

Heavy trash scheduled

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

Holiday closings set

South Belt-Ellington Leader

The *Leader* office will close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and remain closed through Nov. 27.

The deadline for copy will be Thursday, Nov. 19, at noon, and the deadline for paid advertisements is Monday, Nov. 23, at noon. The Thursday edition of the *Leader* will be available on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Parker Williams Library

The library will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, and will be closed Nov. 26 through Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving. It will reopen Monday, Nov. 30, for regular business hours.

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

The Clear Brook City M.U.D. office will be closed Nov. 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving. It will reopen Monday, Nov. 30, at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the outside drop box.

Spirit on Stage at Dobie

Dobie High School will present *Spirit On Stage* in the school auditorium Thursday and Friday, Nov. 19 and Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. each night. Performances include the Longhorn band, colorguard, cheerleaders and Lariaettes. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased from any band member or by calling Dobie High School at 713-740-0370, ext. 04205.

Leader Christmas program

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* will be soliciting toys, food and money for needy families over the holidays. Families in need may register at the *Leader* office after Dec. 2.

Knights host fish fry

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

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

Free choir concert at SJC

Students and community members are invited to participate with the SJC Community Choir as they sing choruses from George F. Handel's *The Messiah* in a free performance at San Jacinto College South campus, 13735 Beamer.

The performance will be Sunday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Proscenium Theatre located inside the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center. View the complete SJC South fall arts schedule at <http://news.sanjac.edu/?p=1165>. For more information, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.

PARSE to meet Nov. 24

Pasadena Area Retired School Employees will meet Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 10 a.m. at the East Harris County Activity Center, 7340 Spencer Highway.

The program will be *A Little Light Music* presented by the multi-talented Roger Woest.

There will also be several beautiful things raffled to fund the annual Christmas Reading Program. For additional information, call 281-489-2386.

Dobie BPO meeting changed

The Dobie Band Parents Organization has rescheduled its regular December meeting to Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. in the band hall, due to conflicting activities at the school. All band parents are urged to attend.

Lariaette dance clinic set

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Winter Dance Clinic Saturday, Dec. 12. The clinic will be held at Dobie High School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for children in K-12th grade. Pre-registration is \$40, at the door is \$50, cash or money order only. Pre-registration ends Dec. 4 and guarantees a shirt.

Clinic participants will receive lunch and be invited to perform at the Spring Show in May. For information, contact Lori Perez at 281-797-8370 or lp.loriperez@gmail.com.

Sageglen Park vandalized

Sageglen Park was vandalized twice in the past two weeks. Nearly all of the park's freshly planted flowers were uprooted Tuesday, Nov. 17, sometime between 3:30 and 6 p.m. The previous week, vandals spray painted vulgarities on the park's playground equipment and burned a hole in one of the slides. Anyone with any information on these incidents is urged to contact the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office at 713-477-2766.

Sullivan speaks on South Belt flooding issues

By James Bolen

Representatives from several different local government entities came together Tuesday, Nov. 17, at a meeting sponsored by Houston City Councilman Mike Sullivan to discuss possible solutions to flooding in the South Belt area.

A follow-up meeting to a similar function held six months ago, the function included representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,



Houston mayoral candidate Gene Locke (left) is shown with City Councilman Mike Sullivan at his Nov. 17 town hall meeting.

the Harris County Flood Control District, the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department, U.S. Rep. Pete Olson's office, state Rep. Ken Legler's office and state Sen. Mike Jackson's office.

While Sullivan conceded the road ahead for South Belters may be a rough one in this regard, he said it is essential for the various governing bodies to work together in order to accomplish common goals.

Following up on statements made at the last meeting, representatives for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said studies on its Clear Creek drainage project recently received an unexpected \$1.2 million in federal funding for the 2010 fiscal budget. While officials were hesitant to specify exactly what the new studies would entail, they made clear plans have changed drastically in scope since the project was first authorized by Congress in 1968.

Corps engineers on hand said they intended to work under the original congressional authorization, but acknowledged studies could take much longer if a re-authorization was necessitated. When pressed, a spokesman said federal plans would take at least 13 to 15 years to institute if everything went "perfectly."

Attendees were told by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives that public meetings would be held in the near future to discuss the project's goals and progress.

While word of the recent funding and renewed

study may be inspirational to some, the Corps' plan is not without its critics.

"By the time any work gets done, I'll be looking at it from the wrong side of the ground," said one attendee.

South Belt-Ellington Leader publisher Marie Flickinger said, "We can't wait on the Corps project," adding that talks are in the works with Harris County to acquire roughly 130 acres of local land that could be used as a retention pond. "This spot could hold roughly 1 billion gallons of water."

Although the location of the possible retention pond remains undisclosed while acquisition discussions are under way, Harris County Flood Control District Precinct 1 Project Coordinator Curtis Lampley confirmed the proposal. Lampley said an agreement could be reached in as

little as three months if the seller of the property is cooperative, and an unwillingness to sell would merely slow the process down rather than prevent it.

Lampley further said anywhere from 75 percent to 80 percent of the South Belt area would benefit from such a project.

Flickinger noted Galveston County officials have agreed to financially contribute to the creation of a local retention pond, as it would aid in controlling flooding downstream as well.

Also attending the function was Houston mayoral hopeful Gene Locke, who stressed the importance of meetings like this.

"Community is what government is all about," Locke said.

Sullivan said a second follow-up meeting will take place in four to six months.

An evening with Andy Pettitte



New York Yankee pitcher Andy Pettitte (left) helped kick off the 14th annual San Jacinto College Foundation Golf Tournament Monday, Nov. 16. Former longtime South Belt resident Jeff Brannen (right) once served as Pettitte's catcher when he pitched for the area school, and each served as best man for the other's wedding. Shown with the pair is Brannen's son, Troy, 2. Also attending the function were Brannen's wife, Jennifer, their son, Jake, 4, and Brannen's parents, Jerry and Ann Brannen. Submitted photo

USPS mulls Genoa closure

By James Bolen

The *Leader* has received several calls and e-mails regarding the potential closure of the Genoa branch of the U.S. Postal Service.

Many residents are concerned that if the branch were to close, the Windmill branch would become overcrowded. While the Windmill branch would likely become more crowded if such a closure were to occur, South Belters should remember there is a full-service U.S. Post Office located inside Central Ace Hardware at 11676 Beamer.

Unlike other postal and shipping vendors in the area, the facility charges actual U.S. Postal rates, as it is licensed by the federal government and works on a commission basis.

Opened last year, the 12-foot-by-20-foot building is located in the center of the hardware store.

The move to close the Genoa branch would be the result of tough financial times for the USPS, which is battling the Internet, private competitors and a recession.

"We're looking in every area that we can possibly

save money," said postal spokeswoman Dionne Montague.

A Station and Branch Optimization and Consolidation initiative conducted by the Postal Regulatory Commission reviewed roughly 3,600 branches nationwide for possible closure or consolidation. Of these, 371 are still being examined.

The Genoa branch was just one of four branches in the Greater Houston area that was reviewed for closure. The other three were Barker Springs, the Westchase Finance Post Office on Gessner and an office in Nassau Bay.

The Postal Service has taken other steps in recent years to cut costs. Across the country, there are currently only 175,000 mail boxes — about half the number found in 1989. Since 2000, the USPS has reduced its staff from 800,000 to 650,000. And this past May, it raised the price of first-class postage by 2 cents. The discontinuation of Saturday deliveries is also being considered.

Montague said no final decision regarding the closures will be made for at least 90 days.

Precinct 2 Constable deputies seek burglary suspect

The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office is investigating two separate home burglaries that took place in the early afternoon Friday, Nov. 13, in the Clear Brook Landing subdivision.

One incident occurred in the 10600 block of Acacia Forest, while the second break-in occurred just a block away in the 11500 block of Astoria. In both instances, the thieves entered the

home through a back bathroom window.

Deputies believe the same suspect is responsible for both burglaries, given the proximity of the residences and the similar method of entry.

Anyone with information on these cases is urged to call the constable's office at 713-477-2766.

Auto theft

Precinct 2 Sgt. Zerrick Guinn and Deputy Robert Sanchez responded to the theft of a silver Dodge Intrepid Thursday, Nov. 12, at roughly 12:30 p.m.

The vehicle's LoJack theft recovery system initially indicated the car was traveling west on Dixie Farm Road. As the officers pursued the vehicle, the device then indicated the vehicle was traveling north on Interstate 45 before coming to a stop at a pawn shop in the 3800 block of Burkett.

Guinn and Sanchez successfully tracked the vehicle down and located two suspects attempting to pawn a car radio.

Avean Tolliver, 22, and an unnamed 16-year-old male juvenile were arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Stolen checks

Last week's *Leader* issued a warning to readers not to put checks in residential mailboxes.

One Sageglen resident who had checks taken from her home has since reported she narrowly missed having her bank account robbed of \$1,000.

The resident said she initially contacted her local bank branch about the stolen checks, but was told not to worry. Shortly after, however, she was contacted by a different bank branch on the west side of town, which showed a little more concern.

An alert teller at the second branch became suspicious when a woman tried to cash a personal check for \$1,000. The bank teller made photocopies of the woman's drivers license and credit card, but did not cash the suspicious check. The resident's records indicate that particular check was originally written for only \$15.

The resident notified the Precinct 2 Constable's office and provided them with the photocopied documents in hopes they could apprehend the suspect. While stolen checks are often washed and re-used, Guinn believes this check had been reprinted using information obtained from the original. Guinn further noted the individual on the drivers license and credit card was not necessarily the wanted suspect.

At press time, the investigation into the incident was ongoing.

Local stitchers mend hearts

By James Bolen

Multiple local groups have recently come together to aid children with compromised immune systems due to congenital heart defects by making masks for them.

The project is the brainchild of longtime South Belt resident Lauren Simpson, who serves as national secretary for the It's My Heart organization. Simpson, who lost her own daughter Lindsay to transplant coronary artery disease this past January, recently saw a photograph in the *Leader* of a group from BellaVita called the Hands of Love Stitchers. The group had raffled off a quilt to benefit local hospitals, and Simpson thought it might also be interested in sewing masks for ailing children.

Simpson contacted Janice Hassinger from the group, who said she was interested in the project. Further, Hassinger put Simpson in touch with Marcia Birsinger from the St. Luke's Catholic Church quilt group and the Bay Area Quilt Guild, who said they, too, would be interested in helping.

"They've all been really, really great," Simpson said.

Simpson said the masks that are traditionally used are uncomfortable to wear.

"They're like hard cardboard," Simpson said. "These are a lot more kid-friendly."

She added that many of the custom-made masks feature cartoons and sports logos.

The practice of making the masks began with the grandmother of one of the sick children.

"Only one lady was doing them," Simpson said. "And our Web site was getting bombarded."

The groups are working closely with Texas Children's Hospital and Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital to distribute the masks.

In addition to making the masks, It's My Heart is planning two upcoming events to bring awareness to congenital heart defects. The Houston Rockets will honor the organization at its Feb.

6 game against the Philadelphia 76ers, and the group will hold its fourth annual awareness walk and run Feb. 20 at Sam Houston Park.

It's My Heart is currently seeking volunteers to make additional masks. Those interested in helping should call Simpson at 832-788-8897 or e-mail info@itsmyheart.org.



South Belter Lauren Simpson, who serves as national secretary for the It's My Heart organization, recently enlisted the help of other area residents to make masks for children suffering from compromised immune systems due to congenital heart defects. Shown above, modeling one of the masks is Gavin Stassen. Stassen's mother, Corrie Stassen, serves as executive director for It's My Heart. While Gavin does not suffer from a congenital heart defect, his brother, Noah, died last year from transplant coronary artery disease. Photo by Gail Brassler

State to tax garage sales

By Matt Griesmyer

Residents who are operating garage sales as supplemental income more than twice a year should be warned: The State of Texas wants you to start collecting sales tax.

The Texas State Comptroller requires that any resident who holds more than two garage sales in a 12 month period to file for a sales tax permit and collect sales tax on all transactions.

This regulation is not just for city or county residents; it is for the entire state.

There is no cost for a sales tax permit; all that is needed is a Social Security number of the person holding the garage sale or a tax identification number.

The only case in which anyone would be charged for obtaining a sales tax permit is if the application for the permit is filed late - then the cost is \$50 or more.

If residents are hoping to make a quick buck

off of their old unusables for the third or more time in 12 months, they should start filing for their permit and add 8.25 percent to prices.

To report violations contact the local comptroller's office at 713-314-5700.

Leader correction

The story in last week's *Leader* about Harris County Judge Ed Emmett addressing the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce contained a factual error. The article said of the county's \$1.7 billion annual budget, \$1.2 billion was earmarked for the Harris County Hospital District.

This is not true.

The county's annual budget is \$2.9 billion. Of that, \$1.2 billion is reserved for the hospital district, while the remaining \$1.7 billion is to be used for all other costs.

The *Leader* apologizes for any confusion.

Readers' Opinions

Valtasaros: What is up with rich liberals?

What is up with rich liberals? Michael Moore, George Soros, George Clooney, John Kerry, Nancy Pelosi, Edward Norton, the list goes on and on. Each of these rich liberals decries the rewards of the capitalist system through which he or she gained their riches and demands that we change the system to something else.

George Soros who started his life as a poor German Jew, says that the capitalist system does not work although he made a reported \$9,000,000,000.00 last year in the capitalist system. He says that Wall Street should be changed, regulated, and controlled because it failed the American people. Mr. Soros started out in the USA as an arbitrage trader on Wall Street and later in hedge funds.

Michael Moore was the son of an autoworker and a secretary. Starting out with little and having to fight to get funding for his first movie Moore says that the capitalist did nothing for him. Mr. Moore refuses to divulge his net worth, but estimates put him in the several million dollar range. He says that capitalism is a bad system, but I don't see him trying to make a movie in Cuba about the number of Cubans put to death for disagreeing with Castro. I would like to see him get funding for that one.

George Clooney was the son of a newscaster and we are all familiar with his success.

John Kerry married his wealth. Nancy Pelosi is a trust fund baby. I was born the son of an illegal alien from Greece and a resident alien from Greece. My father jumped ship in New York and met my mother and had me. I am not rich by the standards of Pelosi, Norton, Kerry, et al, however I am not impoverished either. I have everything that I have because I have worked for it in a system that allowed, no encouraged me, to work hard by guarantying the opportunity for a better life for my family and me. It is a system that allowed me to

own my business, my home, and succeed or fail on my merits and hard work. It is the greatest system for success the world has ever seen. My father and his brother live in Greece. They have both gained wealth and success from coming to America and working hard and accumulating the fruits of their labor. My father's two cousins did not come to America. They started a life in poverty and it continues in poverty today. Only in America can you move from nothing to a good life. Only in America is the "American Dream" possible. Only in America are you given opportunities based on your merits.

Please rich liberals give the rest of us a chance. You have made yours. Why deny the rest of us ours. We don't want to take your riches. We want to work for our own. Please do not destroy capitalism and keep the rest of us from enjoying the "American Dream" that you have achieved.

George Valtasaros

GAT Athletic Booster Club says thank you

The GAT Athletic Booster Club would like to thank Principal Lopez and the Thompson Staff, the GAT Booster Club Members and Officers, GAT Athletic Parents, and its sponsors for making the Fall Frenzy that was held on Saturday, November 14, 2009, a success and a fun day for the students at Thompson Intermediate. Thank you to old and new Lion Parents for their donations such as cupcakes, water, food, and drinks. Thank you to the sponsors who supported the athletic program. We would also like to send a special thank you to the many Dobie students who came out to assist in running the booths and to Coach Carey Sink for coming out to officiate the football games. We could not have done it without your help. Thank you for your continued support. GO LIONS!!! Sincerely,

Liz Beltran
President

2009-2010 GAT Athletic Booster Club

Clear Brook High advances in international debate contest

Clear Brook High School's debate team has advanced to the Top 32 round of an international debate competition – besting more than 200 opponents from across the world.

By advancing to the Top 32 in the Bickel & Brewer/New York University International Public Policy Forum (IPPF), the students remain eligible to win the \$10,000 grand prize and an all-expenses-paid trip to the finals competition in New York City in April 2010.

"Clear Brook High School has proven itself in this early round of competition," says William A. Brewer III, partner at Bickel & Brewer and founder of the IPPF. "These students now begin a challenging single-elimination written debate competition – taking part in a contest for-

mat that is unlike any other found in debate today."

The IPPF is the only international contest that gives high school students the opportunity to participate in written and oral debates on issues of public policy.

More than 230 high schools – representing 40 states and 31 foreign countries – registered for the 2009-10 IPPF competition, writing on the topic, *Resolved: The United Nations should substantially increase humanitarian assistance for persons living in poverty.*

Those essays were reviewed by an essay review committee, which determined the top 32 teams based on the overall quality of each 2,800-word qualifying round essay.

Clear Brook High School now competes against White-

haven High School in Tennessee in a written debate. The teams will volley a series of papers back and forth via e-mail.

A panel of judges will review the papers in the order they are presented and vote for the winning school. The winner will advance to the "Sweet 16" round of the competition, and once again volley a series of papers back and forth.

Judges will then select the "Elite 8" teams. Those eight schools earn an all-expenses-paid trip to the finals competition held April 16-18, 2010, on the New York University campus.

Since its inception, the IPPF has awarded more than \$800,000 in support of forensic activities at the secondary school and collegiate levels.

San Jac College selected as industry of the year

The Deer Park Chamber of Commerce selected San Jacinto College as the 2009 Industry of the Year.

The college was honored at the annual Salute to Industry luncheon recently.

"It is truly an honor to be selected as the Industry of the Year," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr.

Brenda Hellyer. "We have been in this community for nearly 50 years, and we are honored to be a partner in our community."

"We look forward to conducting our business in a manner that upholds the strong values and direction of our community."

San Jac was first estab-

lished in 1960 as East Harris County Union Junior College.

Using renovated buildings in the Pasadena area, the college opened its doors for classes in September 1961 with 876 students.

Since then, San Jac has grown to include three campuses and seven extension

centers, as well as an early college high school. This fall semester, the college saw record enrollment numbers, with more than 30,000 students attending classes districtwide.

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

SJC, UH enter into reverse articulation agreement

Students who transfer from San Jacinto College just shy of completing their program now have the option to pick up their SJC associate degree while continuing courses at the University of Houston through a reverse articulation agreement.

The transfer plan will

allow students, who have at least 24 SJC credits, to continue taking the necessary courses at UH to meet the college's graduation requirements, awarding them their associate degree. This agreement helps meet the overall goal of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which encourages all higher education institutions to increase the rate of student completion of programs.

"A student can earn an associate degree while continuing toward their bachelor's degree," said Dr. Catherine O'Brien, dean of teaching and learning at SJC. "The combination of UH courses, SJC courses and core complete designation equaling 61 credits is enough for them to graduate from our institution as well."

Having this additional degree gives students an edge

in the workforce, said Dr. Marshall Schott, assistant vice president for instructional support and outreach with UH.

"Students who are in the workforce can benefit by already having their associate degree as they continue to pursue their bachelor's degree," Schott said.

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

Death

Larry Keith Gill

Larry Keith Gill, 55, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at his home in Houston. He was a Sagemont resident.

A native Houstonian, Gill was born Sept. 1, 1954, to the late Melvin Ray Gill and Dorothy Burns Gill. He was the stepson of Carolyn Reeves Gill.

Gill was an active member of Sagemont Church. He worked with NYK Roro Shipping for the past 14 years.

Gill is survived by his wife, Teresa Little Gill; sons Samuel and Noah; his sister, Paula Kay Garza and husband Larry; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives, as well as a host of friends.

Funeral services celebrating Gill's life were held

Saturday, Nov. 14, at Niday Funeral Home with the Rev. Rex Forsyth officiating.

Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Those

serving as pallbearers were Mark Long, Andy Crawford, Pat Cooper, Randy Pyle, Randy West, Mike Pistone and Clint Burdick.

UHCL announces holiday hours

In observance of Thanksgiving, University of Houston-Clear Lake will be closed Nov. 26 and 27.

Offices reopening on Saturday, Nov. 28, include the library and two of the computer labs.

Library hours will be Nov. 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Nov. 29, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Hours for the computer lab in the Student Services and Classroom Building are

slated for Nov. 28, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The computer lab in the Delta Building will reopen Nov. 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Nov. 29, from 1 to 7 p.m.

All other offices will resume normal business hours on Monday, Nov. 30.

For more information about the university, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu>.

Workshop brings creative thinking to the GT classroom

Teachers of gifted and talented students ready to tap into creativity are invited to attend University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Educational Programs workshop titled *The Power of Creative Thinking* on Dec. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the university's Arbor Building, Room A176.

Participants will earn six clock hours of credit toward required training hours for teachers with gifted students

in their classrooms. Those who complete the full session receive a Continuing Professional Education Certificate.

The course fee is \$40 per person for members of the Southeast Co-op and \$60 for all others.

For more information or to register, visit <http://soe.uhcl.edu/BackToTheU/>, call Joyce Young at 281-283-3530, or e-mail youngj@uhcl.edu.

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Pictured are, left to right, (seated) Dr. Marshall Schott from the University of Houston; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor, (standing) San Jacinto College Board of Trustees members Wayne Slovacek, John Moon Jr., Marie Flickinger (chair), Ben Meador (secretary), Dan Mims (vice chair), Larry Wilson (assistant secretary) and Dr. Ruede Wheeler.

Library events scheduled

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

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

A How to Prepare Your Children for College workshop presented in Vietnamese is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Discuss ways to support the library when the Friends of the Parker Williams Library meet Monday, Nov. 23, at 9 a.m.

Santa visits the library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. Bring a camera to take pictures.

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

Drive benefits homeless

Team Gabby and St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, will host a *Warm Blessings* drive to benefit the homeless. Donations of blankets, sleeping bags, coats, gloves, socks and skull caps are being accepted through Dec. 2. Team Gabby and St. Luke's will deliver all donations on Sunday, Dec. 6.

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

For information, call Jesus Romero at 832-876-0502 or Martha Valenzuela at 281-660-7280. Volunteers are needed to assist in this project and future Team Gabby projects. If interested, e-mail Jesus Romero at jr11103@yahoo.com.

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Open auditions set for children at SJC

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

Auditions will be held Nov. 19 and 20, starting at 7 p.m. in the Slobom Auditorium on the Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

The auditions are open for anyone in the community, and connection to the college is not required. Materials need not be prepared in advance, and all those auditioning should dress to move.

"The older actors were cast several weeks ago and have been working hard learning lines, songs and dances," commented Dr. Jerry Ivins, director of the musical.

"Now the artistic team for the musical is hoping to cast 40 local children who have one week of evenings open for rehearsals and who are ages 5 on up. We encourage all children who can sing, dance, tumble, act, or that just have an interest in theater to come out. No experience is necessary."

Santa's Christmas Magic: The Musical is a fantasy about a sinister plot to steal Santa's magic. The cast will include 30 male and female actors, singers and dancers from ages 5 to adult.

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. 29, and will continue until the show opens on Dec. 4. Most rehearsals are about two hours in length, until a few days before the opening of the show.

Interested children should be conflict-free for the evenings during the one-week rehearsal period.

Performances are set for Dec. 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m., and on Dec. 6 and 13 at 2:30 p.m.

A special matinee performance will be held for area schools and daycares on Dec. 4 at 10 a.m.

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Over The Back Fence by Jan

WELCOME BABY ABIGAIL!

Abigail Cadence Hairston, daughter of **Naila and Cody Hairston** of Scarsdale, was born Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at Clear Lake Regional Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and stretched 18.5 inches. Best wishes are sent to them from their family and friends.

WELCOME AVERY!

Avery Mae Cameron was born on Oct. 2, 2009, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and 19 inches long. Loving parents are **John and Mika Cameron** of Pearland. Proud grandparents are **Billy and Ruthie Rogers** of Sagamore and **Tommy and Cindy Cameron** of Pasadena. Avery is also welcomed by great-grandmothers **Bobbie Cameron and Judy Hester**, and the following uncles and aunts: **Dusty Rogers, Cody Rogers, Tammy Cameron, and Chris and Christy Moody**.

WELCOME BABY RAIDEN!

Raiden Lars De La Fuente was welcomed into the world on Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, and weighed 7 pounds, 7.9 ounces, and was 20 inches in length. Proud parents are

Yvonne and Rene of Lake at Golfcrest subdivision. Raiden was also welcomed by his siblings, sister **Jaclyn**, brothers **Jacob, Rene, Ryan and Ricky** and niece **Khloe**.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 19 through Nov. 25.

Burnett Elementary

The day for a birthday party for **Dorlene Salas** is Nov. 23.

Frazier Elementary

Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Pat Singletary** Nov. 24.

Jessup Elementary

Marking a birthday Nov. 25 is **Maria Gonzalez**.

Moore Elementary

Special birthday wishes are sent to **Ana Moreno** Nov. 20.

South Belt Elementary

The day for a birthday cake for **Laurie Weathers** is Nov. 21.

Morris Middle School

Blow out the birthday candles for **Daniel Parraz** who celebrates a birthday Nov. 23. **Natalie Guzman** is wished a happy birthday Nov. 25.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Birthday wishes are sent to **Rita Jaeger** on Nov. 19.

Thompson Intermediate

Celebrating a birthday Nov. 19 is **Rebekah Seeley**.

Challenger

Blow out the birthday candles for **Laura Sellman** Nov. 25.

Dobie High

On Nov. 19, **Louis Parlange** has a birthday. Special birthday greetings are sent to **Rosario Castillo** on Nov. 22. Blow out the birthday candles for **Karen Radons** Nov. 25.

HOME RUN CORNER

Congratulations are sent to **Daniel Garza, Joseph Mohammadi, Robert Green and Dylan White** of the 8U Legends for hitting home runs last weekend in the state tournament, from **Celia Garza** and the coaches.

Longhorn Band seniors recognized



The Dobie Longhorn Marching Band honored its Class of 2010 seniors at the Dobie versus Pasadena High School football game recently. Seniors pictured after performing at a contest in Huntsville are, left to right, (front row) **Moses Santos, Scott Wilson, Keenan Jenkins, Chad Tapper, Tyler Scarberry, Matt Gutierrez**, (second row) **Catie Wright, Thomas Buenrostro, Deanna Carson, Amber Gonzales, Melissa Garza, Matie Smith, Cheyenne Peer, Julia DeLosSantos, Sunnie Mugerza, Edgar Lemus**, (third row) **Katie McElroy, Katelyn Dittmann, Christina Chau, Alexis Bursiaga, Yvie Gonzalez, Alyssa Mata, Natalie Vu, Sheila Placencia, Ashley Wrenn, Jose Cordero**, (back row) **Melissa Menendez, TJ Settles, Travis Chrisman, Seth Chavez, Eric Gonzalez, Justin Swift, Brandon Wright, Cameron Jones, Gena Brown and Travis Higgins**. Submitted photo

Melillo announces honor, merit rolls

Melillo Middle School recently announced its honor and merit rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period of the 2009-2010 school year. Students earning status are:

Honor roll

Enrique Acevedo, Adeana Aguilar, Alyssa Alvarez, Gustavo Amaya, Jennifer Amaya, Valencia Barrientos, Isabella Bellini, Tamara Boero, Allison Bravo, Dejah Brewer, Austin Brown, Derek Bui, Joseph Bustamante, Nick Carcamo, Lindsey Cardenas and Kristy Castellano.

Michael Castillo, Andrea Cavazos, Sydnee Chollett, Colton Chu, Naya Cooper, Renee Coy, Belen Cruz, Brittney Cubos, Trinity Curry, Amanda Davila, Ajah Davis, Parker Deem, Jacob Dehoyos, Alvin Deveza, Jay Do, Nathanael Doss, Jordan Efrid and Gabriel Elias.

Jackson Elings, Mariel Emiliano, Janneth Flores, Karen Flores, Victoria Flores, Hunter C. Garcia, Jared Garcia, Lesly Garcia, Fariha

Ghazi, Triston Gibson, Cody Giles, Julissa Gomez, Brittany Gonzales, Arianna Gonzalez, David Gonzalez, Joshua Gonzalez and Shelby Gonzalez.

Austin Goodwin, Emily Granados Carranza, John Guerra, Michael Guzman, Evan Hauser, Beatriz Hernandez, Emily Hernandez, Eric Hoang, Emani Hollins, Jazmine Howard, Joe Huerta, Nicole Huynh, Thanh Huynh, Joaquin Jimenez, Destiny Karkosky and Preston Kelley.

Marissa Krustchinsky, Robert Lazo, Michelle Le, Steven Le, Brandi Lindsey, Valerie Lomas, Jarret Long, Nikolas Maffei, Amaya Martin, Ruby Martin, Julian Martinez, Marissa Martinez, Brooke McGrath, Delwyn McNeal, Eduardo Mendez and Viviana Montemayor.

Deandre Moore, Oren Moreno, Gabriela Munoz, Antony Nguyen, Catherine Nguyen, Derek Nguyen, Johnathan Nguyen, Quyen Nguyen, Tin Nguyen, Jaclynn Nugyen, Donatus Oguama-

nan, Adam Padilla, Steven Phan and Christopher Phillips. Marcus Powell, Yessica Quintanilla, Erika Ragasa, Tyran Rainey, Lani Rico, Anahi Rivera, Sylar Rocha, Mario Rodriguez, Cassandra Rojas, Hector Rojas, Tori Roy, Edwin Saldivar, Kaylan Salinas, Vianney Sanchez, Devin Sanchez, Soey Sanmiguel and Luis Santa.

Rebecca Shaffer, Brian Shoppe, Lillian Spigner, David Strout, Sara Sultan, Leanna Ta, Debora Tabarez, Hailey Tapia, Nathanael Taylor, Andrew Tran, Johnny Tran, Joseph Tran, Jenny Truong, Jorge Vazquez, Julio Vela, Janet Vo, Lam Vo and Kiara Wells.

Merit roll

Nathaly Alvarado, Ciriah Amerson, Saul Arenas, Donovyn Baldaras, Jesse Bernal, Jazmyn Bolden, Kenya Bosso, Jonathan Campos, Alayna Cano, Zachary Castillo, Esai Castro, Ricardo Cavazos, Diana Chapa, Jann Chavez, Joel Chicas, Gabrielle Chretien

and Toneshara Clarke. Jonathan Colon, Caleb Conerly, Alyssa Corpus, Miguel Cruz, Lauren Delgado, Adrian Delossantos, Ivan Diaz, Samantha Dlegado, Mary Doan, Jordan Edokpa, Jara Edwards, Le Etienne, Tiffany Flippen, Desiree Florces, Romeo Garay, Bryana Garcia and Cassandra Garcia.

Pedro Garcia, Kevin Gartner, Jazalyne Garza, Russell Gilbert, Jacob Gilbreath, Jade Giron, Matthew Gonzales, Lilitana Guevara, Mireya Hernandez, Isiah Juarez, Austin Kendall, Esther Kim, Christian Lake, Mauro Lerma, Jakeline Lopez, Joseline Lopez and Katherine Maslonka.

Christa Melchor, Jennifer Moise, Eduardo Montoya, Rebekah Munoz, Dorothy Nguyen, Taylor Nguyen, Ashley Patterson, Star Patterson, Jami Perez, Natali Perez, Austin Pleasants, Jaysha Ploucha, Josue Ramirez, Rebecca Robertson, Cesar Rocha and Chelsea Rocha.

Eliseo Rodriguez, Eric

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THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) (10:00 @ \$5), 12:45, 2:15, 3:35, 5:10, 7:05, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50, 12:45
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2012 (PG-13) (10:05 @ \$5), 1:20, 4:35, 7:50, 11:15
THE BOX (PG-13) (10:00 @ \$5), 12:30, 3:10, 6:00, 9:00, 11:40
THE FOURTH KIND (PG-13) (11:40 @ \$5), 2:25, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30, 12:45
MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS IS IT (PG) (10:30 @ \$5), 12:55, 3:25, 6:05
MICHAEL JACKSON'S THIS IS IT (PG) (11:30 @ \$5), 2:40, 4:55, 7:45, 10:20, 12:50
ASTRO BOY (PG) (11:00 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:05, 6:25
LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) (10:55 @ \$5), 1:25, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20, 11:50
PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) 8:40, 10:45, 12:50
THE STEPFATHER (PG-13) 8:20, 10:40, 12:55
COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (10:50 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, 12:55

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BOONDOCK SAINTS II: ALL SAINTS DAY (R) 4:40, 10:00, 12:40
PIRATE RADIO (R) (11:35 @ \$5), 2:05, 7:20
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Remember When

30 years ago (1979)
Bob Buchanan was elected president of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Pony-Colt Baseball Association.

More than 300 area residents packed the Thompson Intermediate School cafeteria for a flood meeting. The residents received more answers to their flooding questions than they had at a previous meeting.

25 years ago (1984)

The city of Houston postponed annexation of Sycamore Valley until the end of the year.

20 years ago (1989)

Houston homicide detectives were investigating a robbery attempt of a Sagemont resident, which resulted in the deaths of three suspects.

Despite reservations from Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay concerning undercover drug busts by deputies under Precinct 2 Constable

Gary Freeman, citizens had given their support to the constable's actions.

15 years ago (1994)

Houston police were investigating the robbery of the Cigo on Hughes Road. A judicial ruling that prior testimony could be used in a slew of Brio trials was a victory for plaintiffs and the defendant, Southbend developer Farm & Home.

10 years ago (1999)

A 4-year-old South Belt resident died after being struck by a motorist in Deer Park. After two overtime periods, the Dobie High School Longhorns defeated the Clear Brook High School Wolverines to advance to the area round of the 5A division II football playoffs.

5 years ago (2004)

For the second time in 14 months, a fire swept through the Scarsdale Village shopping center on Scarsdale at Beamer. The center was heavily damaged by smoke from the Food Town to the CVS store.

A 37-acre tract of land was donated by Exxon/Mobil to

the Veteran's Museum in Texas to house a 203,000 square-foot building on Scarsdale at the Gulf Freeway. At the time, the area was used as a golf driving range.

The City of Houston announced it was adopting a "zero tolerance" policy to address the improper placing of curbside heavy trash. Residents were told to place the trash out no earlier than the Friday before the scheduled heavy trash date. Violations could result in fines up to \$2,000 per day if convicted.

Plans for a traffic light for the intersection of Blackhawk and Kirkville had moved forward and were in the hands of Harris County Precinct 1 officials. Due to traffic problems surrounding Moore Elementary and Dobie High School, PISD agreed to subsidize a portion of the design and cost of the light.

1 year ago (2008)

Several Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League board members, including board president Mike McCormack, abruptly resigned their posts. Several of the resigned mem-

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Meador celebrates 'Hats off to Drugs'



Meador Elementary recently celebrated Red Ribbon Week with various activities and themed dress up days all week to help encourage the students to be drug free. Students and staff members who participated in "Hats Off To Drugs" day pictured are, left to right, (front row) Cailin McDuff,

Kyana Oliver, Vanessa Villarreal, (middle row) Janet Armenta (bilingual aide), Daniela Lopez, Jennifer Rodriguez, Mia Myers, Isaiah Rubio, Izabelle Villarreal, (back row) Hilda Heredia (Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities aide) and Tara Merida (counselor).

Howard advises students on scholarships

Recipient of scholarship funds urges others to apply

Scholarship funds administered through the San Jacinto College Foundation are helping Natasha Howard fulfill her educational and career dreams.

Howard plans to graduate from San Jacinto College in autumn 2010, earning an associate degree in business administration. She then plans to transfer to Sam Houston State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in human resource management, and her career goal is to become a successful minority businesswoman.

Howard applied for and received three scholarships through the college's foundation that have helped her tremendously - the book scholarship (which helps to purchase textbooks), the stars scholarship (granted on the basis of financial need), and the Don and Barbara Carpenter Scholarship (for business students). To show her gratitude, Howard recently sent a letter of appreciation to scholarship contributors John and Rose Moon, in which she stated:

"Thank you for investing in my future and supporting the students at San Jacinto College. I will remember your unselfish acts of kind-

ness forever with hopes that I too will one day be able to touch a young person's life and inspire others to give back to the community just as you did."

Howard offers some simple advice to students who could use some financial assistance, but who do not apply because they think they might not qualify.

"A college education is expensive, but there is money out there to help you find it," she commented. "All you have to do is apply. I applied for several scholarships and got them, and it was not a hard or complicated process. However, you must take the initiative and apply. Like the saying goes, anything worth having is worth working for." The determined and disciplined student says it is vital important for young people in today's society to apply themselves and get a college education. "I believe education is the key to success, because once you have an education, no one can take it away from you," she noted. "A high school diploma will not ensure a comfortable lifestyle. You will be flipping burgers if you do not have a college education, a skill, or a trade. Work hard to educate

yourself today so you can live the life you want tomorrow." Susan Arcsott, SJC's vice president of resource development, says helping diligent students like Howard is a wise investment.

"Natasha's determination to improve her life through education is obvious," Arcsott remarked.

"She is working full time while taking classes at the college in the evenings, and

she has maintained a 3.4 grade point average. She really applies herself and is a good role model. It is wonderful to see the Carpenters' legacy being carried on by this student."

Bring on the s'mores! SJC class camps for their grade

A class of San Jacinto College students are trading in their textbooks for tents and packing up the s'mores for a semester of camping, all while earning college credit.

Judy Harrison, SJC South physical education professor, is teaching her students basic skills that have sustained human survival for centuries but are often lost in the hustle and bustle of today's urban lifestyle.

"If it's a bad tent, you'll smell it," Harrison warned her class during a discussion on how to avoid mold and mildew when storing a tent.

The class is in good hands when it comes to preparation. Harrison served as manager for the USA Women's Olympic Track and Field Team in 2000.

"Research shows that the acquisition of knowledge happens through physical actions or connections," Harrison said. "Camping is an activity which helps students connect subjects into a thought-filled perspective of their lives through interaction with the outdoors and others. We all need time to re-create ourselves; it is important to our well-being."

Harrison's students learn such lessons as trip planning, map reading, tent setup, com-

pass reading, proper knot tying techniques, cooking over coals and building a campfire.

The class embarks on two weekend camping trips; their first was to Lake Livingston State Park earlier this semester. They journey on their second trip this month to Lake Somerville State Park - Birch Creek.

SJC student Lindsey Schneider of Pearland has eight years of camping experience. However, she enrolled in Harrison's class to revisit the hobby she now rarely has time for.

"I like to camp, but I never get to go; so I thought, 'why

not take this course for credit and go camping,'" Schneider said. "Also, I've been camping for a long time, but there are a lot of things I've learned in this class that I did not know beforehand."

Harrison's students will complete their camping course by submitting a 100-question exam that will encourage them to collaborate with their classmates, check out camping Web sites, visit camping supply stores and evaluate their camping experience.

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Galveston Historical re-launches 1900 Storm plaques program

Galveston Historical Foundation (GHF) has re-launched its popular and successful 1900 Storm Survivor Plaque program.

On Sept. 8, 1900, the most devastating recorded natural disaster in U.S. history struck Galveston Island, claiming 6,000 to 8,000 lives and destroying thousands of buildings. GHF first offered the 1900 Storm Survivor Plaque 10 years ago, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of this storm and to celebrate the buildings that still stand to define the historic character of Galveston.

The new plaques have been modified in two ways. The original design of the plaques now has been

changed by replacing the "2000" (year of 100th anniversary) with "8 Sept." to commemorate the date of the 1900 Storm. The plaque material has also been changed.

Originally made from a plastic resin, the plaques are now being offered in cast bronze. The upgrade in the materials for the plaques has necessitated a change in pricing. There is a \$20 application fee which covers staff time to research and verify the age of the house. This fee can be waived for a property that already has an approved original 1900 Storm Survivor Plaque application. Once GHF staff verify the age of the property, they will con-

tact the applicant. Owners of buildings that qualify may then pay the remaining \$100 for their plaque, and their order will be placed.

There is an approximate four- to six-week turnaround time from the time of ordering the plaques until they are delivered. Some plaques may be kept in stock, but this cannot be guaranteed. Patrons who would like plaques in time for holiday delivery are encouraged to order now.

Application forms are available at www.galvestonhistory.org/1900PlaqueRenew.asp or at GHF's Architectural Salvage Warehouse at 908 23rd Street. For information, contact Matt Farragher at 409-750-9108.

Cowgirls earn first place



The 2009 Sagemont Cowboy Cheerleaders earned first place in BAFL's 2009 Cheer Competition held in October. Members of the squad pictured are, left to right, (front row) Leslie Diaz, Jamaris Stephen, Johnna Blevins, Haley Deel, Trinity Harrison, (middle row) Adrianna Castillo, Valerie Diaz, Valline Bertrand, Katherine Ramirez, Lani Lopez, (back row) Alexia Juarez, Valerie Mendoza, Madison Samples, Angelica Zuniga and Gabby Flores. Coaches for the team are Traci Graham, Kristina Deel and Brooke Brock.

Submitted photo

Singles dance Nov. 17

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the VFW Lodge in Bacliff at 1401 Grand Avenue on FM-646, one-quarter mile west of Highway 146.

Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

Burnett releases honor, merit rolls for 1st 9-weeks

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

First grade Honor roll
Isabel Acevedo, Sophia Aguirre, Anthonie Amboree, Maritza Arreola, Amari Ayala-Sanchez, Antonio Aviles, John Beltran, Jasmin Benitez, Aric Cortez, Bianca Curry, Kalcia Davis, Dieu Dinh, Victor Garcia and Aixa Guerra Gomez.

Second grade Honor roll
Christopher Bowser, Jocelyn Bustos, Dominic Caballero, Xzaveon Cofield, Enoc Curiel, Jaquary Davis, Quango Do, Angelina Dong, Marissa Estrada, Nancy Flores and Seth Gonzalez.

Third grade Honor roll
James Hingle, Ivyanna Lewis, Milow Lozano, Ashley Mathew, Christian Medina, Seth Paulk, Ashley Rodriguez, Alex Rosalez, Aliyah Salas, Justin Silva, Alissa Vara and Kimberly Zometa.

Fourth grade Honor roll
Courtney Chung, Erik Cubos, Andrew Garcia, Valerie Garibay, Bryan Hernandez, Valerie Lara, Aryanna Martinez, Carolina Rocha, Cameron Serenil, Christopher Thomas, Natalie Torres and Stephanie Umanzor.

Merit roll
Arismendy Aristy, Melonie Camacho, Omar Chapa, Alan Contreras, Joseph Flores, Ann Marie Garcia, Benito Garcia, Stephanie Herrera

Tayvion Taylor, Darrius Tolbert, Jeiny Valenzuela and Alexa Villarreal.

Second grade Honor roll
Christopher Bowser, Jocelyn Bustos, Dominic Caballero, Xzaveon Cofield, Enoc Curiel, Jaquary Davis, Quango Do, Angelina Dong, Marissa Estrada, Nancy Flores and Seth Gonzalez.

Third grade Honor roll
James Hingle, Ivyanna Lewis, Milow Lozano, Ashley Mathew, Christian Medina, Seth Paulk, Ashley Rodriguez, Alex Rosalez, Aliyah Salas, Justin Silva, Alissa Vara and Kimberly Zometa.

Fourth grade Honor roll
Tyra Adams, Francesca Arellano, Natalie Aviles, Alyssa Chapa, Alan Escudra, Jacquelyn Garcia, Alejandro Gonzalez, Michelle Gonzalez, Brendon Griffin, Aiana Hernandez and Sang Nguyen. Maria Pedroza, Ricardo Ramos, Jackelyn Rendon, Leslie Rodriguez, Mario Rodriguez, Nathalia Salazar, Bryon Schwausch, Jacob Stokes, Kathia Tamez and Vnam Tran.

Merit roll
Jacqueline Ayala, Xian De La Garza, Renee Figueroa, Jasmine Gallien, Kara Gargani, Alena Hay, Jasmine Jimenez and Amanda Mejia.

and Lexee Miller.

Kaleb Monroe, Tiffany Nguyen, Emily Solis, Giovanni Solis, Ariana Toran, John Velarde, Marco Velazquez and Alejandro Villanueva.

Merit roll
Tyra Adams, Francesca Arellano, Natalie Aviles, Alyssa Chapa, Alan Escudra, Jacquelyn Garcia, Alejandro Gonzalez, Michelle Gonzalez, Brendon Griffin, Aiana Hernandez and Sang Nguyen. Maria Pedroza, Ricardo Ramos, Jackelyn Rendon, Leslie Rodriguez, Mario Rodriguez, Nathalia Salazar, Bryon Schwausch, Jacob Stokes, Kathia Tamez and Vnam Tran.

Merit roll
Jacqueline Ayala, Xian De La Garza, Renee Figueroa, Jasmine Gallien, Kara Gargani, Alena Hay, Jasmine Jimenez and Amanda Mejia.

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Clear Brook Band takes 5th

After many practices, the Clear Brook High School Band had a fifth-place finish in the Bands of America Pearl and competition. Upcoming contests include the Lone Star Preview, Bands of America Super Regionals in the San Antonio Alamodome, and Bands of America Grand Nationals in Indianapolis.

Drummers warm up and get in the zone prior to their BOA Pearl and Finals performance. Shown are, left to right, Oscar Kutch, Micheal Gasvoda, Dustin Neubauer, Marshall Fails, Dylan Domel-White, and Rohan Limye.

Photo by Alan Bartos



The Clear Brook High School Band's original theme is based on repetition, as their first set begins with the repeat sign.

Photo by Maggie Isgren

Bears of the Month named



Beverly Hills Intermediate and Challenger Bears of the Month for October are, left to right, (front row) Donald Groves, Gabi Ramiro, Jasmyrn Hernandez, Arnetta Sessor, Aaron Jordan, (back row) Luis Trejo, Guadalupe Hernandez, Eyah Spence, Robert Torres,

Eddie Perez, Yadira Gonzalez and Harrison Clark. Not pictured are Grace Esparza, Chris Harris, Thien Nguyen, Salvador Padilla, Cheyene Simpson and Jackie Sorria.

Photo submitted



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Dalia Castillo, Melinda Funni, Toni Lopez, Debbie Scheffer, Ashley Chaddock, Snow Vo, (back row) Melissa Taylor, Stephanie Albert, Patricia Sites and Stephanie McGough-Hudson.

Photo by Carol Waters

Thompson tops the district in breast cancer awareness

Thompson Intermediate School sold the most breast cancer awareness T-shirts in the Pasadena Independent School District for the third consecutive year, selling more than 150 shirts this year.

Thompson is committed to doing its part to find a cure for breast cancer. As do many other school district employees, they know many of the names on the back of the shirts.

Just like last year, Thompson teamed up with Gulf Coast Credit Union, led by Rhonda Kirchman, to sell more than 45 shirts. Thompson, along with the credit union, Continental and Dr. Larry Milner's office, will make a difference for breast cancer awareness. Thompson raised a total of approximately \$2,500 for the cause.

Others participating but not pictured (due to bad weather) are Erica Alvarez, Rachel Soptick,

Erin Richardson, Bianca Hunter, Jennifer Guerrero, Felicia Petit, VeAnn Richards, Candice Devilliar, Kacie Young, Katina Kirk, Mark Varian, Rebekah Seeley, Andrea Clement, Sheila Smith and Yvonne Pena. Jenifer Hill, Janie De Los Santos, Jimel Lott, Sandy Castoreno, Dan Hoppie, Diane Thompson, Dusty Blackburn, John Davis, Youlanda Ravenell, Laura Tuttle, Joe Peabody, Janice Frankum, Toby Lavergne, Sandra Curtis, Morgan Honeycutt and Deanne Davis.

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Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Jessica Krustchinsky, Cathy Broussard, Sue Evans, (second row) Holly Bailey, Jennifer Aleman-Spray, Debbie Hirsch, Amy Whalen, Gina Gibson, Yolanda Grant, Susie Haas, Cherrise Lindsley, Carol Waters, (third row) Nichole Cannon, Renee Gobebe, Elizabeth Ramirez, Prudencio Reyna, Martha Weatherford, Lemona Lemarr, Joyce Koska, (back row) Sherial Caswell, Gregg Baumgartner, Bill Kirchman, John Fowler and Todd Taylor.

Photo by Immar Mendoza

Dobie receives education grant

Dobie High School recently received a \$750 grant from the ExxonMobil Education Alliance program to support the school's math and science programs.

Bhaskar Chinlet of CORS Exxon Station at the intersection of Sabo Road and Beltway 8 worked with school officials to secure the grant, which is one of 2,400 available to schools across the country served by Exxon or Mobil stations.

The grants were made possible by funding from the ExxonMobil Corporation.

"We are honored to be the recipient of this grant. I would like to thank ExxonMobil, but especially Mr. Chinlet, for showing such a strong interest in the students

of the South Belt community," said Steve Jamail, Dobie High School principal.

The ExxonMobil Education Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

ExxonMobil officials believe that local retailers are best qualified to work with local educators to help identify schools and programs most in need of support.

Chinlet met stringent eligibility criteria before applying for and being awarded this grant, including having a commitment to provide a superior buying experience for customers.

Lions Club meets Nov. 24

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

Kaur semifinalist



The Siemens Foundation recently announced the semifinalists and regional finalists of the Siemens Competition in math, science and technology, revealing the brightest high school minds in contention for the nation's most coveted teen science prize. Clear Brook High School student Manpreet Kaur was selected as a semifinalist. A record number of 1,348 projects were received this year. From those, 318 students were selected as semifinalists and 96 as regional finalists. The Siemens Competition is administered by the College Board and awards college scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000 in individual and team categories.

Submitted photo



Rodriguez crosses the finish line.



Supporting Rodriguez are, left to right, Lisa Castellano and daughter Clarissa Moreno, niece Dominique Palacios, Sal Rodriguez and sister Maria Fernandez. Not shown are his father, Sal Rodriguez Sr., sister Yvette Rodriguez, and close family friends Albert and Glenda Benoit who also traveled to Austin to show their support.

Rodriguez dedicates Livestrong to Gabby

South Belt resident Sal Rodriguez dedicated his 65-mile Livestrong ride to Gabby Romero recently. Rodriguez started riding and raising funds for the Livestrong organization three years ago dedicating each ride to family members and friends who have fought against cancer. His family and friends have gone each year to cheer him on as he crosses the finish line and are very proud of his accomplishments. With permission from the Romero family, Rodriguez dedicated this year's ride to Gabby Romero. He hopes others will join him next year as he tries to extend his ride to 90 miles. Before his ride, family and friends from as far as Chicago sent e-mails of support and encouragement as well as donations of more than \$800 to the Livestrong organization for their race to find a cure.

NASA overpass, structures to be decorated

The Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership, BayTran, and the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, have joined forces to bring destination branding to the region. The endeavor has been named the Bay Area Houston Regional Brand.

"The purpose of this project is to visually enhance major transportation corridors with a regional theme, which would serve to beautify the NASA Bypass and other designated areas," Coletta Castleschouldt, Bay-Tran president, explained.

These branded "gateways" will also allow visitors, particularly interstate travelers, to more easily identify cities and, consequently, the attractions that they offer.

Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president, stated, "We will be approaching our member cities within the next couple of weeks to determine where they would want to have the regional branding placed within their city limits."

Meetings have already been held with Dana Cote, district landscape architect with the Texas Department of Transportation, and local artist Scott Derr, a highway and bridge painting specialist, regarding implementation of the project.

The artwork that will be placed on an existing NASA Bypass consists of a space shuttle orbiter integrated with a sailboat theme. The result is a space "sailship," complete with an astronaut sailor, that glides high above NASA and Clear Lake - Galveston Bay.

Additional artwork shows a gold sailboat and space shut-

tle orbiter with black shading accompanied by the name of a Bay Area Houston city. Both the BayTran and BAHEP organizations feel that the Bay Area Houston Regional Brand project will emphasize the uniqueness of the region. Mitchell noted, "Becoming a stakeholder in this important regional initiative gives our cities the opportunity to be a part of a contemporary enhancement project as well as to promote a strong regional theme supportive of Bay Area Houston."

The artwork that will be painted on both the NASA Bypass support structure and the bridge retaining walls will have a special protective coating that will extend its durability, and its beauty, for approximately 15 years. Castleschouldt added, "The cost of the gold sailboat branding that includes the city's name is very reasonable at just \$300 for each placement. "Considering the life-span of the artwork, that equates to an investment of just \$20 per year."

Isaiah Tanksley was born Nov. 13, 2009 to Ryan and Beth Tanksley of Rancho Cucamonga, CA. He weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. Special Wishes are sent to Isaiah from his Grandparents Eli and Sheila Tanksley.



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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

McDonald's Texas Invitational hoops take top billing

High school basketball fans are about to get an early season dose of as much action as they can handle. The McDonald's Texas Invitational, featuring 48 boys' and 32 girls' teams, will take over the area Nov. 19-21, with Dobie High School and Beverly Hills Intermediate slated to be two of the host sites.

Each of the boys' teams will compete in two pool play games Nov. 19. Based on order of finish, the teams will then be divided into 16-team gold, silver and bronze division brackets.

In girls' bracket-only play, there are two 16-team brackets, labeled Division I and Division II. The Dobie and Clear Brook varsity girls' teams are in the Division II bracket.

The McDonald's event has already gained national recognition, and event founder Ben Meador expects the 2009 version to be another great one for the area.

"We are so excited that the 2009 McDonald's Texas Invitational is finally here," Meador said. "Each year, so many volunteers give of their time both prior to and after the event to help out. We can't thank them enough for the support along with that of our sponsors."

The Dobie High School varsity girls' team is part of the 16-team field in the Division II bracket at the McDonald's Texas Invitational. At right, Ashley Johnson (left in photo) and Shadae Shepherd (24) will lead Dobie into first round action Nov. 19 against Cy-Creek.

Proceeds from the tournament go to the Pasadena Independent School District's Education Foundation.

In addition to the action inside on the courts, there will be an outdoor festival Saturday, Nov. 21 at Phillips Field House, featuring more than 25 vendors. A long list of family-friendly activities are planned along the way.

"We invite the community to come out and experience some of the best high school basketball action you can find in one tournament anywhere in the nation," Meador said.

"Again, we have been able to put together an event that features many of the top-ranked teams and players from the Houston area and across Texas and Louisiana. It's going to be a great event."

The star-studded boys' gold division championship game is set for Nov. 21 at Phillips Field House. **Continued on Page 3B**

Key event details

Nov. 19 Boys' round robin

Dobie vs. Manvel, Dobie, 9 a.m.

Dobie vs. S.A. Warren, Dobie, 1:30 p.m.

Nov. 19 Girls' Division II bracket play

Dobie vs. Cypress-Creek, Dobie, noon

Brook vs. La Porte, Sam Rayburn, noon

*Nov. 21 - Division I boys' Gold championship

Phillips Field House, 8 p.m.

*Nov. 21 - Division I girls' championship

Pasadena Memorial High School, 6 p.m.

*Nov. 21 - Division II girls' championship

South Houston High School, 6 p.m.

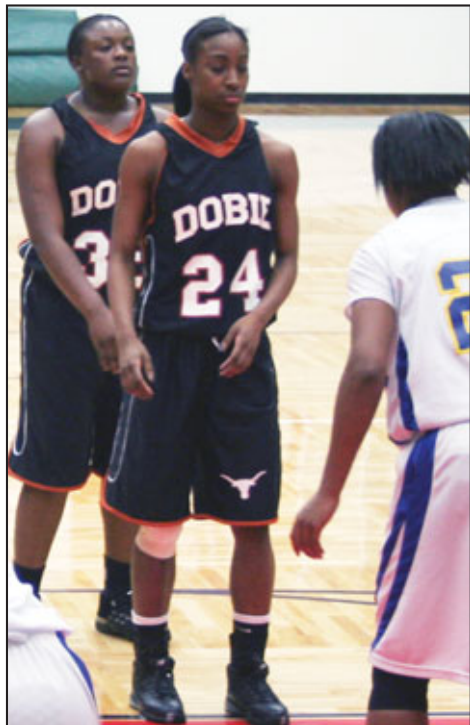
All-session ticket prices

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

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

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

Single day adult tickets: \$5, single day student tickets: \$2



Former players invited

Talton Court dedication set for Dec. 1 at Dobie

The official court-naming ceremony honoring former Dobie High School varsity boys' basketball coach Scott Talton is set for Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Dobie.

The main gymnasium floor at Dobie High School will now forever be known as Scott Talton Court, honoring the longtime Longhorns' coach who passed away last February. He had retired from Dobie after the 2007-2008 season.

On Dec. 1, the varsity boys' game will feature Dobie against Langham Creek, featuring two of Talton's former players as head coaches.

Dobie's Kevin Cross is in his second season as the leader of the Longhorns.

Charles Ament, Lang-

Talton Court dedication

Dobie Longhorns host

Langham Creek Lobos

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.

at Dobie's Scott Talton Court

ham Creek's head coach, is also a Dobie graduate and former varsity basketball player.

"We are doing the dedication on Dec. 1 because Charles Ament is the head coach of Langham Creek and he also played for Scott," Cross said.

Talton's wife, Vicki, and son, Scottie, will be on hand for the game, and local tele-

vision station Channel 55 is scheduled to do a segment on the event.

Cross is inviting any former Dobie High School basketball players to attend as a group photo with the Taltons is also planned.

"We are hoping for a large crowd," Cross said. We would like to see a lot of Scott's ex players there because we would like

them to take a group picture with Vicki before the game. It would be great to see a packed house for this dedication."

The event should be spectacular, and Cross said it's fitting that the court now will forever carry the name of one of Dobie's all-time great coaches and mentors.

"Scott was such a great person who strived for and got the most out of his players, both on and off the court," Cross said.

"His influence and lessons he taught us about dedication, responsibility and teamwork have helped his players in their careers, their families and with their friends."

Talton and his family will also be honored at the

McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 19-21. The nationally recognized tournament will feature many of the state's top-ranked boys' and girls' teams. The boys' gold division championship game is set for Nov. 21 at Phillips Field House at 8 p.m.

The title game most valuable player will receive the Scott Talton MVP award.

Youth football championship round is Nov. 21

After 12 weeks of action, the Bay Area Football League season has come down to this - the Super Bowl series Saturday, Nov. 21, at Stingaree Stadium in Texas City.

To this point, the Pearl and Hurricane teams have stood tall. The Hurricanes have teams remaining in the freshman, sophomore and junior divisions.

As for Ellington, the Rams will go up against the Hurricanes for the championship in the sophomore and junior divisions.

The senior game will

kick off the long day of action as the East End Eagles play the Pasadena Panthers at 9 a.m.

Next up is the junior contest, pitting Ellington against the Hurricanes at 10:45 a.m. The Rams will enter the game at 8-3-1, while Pearl and Hurricane is undefeated at 12-0.

The sophomore game will feature the Rams' 11-1 team against the 12-0 Hurricanes at 12:30 p.m.

The final game of the day will be in the freshman division, where the Pearl and Hurricane are set to take on the Pearl and Patriots.

BAFL Super Bowl round

Saturday, Nov. 21, Texas City

Junior division

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

10:45 a.m.

Sophomore division

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

12:30 p.m.

Ellington Rams in BAFL Super Bowl



The Ellington Rams will be well-represented during the league's upcoming Super Bowl round. The Rams' sophomore and junior division teams will play for the championship at the Super Bowl series Saturday, Nov. 21, at Stingaree Stadium in Texas City. The Rams' opponent in both games will be the Pearl and Hurricane. The junior game between the Rams (8-3-1) and the Hurricanes (12-0) is set to begin at 10:45 a.m. The sophomore game, featuring the Rams (11-1)

and the Hurricanes is scheduled for 12:45 p.m. During the regular season, the junior Hurricanes beat the Rams 24-0. In the sophomore division, the Hurricanes edged the Rams 13-12 in the regular season. In the junior game, Rams such as (above) Adrian Fonseca (55), DeAndre Childs (30) and Alexander Duke (19) will look to dominate the action.

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High school basketball thrives despite holiday break

Intermediate schools return to action Dec. 2

Clear Brook, Dobie holiday basketball slate

Wolverine boys host Dekaney

Monday, Nov. 23, 2 p.m.

Subvarsity play begins at 11 a.m.

Wolverine boys host Spring

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1 p.m.

Subvarsity play begins at 10 a.m.

Longhorn boys at MacArthur

Monday, Nov. 23, 3 p.m.

Subvarsity play begins at noon

Longhorn boys host Friendswood

Saturday, Nov. 28, 3 p.m.

Subvarsity play begins at 11 a.m.

Wolverine girls at Deer Park

Monday, Nov. 23, 1 p.m.

Subvarsity play begins at 10 a.m.

Longhorn girls at Cinco Ranch

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m.

Subvarsity play begins at 4 p.m.

Brook boys hoops open with victory

CB, Dobie girls win, too

Clear Brook's varsity boys' basketball team is off to a rousing start after clubbing Angleton 100-51 in the season opener for both teams Nov. 17 at Clear Brook.

Darren Smith pumped in 20 points for Clear Brook, which also got 16 points from Jeff Blanchett and 12 from Jarek Player.

The Wolverines took control early, outscoring the Wildcats 26-11 in the first quarter.

Things got better for Clear Brook in the second quarter as head coach Jason Pillow saw his team open a 48-25 halftime edge en route to the rout.

CB girls now 5-1

Head coach Blair Red-

mon has the Lady Wolverines playing well thus far in her first season.

Clear Brook traveled to Katy Nov. 17, putting a 46-35 defeat on the Lady Tigers to move to 5-1 overall this season.

Kia Love led the Lady Wolverines with 16 points, and Kiara Redmon added 14. Adelyn Ezech had a terrific overall game and finished with 10 points.

JFD girls top Madison

Despite shooting five of 20 from the free throw line, the Dobie varsity girls got past Madison 36-31 Nov. 17 at Dobie. Shadae Shepherd led the Lady Longhorns (3-2) with 13 points. Derlesha Thomas added eight points in the win.

Guajardo completes S.A. marathon

Delia Guajardo (right), a resident of Riverstone Ranch and longtime area resident, completed the San Antonio Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, a 26.2 mile course, in a time of 6 hours, 42 minutes and 12 seconds. Guajardo began training for the event last May. Her support team included her husband, Art Guajardo, sister Sandra Cisneros and John Valdez, daughter Erica and Frank Salazar, Andrew Guajardo, Diana Rangel, Jeremiah Guajardo (Melillo Middle School), Anita Guajardo (Challenger) and Kayla Guajardo (South Belt Elementary).



8-under Legends win WS baseball crown



The 8-under select baseball Legends won the United States Specialty Sports Association World Series title in South Houston. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Gage Parham, Adam Gonzales, Robert Green, Joseph Mohammedi, Dylan White, Robert Romero, (middle row) Peyton Miller, Dan-

iel Garza, Brandon Trevino, Jonathon Marroquin, Christopher Thomas, Rex Thompson, (back row) coaches Chris Thomas, Mark Parham, James Miller, Jeff White and Danny Garza. Romero was named the tournament most valuable player for his outstanding performance.

Local college athletes compete at nationals

Several Dobie High School graduates are getting the chance to experience the thrill of national competition on the collegiate level.

Abbey (Parker) Barnett and Brooke Spossey are members of the San Jacinto College women's volleyball team, which is making its fifth straight appearance at nationals.

The Ravens, poised with the seventh seed and a 30-7 overall record, will take on tenth-seeded Frank Phillips College (Borger, Texas) in the first round.

The 16-team national event runs Nov. 19-21 at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa. San Jacinto is seeking its first

title. Two former Dobie girls' soccer standouts are living a dream as members of the Tyler Junior College program.

Taylor DeLeon, a 2008 Dobie High School graduate is joined by 2009 gradu-

ate Beatrice Soto on the Apaches' team.

Tyler (16-0-1) is the fourth-seeded team in the women's national tournament, hosted by Tyler.

The Apaches will face fifth-seeded Schoolcraft Community College (Ohio)

in the first round. The eight-team national event runs Nov. 19-22.

Fans wishing to follow the results of either tournament may do so by visiting the National Junior College Athletic Association's Web site at www.njcaa.org.

Sports calendar

SWIMMING

Friday, Nov. 20

Dobie at TISCA Gulf prelims, Conroe, 7 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 19

(McDonald's Texas Invitational)

Dobie varsity boys host Manvel, Dobie, 9 a.m.
Dobie varsity girls host Cy-Creek, Dobie, noon
Dobie varsity boys host S.A. Warren, Dobie, 1:30 p.m.
Brook varsity girls host La Porte, Sam Rayburn, noon

Friday, Nov. 20

(McDonald's Texas Invitational)

Dobie varsity boys in bracket play, TBA
Dobie varsity girls in bracket play, TBA
Brook varsity girls in bracket play, TBA

Saturday, Nov. 21

(McDonald's Texas Invitational)

Dobie varsity boys in bracket play, TBA
Dobie varsity girls in bracket play, TBA
Brook varsity girls in bracket play, TBA

Monday, Nov. 23

Dobie varsity boys at MacArthur, 3:00
Clear Brook varsity boys host Dekaney, 2:00
Clear Brook varsity girls at Deer Park, 1:00
Dobie JV boys at MacArthur, 1:30
Clear Brook JV boys host Dekaney, 12:30
Clear Brook JV girls at Deer Park, 11:30
Dobie sophomore boys at MacArthur, noon
Clear Brook sophomore boys host Dekaney, 11:00
Dobie freshman A boys at MacArthur, 1:30
Clear Brook freshman A boys host Dekaney, 12:30
Clear Brook freshman A girls at Deer Park, 10 a.m.
Dobie freshman B boys at MacArthur, noon
Clear Brook freshman B boys host Dekaney, 11:00
Clear Brook freshman B girls at Deer Park, 11:30

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Clear Brook varsity boys host Spring, 1:00
Clear Brook JV boys host Spring, 11:30
Clear Brook sophomore boys host Spring, 10 a.m.
Clear Brook freshman A boys host Spring, 11:30 a.m.
Clear Brook freshman B boys host Spring, 10 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 27

Clear Brook JV boys at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Saturday, Nov. 28

Dobie varsity boys host Friendswood, Dobie, 3:00
Dobie JV boys host Friendswood, 12:30
Clear Brook JV boys at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Dobie sophomore boys host Friendswood, 11 a.m.
Dobie freshman A boys host Friendswood, 12:30
Dobie freshman B boys host Friendswood, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

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

Thursday, Dec. 3

Clear Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook freshman A boys at Kingwood tourn., TBA
Brook freshman B boys at South Houston tourn., TBA

Friday, Dec. 4

Clear Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook freshman A boys at Kingwood tourn., TBA
Brook freshman B boys at South Houston tourn., TBA

Saturday, Dec. 6

Clear Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook freshman A boys at Kingwood tourn., TBA
Brook freshman B boys at South Houston tourn., TBA

Houston Jokers 10-U places second



The Houston Jokers, a 10-under select baseball team from the South Belt area, took second place at the Junior Tejano tournament in Magnolia Nov. 14-15. Members of the Jokers are, left to right, (front row) Elias Rodriguez, Aaron Perrea, Lorenzo Navarro,

Hunter Guerrero, (middle row) Alex Muniz, Brendon Griffin, Ricky Gonzales, Frank Mendez, Jovan Correa, Mattias Gallo, (back row) coaches Oscar Perrea and Carlos Gallo and manager Rudy Mendez. Not pictured are Andres Padilla and Andrew Hinojosa.

South Belt Horns collect Toys 4 Tots



Members of the 9-under and 10-under South Belt Horns select baseball teams collected toys and cash donations for the Toys 4 Tots program with the assistance of the U.S. Marines. Those on hand included, left to right, (kneeling) Seth Barber, (middle row) An-

drew Arriaga, Alex Arriaga, Matthew Morales, Mike Villareal, Marcos Veloz, R.J. Ortega, Jonathan Saldana, (back row) Master Sgt. David Hernandez, Lance Cpl. Jose G. Rodriguez and Sgt. Aldo Pena.

6-under Lady Longhorns win at DP



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 6-under Lady Longhorns placed first at a tournament in Deer Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Gennese Garza, Brianna Almaguer, Micaela Ramirez, Aliyah Barajas, Yesenia Pena, (middle row) Leslie Longoria, Chloela Jimenez, Emma Garcia, Mia Myers, (back row) coaches Mike Jimenez, Jose Longoria, Ricardo Garza and Hector Garcia

Tanksley champion of FB pickers



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Eli Tanksley (seated center) will forever have his name engraved on the championship plaque after taking first place in the South Belt-Ellington Leader's annual high school football pickers contest. Tanksley's final record of 70-39 was one game better than that of defending champion Toni Muse. Those celebrating Tanksley's victory at a season-concluding luncheon included, left to right, Leader sports editor John Bechtle, Tanksley, Joe Craddock, (back row) Troy Leland, Muse and Emory Gadd. Leland was third followed by Craddock, Bechtle and Gadd.

McDonald's basketball now a year-round project

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Phillips Field House in Pasadena.
Most of last season's divisional champions have returned. San Antonio Madison (champion) and Duncanville (runner up), the boys' Division I gold bracket finalists from 2008, are back.
Duncanville lost four players to Division I college basketball after last season, but star Perry Jones is back.
Among the girls, Division I champion College Park and second-place Cy-Fair will return, as will Di-

vision II finalists Corpus Christi Ray (champion) and Tomball (second place).
Cy-Fair's Chiney Ogwu-mike, widely considered the top female recruit in the nation, recently signed a letter of intent to play at Stanford.
Now in its seventh season, the McDonald's event may in fact possess its best field of talent ever.
"I do believe that," Meador said. "I have had coaches tell me this is the finest tournament they have ever been to. That makes all of us feel good. We want

the players and coaches and their fans to walk away with a tremendous experience."
As for the talent, Meador is again excited about the possibilities in each of the divisions.
"I have had some coaches say they want to come to our tournament because teams that do come ultimately end up at the state tournament," Meador said.
"We are getting nationwide mention as one of, if not the premiere tournament in the country. And this year's field of teams is probably our best ever in

the seven years. I can't wait to see things shake out."
Volunteers are noted
The basketball talent on the courts will take care of itself, and fans will be able to see some of the state's top talent up close and personal.
And while that's the biggest reason the event is held, there are other things Meador is excited about.
One day all those years ago, the invitational was a vision.
Meador, a longtime fan of all high school athletics, wanted to be able to bring a high profile event to the Pasadena area. He knew he would need help but that the vision could be realized.
The vision became a plan with the help of many enthusiasts, and now the plan is carried out on an annual basis by some 400 volunteers.
The tournament steering committee works nearly year-round at securing sponsorships and tending to even the smallest of details.

"There are so many people who play a big part in making this work, and they are all volunteers," Meador said.
"They have all bought into our plan and have done whatever is necessary to see it carried out. I'm so proud because I truly believed, as did others, that the city of Pasadena was capable of hosting a first-class spectacle of this nature. Seven years later, we're well on our way."
The PISD education foundation has already benefited from the donation of hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years.
This year will likely be no different. It's all part of a vision.
"This is the best pool of talent we've had," Meador said. "In both boys' and girls' play, we have some of the finest teams anywhere."
"We are truly honored to be able to host an event of this magnitude. We invite everyone out to have a great time for a great cause."

7-U Avengers win state coach pitch title



The 7-under American Avengers VIII South squad won the coach pitch fall season United States Specialty Sports Association state tournament in South Houston. Members of the team are, left to right, Gabby Luna, Alejandro Ruales (bat boy), Gabriel Rojas, Jartis Soloman, Luis Ruales, Mateo Lamas, Jonathan Morales, (middle row) Jonathan Resendez, Xavier Cantu, David Trevino, Sebastian Soliz, (back row) head coach David Trevino, manager Luis Ruales and assistant coach Ruben Ramirez.

CB, JFD girls compete well at Baytown hoops invite

The Clear Brook and Dobie varsity girls' basketball programs could not wait for the star-filled McDonald's Texas Invitational to get their seasons in high gear.
Instead, both teams were involved in the Baytown Lee Gander Tip-Off Classic Nov. 12-14.
Clear Brook managed to seize neighborhood bragging rights with a second round win over Dobie.
The two teams will meet again in a regular-season matchup Dec. 4 at Dobie.
The Lady Wolverines later fell to Livingston, therefore missing a shot at the championship game before taking down Sam Rayburn for third place.

that is learning what it has to do to win."
Clear Brook ran past Cy-Ridge relatively easily in the Baytown opener but then had to get a big defensive play from senior Stephanie Gonzalez to hold off Dobie.
Playing against a Livingston team that possesses a pair of potential Division I college signees, the Lady Wolverines fell short. Then came an easy win over Sam Rayburn.
"This early in the season, it's hard to be overly excited about things because there is such a long way to go," Redmon said.
"Our players saw that against Livingston we had some chances but didn't execute when we had those chances."
"Our win over Dobie was a good one. They bring the defensive pressure and are well-coached. We trailed pretty late in the game and came back and got the win."
Lady Horns go 2-1
After dropping the season opener to Friendswood, the Lady Longhorns were eager to get into the win column for the first time.
The team accomplished

that by downing Texas City 60-32 in the first round at Baytown.
Next came the Clear Brook-Dobie battle as the Lady Wolverines eased out of the gymnasium with a 40-38 victory.
Dobie rebounded by beating Crosby 64-62 in the final game for the locals.
"We played very well against Texas City," Dobie coach Shane Brown said.
"We also responded well in the Crosby game, coming back from a loss to Clear Brook. One of our goals was to get two wins in the tournament, and we did."
Against Clear Brook, Dobie also played well but came up on the short end.
Brown, perhaps setting the table for the rematch in December, had plenty of praise for the Lady Wolverines.
"Clear Brook played a fantastic game against us," Brown said.
"They handled our defensive pressure really well and forced us into several crucial mistakes at crucial times on the other end. Brook is a mentally tough team and extremely well-coached."

CB wins five of six
Combined with an opening night win over Crosby, Clear Brook's 3-1 record in Baytown gives the team a 5-1 early season mark.
That sounds good to first-year head coach Blair Redmon, but there is still plenty to do.
"Overall, things have gone fairly well," she said. "There is a ton of basketball left. Even though we have six seniors, I still feel like we are a fairly young team

place in the boys' 100-free with a time of 50.51. Kyle Peterson was the winner of the 100-yard backstroke event in a time of 57.34, and Karch Peterson claimed third place at 1:09.89 in the 100-breaststroke.
The Pioneer girls placed ninth after picking up 87 points.
The team opened the meet with a fifth-place showing in the 400-medley relay in a time of 5:16.79. The team was made up of Alycia Hester, Madison Cooper, Ryan Hatrick and Brittany Morgan.
In the 100-breastroke, the Pioneers' Kathleen Bryan was second overall in a time of 1:22.62. Teammate Hester placed third with a time of 1:22.92.
Dobie takes fifth, sixth
The Lady Longhorns' girls came through with a great performance for fifth place overall with 174 points.
The Dobie boys, in turn, took sixth place after gathering 197 points.
Dobie's girls got out of the gates quickly, placing second in the 400-medley relay. The team's foursome of Tramahn Nguyen, Kathleen Nguyen, Claire Logan and Chelsea Graham put together a time of 5:14.45 for the placing.

In the girls' 100-free, Kathleen Nguyen's time of 1:05.28 placed her fifth.
The Lady Longhorns also scored well in the 100-breaststroke as Tramahn Nguyen and Graham excelled.
Tramahn Nguyen's time of 1:23.47 gave her fifth place, and Graham's time of 1:24.13 was sixth-best.
In the girls' 50-free, a time of 28.90 placed Kathleen Nguyen fourth, while teammate Graham was fifth at 29.07.
Tramahn Nguyen came back to take fourth place overall in the 50-breaststroke with a time of 38.56.
The Lady Longhorns' time of 1:59.69 in the 200-yard freestyle was good for third place as Graham, Paige Jones, Tramahn Nguyen and Kathleen Nguyen formed the team.
Dobie boys are sixth
The Longhorns' boys unit picked up sixth place overall.
Reggie Barton produced Dobie's best finish as he was third in the 100-fly at 1:01.02.
Dobie finished the meet by taking fifth in the 200-freestyle relay at 1:43.29 as Martin Zuber, Barton, Chase Lindsey and Michael Henderson competed.

JFD swimmers strong at LP meet; Lutheran South also earns wins

In one of the early multi-school meets, this one the La Porte Invitational, both the Dobie and Lutheran South Academy swimming teams came away with plenty of honors.
Pioneers fourth, ninth
Lutheran South Academy, competing against several of the local big-name public school programs, fared extremely well.
The boys' team finished fourth overall with 226 points, coming away with wins in three relay events.
The Pioneers came out strong, taking first place in the 400-yard medley relay in a time of 4 minutes, 6.52 seconds. In the event, LSA was represented by Chris Mowrey, Karch Peterson, Kyle Peterson and Alex Naumann.
In the 250-yard freestyle relay, the Pioneers made their way to the wall first in a time of 2:20.75 as Karch Peterson, Kyle Peterson, Sam Kane and Naumann joined the victory celebration.
In the 200-free relay, LSA got its third victory of the meet behind the effort of Kane, Karch Peterson, Kyle Peterson and Naumann, with a time of 1:35.37.
The Pioneers also had plenty of individual success. Naumann captured first

place in the boys' 100-free with a time of 50.51. Kyle Peterson was the winner of the 100-yard backstroke event in a time of 57.34, and Karch Peterson claimed third place at 1:09.89 in the 100-breaststroke.
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 19
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
11:15 a.m.
Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club - Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club, in affiliation with Stonecroft Ministries, hosts monthly luncheons at Golfcrest Country Club from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. The luncheon includes a buffet, an informative program and an inspirational speaker. Cost is \$16 all inclusive. All ladies are welcome, but reservations are necessary. A complimentary nursery is provided. For information, call 281-992-1675 or 281-482-9727.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets on the third Thursday of each month at Makenzie's Grill, 9330 Broadway in Pearland. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.
Noon
AI-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310

Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.
6:30 p.m.
St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring - St. Luke's offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe_pavicek@yahoo.com.
7 p.m.
Korean War Veteran Association - The Texas Lone Star Chapter meets the third Thursday of each month at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 West Center. For information, call 713-774-3662.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, NOV. 20
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10 a.m.
Free Line Dance Class - The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program offers free line dancing classes. The class is held at the activity building, located at 416 Morningside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. Previous experience not required. For more information, call 281-482-8441.
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. 21
6 p.m.
Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the NASA Gilruth Center on Space Center. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or George Wieland at 281-286-5682, or visit www.frontiersquares.com.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Bluegrass Association - Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, May and December are exceptions. Admission is free. The show is held at the League City Civic Center, 300 Walker. For more information, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.
SUNDAY, NOV. 22
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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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 April, July and October, when they are held at 7 p.m.
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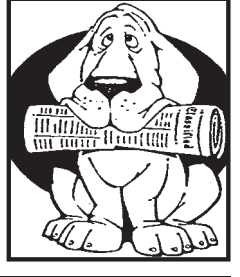
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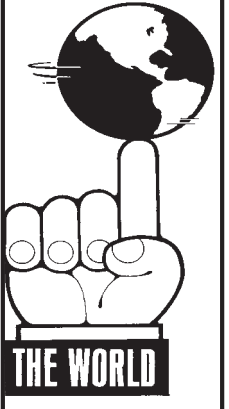
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Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

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

6:30 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.

6:30 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol Meeting - Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 24
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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

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

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

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

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

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Alief Elsiek
Alief Taylor
Atascocita
Austin Westlake
Bellaire
Channelview
College Park
Conroe
Crosby
Dallas Hillcrest
Desoto
Dickinson
Duncanville
FB Bush
FB Hightower
FB Marshall
Galena Park
Houston Chavez
Houston Westside
Humble
Huntington, LA
Katy Cinco Ranch
Katy Seven Lakes
Kempner
Kingwood
Kingwood Park
Klein Collins
La Porte
Mansfield Summit
Manvel
McAllen

North Crowley

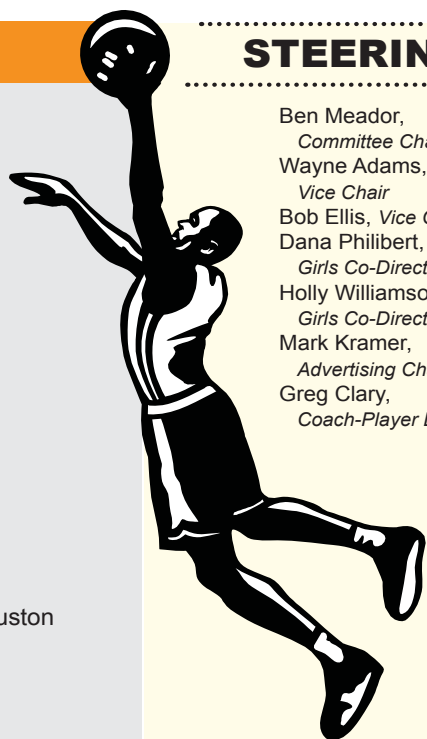
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San Antonio
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Spring
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Student \$2

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Admitted Free

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- South Houston High School
- Sam Rayburn High School
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- Pearland High School
- Pearland Dawson High School
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