

Clear Horizons campus to be permanent

San Jac South-CCISD school named one of top 10 in Texas

Following recent performance evaluations from both the state and an in-house team, Clear Creek Independent School District officials have announced they intend to make the Clear Horizons Early College High School a permanent campus. "It's here to stay," said CCISD spokeswoman Elaina Polsen.

The school, located at San Jacinto College's South campus, was recommended for possible closure this summer by the district's Citizen's Finance Advisory Committee as a measure to save money.

State evaluation

Clear Horizons recently earned 12 of 12 Texas Education Agency Gold Performance Acknowledgements.

The campus is one of only 10 Texas schools with grades 9-12 that earned all 12 gold distinctions. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) commends high schools for achievement in 12 areas: attendance, advanced academic courses, International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) results, college admissions, college-ready graduates, recommended high school program, Texas Success Initiative Higher Education Readiness in English Language Arts (ELA), Texas Success Initiative Higher Education Readiness in mathematics, commended on reading/

ELA, commended on mathematics, commended on science and commended on social studies.

The other schools that earned the distinctions are Dallas ISD's School of Science and Engineering, Dallas ISD's School for the Talented and Gifted, Highland Park HS, Houston ISD's DeBakey HS for Health Professions, Houston ISD's Carnegie Vanguard HS, Lovejoy HS, Northside ISD's Health Careers HS, South Texas ISD's Science Academy of South Texas and Westlake Academy Charter School.

In a review of 2010 AEIS data for these schools, Clear Horizons has fewer gifted and talented students than all but one of these schools. Many of these schools are gifted and talented magnets while Clear Horizons is not.

The 2010 AEIS data also reveal that Clear Horizons has a lower per pupil cost than all but one of these schools.

Clear Horizons is also one of 66 Texas high schools rated Exemplary this year. Sixteen of those 66 are early college high schools. Of those 16 early college high schools, Clear Horizons has fewer gifted students than all but two and spends less money per pupil than all but three.

CCISD evaluation

Clear Horizons also fared well in a recent internal CCISD evaluation.

The study determined that more than 75 percent of the freshmen who attended Clear Horizons and stayed in the school district remained continuously enrolled at the campus through graduation. The district has set a target goal of increasing that figure to 90 percent.

The school met the district's target goal of having at least 90 percent of its students earn at least 60 hours of college credit before high school graduation. In its first graduating class, 90 percent of the students who attended Clear Horizons all four years earned at least 60 hours of college credit.

The average number of college credit hours earned by Clear Horizons students was more than 65.

The majority of graduates completed an associate degree prior to graduating from high school during the time period of the study.

The percentage of Clear Horizons students who scored at the Commended level on all TAKS tests taken has been consistently higher than the district as a whole.

While AP exam passing rates at the campus have improved during the time period of the study, overall AP exam performance has been consistently below the district. Clear Horizons, however, is the only campus in CCISD in which all students are required to take AP level courses.

ACT and SAT scores of graduating Clear Horizons seniors are consistently higher than the district, state and nation. These differences are statistically significant.

Clear Horizons students graduating from San

Jacinto College with an associate degree earned higher cumulative GPAs from SJC than non-Clear Horizons students graduating from SJC with an associate degree. The difference in GPAs is statistically significant.

While start-up expenses elevated the cost per student at the campus during its first two years of operation, that figure has since fallen below that of the other high schools in the district.

CCISD has set a target goal to increase the percentage of economically disadvantaged students at Clear Horizons to at least 10 percent more than that of the rest of the district.

Clear Horizons enrollment generally reflects the target population for students enrolled in a TEA designated Texas early college high school. Based on enrollment data and an informal survey on parents' college participation, 75 percent of the students currently enrolled at the campus fit into at least one of the following groups: at-risk, economically disadvantaged, an underrepresented race/ethnic group, limited English proficient or neither parent having a bachelor's degree. Consistent, ongoing documentation is needed to determine how many students are first-generation college goers.

Early college high schools are limited to 125 students per grade level. Eighth-grade students can apply each year in January. Students are selected by lottery.

CCISD Superintendent Greg Smith has recommended amending the student lottery entry system to weigh more heavily toward economically disadvantaged students and first generation college students.



Holiday closings set

South Belt-Ellington Leader

The Leader office will close at noon Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed until Nov. 28. The Thursday edition of the Leader is available Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Parker Williams Library

The Parker Williams Library branch will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, for Thanksgiving. The library reopens Monday, Nov. 28, at 1 p.m.

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District offices will be closed Nov. 24 and 25. They will reopen Nov. 28 at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side.

Holiday trash pickup

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

Residents living in the Clear Brook City M.U.D. will not have regular trash service pickup on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24. Regular services will resume on Monday, Nov. 28.

City of Houston

Trash and tree waste will be picked up for City of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8 on Friday, Nov. 25. Regular trash will also be picked up for City of Houston residents living north of Beltway 8 on Friday, Nov. 25.

SBYSC raffles car

South Belt Youth Soccer Club has a number of tickets available for a chance to win a car. This offer is made available by Chevy Youth Soccer. Tickets are \$5 each for a chance to win a Chevy Equinox or Chevy Cruze.

This sweepstakes helps the club with fundraising. If interested, call Alex Dokhani at 281-546-6850. Tickets must be turned in by Nov. 25, and the drawing will be held Dec. 15.

Lariaettes dance clinic set

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Winter Dance Clinic on Saturday, Dec. 10. The clinic will be held at Dobie High School from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Preregistration is \$40, or at the door is \$50, cash or money order only. Preregistration by Dec. 2 guarantees a T-shirt. Clinic participants will be invited to participate in the Lariaette spring show May 5-7, 2012. For more information, email Bertha Hernandez at 723amaly@gmail.com.

Thompson hosts event

Thompson Intermediate will host an ELAR and Social Studies Night for students and parents. This will be an evening full of facts, fun, refreshments and door prizes. The event will be Tuesday, Nov. 29, with kickoff beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Book donations needed

Parker Williams Branch Library is accepting donations of books, CDs, DVDs, etc. The library is especially in need of small pocket-size fiction paperbacks, children's books, non-fiction and current fiction. Money raised goes toward the local library and helps fund programs. Donations can be brought to 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Suite #510.

Sagemeadow election set

The Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee will hold its annual election for a seat on the subdivision's board of directors on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011. The election will be at the utility district building at the corner of Hall Road and Blackhawk from 9 to 11 a.m.

Homeowners, in good standing on their maintenance fees, are eligible to vote. Proof of home ownership or a driver's license is required for identification.

Highland Meadow Parade

The Highland Meadow Christmas Light Parade is set for Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. Parade line-up and judging will be at 5 p.m. A volunteer meeting will be held Sunday, Nov. 27, at 4:30 p.m. For more details, contact Rudy Alafa at 281-415-8003.

Knights host blood drive

St. Luke Knights of Columbus will sponsor their quarterly blood drive on Sunday, Dec. 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the church parish hall. In a medical emergency, often the most important element is the availability of blood - donate and help save lives.

CHECHS students excel



Clear Creek Independent School District's Clear Horizons Early College High School will now become a permanent campus, following recent performance evaluations. Chemistry students at the school are shown above working to create a 3-D model of the configuration of electrons in an atom. Pictured are, left to right, Leah Gentry, Amanda Rodriguez and Leela Misir. Photo submitted

City to hold Ike recovery hearing

The City of Houston will hold a public hearing to discuss the city's grant application for approximately \$178 million dollars for Hurricane Ike recovery activities on Monday, Nov. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the City Hall Annex City Council Chambers, located at 900 Bagby.

The function will be a joint hearing between the city's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) and the Public Works and Engineering Department (PWE).

The requested funds are part of the state's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Round 2.

The public is invited to provide input and comments on the city's application.

Input and comments may be provided by attending the public hearing and signing up on the speakers lists, or by presenting written comments

on housing activities through Monday, Dec. 5, to Andrea Jones by e-mail at andrea.jones@houston-tx.gov or by mail at 601 Sawyer Street, Houston, Texas 77007.

Written comments on nonhousing activities should be sent to Carol Haddock at carol.haddock@houston-tx.gov or by mail to 611 Walker, 18th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002.

The CDBG Disaster Recovery Round 2 housing projects application is posted on HCDD's website at www.houston-tx.gov/housing/ikerecovery.html and at the following locations: Main Public Library at 500 McKinney and HCDD at 601 Sawyer, fourth floor.

The CDBG Disaster Recovery Round 2 nonhousing projects application is posted on PWE's website at www.publicworks.houston-tx.gov/planning/ikerecovery.html.

Leader Christmas program starts

Return participants need to e-mail applications

The South Belt-Ellington Leader is now soliciting toys, food and money for needy families over the holidays, as part of its annual Christmas program. Applications for families in need will be available starting Thursday, Dec. 1.

There have been minor changes made to the application process for this year's drive. Applicants who have participated in the program within the past three years are asked to apply online. See next week's Leader for more details.

Public computers are available at both the Parker Williams and Bracewell library branches for those without access.

Previous participants in the program who are unable to submit their applications online may not apply in person until Monday, Dec. 12.

New applicants should visit the Leader office in person at 11555 Beamer between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., beginning Thursday, Dec. 1.

Now in its 29th year, the drive is aimed at helping families in the immediate South Belt area. The program is funded by area residents, schools, organizations and merchants.

Desired items include toys for children of all ages, nonperishable food items, paper products and cash.

There is a particular need for gifts appropriate for older children and teens, such as clothing, sporting goods, makeup kits and gift cards. All gifts should be new and unwrapped.

The Leader received a record number of applicants last year. That trend is expected to continue, given current economic conditions. Applicants must reside in the South Belt area and possess one form of identification verifying their address.

All applicants undergo a screening process to determine eligibility.

Redistricting issues continue

By James Bolen

An interim redistricting map proposed Thursday, Nov. 17, by a three-judge federal court in San Antonio could cost Republicans up to 10 seats in the Texas House of Representatives, three of which are from the Greater-Houston area.

The revised districts are part of ongoing litigation that centers around a section of the 1965 federal Voting Rights Act that requires certain states with a history of discrimination, including Texas, be granted "preclearance" before changes in election practices can be enacted.

In dispute is whether or not the original maps drafted by the GOP-led Legislature provided fair Hispanic representation.

Local Republican Rep. Ken Legler would be particularly affected by the proposed boundary changes.

Legler's District 144 would be significantly altered, relinquishing much of the Pasadena area he serves to District 128, currently represented

by Wayne Smith.

Under the proposed Plan H298 map, the district's north boundary lines along I-45 would be extended from Alameda Genoa to I-610, and its east boundary lines would be extended from Red Bluff to Highway 146.

While the existing and redrawn maps both have high Hispanic populations, the new boundaries would divide much of District 144, which has remained virtually unchanged for the past 20 years. Rep. Robert Talton represented the district for 15 years before Legler was elected in 2008.

"You're supposed to keep a community together," Legler said.

Legler, along with other representatives, has requested a stay in the case. Such a move, however, is unlikely, as the Republican primary date is still set for March 6.

Rep. John Davis' District 129 and Rep. Garnet Coleman's District 147 remain largely unchanged under the revised maps.

Police seek murder suspect

Houston police are looking for a suspect who is accused of shooting two brothers Friday, Nov. 18, killing one of them.

The suspect, Johnathan Anthony Franklin, 22, is charged with murder and one count of aggravated assault in the 174th State District Court.

Police responded to the incident at the Indigo Falls apartment complex at 10910 Gulf Freeway around 11 p.m. to find Xavier Rubio shot multiple times. Rubio, 17, who police say was armed with a knife, was pronounced dead at the scene.

His brother, Ruben Rubio, 22, was also shot but managed to run about four blocks before collapsing.

He was transported to Ben Taub General Hos-

pital with nonlife-threatening injuries.

According to police, the brothers were with a group of friends on the sidewalk of the complex when an unknown black male, later identified as Franklin, walked by them. The suspect came back a second time, and an argument ensued. At that time, the suspect allegedly pulled a pistol and began shooting.

It is unclear what led to the argument, police said.

A press time, Franklin was not in custody. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is urged to contact the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Work begins on senior facility



Construction recently began on a new skilled nursing facility to be located on Beamer at Scarsdale near Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Clear Brook Crossing Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center will offer short-term rehabilitation as well as long-term care services, according to company spokeswoman Darcy Whatley. The facility is scheduled to open November 2012. Work crews are shown above clearing land for the center. Photo by David Flickinger

Readers' Opinions

Swerdlin blasts homeowner's group

Below is proof and copied directly from CLCCA Governmental Documents and the website link is from the Texas Legislature for Code 551 Open Meetings Act, HB 3674 that passed in 2007 that the CLCCA routinely ignores. TITLE 5. OPEN GOVERNMENT; ETHICS

Also, is the recent Trustee Workshop that all members of the Board were required to attend. This was created and presented by the General Manager on 06/04/11, referenced Slide 35. http://www.clcca.org/doc/AdobeViewer.asp?doc_filename=/hoa/assn16427/documents/june%202011%20b%20workshop_agenda.pdf&sfnd=&print=1&docid=661965. Thank You.
Fred Swerdlin
Clear Lake City Community Association Owner/Resident

CLCCA 15 Nov 11 Open Meeting

Once again, the Clear Lake City Community Association (CLCCA) Board can not and will not follow the agenda as defined by the Open Meetings Act Notice provisions 551.041, 551.042, and their own Governing Policy 401-1. This is after the President has repeatedly stated on numerous occasions that items can not be discussed unless they are listed on the Agenda per the Open Meetings Act.

During the Open Meeting when discussion centered around accepting signatures to include Meadowgreen Section

1 to pay the added Illegal ARCSC Fee, the GM brought up the subject to offer potential refunds to person who had already paid for Pool and Tennis Tags.

This was not listed on the Agenda. Actually, whenever the General Manager brings up a topic that is not listed on the Agenda, the topic frequently gets discussed and acted upon, just like the illegal fee itself that was proposed by the GM at the September 21, 2010 Open Meeting. It was not listed on the Agenda.

It violated Policy 401-1 Item #2 "Items (except emergency items as discussed in #8 below) which do not appear on the written agenda of the regular scheduled meeting shall not be taken up."

Sec. §551.041 NOTICE OF MEETING REQUIRED. A governmental body shall give written notice of the date, hour, place, and subject of each meeting held by the governmental body. <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.551.htm#551.041>

Sec. §551.042 INQUIRY MADE AT MEETING. (a) If, at a meeting of a governmental body, a member of the public or of the governmental body inquires about a subject for whom notice has not been given as required by this subchapter. (b) Any deliberation or of decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/GV/htm/GV.551.htm#551.042>

Family Christmas show at PLT

The Little Town of Christmas, by Houston playwright Pat Cook, opens Friday, Dec. 2, at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road.

Directed by Gregory R. Brown, this family show will delight children of all ages. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Thursday, Dec. 15, and 3 p.m. for Sunday matinees through Dec. 18.

Thursday, Dec. 15, will be a special two-for-the-price-of-one adult admission show.

Ticket prices are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. Credit cards will be accepted.

Make reservations online

at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org or by calling 713-941-1758.

Once again, a collection barrel for the Officer Santa program, sponsored by the Pasadena Police Department, will be in the lobby.

Donate new and unwrapped toys for underprivileged children when attending the show.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, PLT will offer a pre-show lunch in the rehearsal hall at 1:30 p.m. The meal will be catered - a holiday menu will be offered at a cost of \$25 for lunch and show. Cost to season ticket holders is \$15 a person.

Make reservations online

at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org or leave a message and get a call-back for credit card information. Reservations must be received by noon on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Everyone in the little town of Christmas is friendly and funny, including an elf comedy team, Skeeze and Sylvestor, Dancer, the reindeer with a wacky sense of humor; Mrs. Claus, the real boss of the outfit, and a hilarious street corner Santa. Add in a group of wandering carolers and kids trying to be the wise men in the Christmas play, and attendees are in for an evening of holiday laughter and warmth.



Left to right, Marc Abramson, Julie Owen, Alyssa Luchsinger, Ron Drumm, and South Belt resident Janet Sharpley are featured in *The Little Town of Christmas*, by Pat Cook, opening Dec. 2 at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road.

Photo submitted

Clear Horizons competes in first speech, debate tournament

The Clear Horizons Early College High School Speech and Debate Club participated in their debut competition at the Clear Lake Falcon Classic National Forensic League Speech and Debate Tournament on Nov. 4-5.

Sophomores Angel Maredia and Son Dinh competed in novice Lincoln Douglas debate placing fourth and 14th, respectively.

Clear Horizons is a Clear Creek Independent School District high school located on the campus of San Jacinto College South. Students earn a high school diploma and a college associate degree in four years. Clear Horizons is one of only 10 high schools in Texas that earned 12 of 12 Gold Performance Acknowledgements this year from the Texas Education Agency.



Pictured are Clear Horizons Early College High School Speech and Debate Club members Angel Maredia (left) and Son Dinh, who recently competed in their first tournament.

Molina pursues radiology career as scholarship winner

Student Crystal Manly Molina was the winner of the San Jacinto College South Campus 50th Anniversary President's Scholarship. Molina attended this year's Fall Fest and 50th anniversary celebration recently held at the South campus.

As part of the celebration, the campus held a drawing for a three-hour scholarship. After being notified, the 40-year-old mother of two couldn't believe it at first.

"I remember filling out the entry form thinking, 'OK, it can't hurt, let's just see what happens.' So when I got the email that I won, I was shocked!" said Molina.

"When I told my husband,

he thought that was so great. This will definitely help out with tuition and books next semester."

After being laid off from her job as a title clerk at a wholesale auto auction, Molina decided to go back to school full time to pursue a medical career in radiology.

"I've always been interested in the medical field, and one day I had to have an MRI, so watching the radiology techs work, I thought that I could do that too. Now I'm taking classes at San Jac to be able to get into a career that I'm interested in," she said.

"It's wonderful that our 50th anniversary has pro-

vided an opportunity for another student to achieve her dreams," said South campus President Dr. Maureen Murphy.

"I want to be an inspiration to my kids by having them see me graduate from college so they know that I expect that from both of them as well. Hopefully, by seeing me work hard and work toward my goal, it will give them motivation to go for whatever it is they set their sights on."



San Jacinto College South campus 50th Anniversary President's Scholarship winner, Crystal Manly Molina (left), and South campus President Dr. Maureen Murphy (right).

Photo by Andrea Vasquez

Parker Williams Library events scheduled

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Nov. 24 through Nov. 30.

The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 27, in observance of Thanksgiving. Normal operating hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 28.

Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Deaths

Mary Virginia Zuber



Mary Virginia Zuber, 77, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011. Zuber was born in Sallis, Miss., on April 25, 1934.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Emmitt and Ruby Sallis of Sallis, Miss., and her husband, Billy V. Zuber of El Campo, Texas.

Zuber is survived by her sons, Billy V. Zuber Jr. and wife Annette of Friendswood, and J. Victor Zuber and wife Mary Alice of South Belt; her sister, Catherine Ferguson of Kosciusko, Miss.; and five grandchildren: Matthew, Loren, Russell, Erick and Martin Zuber.

Zuber and her family moved to the South Belt area in 1965 and resided there for more than 20 years. She was a housewife and active in

community sports organizations and in her church. Her sons and three of her grandchildren graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School. The funeral service was held Nov. 19, 2011, at the El Campo Church of Christ. Zuber was interred in the Garden of Memories in El Campo.

Josephine D. Salvato



Josephine D. Salvato, 84, died Friday, Nov. 18, 2011. She was born in Houston on Oct. 16, 1927, to Frank and Katie Farina DiBello.

She married Sam F. Salvato on July 11, 1948; they lived in Dickinson where they raised their four children and where she remained until the time of her death.

Salvato is preceded in death by her husband, Sam,

and her parents. She is survived by her four children: Kathy Evans and husband Vic of South Belt, Mary Frances Barrelli, Joe "Bubba" Salvato and wife Sandra, and Rosie Scott and husband Steve; grandchildren: Melissa Duncan and husband Chris; Ryan, Camille and Michelle Barth, and Zachary, Jacob, Joshua and Benjamin Scott; and her beloved dog, Minnie. She is also survived by all of her siblings: Rosalie Gorski and husband John, Sam DiBello and wife Frances, Joe DiBello and wife MaryAnn, Mary DiBello, and Frank DiBello and wife Connie; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Salvato was a longtime member of Shrine of the True Cross Church in Dickinson. She loved baking, word search puzzles and listening to 740 AM, and never missed listening to an Astros game.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 25, 2011, at Niday Funeral Home, with visitation one hour prior to the service, which starts at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Salvato's wish was to have donations made to the Ronald McDonald House of Houston in her name.

Free training, interviews offered to unemployed, veterans at SJC

Like so many, Dena Harris, 39, is looking for work. The single mother of a 3-year-old daughter has spent two years searching for a job but has had little luck, until recently, after stumbling upon free training with guaranteed job interviews through San Jacinto College.

"After applying for jobs and nobody calling me back, I felt this was one of my only options," said Harris. "I had never heard CNC operator before, but after four weeks of training, I can't wait to get a job in this because I enjoy the work, seeing how materials come together and how they are used."

The Computer Numerical Control (CNC) course, offered through the college's Continuing and Professional Development (CPD) division, teaches participants the equipment operating principles and techniques for CNC lathes and milling machines as used in advanced manufacturing. San Jacinto College is able to provide the course for free to dislocated or unemployed workers and veterans because of funding by the Department of Labor (DOL) High Growth and Emerging Industries (HGEI) grant.

Other courses offered through this grant include the one-week Programmable Logic Controller course and the eight-week Industrial Automation Technician course.

The training also helps workers upskill in the industry, and in result, opening up positions for entry-level workers.

"Since working for Powell Industries in 2009, I've worked my way up. However, had I known about a course like this one early on, I would have had a lot more knowledge of this industry from the

start," said 29-year-old Daniel De La Fuente, a CNC punch press/break press operator at Powell Industries, who attends SJC from 8 a.m. to 1:20 p.m., and works from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. "I really wanted this education. I let my lead man and supervisors know that, right now, I'm eating, drinking, and sleeping CNC. This training is wonderful. It's always good to strive to upgrade your skills. I'm already looking for more courses that will help with my job."

Twelve students in the CNC course are currently scheduled for interviews with Powell Industries, the same company that offered employment to 11 participants from a SJC CNC course earlier in the year.

Ellen Bay, project director for the HGEI grant with CPD, said students are always kept informed of job opportunities, in relation to their training, from a variety of companies from surrounding industry.

Eligibility requirements for the DOL HGEI grant programs at the college include

such documents as driver's license; Social Security card; proof of income; selective service number for male applicants; and either a birth certificate, visa, or passport card. To qualify, participants must be classified as either low income, unemployed, dislocated worker, or incumbent worker.

For more information regarding the DOL HGEI grant-sponsored training courses, contact Ellen Bay at ellen.bay@sjcd.edu or Deborah Johnson at deborah.johnson@sjcd.edu. Training courses are held at the SJC Maritime and Technical Training Center at 3234 Pasadena Freeway.

The Continuing and Professional Development division of San Jacinto College offers programs and courses for individuals to retain or advance in their jobs, or make career transitions.

The division also provides training to companies and their employees to meet employers' demands for a highly skilled workforce, while helping incumbent workers reach their potential.

Rumor auditions set

Pasadena Little Theatre will hold auditions for *Rumors*, by Neil Simon, on Sunday, Dec. 4, and Monday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and will be in the main theater located at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road.

The cast consists of six men and four women ages 30s to 50s. The show runs weekends Jan. 27 to Feb. 12, 2012. Contact Janet Sharpley, the director, at actsharp@sbglobal.net for more information or visit the website at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org

for information and character descriptions.

At a large, tastefully appointed townhouse, the deputy mayor of New York has just accidentally shot himself. Friends gathering for their 10th anniversary find their host bleeding, and his wife is nowhere in sight. Though only a flesh wound, his lawyer, Ken, and his wife, Chris, must get the "story" straight before the other two couples arrive. Throw in police detectives and the evening spins into classic Neil Simon hilarity.



Barrientos makes top oboe for all-city band

Morris Middle School's Garrett Barrientos was recently selected as the top oboe player at the Pasadena Independent School District All-City Band auditions. Barrientos, a sixth-grader, competed against several of the district's top seventh- and eighth-graders on oboe and achieved this top honor. This honor earned him a position in the PISD All-City Band Concert held recently.

Photo submitted

Thompson science students study chemical reaction

Thompson Intermediate eighth-grade science students recently investigated how to capture evidence of a chemical reaction. Students were given 10 mL of vinegar, 2 teaspoons of baking soda, a graduated cylinder, Pyrex funnel, plastic container, and a balloon, and had to determine the procedures to blow up the balloon using the chemicals provided. Students had to brainstorm and come to a consensus before they tested their hypothesis and procedures. Students tested the approved procedures and knew they were successful when their balloon expanded and captured the gases released. Teacher Carol Waters then measured the circumference of each balloon to determine which lab group was the most successful. Students were excited to apply their knowledge to a laboratory investigation they created and conducted.



Students in Carol Waters' fourth period, left to right, Adrian Rojas, Black Williams, Ann Nguyen and Evan Motto, enjoy having the balloon inflate with the largest circumference in science class.



Students in Waters' sixth period pictured are, left to right, Brooke Flores, Miguel Aguilar, Leo Bautista and Rudy Ibarra.

Photos submitted

October Bears of the Month



Beverly Hills Intermediate Bears of the Month for October are, left to right, (front row) Damaris Morales, Tarah Franks, Crystal Glover, (middle row) Tam Vu, Amy Patel, Brianna Garcia, Jaime Rodriguez, Eddie Rivera, (back row) Christian Hampton, David Ramirez and Vanny Nguyen. Not pictured is Alexis Jimenez. Students at BHI strive to achieve positive characteristics to guide them throughout their lives. The characteristic for

October was responsibility - accountability, considering oneself answerable for something; demonstrating that one considers oneself accountable for one's actions and follows through with commitments. Students were selected by their academic teams as best representing this characteristic. They received a special Bear paw-print pin and a Bear of the Month T-shirt to wear proudly from Principal Alyta Harrell.

Photo submitted

Dobie alumnae still dancing



Two former Dobie Lariaette alumnae are still dancing their hearts out at the college level. Aimee Cessna (left), Dobie Lariaette colonel, class of 2011, and Aracely Perez (right), Dobie Lariaette lieutenant colonel, class of 2011, are both currently freshmen at Texas State University and members of the world-famous Texas State Strutters Dance Team. As members of the Strutters, the girls perform at all home football games, various events throughout the community, across the state and nation, and internationally. They also put on an annual spring show every April. The girls are pictured in their uniforms after a Nov. 5 performance at the Texas State football game. The duo represent the South Belt and Dobie High School well as they continue their education and passion for dance. *Photo submitted*

Genoa visits SJC science labs



Approximately 70 fourth-graders from Genoa Elementary School recently visited the science labs at San Jacinto College Central campus. Activities included making slime, chemistry in a bag, collapsing cans, making shrinky dinks and lip gloss. Following time in the chemistry lab, the students moved on to presentations in geology and biology and watched a liquid nitrogen show. Pictured is Genoa Elementary fourth-grader Alyssa Tinoco with her newest creation, chemistry in a bag. *Photo by Jeannie Peng-Armao*

Beijing educators visit SJC

San Jacinto College hosted a delegation from the Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication (BIGC) on Wednesday, Nov. 9. The delegation is visiting the U.S. touring different colleges and universities to gain a better understanding of different teaching methodologies and current trends within graphic design education. The Houston Mayor's Office of International Trade and Development arranged to have SJC as one of the stops on the group's Houston itinerary. After learning more about the visual communication program offered at the SJC South campus, the delegation was also given the chance to observe class sessions and see teaching methods in practice. "This is the first time on our visit that we have had the chance to observe U.S. classroom instruction," said Zhang Wenhong, BIGC vice dean of the School of Journalism and Publication. "For many of our teachers, this is their first time to visit the U.S., so getting to have that firsthand look at instruction is definitely beneficial to them." Some of the similarities in teaching methods were discussed, such as having students take time outside of the classroom to apply concepts they learn in class to projects and assignments. One unique aspect brought to light was that many BIGC professors either own or work for professional design firms. This allows them to get their students involved with real-world design projects within their own companies, giving professors the chance to see which students are really excelling within the program for possible employment after graduation. Inquiring how the outside workforce gets a sense of students' design capabilities, Michael Strickland, SJC Visual Communications Advisory Board member, University of Houston communications professor, and owner of Michael Strickland Design Group, commented on the advantages of helping develop the SJC design curriculum. "One reason I'm on the advisory board is to let me know who the best students are," said Strickland. "All the projects we require of SJC students are very relevant and representative of a great Houston design portfolio." Despite language barriers, Christina Potts, SJC delegation coordinator and arts lead faculty, was surprised at the technology baseline that unites both cultures. "When some of the delegation members observed our digital arts class, they actually knew what students were working on using Photoshop and even demonstrated a few things on the program with a student working on one of his projects," said Potts. "Software and design concepts are very universal, so in that respect we share the same language." BIGC Deputy Division Director of the Instruction Technology and Network Information Center Shi Jiayuan said that most of all, they were impressed with the small class sizes that allowed more student interaction with the professor. "We see how open and innovative the college is concerning your students," said Jiayuan. "Coming from our perspective as educators, we will especially take away new ideas to put toward our teaching, like open discussions in the classroom for more interaction with our students. The small class sizes allow for that, whereas a lot of our degree-specific courses can have anywhere from 60 or more students. We also are very impressed with how the college focuses on student success, not only academically, but in preparing them for professional success as well, using a more market-oriented curriculum. Professors are able to teach from a career perspective, showing the skills the market expects, which greatly benefits the students." Along with SJC, the delegation paid visits to the University of Houston-Main Campus, UH-Downtown, UH-Clear Lake, and Johnson Space Center while in Houston. The delegation also visited the University of Texas in Austin, and plans to visit other graphic design programs at San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco colleges and universities. The Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication is a general polytechnic university that covers technology, humanities, the arts, and management with more than 771 faculty and staff members. The institute was among the first group of institutions in China to be granted the authority to confer bachelor's degrees.

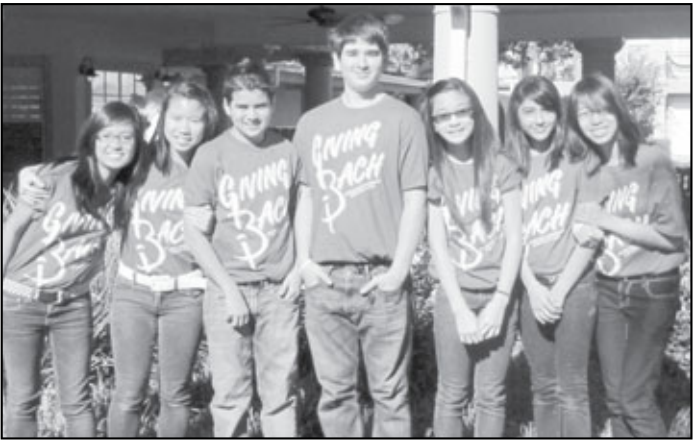
Channel 2 News visits BHI



Channel 2 News recently visited the Beverly Hills Intermediate cafeteria, while reporter Amy Davis was doing a story on the cleanliness of Houston area school cafeterias. The news team was there because Beverly Hills was an example of a very clean cafeteria. The report aired the week of Sept. 26. Pictured are, kneeling, Jon Hill (Channel 2 News cameraman), (front row) Thelma Trejo, Norma Alba, Rosa Perez, Lucero Torres, Lupe Cabrera, Juana Vega, Maribel Juarez, Davis, (back row) Debbie Murray (cafeteria manager), Anna Escobedo (assistant cafeteria manager), Leis Rivera, Martina Barrera and Leyda Zorrilla. *Photo submitted*

BHI performs Veterans Day Concert

Giving Bach performed a Veteran's Day concert for the residents of The Terrace Clear Lake. Songs included *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *You're a Grand Old Flag*, *America, Honor and Glory*, and many others. Residents joined in with singing some of their favorites with lots of toe-tapping. Giving Bach students thanked personally all those who served in the armed forces or had family mem-



BHI's Giving Bach students pictured are, left to right, Angelica de Jesus, Catherine Thai, Jesus Tijerina, Vincent Gutierrez, Kathrina Villanueva, Karina Gutierrez and Heidi Tran. *Photo submitted*

bers who are serving or have served. Giving Bach students are members of the Beverly Hills Intermediate Bach Orchestra under the direction of Ana Payne and Sandra Shaffer. This select group of students travel around the community and perform in various venues. The purpose of the Giving Bach program is to enrich the lives of the people in the community by providing opportunities for student musicians to perform in a real-world setting. The program provides live musical performances for those who may not get an opportunity to hear an orchestra. This helps students realize how their musical talents can be used to enrich the lives of others. It also builds leadership skills and instills empathy and confidence in each student participating.

CHECHS students in Woyzeck



Clear Horizons Early College High School students participated in the recent San Jacinto College South production of *Woyzeck*. Clear Horizons students complete a high school diploma and associate degree in four years. They find time to participate in SJC clubs, performing groups, and much more. Pictured, left to right, Sarah Marron, Travis Kane, Caroline Cao and Christian Baker enjoyed flowers and greetings on opening night. *Photo submitted*

Christian women luncheon set

The quarterly Dynamic Women luncheon and networking event hosted by the Southeast Christian Women's Club will be held Thursday, Dec. 1, at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The luncheon will feature guest speaker, Jeanette Cliff George, the founder and creative director of the A.D. Players, the Houston-based Christian Theater Company. George has an extensive background in professional theater which includes acting off-Broadway and touring with the New York Shakespeare Company. She made her film debut in World Wide Picture's *The Hiding Place*, portraying Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch woman who saved the lives of scores of Jews during the Nazi occupation. Doors will open at 10 a.m. when guests can do some Christmas shopping with some exciting area vendors who feature home décor, fashion accessories, jewelry, health and beauty, and business and professional services. Lunch will be served at 11:30, and the event ends at 1 p.m. Guests can register for free door prizes at sign-in. The cost of the luncheon is \$16, which includes the networking/shopping event and lunch. For reservations, contact Vanessa at 281-482-6067, or email Teresa at teresadedan1@aol.com. The Dynamic Women networking event and luncheon is sponsored by Stonecroft Ministries, which is affiliated with Christian Women's Club.

Delgado honored

Jo Ann Delgado, justice of the peace of Harris County Precinct 2, was recently inducted as a Distinguished Member into the Texas Justice Court Judges Association College of Justice Court Judges. The college encourages and recognizes judges who strive for advanced education over and above the state-mandated education requirements. Delgado was one of only 30 justice court judges throughout Texas to receive the Distinguished Member designation from the college. Delgado completed at least 30 hours of accredited education over and above the mandated education requirement. A total of 95 judges in the state who had made application to the college completed the minimum requirements to qualify for the 2011 college. Those judges who were inducted into the College of Justice Court Judges were congratulated and recognized for taking the initiative to acquire advanced study to enhance their judicial skills.



LEGAL NOTICE

Homeowner Committee Election
The Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee will hold its annual election for a seat on the subdivision's Board of Directors on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011. The election will be at the Utility District building at the corner of Hall Road and Blackhawk Blvd. from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. Homeowners, in good standing on their maintenance fees, are eligible to vote. Proof of home ownership or a driver's license is required for identification.

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Students pictured are, clockwise from left, Emir Espinoza, Draco Salinas, Abril Dosal, Kevin Amaya, Daniel Davila, Tania Rios, Joyce Gossett, Alan Saracho, Christopher Sidrian, Rigoberto Alanis, Angel Armenta, Katherine Sabillon, Alexa Loredo, Jessica Velazquez, Andrew Garcia and Rebecca Ramirez.



Intern Hermelinda Correa (top right) explains how to create a web to students, clockwise, from left, Emir Espinoza, Draco Salinas, Abril Dosal, Kevin Amaya, Daniel Davila, Tania Rios, Joyce Gossett, Alan Saracho, Christopher Sidrian, Rigoberto Alanis, Katherine Sabillon, Anthony Posada, Andrew Garcia and Rebecca Ramirez.

Stuchbery students study spiders, build web

Stuchbery Elementary pre-k teacher Liavette Peralta and her intern, Hermelinda Correa, were completing a unit on spiders and wanted the students to see how hard spiders work to make their webs. The class used white yarn to demonstrate how to make a human web, and allowed each student to hold onto a piece and pass it to whoever they wanted in the circle until everyone was holding on to a piece of the yarn. They were able to see different shapes and sizes within the web and then tried to demonstrate how a spider uses its legs to hang on and not fall off. *Photos submitted*



Left to right, students Cielo Sanchez, Alexander Velazquez, Emir Espinoza, Draco Salinas, Abril Dosal and Kevin Amaya enjoyed watching intern Hermelinda Correa (front right) get tangled in the web.

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Lariaette of the Week



The Lariaette of the Week for the week of Nov. 7 through Nov. 11 is sophomore Emmi Kieu. She is the daughter of Peter Kieu and Muoi Nguyen.

Display honors Native American heritage

Celebrate and learn about the contributions of Native Americans at the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Native American Heritage educational display, *Native American Artistic and Expressive Traditions*, featured until Nov. 30 in the Bayou Building, Atrium I, Level 2, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. The display was created by students in the American Indigenous Peoples course

taught by Maria Curtis, assistant professor of anthropology and cross-cultural studies. National Native American Heritage Month honors the culture and accomplishments of Native Americans. This free event is sponsored by the Office of Intercultural and International Student Services Office. For more information, email IISS@uhcl.edu or call 281-283-2575.

Daytime lecture series to offer game day

Remember the Fun We Had!, a free presentation by Glenna Crist, is scheduled for Dec. 2 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. The presentation is part of the Daytime Speaker Series presented by University of Houston-Clear Lake's Clear

Lake Association for Senior Programs, and will give attendees an opportunity to play board games from years past. All ages are welcome. Admission is free, but registration is requested. For more information, email clasp@uhcl.edu, or call 281-283-2021.

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FRAZIER ROLLS
Two students were recently left off the first nine-weeks rolls for Frazier Elementary School. First-grader **Isele Munoz** - Honor Roll; and fourth-grader **Daniel Lazcano** - Perfect Attendance. Daniel has never missed a day of school.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BILL & ELAINE
Former Leader staffer **Bill Edwards** and his wife, **Elaine**, celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 27. They will celebrate with friends **Daniel** and **Joaquina Torrubiano** from Madrid, Spain. Congratulations and best wishes are sent to the couple from their family and friends at the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 24 through Nov. 30.

Burnett Elementary
Voynett Crockett celebrates a birthday

Nov. 26. On Nov. 27, **Donna Myles** marks a birthday. The day for a party for **Laurie Antal** is Nov. 28. Double birthday wishes are sent to **Renee Ha** and **Heidi Valdez** Nov. 30.

Bush Elementary
The day for a cake for **Dila Yarbrough** is Nov. 25. Nov. 28 is the day to celebrate another year for **Janice Rios**.

Frazier Elementary
Pat Singletary enjoys a birthday Nov. 24. A special birthday greeting is sent to **Herminia Arguelles** Nov. 29.

Meador Elementary
Nov. 28 is the day for a celebration for **Kathy Lemaster**.

South Belt Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Lucia Smith** on Nov. 26. **Rosa Ascencio** has a birthday Nov. 27.

Stuchbery Elementary
Marking a birthday Nov. 27 is **James Maslonka**. A birthday is enjoyed by **Sue**

Knight Nov. 30.
Morris Middle School

On Nov. 25, **Natalie Guzman** marks a birthday. Blow out the birthday candles for **Paul Busby** Nov. 26.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Nov. 29 is the day for a birthday cake for **David Hastings**.

Dobie High
The day for a party for **John Ford** is Nov. 24. A birthday greeting is sent to **Karen Radons** Nov. 25. Celebrating a birthday Nov. 26 is **Gina Salinas**. **Greg Faigle** has a birthday Nov. 27. **Luz Ossa** and **Robin Rackley** share a birthday Nov. 28. Nov. 30 is the day for a party for **Lin Argieard**.

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Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Longhorn Band Section of the Week



The J. Frank Dobie Band announced the trumpets as Section of the Week for Nov. 7 through Nov. 11. Members of the trumpet section are, left to right, (front row) **Josh Vasquez, Anthony Chapa, Amy Hallaron, Madeline Lacamu, April Henderson, Gabby DeLeon, Joseph Fee, Nick Engle, Jordan Luna**, (middle row) **Jeffrey Lopez, Isaiah Manzanales, Alex Lewis, Adrian Jimenez, Victor Robles, Leon Gilchrist, Nick Cessna, Rodrigo Garza, Adrian Garcia**, (back row) **Bryan Oseguera, Josh Godwin, Angel Garcia, Manuel Reyna** and **Cameron Martens**. Photo submitted

LaRochele receives award

Last year, a Westbrook Intermediate School student, **Erica LaRochele**, submitted a poem to the Robert Bateman Get to Know Program Contest, and winners were awarded this November in an official ceremony in Los Angeles.

LaRochele is now a freshman at Clear Horizons Early College High School and subsequently, San Jacinto College South. Her poem was judged in the category for grades eight through 10.

All entries into the contest were limited to 40 words or less, and needed to be about biodiversity and/or "wild neighbors." LaRochele's poem, *School Grounds*, was selected as one of the winning entries out of 1,000 submitted for the writing portion of the contest.

Acclaimed artist and naturalist Robert Bateman believes that having students learn local species' names and characteristics will create increased awareness and understanding of wildlife, which will in turn instill increased empathy for the well-being of wild neighbors. In short, he wants to facilitate the connection of young people with nature because this is an important first step toward raising a generation who will care for the Earth's well-being.



Erica LaRochele (right) presents her ornament for the 2011 National Christmas Tree to **Susan Skaiski**, forest supervisor, Stanislaus National Forest.

Remember When

35 years ago (1976)
A 35-0 victory over South Houston made the J. Frank Dobie Longhorn football team district champs.

Members of the 147th Texas Air National Guard Fighter Interceptor Group stationed at Ellington Air Force Base participated in the biennial William Tell weapons meet at Tyndall AFB in Florida.

Nick McHenry died from a heart attack less than two hours after his family was robbed at gunpoint at their Kirkwood South residence.

After what members of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department said was a slow period, five calls were received within a 20-hour period.

The Sagemont Jaycees held an open house and recruited three new members and one new Jaycee-ette member.

30 years ago (1981)
The Dobie Longhorn football team clinched the district championship with a 23-16 win over Pasadena.

Shirlyn Ross was named assistant principal at Burnett Elementary.

Only about 25 percent of Sagemont homeowners had paid the annual \$10 maintenance assessment.

Locken was crowned Miss Houston U.S.A.
PISD trustees voted to dismiss food services director **Charles Ketchum** as a result of a meeting which lasted more than six hours. Ketchum was terminated for failing to comply with district directives and policies and for not meeting accepted standards of conduct. Ketchum had been employed with the district more than seven years.

State highway officials said the long-awaited plans to widen the Fuqua and Scarsdale street overpasses across the Gulf Freeway were nearly complete.

20 years ago (1991)
The Federal Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry announced plans for an in-depth, comprehensive health investigation of present and former Southbelt residents. This was due to that agency's concern for the community's health status.

Matt Donaldson of Sagemont had been out of jail just four days for criminal trespassing when he was charged with three counts of forgery. His companion, **Robert Harton**, was charged with burglary of a habitation.

15 years ago (1996)
A 60,000-square-foot, \$5 million assisted-living center was scheduled to open in the area.

Vandals let air out of numerous car tires on Ryewater, Flushing Meadows and Fair-

bury streets in Scarsdale.
10 years ago (2001)
Sagemont resident **John Duval Hunt, 21**, was held on charges of possessing a controlled substance and evading arrest.

The Pearland City Council approved an agreement allowing Harris County to build a bridge connecting Scarsdale to Yost Road. The bridge over Clear Creek would span the connection between Harris and Brazoria counties.

5 years ago (2006)
Some homes in Kirkmont and Sagemont were demolished due to repeated flood insurance claims.

The long-awaited opening of the Scarsdale-Yost Road connection was delayed again. It was projected to open the first quarter of 2007.

An election to replace former Houston Councilmember **Shelley Sekula-Gibbs** was expected to cost \$2 million. Sekula-Gibbs won the election to fill the unexpired term of **Tom DeLay** to serve 51 days in Washington, D.C. Afterward, **Nick Lampron**, who won in the general election, would be sworn in.

All three South Belt area municipal utility districts approved the hiring of two new deputy constables. They would be hired to work in the contract area, pursuant to a contract between the MUDs and Constable **Gary Freeman**.

1 year ago (2010)

Escort of the Week



The Lariaette Escort of the Week for the week of Nov. 7 through Nov. 11 is sophomore **Angel Cervantes**. He is the son of **Angeles and Raunel Vences**.

NASA, Chilean Mine rescue topic of lecture

The publis is invited to attend *The NASA Experience in the Chilean Mine Rescue*, an informative Clear Lake Association for Senior Programs lecture presented by **Albert Holland**, NASA Johnson Space Center psychologist, scheduled for Dec. 1 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in UHCL's Bayou Building, Forest Room, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Holland joined the NASA team in 1984 and founded the first operational psychology group there. He currently provides direct support for U.S. crew members aboard the International Space Station. Hosted by the university's Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs, this *Visions in Our Midst* lecture series is designed to provide learning opportunities for area seniors and others interested in learning. All ages are welcome. Admission is free. Contact clasp@uhcl.edu, call the Office of Alumni and Community Relations at 281-283-2019, or visit the CLASP website at <http://www.uhcl.edu/clasp>.

World AIDS Day display open to public

Join the University of Houston-Clear Lake community as they honor those who live day to day with HIV by viewing this informative display created to raise awareness and recognize World AIDS Day, Dec. 1. The display is open to the public through Dec. 22 in the university's Bayou Building, Atrium II, Level 2, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. This event is sponsored by the Intercultural and International Student Services.

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Melillo fundraises for cancer foundation

Melillo Middle School students and staff raised \$4,414.11 for the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Melillo goes all out for this fundraiser since the school is named after Dr. Dixie Melillo, surgeon and co-founder of The Rose Clinic in Houston. The staff at Melillo challenged their students to raise \$1,500, and through donations and other fundraising activities, they went above and beyond. To motivate students to give, Principal Diane Wheeler wore hair rollers and a robe and waved at students from the roof of the school building. Assistant Principal Maria Padilla did the same at the corner of Hughes Road, waving as community members and students passed by. Assistant Principal Chris Bui shaved his head and sported a hot-pink Mohawk. Other staff members celebrated the students' achievement by coloring their hair pink and wearing pink wigs and hairpieces. Not only was this a fun time for all, but students were able to experience giving to a worthy cause.



Staff at Melillo wore pink in support of the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Heather Wheeler, peer facilitator; (middle row) Patricia Jackson, counselor; Erin Provost, counselor; Maria Padilla, assistant principal; Diane Wheeler, principal; Betty Haley, intervention specialist; (back row) Jenny Vann, peer facilitator; Chris Bui, assistant principal; Debora Yocum, librarian; and Carolyn Odum, peer facilitator.



Assistant Principal Maria Padilla, dressed in hair rollers, a bathrobe and slippers, stands at Hughes Road in front of the school to help raise money for breast cancer.



Principal Diane Wheeler holds up a sign while standing on the roof of the school.



Assistant Principal Chris Bui sprays secretary Wando Soto's hair pink for the occasion.



Teachers Christine Wright and Stacy Paxton show off their 'pink' to help raise money.

Orozco honored in dedication ceremony

Carmen Orozco, whose service to education began with her involvement in PTA and later covered 22 years on the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees, was recently honored as a devoted servant to the children of Pasadena during a dedication ceremony for a state-of-the-art support facility named in her honor.

PISD Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis introduced Orozco as "one of the monuments of our community."

"Her actions," said Vickie Morgan, a close friend and current board member, "were always guided by one question - 'What's best for our children?'"

Orozco was greeted by dozens of well-wishers from education, business and government circles in the central conference room of the facility that bears her name - the Carmen Orozco Professional Development Complex.



Carmen Orozco receives a hug from friend and former Board of Trustees colleague Vickie Morgan.



Carmen Orozco and husband Tony Orozco in front of the conference and training facility that bears her name.



Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis presents a commemorative photograph to Carmen Orozco at the conclusion of the dedication ceremony.

Photos submitted

More than a dozen of Orozco's family members - many of them educators - were in attendance.

"Our family was blessed," she said, "to be placed into schools where you were given a foundation, to either go to college or into the workforce."

The Orozco Complex, which opened in late summer, serves as a multi-purpose conference and training facility housed within the district's Frank Braden Educational Support Center.

The Braden Center, located on the E. Sam Houston Pkwy. S., was formally dedicated earlier in October with tributes to Frank Braden, a former board member and former principal at Dobie High School and other district campuses.

Orozco served on the board from 1987 to 2009.

Lewis said Orozco's many contributions to the district "will not be forgotten." "I don't think we could have named this facility for a more appropriate person," he said. "The results of her efforts,"

Morgan said, "can be seen throughout the district."

The Orozco Complex provides operational space for three PISD departments: Professional Development, Instructional Technology and Student Assessment. It also has kitchen facilities to serve as a venue for large events, such as district awards ceremonies.

The facility is ideally suited for professional development events such as workshops, seminars, administrative meetings and campus team meetings.

NASA-JSC to discuss future human missions to Mars

Experts at NASA's Johnson Space Center will discuss concepts for a future human mission to Mars at 1 p.m. CST on Nov. 23 as the agency prepares for the launch of the Mars Science Laboratory (MSL).

The MSL robotic mission is scheduled to launch Nov. 25 from the Kennedy Space Center. The spacecraft will deliver a car-sized rover named Curiosity to the surface of Mars in August 2012.

Briefers will discuss the architecture and challenges of a human mission, how robotic efforts play a role in preparing for a future human

mission, lessons that have been learned in analog operations conducted in remote locations on Earth, and the scientific knowledge to be gained from human exploration of Mars.

The briefing will be broadcast live on NASA Television and the agency's website.

Briefing participants include:

- Doug Ming, manager, Human Exploration Science Office and a co-investigator on MSL (participating from Kennedy)
- Bret Drake, deputy chief architect, Human Spaceflight Architecture Team

• Matt Ondler, assistant director, Advanced Project Development

• Mike Gernhardt, NASA astronaut

• Dr. John Charles, program scientist, Human Research Program

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Honor society gains national recognition

The Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) chapter at San Jacinto College South, Alpha Gamma Zeta, recently received a Pinnacle Award from the national honor society.

PTK is a two-year college honor society that provides leadership development and academic success recognition among its members. Pinnacle Awards are awarded to

chapters that have membership increases due to events, information sessions, and membership drives that help raise awareness of the society and communicate the benefits of membership to prospective inductees.

This year, Alpha Gamma Zeta's membership increased by more than 42 percent, making it eligible for the

award.

"We are extremely honored to be recipients of the Pinnacle Award," said student Ivan Quinones, president of PTK-Alpha Gamma Zeta. "This increase in our membership attests to the drive of the students here at San Jacinto College South and the dedication of our professors and advisers who push us to

excel in our studies."

This year, the PTK chapter at San Jacinto College South hosted the first-ever San Jacinto College Summit on Community Colleges.

Created in an effort to support President Obama's goal of having the best-educated, most competitive workforce in the world by 2020, the Nov. 18 event featured SJC alumni from different professions, speaking about the value of an associate degree or certification, and how SJC contributed to their success. There was also a question-and-answer session between alumni panelists and the audience.

For more information about the summit, visit www.sanjac.edu.



San Jacinto College South's Phi Theta Kappa honor society chapter received a Pinnacle Award for its membership increase this year. Pictured are, left to right, Courtney Elliott, PTK vice president; Ivan Quinones, PTK president; Elizabeth McKinley, PTK faculty advisor; and Susan Eason, PTK faculty advisor.

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Daugherty earns Outstanding Teaching award

Teachers are often under-appreciated for the dedication and work they put into shaping the future of students, though without a doubt they have one of the most important jobs in today's society. A

nonprofit organization called Humanities Texas from Austin, however, makes it their mission to recognize and award 12 exemplary humanities teachers yearly. Dobie High School teacher

Bob Daugherty was presented the Outstanding Teaching of Humanities Award by Sen. Mike Jackson and Humanities Texas representative Liz James on Nov. 1, 2011, in a room full of his

sixth-period AP U.S. History students. Nominated by fellow U.S. History teacher Craig Sanders, Daugherty had to go through a lengthy application process, filling out an autobiography, detailing his teaching philosophies and getting recommendations from his fellow educators.

"Mr. Sanders was kind enough to nominate me for it, and some teachers lied and said some really nice things about me," joked Daugherty. The Outstanding Teaching of Humanities award recognizes 12 exemplary teachers of every grade level in the field of humanities from all over the state. Daugherty, along with 11 other award recipients, received a framed certificate as well as a check for \$5,000. In addition, a check for \$500 was awarded to Dobie's humanities department.

"It's just great. I mean it's nice to be recognized, there's a lot more deserving teachers out there, but I'm still happy to receive this award," said Daugherty, lovingly known to students and faculty as Mr. D.

Humanities Texas is an organization that not only "conducts and supports public programs in history, literature, philosophy, and other humanities disciplines," but also makes several grants and awards available to Texas teachers yearly.

Honored, Daugherty expressed his astonishment at receiving the award and his gratitude toward Humanities Texas, "I mean just the honor and prestige coming from an organization like Humanities Texas that does so many wonderful things for teachers makes it all the more special. I mean I'd do anything for them, and to be recognized by them is really, really special."



Shown are, left to right, Humanities Texas representative Liz James, Dobie teacher Bob Daugherty, State Sen. Mike Jackson and Dobie Principal Steve Jamail.

Surprise reception greets Lewis at Texas Tech

Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis arrived to a surprise "Guns Up!" tribute from district administrators recently at a reception to salute the Texas Tech graduate for his selection as a Red Raiders distinguished alumnus.

Lewis earned his bachelor's degree in advertising/public relations from Tech in 1976. He earned a Master of Science from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in

1983 and later earned his doctorate in educational leadership from Lamar University.

He was appointed superintendent by the board of trustees in 2006.

Administrators, most of them dressed in bright red, greeted Lewis with a poster featuring Tech's Masked Rider - but with the superintendent's face superimposed - and various gifts, all bearing the Red Raider insignia.

Lewis was joined by his wife, Robin, and grandson Eli Lewis.

As a distinguished alumnus of Texas Tech, Lewis joins a list of honorees that has included Preston Smith, former governor of Texas; Bob Bullock, former lieutenant governor of Texas; and Col. Rick Husband, commander of the ill-fated Columbia space shuttle.

Lewis was honored along with Brig. Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr., Larry D. Byrd and Michael Gilbert.

Brown, a 1984 Tech graduate, is deputy director of operations for the U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida.

Byrd, a 1957 Tech graduate, is president of a plastics firm and one of the charter members of the school's Engineering Dean's Council.

Gilbert, a 1980 Tech graduate, is president of Bayer Cotton Seed International.



Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis holds grandson Eli at a surprise tribute to him by the district.

Rep. Olson applauds NASA/shuttle accountability language in spending bill

Rep. Pete Olson, R-Texas, announced that language demanding transparency and accountability for placement of the retired shuttle orbiters was included in a spending bill that recently passed.

The report language requires NASA to apprise Congress of the status of all transfer and display plans for the four space shuttle orbiters (Atlantis, Enterprise, Discovery and Endeavour) as well as provide contingency plans if the host cities fail to meet

specific criteria and agreed upon milestones.

The bill, H.R. 2112, provides funding for the Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science and Transportation-Housing and Urban Development agencies for Fiscal Year 2012.

"In the wake of recent reports on alternate plans for displaying Enterprise in New York City, taxpayers deserve to know that the cities scheduled to receive orbiters can and will fully meet their obligations," Olson said. "If they don't, Congress will hold them accountable and consider alternate options. Several qualified cities, particularly Houston, the home of Mission Control, would gladly absorb the cost of hosting an orbiter. This language puts both the recipients of the orbiters and NASA on notice that Congress will demand accountability."

The language directs NASA to submit quarterly reports to the committee on the status of disposition of the four space shuttle orbiters. The bill passed the House by a vote of 298 to 121. It was also passed by the Senate and signed into law by President Obama.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

McD's hoops tourney a hit; state's best prove their mettle

From a competition standpoint, there were many surprises when the respective tournament trophies were handed out, but that's what made the 2011

McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament perhaps the best yet.

Flower Mound Marcus, making its season debut after winning the Class 5A boys' state title a season ago, handled its business en route to winning the top hardware.

FMM, getting a special invite from tournament founder Ben Meador, defeated DeSoto in the Division I gold bracket title game, an event aired live on national cable television.

Dekaney in the silver bracket and Duncanville in the bronze bracket also won tournament titles on the boys' side in Division I action.

The tournament's 32-team girls' bracket also delivered its share of excitement. Duncanville downed Clear Springs for the Division I gold bracket crown. DeSoto in the silver bracket and Klein Collins in the bronze bracket also won titles.

The Dobie boys also made quite a splash in the Division II ranks. After splitting a pair of games on the opening day, the Longhorns entered the silver bracket, where they went on to finish second to Ascocita for the championship.

The news wasn't as good for the Dobie girls. The Lady Longhorns entered the tournament with six wins in

Dobie boys runner-up in DII silver pool

seven games to open the season.

However, the team went on to lose each of its four games, including contests against Dickinson, eventual Division II gold bracket champion San Antonio Jay, Cypress Creek and Brazos-

wood. Things were decidedly different for the Dobie boys, who went all the way to the Division II silver bracket title game.

With sophomore transfer Christian Sanders blending in nicely with the Longhorns' other returning play-

ers, the Longhorns defeated Spring Branch Memorial 57-46 in their first game of the season as Taylor Holland logged 16 points.

Sanders had 19 in a 64-55 victory over Klein Collins, which enjoyed a distinct size advantage over Dobie.

Once in bracket play, Dobie got its game going quickly.

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Brook boys crush CC

Fred Richardson had 23 points as the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team crushed Cypress-Creek 73-46 on the road Nov. 21.

Davon West had 13 points and Chase Mullen 11 more as the Wolverines squared their record at 1-1. Brook led 45-22 at the half and never looked back.



Dobie sophomore Christian Sanders (15), who averaged 20 points per game in the McDonald's Texas Invitational, heads up court after grabbing a rebound with teammate Chris Mendoza (13) on the wing. Houston Memorial's Brooks Taylor (21) trails the play. The Longhorns downed Memorial en route to their silver bracket title game.

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Junior Cowboys fall short in Bowl bid

At right, Sagemont Cowboys junior defensive player Jacob Sulak (18) delivers a blow to the Pearland Hurricanes' quarterback during the Bay Area Football League Super Bowl game Nov. 19 at Stingaree Stadium in Texas City. Sulak and his teammates, including Dimitri Giannakopoulos (50) gave it their all, but the Hurricanes finished off a perfect 13-0 season with a 37-0 victory in the game. The Cowboys ended their season at 8-4-1 overall after winning the American Football Conference championship.
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Wranich Sr., Cowboys' president, earns lifetime Bay Area Football League honor

Sagemont Cowboys president and longtime South Belt area youth sports volunteer Denny Wranich Sr., has been honored by the Bay Area Football League.

Wranich was one of four men recognized as Lifetime Honorary Members of the BAFL organization during the league's Super Bowl round of games Nov. 19 at Stingaree Stadium in Texas City.

"It's certainly a terrific honor and one I appreciate, but that's not why any of us do this," Wranich said. "We're here for the young men and women who are part of our league."

Wranich, who was on hand as the official Super Bowl announcer, was summoned to the field during halftime of the opening game of the day.

The other members who were honored included Joe Gonzalez of the Magnolia Park Sharks, who is the league's current president; Donnie Phillips of the Santa Fe Braves, who was BAFL's first vice president; and Mark Medina, former president of the East End Eagles.

The brief event was made more special for Wranich because of the folks who presented him with the honor, including past Sagemont

Cowboys' president Mark Magness, and his wife, Tamara Magness, who was at one time the Cowboys' drill team director.

Wranich was also able to watch as his son, Denny Wranich, Jr. participated as head coach in the junior division Super Bowl game.

Wranich Sr. has a long history in the South Belt area as a youth sports volunteer. He has long been associated with BAFL and the Sagemont Cowboys and has also held various board positions within the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League.



Sagemont Cowboys president Denny Wranich (center) prepares to accept his hardware in recognition of being named a Distinguished Lifetime Member within the Bay Area Football League Nov. 19 in Texas City. Wranich, a longtime volunteer in the South Belt area

sports scene, was inducted along with, from left, Joe Gonzalez, Donnie Phillips and Mark Medina. The presenters included, from right, Mark Magness and his wife, Tamara Magness. The Magnesses also have past ties to the Cowboys' organization.

Seventh-Grade Light Boys' Basketball Standings

(Week One)

Teams	W	L
Thompson	1	0
Bondy	1	0
Queens	1	0
South Houston	1	0
Jackson	1	0
San Jacinto	0	1
Miller	0	1
Beverly Hills	0	1
Park View	0	1
Southmore	0	1

Game scores:
Queens 27, Beverly Hills 19
Thompson 58, Park View 22
Bondy 53, Southmore 32
Jackson 35, Miller 33
South Houston 28, San Jacinto 26

Seventh-Grade Dark Boys' Basketball Standings

(Week One)

Teams	W	L
Beverly Hills	1	0
Bondy	1	0
Thompson	1	0
Miller	1	0
South Houston	1	0
San Jacinto	0	1
Park View	0	1
Queens	0	1
Jackson	0	1
Southmore	0	1

Game scores:
Beverly Hills 20, Queens 18
Thompson 50, Park View 2
Bondy 44, Southmore 20
Miller 23, Jackson 10
South Houston 17, San Jacinto 10

Pearland Hurricanes top junior Cowboys

The Sagemont Cowboys' terrific run to the junior Super Bowl game came to a close as the Pearland Hurricanes capped a perfect 13-0 record with a 37-0 victory Nov. 19, at Stingaree Stadium in Texas City.

The Hurricanes jumped out to an early 8-0 lead in the game, scoring on their second series and then kicking for the 2-pointer.

Late in the first quarter, the Cowboys had a chance to get closer as Braelon Hill took a toss from the tailback position and headed for the end zone from his own 20-yard line. Hill raced all

the way down to the Hurricanes' 2-yard line before being tackled.

From there, the Hurricanes' defense stepped up and held the Cowboys from scoring.

Leading 16-0 at halftime, the Hurricanes clinched the championship with a 21-point half.

The Cowboys exited the field without the trophy, but it took nothing away from what was a great season.

The team finished the regular season strong to finish at 6-3-1. Entering the playoffs as the No. 3 seed, the Cowboys came through

with a pair of big playoff wins to capture the American Football Conference title and earn a trip to the Super Bowl.

Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL
Friday, Nov. 25
Brook JV boys at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Saturday, Nov. 26
Brook JV boys at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Nov. 29
Dobie varsity girls at Kingwood, 7:00
Brook varsity boys host Ridge Point, 7:00
Brook varsity girls at The Woodlands, 7:30
Brook JV girls at The Woodlands, 5:30
Brook JV boys host Ridge Point, 5:30
Dobie JV girls at Kingwood, 5:30
Brook sophomore boys host Ridge Point, 4:00
Dobie freshman A girls at Kingwood, 4:00
Brook freshman A boys host Ridge Point, 5:30
Brook freshman A girls at The Woodlands, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys host Ridge Point, 4:00
Dobie freshman B girls at Northbrook, TBA

Wednesday, Nov. 30
Thompson 8th Dark boys at Queens, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light boys at Queens, 6:15
Thompson 7th Dark boys at Queens, 5:00
Thompson 7th Light boys at Queens, 6:15
Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys at Bondy, 5:00
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Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls host Bondy, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7th Light girls host Bondy, 6:15

Thursday, Dec. 1
Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek ISD tourn., Lake, TBA
Brook JV girls at Pasadena ISD tourn., Rayburn, TBA
Dobie JV girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Brook freshman A girls at Barbers Hill tourn., TBA
Dobie freshman B girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Friday, Dec. 2
Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek ISD tourn., Lake, TBA
Brook varsity girls at Lake, 7:30
Brook JV girls at Pasadena ISD tourn., Rayburn, TBA
Dobie JV girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Brook freshman A girls at Barbers Hill tourn., TBA
Dobie freshman B girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Saturday, Dec. 3
Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek ISD tourn., Lake, TBA
Brook JV girls at Pasadena ISD tourn., Rayburn, TBA
Dobie JV girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Brook freshman A girls at Barbers Hill tourn., TBA
Dobie freshman B girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Monday, Dec. 5
Dobie varsity girls at Dulles, 7:00
Dobie JV girls at Dulles, 5:30
Dobie freshman A girls at Dulles, 4:00

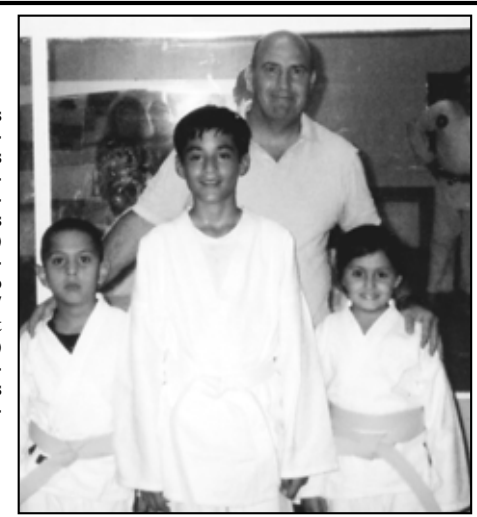
Tuesday, Dec. 6
Brook varsity girls at Dobie, 7:00
Brook varsity boys hosts Spring, 7:00
Brook JV boys at Dobie, 5:30
Brook JV girls host Spring, 5:30
Brook sophomore boys at Dobie, 4:00
Brook freshman A boys at Dobie, 5:30
Brook freshman A girls host Spring, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys at Dobie, 4:00



Junior Cowboys running back Braelon Hill breaks for the sideline after taking a toss late in the first quarter of Sagemont's Super Bowl game against the Pearland Hurricanes. Hill was brought down inside the Canes' 10-yard line, and the Cowboys did not score. Pearland went on to win the title with a 37-0 win at Texas City's Stingaree Stadium.

Youths kick for St. Jude's

Bonin Dojo hosts its second annual Kick-A-Thon to raise funds for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The winner was Luis Cabrieles Jr. (left) with 1,884 kicks, followed by Raymundo Alba (center) with 1,757 kicks. Third place went to Cecilia Dale (right) with 1,721 kicks. Joining the participants was Bonin Dojo owner, Curtis Bonin.



Thompson boys' hoops bests PV

Thompson's seventh-grade boys' basketball teams debuted with a pair of easy wins over Park View.

Gibson helped the team get off to a fast start, while Jeremy Green, Jeantrel Jolivet, and Dejean Jolivet made sure that the Cowboys didn't get a chance to catch up.

Park View. After scoring 30 points in the first quarter, the Lions cruised to a 58-22 victory.

Lions 7 Dark 50
Park View 2
The Lions' seventh-grade Dark team played first against the Cowboys and got off to a fast start en route to a huge win.

Donatus Oguamanam, Zion Walker and Gerald Jessie also had contributions in the victory.

Leading the team were Josh Cooper with 17 points, Jeremy Williams with 15 and Luis Chavez with 8.

Even after slowing down the pace, the Lions dominated the game as they went on to win 50-2.

Lions 7 Light 58
Park View 22
After watching the Dark team dominate, the Lions' seventh-grade Light team continued the trend against

Royce Hunter, Alvin Devezza, Jordan Shea, Marc Rivera, James Johnson, Landen Cunningham and Jamisson Wilson all played key roles in the big win.

Eighth-Grade Light Boys' Basketball Standings

(Week One)

Teams	W	L
Queens	1	0
Southmore	1	0
Jackson	1	0
San Jacinto	1	0
Park View	1	0
Thompson	0	1
Beverly Hills	0	1
Bondy	0	1
South Houston	0	1
Miller	0	1

Game scores:
Jackson 35, Miller 24
San Jacinto 48, South Houston 36
Southmore 61, Bondy 45
Queens 55, Beverly Hills 46
Park View 53, Thompson 48

Eighth-Grade Dark Boys' Basketball Standings

(Week One)

Teams	W	L
Beverly Hills	1	0
Thompson	1	0
Jackson	1	0
South Houston	1	0
Southmore	1	0
Park View	0	1
Miller	0	1
Queens	0	1
San Jacinto	0	1
Bondy	0	1

Game scores:
Beverly Hills 36, Queens 33
Thompson 51, Park View 18
Southmore 42, Bondy 40
Jackson 24, Miller 23
South Houston 33, San Jacinto 31

Seventh-Grade Light Girls' Basketball Standings

(Week One)

Teams	W	L
Beverly Hills	1	0
Bondy	1	0
Thompson	1	0
South Houston	1	0
Jackson	1	0
San Jacinto	0	1
Miller	0	1
Queens	0	1
Park View	0	1
Southmore	0	1

Game scores:
Beverly Hills 25, Queens 2
Thompson 31, Park View 16
Bondy 38, Southmore 22
Jackson 17, Miller 8
South Houston 36, San Jacinto 4

Seventh-Grade Dark Girls' Basketball Standings

(Week One)

Teams	W	L
Beverly Hills	1	0
Bondy	1	0
Jackson	1	0
San Jacinto	1	0
Thompson	1	0
Miller	0	1
Park View	0	1
Queens	0	1
South Houston	0	1
Southmore	0	1

Game scores:
Beverly Hills 22, Queens 6
Thompson 37, Park View 6
Bondy 23, Southmore 18
Jackson 32, Miller 15
San Jacinto 10, South Houston 8

Eighth-Grade Light Girls' Basketball Standings

(Week One)

Teams	W	L
Beverly Hills	1	0
Bondy	1	0
Miller	1	0
San Jacinto	1	0
Park View	1	0
Thompson	0	1
Jackson	0	1
Queens	0	1
South Houston	0	1
Southmore	0	1

Game scores:
Beverly Hills 47, Queens 17
Park View 36, Thompson 26
Bondy 20, Southmore 17
Miller 40, Jackson 15
San Jacinto 33, South Houston 13

Eighth-Grade Dark Girls' Basketball Standings

(Week One)

Teams	W	L
Beverly Hills	1	0
Thompson	1	0
Miller	1	0
San Jacinto	1	0
Southmore	1	0
Park View	0	1
Jackson	0	1
Queens	0	1
South Houston	0	1
Bondy	0	1

Game scores:
Beverly Hills 32, Queens 23
Thompson 27, Park View 26
Southmore 17, Bondy 13
Miller 33, Jackson 24
San Jacinto 32, South Houston 8

Longhorn boys' hoops makes silver final

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Dobie beat Flower Mound in the Division II silver bracket opener and then downed Houston Chavez in the semifinals.

The Longhorns had opportunities to win the championship in a 45-40 loss to Atascocita, but it wasn't to be.

"It was a 3-point game late, and we were called for an offensive goaltending, and then we missed a wide open layup. Then we missed the front end of a 1-and-1 at the free throw line," Dobie head coach Kevin Cross said.

"It's hard to watch the other team walk away with

the trophy when you were so close, but that's the way it goes."

In the end, the Longhorns went 3-2 in what was their season-opening appearance over three days. The Longhorns played Friendswood Nov. 22, after press time.

"We honestly came up a couple of games short

of what we wanted to do," Cross said. "We would have liked to have gone 5-0, and we had chances to win each game."

Cross added that Klein Collins' size advantage gave the Longhorns problems on the backboards. Against Atascocita, the shots didn't fall.

"In a tournament like this, you are going to play some tough teams no matter what bracket or division you're in," Cross said. "But we want to play a tough

schedule. That's how you prepare for district play and find out what you have."

Still, making it to a tournament bracket final and not winning is not good enough for the Longhorns or their coach.

"We do have high expectations this season, and if we do the things we need to do in order to win, I think we will have the chance to do that," Cross said.

"But we can still do some things better, and we have to keep working."

LSA's Shireman picks UT



Erin Shireman (seated center), a senior at Lutheran South Academy, delivers the "Hook 'Em, Horns" sign along with her parents, Kris (left) and Kirk Shireman, after signing a letter of intent to study and play collegiate softball at the University of Texas in Austin. Shireman, a catcher, was one of the top power hitters in high school softball last spring, slamming 10 home runs on her way to being named a second team all-state performer.



Dickinson guard Lisa Caldwell (2) looks for a passing lane as Dobie guard Jazmin Guerrero (12) defends during the Lady Longhorns' loss to the Gators Nov. 17. At right is Dickinson's Tannon Slater.

Local sports news, notes

SBHLL sign-up dates

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League has established 2012 spring season registration dates as Saturday, Jan. 7 and Saturday, Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. at the SBHLL facility at El Franco Lee Park. Junior T-Ball fees (ages 3 - turn 3 by Jan. 1, 2012 - and 4) are \$100. Fees for all other divisions (age 5 and up - must turn 5 by April 30, 2012) are \$140. Those registering must provide a birth certificate and three forms of residency.

SBHLL taking bids - The league is also accepting bids through Jan. 10, 2012, for those wishing to handle the league's team picture services as well as those wishing to take action photos (for sell) at league games. The league is also seeking a snow cone provider for the season. Those wishing to submit a bid or obtain more information may do so by directing email to sbhll@hotmail.com.

SBHLL to debut Challenger BB

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is continuing plans to host a Challenger Baseball program for children with physical or mental handicaps for the spring 2012 season. The program will follow the competition and safety guidelines as determined by Little League Baseball. SBHLL board member Chrystal Sulak is handling the off-season plans for the program. Those wishing to get involved with the program or to learn more may contact Sulak at Chrystal_Sulak@hotmail.com.

San Jacinto College softball tryout

San Jacinto College head softball coach Kelly Saenz will host a tryout for players wishing to earn a spot on the college's spring 2012 or 2013 rosters. The tryout will be held on the South campus Saturday, Dec. 3. Pitchers and catchers will be seen from 1 to 2:30 p.m., with position players to follow from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participants must complete a questionnaire and insurance waiver form prior to the tryout. To obtain the forms and to reserve a tryout spot, direct email to Saenz at kelly.saenz@sjcd.edu.

Dobie baseball camp

The Dobie High School baseball coaching staff, along with current and former players will host a baseball/softball camp Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to noon for boys and girls age 8 to 14. The cost of the camp is \$40 prior to the camp and \$45 on the day of the camp. The fee includes a camp T-shirt. For information, direct email to dobiebaseball@yahoo.com.

8U Texas Storm softball tryouts

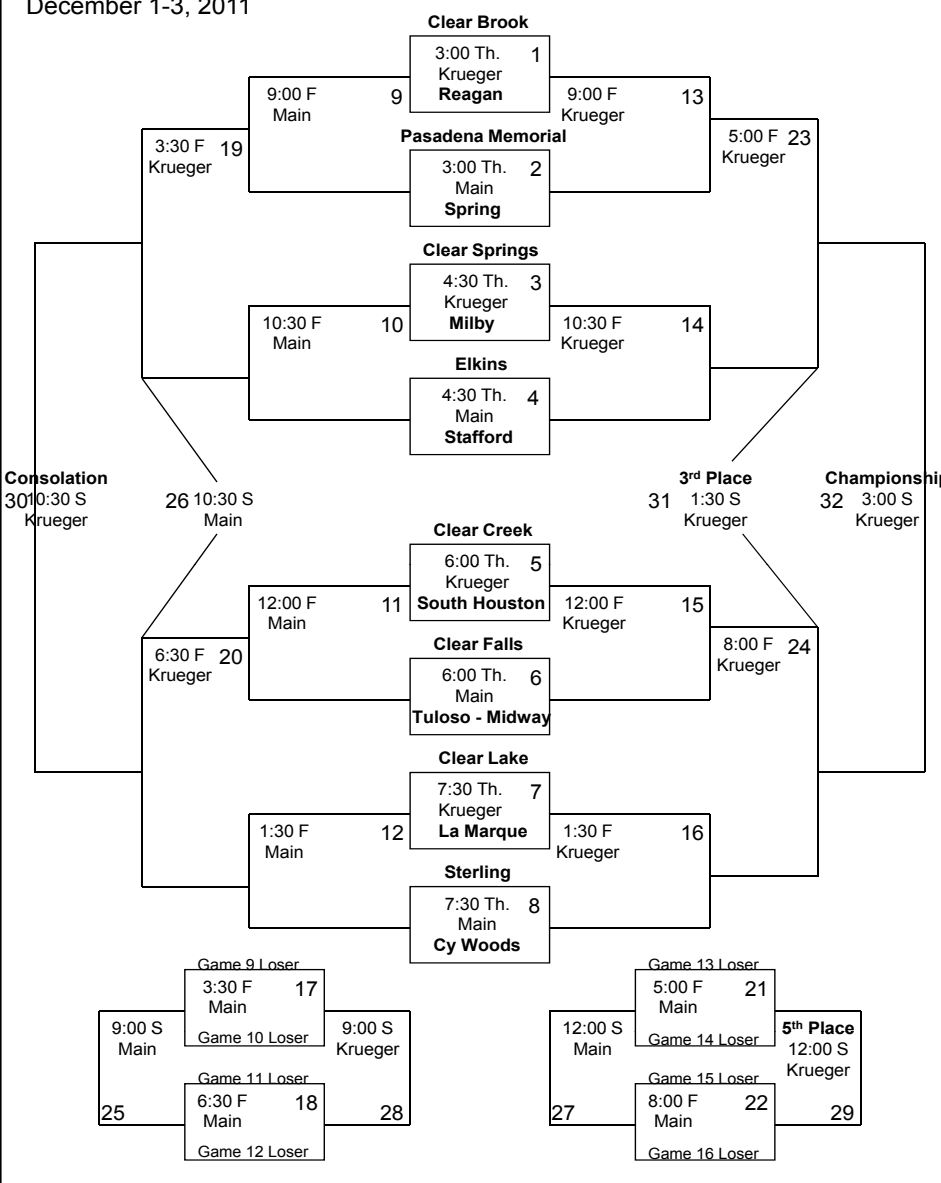
South Belt's 8U Texas Storm Elite select softball program will host open tryouts beginning Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the South Belt Girls Softball Association facility at El Franco Lee Park. The first tryout will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and additional tryouts will be held each Tuesday and Thursday at the same time on field No. 3. For more information, call coach Mario Barajas at 832-776-7593 or direct email to txstormelitel8u@yahoo.com

Dobie softball youth clinic planned

The 2012 Dobie Lady Longhorn Softball Clinic will be held Saturday, January 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at the South Belt Girls Softball Association facility at El Franco Lee Park. Girls age 6 to 14 are eligible to attend the session, which is \$30 per participant. The fee includes a clinic T-shirt to those who register prior to Jan. 18. The clinic will include hitting, fielding, bunting and baserunning instruction from members of the Dobie coaching staff as well as current players. To sign up for the clinic, families may download the entry form and get updated information at www.ladylonghornsoftball.org.

CARLISLE/KRUEGER CLASSIC

December 1-3, 2011



Brook boys' hoops among Clear Creek ISD tournament fold

The Clear Brook Wolverines' varsity basketball team is one of the 16 squads vying for the title at the 2011 Carlisle/Krueger Classic, which will be held Dec. 1-3, at Clear Lake High School.

Clear Brook, at the very least, could have a shot at getting to the semifinals with a couple of breaks.

The tournament is loaded with the likes of defending Class 4A state finalist La

Marque, Clear Lake, Clear Springs and Elkins, but the Wolverines could do some damage with veteran players Fred Richardson and Chris Campbell leading the way.

The Wolverines open against Reagan and then could play the winner of Pasadena Memorial or Spring. In the semifinals, the likeliest of scenarios has Elkins or Clear Springs ad-

vancing out of the bottom of Clear Brook's draw.

The tournament, named in honor of the Carlisle fam-

ily of coaching that included George Carlisle and his sons, Buddy and Billy, also recognizes former Clear

Lake High School coaching legend Bill Krueger.

It's one of the longest running tournaments of its

kind in the Houston area and features some top shelf talent. Brook is set for the challenge.

Dobie High School football banquet is Dec. 10

The Dobie High School football booster club has set the season-ending banquet for Saturday, Dec. 10.

The exact time of the event and ticket prices have

yet to be established. For up-to-date information, visit the football website at www.dobelonghorns.com.

The entire Longhorns' football program will have

plenty to celebrate this season.

The varsity football team qualified for the playoffs for the second straight season, putting together a 7-4 overall mark.

The school's subvarsity programs also fared well this season. The junior varsity and freshman Orange teams both posted 8-2 overall records. The freshman

Orange team went 5-0 in district play to win the 22.5A title.

At the banquet, coaches from each of the teams will recognize their respective players, and there will be a video commemorating the school's varsity season.

Annual college scholarship awards and team awards will also be recognized at the event.

Big 12 conference honors Boulavsky

Nine University of Oklahoma student-athletes, including Clear Brook High School graduate Suzy Boulavsky, were named to the Academic All-Big 12 teams announced by the conference office.

Of the record-setting 61 honorees, Boulavsky was one of two athletes with a 4.00 grade point average.

Joining Boulavsky, a women's volleyball player, on the first team were seniors Brianne Barker, Kylie Cowan and Caitlin Higgins, junior Morgan Reynolds, and sophomores Sallie McLaurin and Eden Williams. Senior Carlee Rothlisberger and sophomore Mindy Gowen earned second team honors.

The Academic All-Big 12 team includes 51 first

team honorees, an all-time best for the league and 10 second team members.

First team members consist of those who have maintained a 3.20 or better GPA while the second team selections hold a 3.00 to 3.19 GPA.

To qualify, student-athletes must maintain a 3.00 GPA or higher either cumulative or the two previous semesters and must have participated in 60 percent of their team's scheduled contests.

Freshmen and transfers are not eligible in their first year of academic residence.

Senior student-athletes who have participated for a minimum of two years and meet all the criteria except percent of participation are also eligible.

Nightmare 10s win fall league title



Nightmare Baseball's 10-under select baseball team placed first in the Nations Baseball fall league at the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League facility at El Franco Lee Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Kobe Ruiz, Christian Cleckley, Alan R. Lopez Jr., Caleb Exum,

Jordan Garcia, Marquiz Scott, (middle row) Justin Blogg, Luis Lopez, Sebastian Pichardo, Dylan Villareal, (back row) coach Anthony Villareal, assistant coach Luis Lopez, assistant coach Tony Pichardo, assistant coach Byron Scott and manager Terrance Small.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24
- THANKSGIVING DAY -
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.
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
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, NOVEMBER 25
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.
6 p.m.
Spanish Al-Anon - Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Thursday and Friday 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting - Women Only - Meets each Saturday morning from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
6 p.m.
Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27
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.
6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
6 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous - Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
9 a.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.
6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles Club - New Directions Singles support meetings are held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway in Webster. For further information, call Linda at 409-392-6886.
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 Kindred Rehabilitation 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, NOVEMBER 29
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.

1 p.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include diorama, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.
1:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
2 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - TOPS #1530 meets at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint, from 2 to 4 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.
6 p.m.
Spanish Al-Anon - Tuesday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
6:30 p.m.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.
7 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.
8 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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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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Spanish Al-Anon - Wednesday at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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.

Spanish Al-Anon - Wednesday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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.

DivorceCare Group - CT Church - DivorceCare Group meetings are held at CT Church, 9701 Alameda Genoa Road, every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room #1201. The support group is for separated and divorced individuals. Child care is provided. For more information, call 713-944-4815, email divorcecare@ctchurch.tv, or visit <http://ctchurch.tv/ministries.html#17>.

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. BATP is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

Diabetes Support Group - A support group for young adults with diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month at 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-756-8536 for more information.

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

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

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Houston Jokers 12s win league crown



The Houston Jokers 12-under select baseball team took the championship trophy at the Northwest Baseball Association's fall league at Doss Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Mattias Gallo, Andy Garza, Hector Martinez, Elias Rodriguez, Jonathan Acosta, Joey Espinosa, (middle row) Arthur Galvan, Ricky Gonzales, Andrew Hinojosa, Andres Padilla, Adrian Balandran, (back row) coaches Lupe Galvan, Laurance Hinojosa, Carlos Gallo and Ricky Gonzales.

Houston Jokers 11s take USSSA state fall championship



The H-Town Jokers 11-under select baseball team captured first place at the United States Specialty Sports Association's fall state tournament in the silver bracket. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Cameron Davis, Alex Hernandez, Brandon Valdez, Gavin Machado, Aaron Perea, (middle row) Frank Mendez, Armando Soto, Lorenzo Mendez, Ray Castro, Dave Amaya, (back row) coaches Oscar Perea and Mike Mendez, and manager Rudy Mendez.

Nightmare wins SBHLL fall league title



Nightmare Baseball's 11-under select baseball team finished second during the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's fall baseball season held at El Franco Lee Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Randy Zepeda, Alex Arriaga, Fernando Perez III, Ibrahim Hatamalech, (middle row) Danny Garza, Fabian Garza, Eric Garza, Scott Valenzuela, Isaiah Valenzuela, (back row) assistant coach David Valenzuela and head coach Fernando Perez.

San Jacinto volleyball is fourth at nationals



Longtime nemesis Blinn knocked San Jacinto College out of national title contention, and the locals went on to finish fourth at the National Junior College Athletic Association championship in West Plains, Missouri.

Following San Jacinto's semifinal loss to Blinn, the team faced 2010 national champion Western Nebraska, losing 15-25, 25-19, 16-25, 19-25.

For San Jac (32-5), it was the sixth-consecutive top-10 national finish under head coach Sharon Nelson.

San Jacinto entered this year's national tournament seeded fourth, after ranking in the top 10 nationally for most of the regular season. It was the 14th overall appearance in the national tournament, and San Jac's eighth in the last 10 years.

SJC won its seventh-straight Region XIV title to earn an automatic berth in the tournament.

The tournament began on a high note for San Jacinto, with the locals reeling off a pair of wins on the opening day of the event to vault to the semifinals.

San Jac opened the tournament with a 3-1 (21-25, 25-15, 25-20, 25-20) win over 13th-seed Wallace State - Hanceville.

In the evening session, San Jac followed that up with a 3-0 (25-21, 25-21, 25-20) win over fifth-seed College of Southern Idaho.

Blinn, ranked No. 1 for much of the season, finished off a perfect 38-0 season with a win in the championship game.

San Jacinto's Marie-Pierre Bakima and Jazmine Green were all-tournament selections.

At left, San Jacinto's Marie-Pierre Bakima digs a ball during the team's semifinal loss to Blinn. Bakima was an all-tournament selection. Kelley Flowers Photography

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