, Dobie's varsity girls' basketball team is approaching the McDonald's Texas Invitational with plenty of confidence despite a so-so start.

Dobie will actually be playing in its second tournament after taking part in the Goose Creek Invitational Nov. 13-15. There, the Lady Longhorns won their first two games before losing their final two.

Then on Nov. 16, the Lady Longhorns lost a 40-39 heartbreaker to Madison.

JFD 2-2 at Goose Creek
Dobie actually moved its record to 3-0 by winning its first two at the Goose Creek event. Shanequa Gaston had 19 points as the team beat Summer Creek 46-32.

The Lady Longhorns then tripped Goose Creek Memorial 54-33 as Derika Thomas and Jazmin Guerrero had 10 points each.

Then came two losses, 84-33 to Cypress-Woods and 45-37 to Angleton.

"We flat ran into a buzz saw against Cy-Woods," Dobie coach Shane Brown said. "That was one of those

games where they could do no wrong, and we could do no right. Against Angleton, we couldn't hit the broad side of a barn in the first half. We went to halftime down 28-14.

"We stepped up defensively, holding Angleton to only three field goals in the second half but lost by eight. As discouraging as the loss was to Cy-Woods, the loss to Angleton was disappointing."

Madison beats JFD 40-39
Down 12 at halftime, the Lady Longhorns fought back against Madison but

fell 40-39 in the end. Still, Brown was encouraged.

"The loss to Madison was a tough one to swallow, but I believe we learned more about ourselves from that game than all the other games combined," Brown said.

"I am extremely proud of the way our kids battled back, despite not playing well in the first half. Their grit is what gave us a shot at the end. The shame of it is, if we had played like that the entire game, we would not have been in that spot to begin with."

Continuing a trend that hurt the team at times last season, Dobie missed 12 of 20 free throws against Madison.

"We know that's not acceptable," Brown said. "Good teams make free throws and layups, and we didn't do that. This team will continue to work to improve in that area. We'll get it turned around. It's all

about being focused and taking care of business."

New life at McD's

With pool play games against La Porte and Dickinson at the Texas Invitational, the Dobie girls are looking to make their way to the Division II gold bracket.

"Confidence is the key for us right now," Brown said. "I believe in our team.

I believe we have all of the essential players in place to have a great year.

"Every team has rough spots during the season, but it's how teams bounce back from those rough spots that define their season.

"This tournament will give us the opportunity we need to get back on the right track and play the way we're capable of playing."

SB Dolphins drill team fourth at BAFL event



The Southbelt Dolphins' drill team won fourth place for its performance at the Bay Area Football League's annual postseason competition Nov. 13. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Cassidy Merritt, Rain Roberson, Natalie Gonzalez, Clara Perez, Kaitlin Flores, Alexis Thomas, (second row) Jara Reed, Jael Garcia, Soshi Navarro, Marissa Enriquez, Savannah

Rodriguez, Esmeralda Alvarez, Yelena Cleckley, (third row) Kianna Williams, Kyerra Wallace, Giselle Cuelar, Idalis Elizonda, Aaliyah Vaeza, Joanna Urrutia, Alysa Gonzalez, Jaliyah Davis, (back row) Camyren Grays, Ashley Daniels, Tahlia Nicholson, Asia Vaeza, Krystian Jimenez and Faith Jimenez. Not pictured are Kaitlin Green and Taylor Postel.



Sagemont seniors go for title

The Sagemont Cowboys senior division team, champions of the Bay Area Football League American Conference, will play the East End Eagles in a matchup of teams with identical 11-1 records. The Cowboys possess a high-powered offense, led by Shamaud Smith-Kizzie (5), shown battling against Ellington defensive players Adrian Fonseca (32) and Gerald Bowman (21) earlier this season, as well as other key players. The senior Super Bowl game will be the first of the series, set for Saturday, Nov. 20, at Hitchcock Bulldogs Stadium in Hitchcock. Kickoff is at 9 a.m.

Beaumont West Brook ends Dobie's varsity football comeback season

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yard field goal to push their lead to 25-7. So just like that, the lead had gone from seven to 18 points.

Dobie did its best to regroup at halftime, but West Brook's size, physicality and experience were too much for the Longhorns to handle.

In short, West Brook did to the Longhorns what the Longhorns had been doing to other teams during a seven-game winning streak to close out the regular season.

Dobie head coach Jim Phillips, who guided the resurgence of the Longhorns' football program in a short span, shouldered the responsibility of what occurred in the first half.

In Phillips' view, he could have better prepared the Longhorns for what was coming.

"We were coming off a win over Deer Park that also gave us a district title," Phillips said. "Our guys were excited and feeling good about themselves."

"If you look at West Brook, they got beat by La Porte in their final regular season game and were focused on bouncing back with a strong performance. I didn't do a very good job of getting (Dobie) ready to play."

"I knew from the opening series that we had fallen into that trap, and it's my responsibility to have us better prepared."

Still, though, the Longhorns did settle down and climb back into the game, only to see things get away again with the fumble on the lateral late in the half.

"That was my call, too," Phillips said. "I wanted to try to make something happen there, and it didn't work out for us."

"There were other things that didn't work out during the game for us, but that was big right there."

Putting aside just who is responsible for the outcome, the fact is the Longhorns were beaten by a very good West Brook team that lost three games this season, all three on the road to playoff teams.

Phillips, pointing to West Brook's three road losses at Katy, North Shore and La Porte, gave credit where it was due.

"That was a good football team over there," Phillips said.

"I'm not making any excuses whatsoever, but they returned something like nine players on offense and 10 on defense after their strong run last season. They have the big-game playoff experience and were playing at home on top of that."

Reyes had a great day at quarterback, completing 18 of 28 passes for 222 yards and a pair of scores.

It seemed that whenever the Bruins needed a big play on offense, Reyes was able to make it happen.

Still, West Brook's win came as a result of a terrific defensive performance when all of the starters were in the game.

Dobie had hoped to get its big three rushers - tailbacks DeMarcus Boyd and Andrew Robinson along with quarterback Blake Jackson, rolling.

However, Dobie could not get much going. Boyd, the District 22-5A rushing champion, finished with just nine carries for 36 yards, giving him 1,362 yards for the season.

Robinson scored the Longhorns' final touchdown on a 32-yard run with 1:32 remaining, but by then the Bruins' reserve defenders were in the game.

Jackson led the Longhorns with 70 yards rushing, but he exited the game in the fourth quarter after a hard hit by the Bruins.

In the first half, the Bruins were particularly tough on the defensive side. Prior to Jackson's touchdown pass late in the first half to Hurst, the Longhorns had gained just five first downs, and David Anleu had been sent into the game to punt three times.

Defensively, the Longhorns got an interception and a 65-yard fumble recovery and return for a touchdown from Anthony Simmons, but overall, the Longhorns could not slow the Bruins much. West Brook finished the game with 449 total yards.

"We'll be back," Phillips promised. "This is only the start of what can happen here at Dobie High School. I can't be any more proud of what the players and the coaching staff accomplished this season."

"On top of that, the support from our school, the parents and our community was great. It was a great experience for me to come in here and be a part of this. The work toward next year has already started. We have some outstanding football players we have to replace, but we're going to come back strong."

Beaumont West Brook seized control early against Dobie as the two teams battled in a Class 5A Division I bidistrict round playoff game Nov. 13 at the Thomas Center in Beaumont. Bruins' running back Percy Johnson (23), who rushed eight times for 53 yards in the game, had a big run on his team's first drive, which eventually led to a touchdown. On this play, Johnson has plenty of blocking help from teammates Jermaine Bowman (68), Quintin Pollard (70), Keithshaun Davis (61) and Jared Castle (65) as Longhorn defensive players Andrew Nguyen (20), Kerry Henderson (66), Chris Uzomah (28) and Darrian Lavergne (34) attempt to make the tackle. West Brook went on to win the game 46-21 to advance to the area round.

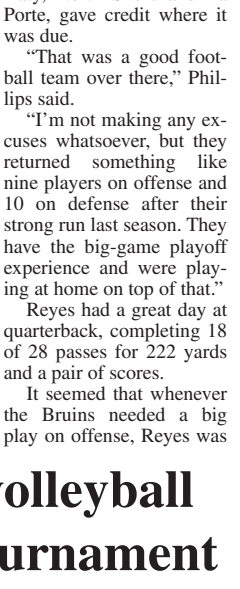


Photo by John Bechtle

San Jacinto College volleyball headed to national tournament

The San Jacinto College volleyball team is the No. 3 seed in the National Junior College Athletic Association volleyball championship, Nov. 18-20 in West Plains, Mo.

San Jacinto (26-9) will face 14th-seed Jefferson College (21-10) at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18. The locals won the Region XIV District L title by defeating Wharton County Junior College 3-0 (25-21, 25-15, 25-9) and Laredo Community College 3-1 (22-25, 25-22, 25-10, 25-22) to earn their sixth consecutive berth in the NJCAA national tournament.

"This team is very deserving of a trip to the national tournament," said ninth-year head coach Sharon Nelson.

"All season, they have pulled together to define 'team.' They have focused on taking this season one step at a time, and this next step (the national tournament) has been our ultimate goal since the season began in August."

The third seed is the highest national tournament seed for any San Jacinto squad under Nelson's leadership.

"It's a testament to the focus and determination of these young ladies," added Nelson. "We have put in the hard work, the hours of training, the moments of defeat, and the moments of victory, and now it's all in our hands, as it is for the other 15 teams. We are enthusiastic and honored to be one of the top 16 teams in the nation."

San Jacinto is led by sophomore Alyssa Dibbern, who ranks 19th in the nation with 404 kills. She was named the Region XIV Player of the Year, and was a first-team all-conference selection.

Dibbern also leads the team in blocks with 116 total. Leading the offense is first-year setter Chelsey Harding, who ranks in the top 25 in assists per set with an 8.48 average.

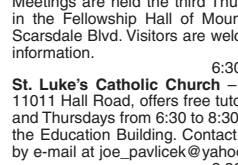
Jefferson College will be making its fourth appearance in the national tournament, but its first since 1998. Jefferson defeated Mineral Area (Mo.), 3-1, to take the Region 16 title. Jefferson's Beta Dumancic leads the nation in blocks with 280 this season (2.59 per set), while Aleksandra Niemiec ranks 16th in the NJCAA with 417 kills.

This will be the second meeting for the two teams this season. San Jacinto defeated Jefferson College Oct. 9 in straight sets at the Miami-Dade College tournament.

NJCAA volleyball national championship tournament information, including a full bracket, live video streaming, and a complete tournament schedule can be found at www.njcaaavbd1.com.

All San Jacinto volleyball national tournament games can be heard live online at www.legacysportsnetwork.com. For more information about San Jacinto College volleyball, visit www.sanjacsports.com.

Former Dobie VB teammates Courtney Craft (left) and Kylie Court reconnected during the Region 14 women's volleyball playoffs. Craft, who originally signed with Galveston College and played her freshman season with the Whitecaps, played a big role this season for the Blinn College Bucs, who are headed to nationals. Court, meanwhile, has played the past two seasons at Tyler Junior College. Blinn, 30-5 this season, will compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association volleyball championship, Nov. 18-20 in West Plains, Mo. The Bucs open the tournament Nov. 18 against Temple College.



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Soto, Tyler soccer tries repeat

Defending women's soccer national champion Tyler Junior College, led by 2009 Dobie High School graduate Beatrice Soto, is set to begin its bid for a repeat at nationals.

Tyler, which defeated Navarro 3-0 for the Region 14 crown and then handed Jones County College a 4-1 loss at district, is now 15-0 this season.

The Apaches are the top seed in the National Junior College Athletic Association's national championship tournament, to be held Nov. 18-21, in Topeka, Kansas.

One of three undefeated teams at the eight-squad national event, Tyler will open defense of its national title Nov. 18 against No. 8 seed Anne Arundel Community College.

Soto, a member of Tyler's 2009 national championship team, has been one of the nation's top goalkeepers this season.

To this point, Soto has allowed just four goals while making 43 saves.

Before graduating from Dobie, Soto, a four-year varsity starter, led the Lady Longhorns to three playoff appearances in four seasons.

As a senior in 2009, she helped the Lady Longhorns reach the area round of the playoffs.

Brook swimmers expect solid season

The 2010-2011 swimming and diving season is under way at Clear Brook High School as the Wolverines are off to a great start. After opening the season with a second-place finish at the Friendswood Sprint Kickoff, the Wolverines have competed in dual meets against Clear Falls, Tomball, Baytown Sterling and Friendswood. The Wolverines, having lost several of their top swimmers to graduation last year, are inexperienced with just three seniors, shown above from left, Drew Wiley, Vriana Fincher and Chris Lunney, on the team this year. The team is also expecting a lot from junior Patrick LaBorde, a state meet qualifier last season. Coach Mandi Newton, who is in her third season as head coach, has been happy with the way the swimmers and divers have been working and performing so far. She was particularly pleased with the second- and fourth-place finishes of her two sophomore divers, Ana Robb and Nicole Gerbich, at the Friendswood Sprint meet. "I am extremely proud of all the hard work by the whole team," said Newton. "They are pushing harder than they have before as a whole. I have very high expectations for them." Next up for the team is the TISCA Gulf Zone meet at the Conroe Natatorium Nov. 19-20. Seven Wolverines have qualified for the meet which features some of the state's top high school swimmers and divers.



Photo by John Bechtle

Tanksley victorious again

Eli Tanksley, despite a sluggish finish, has won the South Belt Ellington Leader's football predictions contest for the second straight season.

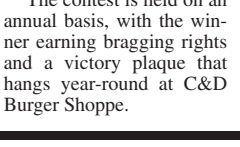
Leading the way virtually from wire to wire, Tanksley correctly predicted the winner in 84 of 110 games, giving him a winning percentage of 76.3.

Second place in the contest went to Troy Leland, who had one of just two winning records in the final week to close at 82-28. Leader Sports Editor John Bechtle, despite correctly picking Dobie as a winner

in eight of 11 games, took last place for the second straight year, this time at 65-45.

The contest is held on an annual basis, with the winner earning bragging rights and a victory plaque that hangs year-round at C&D Burger Shoppe.

2009 Dobie High School graduates and former Lady Longhorn volleyball teammates Courtney Craft (left) and Kylie Court reconnected during the Region 14 women's volleyball playoffs. Craft, who originally signed with Galveston College and played her freshman season with the Whitecaps, played a big role this season for the Blinn College Bucs, who are headed to nationals. Court, meanwhile, has played the past two seasons at Tyler Junior College. Blinn, 30-5 this season, will compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association volleyball championship, Nov. 18-20 in West Plains, Mo. The Bucs open the tournament Nov. 18 against Temple College.



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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, 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.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
AI-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. 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's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.
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. 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.
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. 20
6 p.m.
Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.
7 p.m.
Bay Area Bluegrass Association - Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, May and December are exceptions. The stage show begins at 7 p.m., but pickers are welcome to bring their instruments and come earlier. Admission is free. The show is held at the Johnny Arollo Civic Center, 300 Walker in League City. For more information, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.
SUNDAY, NOV. 21
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.
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MONDAY, NOV. 22
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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.
Friends of Parker Williams Library - Meetings are held at the Parker Williams Branch Library on the fourth Monday of each month at 9 a.m. except for January, April, July and October, when they are held at 7 p.m. to accommodate members who work during the day. There will be no meeting in December.
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.
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.
New Directions Singles Club - The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information.
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.

TUESDAY, NOV. 23
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.
American Begonia Society - Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxum Bank in League City. For more information, call 281-946-4237 or 281-471-5048.
1 p.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main. 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.
6:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Due to Sagemont Recreation Center closing for remodeling, TOPS will meet at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.
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.
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Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.
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7 p.m.
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For further information contact: Custodian of Records Special Education Department 1515 Cherrybrook Lane Pasadena, Texas 77502 Phone (713) 740-0213

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