

Holiday trash pickup

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

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

City of Houston

Trash and tree waste will be picked up for City of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8 on Friday, Nov. 26. Residents living north of Beltway 8 will also have their trash picked up Friday, Nov. 26. For information, call 3-1-1.

Holiday closings set

South Belt-Ellington Leader

The *Leader* office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday until Nov. 29.

Parker Williams Library

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

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

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

Blackhawk garage sale set

The Blackhawk subdivision will hold a community garage sale Saturday, Dec. 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Astoria and Blackhawk. Shoppers can enjoy a one-stop shop for garage sales within houses of one another.

PW Library event set

The Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., will hold its preschool story-time at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Dobie calendars on sale

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

GAT yearbooks on sale

The Thompson Lions yearbook is now on sale for \$40 while supplies last. For information, call Erica Alvarez at 713-740-0510.

Wood Meadow II contest

The Wood Meadow Sec II Association will hold a Christmas decorating contest for Wood Meadow II residents. The association will award a first- and second-place winner for the best Christmas decorations. Judging will be Dec. 18. Prizes will be awarded.

Night out for parents

Dobie Project Graduation will host Parent's Night Out at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd., on Friday, Nov. 26, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Parents can leave their child with the J. Frank Dobie Senior Class of 2011 and their parent sponsors for \$5 an hour for a minimum of two hours. Games, movies, activities and fun will be available for ages 2 through 12 years. This is an opportunity for members of the Senior Class of 2011 to raise much needed funds for their Project Graduation event on June 3, 2011. For more information, call Christine Duensing at 281-974-0867 or Sharon Finney at 281-793-5918.

Lariaette dance clinic set

The Dobie Lariaettes will have their annual Winter Dance Clinic on Saturday, Dec. 11, at Dobie High School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The clinic is for girls and boys in kindergarten through 12th grade. Preregistration is \$40 by Dec. 3 or \$50 at the door, cash or money order only. Clinic participants will receive a T-shirt and be invited to perform in the Lariaette spring show in May 2011. For more information, contact Pam Burns at prburns1@earthlink.net or at 281-412-7123.

Leader Christmas program

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* will be soliciting toys, food and money for needy families over the holidays. Families in need may register at the *Leader* office after Dec. 2. The program relies heavily on donations from local schools and community members.

The *Leader* received a record number of applicants last year, and that trend is expected to continue, given the current economic conditions. Applicants must reside in the South Belt area and possess one form of identification verifying their address. All applications will undergo a screening process to determine eligibility.

Christmas at The Gardens

Christmas at The Gardens will take place Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 12001 Beamer. More than 20 vendors will be on site selling handmade crafts and gifts. Local musicians will provide entertainment. A surprise visit is also planned by Mrs. Claus. A bake sale fundraiser and giftwrapping will benefit Action Ministries.

Annual South Belt cookoff to change hands

After organizing the annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff for the past nine years, the mother-daughter team of Linda and Shelley Arnone is stepping down.

"I've really enjoyed doing it," Linda Arnone said. "But after nine years, it's time for someone else to take over."

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department will now be responsible for organizing the yearly event, which is currently the sole fundraiser for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at El Franco Lee Park.

Begun in 1988, the Independence Day fireworks show was originally sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, which would finance the display through local events, such as a dance, a beauty pageant and a casino night.

The chamber stopped sponsoring the fireworks display in the early '90s, at which time *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger began financing the event through soliciting donations.

This practice continued through 1994, which was the only year there was no local fireworks display.

Determined to keep the annual show alive, South Belt couple Les and Donna Haulbrook stepped up to the plate in 1995 and began organizing the cookoff as a way to continue financing the annual Fourth of July fireworks display. The couple agreed to organize the event for the first five years.

The inaugural cookoff had only roughly 13 cooking teams.

When the Haulbrooks' obligation expired, Anthony Virgadamo, a board member of the Kirkmont Municipal Utility District, stepped in to help for the event's sixth year. Virgadamo was assisted by Linda Arnone, who also works for the Kirkmont MUD.

Virgadamo relinquished control of the event the following year, leaving it to the Arnone duo to take over.

Under the Arnon's direction, the cookoff

grew greatly in popularity, jumping from only about 30 cooking teams their first year to a record number of 86 cooking teams in 2009.

The increased size of the event required the Arnones to recruit the help of roughly 45 volunteers this past year, Linda Arnone said.

With the exception of three years when the cookoff was relocated to Tom Bass Park due to construction, the event has always been held at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road.

SVFD officials said they were unable to secure

the area park for the traditional date of the third weekend in April. Alternate plans were made to reserve the location for the second weekend of May.

The new organizers said they also plan to erect a fence around the event and charge guests a small admission fee.

The Arnones said they intend to assist with the transition.

"I'll help with whatever I can," Linda Arnone said.

Deputies investigate Dobie fights

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constables office and Pasadena Independent School District officials are investigating after some Dobie High School students posted videos of fights online.

A Channel 11 news report that aired on Friday, Nov. 19, showed two separate fights – one between two girls and one between two boys.

Precinct 2 Detective Rick Holloman said additional videos were posted on websites such as Facebook and YouTube but were removed after the report was shown.

According to Holloman, the posted fights took place on property owned by the Kirkmont Municipal Utility District in the 10200 block of Sagebluff.

The detective said he believes the students fought with the intent to film and broadcast

the fights, but noted the incidents did not seem staged like some others do.

Holloman said the constable's office is in the process of identifying the students involved and plans to charge them with fighting in public, a Class C misdemeanor. He said the students could not be charged with assault because the fights appeared to be "mutual combat."

"I wish we could do more," Holloman said. "But we can't."

PISD officials said there is little they can do as the events happened more than 300 feet from campus.

While Holloman intends to punish the students to the fullest extent of the law, he says the activity is nothing new.

"Kids have always fought and probably always will," he said.

Suspect pleads guilty in ID scam

A suspect pleaded guilty Thursday, Nov. 18, in federal court to selling fake driver's licenses at his gas station in the 10500 block of Almeda. Genoa.

Maen Bittar, 46, who owns the Conoco station near the Gulf Freeway, was charged along with two Department of Public Safety employees who pleaded guilty earlier this year.

Prosecutors said DPS Trooper Mark DeArza, 39, and Lidia Gutierrez, 37, a clerk at the DPS

office on Old Galveston Road, processed fake driver's licenses after Bittar took the money – roughly \$3,000 per license.

The three remain on bond until early next year when they are expected to be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gray Miller.

Each faces a maximum of 15 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and three years of supervised release.

Dec. 9 meeting set on Shaver work

A public meeting on the proposed widening of South Shaver from Interstate 45 to Highway 3 will be held Thursday, Dec. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the YES Prep Southeast School located at 353 Crenshaw.

Representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Houston Department of Public Works and Engineering will conduct the function to present information on the proposal and to request feedback from the public.

The project would expand the area street from a four-lane undivided roadway with open ditches to a six-lane divided roadway with raised median, curb and gutter drainage, sidewalks, street lighting and improved underground utilities. In addition, the City of Houston would widen 2,514 feet of the channel Berry Bayou north of South Shaver Road and build a retention basin at South

Shaver Road and Berry Bayou. The proposed project would increase vehicle capacity, reduce congestion and improve safety and drainage.

The meeting will be in open-house format. Project schematics and environmental exhibits will be available for viewing. There will be no formal presentation. This information is available for review and copying at the City of Houston Department of Public Works and Engineering, 611 Walker, and at TxDOT's Houston District Office, 7600 Washington, on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays.

Written comments on the proposed project may be presented at the meeting or submitted to the director of project development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386, or e-mailed to houpiwebmail@txdot.gov by Dec. 3.

Stuchbery honors veterans



Stuchbery Elementary opened its doors to local veterans as part of its Veterans Day observance. A reception was held at the school, and afterward students had an opportunity to interview their guests. Above, second-grader Drake Escobedo and his grandfather, decorated Vietnam War veteran Manuel Escobedo. Photo submitted

Leader requests converting lane



South Belt residents who travel north on Beamer Road through the Beltway 8 intersection may be familiar with the frequent traffic trouble that haunts the intersection. As pictured above, drivers wanting to turn left to go west, have one short lane south of the beltway and often block the non-turning lane. Two lanes which go straight, as shown are frequently empty adjacent to the full left turn lane. The *Leader* has contacted representatives at Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan's office to help with the traffic trouble – specifically to transform the left lane designed to go straight to an optional go straight or turn left lane, similar to others along the beltway feeder. An investigation of the intersection to determine if a second turn lane is needed is expected to be complete by the end of November. Photo by Matt Griesmyer

Officials deem local water safe

Recent news reports about radioactive elements being detected in the City of Houston's drinking water have many South Belters concerned.

These concerns, however, are unfounded, according to Dean Baier, director of operations for the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District. According to Baier, recent tests conducted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality did not show any elevated levels of radiation, as established by state and federal officials.

This is also true of recent tests conducted on the water supplies of both the Kirkmont and Sagemeadow municipal utility districts, which like the Clear Brook City MUD, get their water primarily from the City of Houston's southeast treatment facility near Ellington Airport.

According to TCEQ reports, the detection of alpha radiation was limited to the city's groundwater wells in isolated areas, particularly in the Chasewood neighborhood.

Charges upgraded in Ryan death

The man charged with the Aug. 20 sexual assault that left 92-year-old South Belt resident Flora Ryan dead at her apartment in the 1300 block of Redford has now had his charges upgraded to murder.

Suspect Dean Jerome Wood, 50, is in Harris County custody with bonds totaling \$1 million.

Ryan, who suffered from Alzheimer's, was found naked and unresponsive in her bathtub by her 28-year-old granddaughter, whom she shared an apartment with along with the elderly woman's 60-year-old daughter and Wood, who the family took in about nine months earlier.

Ryan's granddaughter called 9-1-1, and police

and paramedics arrived to find Wood, who had reportedly been drinking, causing a disturbance.

Wood was originally arrested for having outstanding warrants, but it was later determined he had sexually assaulted Ryan, who was pronounced dead after being transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Wood was charged Sunday, Aug. 22, in the 176th State District Court with aggravated sexual assault of an elderly person.

The family reportedly let Wood stay with them because he was homeless and down on his luck. The suspect has an extensive criminal record, including multiple DWI and assault charges.

Man found dead in area home

A 25-year-old male was found dead in the garage of his home in the 10000 block of Sagegate Sunday, Nov. 21, at roughly 9:15 a.m.

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable deputies report that Martin Osbourne was discovered by his girlfriend after having gone missing the previous evening.

While Osbourne's exact cause of death had yet to be determined at press time, police believe it to have been self-inflicted.

Deputies say they have no reason to suspect foul play in the case.

Motorcyclist dies in accident

Houston police are investigating a fatal traffic accident that took place in the 9400 block of Almeda Genoa about 12:55 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21.

According to police, Jeffery Holmes, 50, was traveling east on Almeda Genoa on a maroon Harley Davidson motorcycle when he struck a

curb and then a mailbox.

He then lost control of the motorcycle and rolled several times.

Holmes was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital, where he died.

At press time, the investigation was still under way.

Repo man charged with trespassing

An employee who had been dispatched to repossess a vehicle from a home in the 9200 block of Southbluff was charged with criminal trespassing this past week after having gained access to the car through illegal means.

Witnesses observed Zachary Vance attempting to enter the homeowner's garage. When unsuccessful, Vance then went to the backyard of the home, prompting a neighbor to call the authorities.

Deputy Parnelli Jones from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to the incident, where Vance produced documentation

showing he was authorized to repossess the resident's vehicle, a 2006 Dodge Charger.

Once Jones left the residence, witnesses reported seeing the home's garage door open and Vance running down the driveway, while a second individual drove the vehicle out of the garage.

While Vance had permission to repossess the car, it is unlawful to enter a locked or secured building to do so. The Harris County District Attorney's office declined to accept a charge of breaking and entering, but did accept the lesser charge of trespassing.

SJC Central rings in the holidays with Santa's Christmas Magic



Max (Danette Price, guest artist from Pasadena, left) and Santa (Matt Griesmyer, guest artist from Pearland and South Belt-Ellington Leader reporter) catch the O' Meanie (Suzelle Palacios, guest artist from La Porte, right) stealing the North Pole, in San Jacinto College's production of *Santa's Christmas Magic: The Musical*.

Photo by Rob Vanya, San Jacinto College marketing department

San Jacinto College Central's theater and film department rings in the holiday season with its annual festive production of *Santa's Christmas Magic: The Musical*.

The cast of the production always changes, and this year's cast brings along a familiar South Belt name to the list of performers. Matt Griesmyer, reporter for the *Leader*, is playing Santa Claus.

The "family celebration spectacular" will be per-

formed in the Powell Arena Theatre, located on the Central campus at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Performances are set for Dec. 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m., and on Dec. 5 and 12 at 2:30 p.m. A special matinee performance will be held for area schools and day cares on Dec. 3 at 10 a.m.

Santa's Christmas Magic: The Musical is a fantasy about a sinister plot to steal Santa's magic. The cast includes male and female actors, as well as singers

and dancers from ages 5 to adult.

Highlights of the show include toys that come alive and dance and sing, and singing children elves. Children in the audience will have an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus at intermission.

The cost for general admission is \$10 per person. Tickets bought and picked up at least two days before the show cost \$8 each. To make reservations, call 281-476-1828.

SJC alumna nominated for presidential teaching award

Former San Jacinto College South student Stephanie Weaver is one of three finalists nominated from the state of Texas for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

This is the highest honor that any kindergarten through 12th-grade mathematics or science teacher can receive.

The award is given based on the teacher's ability to help his or her students succeed in math and science through unique teaching methods as well as overall personal philosophy on teaching.

"My main focus is on fractions and how they apply to the real world. When you're little and someone first asks you to 'share,' that's getting half of something, which is your first introduction to fractions," said Weaver, who teaches third grade math, sci-

ence, and social studies. Weaver first started attending San Jacinto College South in August of 1992. While attending San Jacinto College, she said that her professors were a big inspiration in continuing to pursue her teaching goals. "Their teaching styles made me feel comfortable. I felt like I could talk to my professors if I needed help, and they wanted to help you as much as they could," said Weaver.

One such professor who had an impact on her at the time was Pamela Campbell, now the director of dual enrollment at San Jacinto College South.

At the time, Weaver was enrolled in Campbell's college algebra class, and she says that Weaver stood out among her usual students.

"Stephanie was an excellent student. I knew she had

an interest in education, and when you have females who are strong in mathematics that want to pursue education, they pique my interest because that's what I wanted to do," she said. "Elementary school teachers have such an impact on kids, especially in math and science. You hear horror stories of kids who hate math, most of the time because they're afraid of it. So what she's doing now, teaching these kids, and being a part of these STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields, is really a great thing."

Weaver went on to the University of Houston-Clear Lake where she obtained her bachelor's degree in education.

She is hoping to go back to school to receive her master's degree in curriculum and instruction.



Stephanie Weaver explains creating word problems to her third-grade math students Madelyn Weiskopf-Davila (left) and Jayce Morgan (right). A former San Jacinto College South student, Weaver is one of three finalists nominated from the state of Texas for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Photo submitted

New Pasadena ISD clinic on track for Feb. 1 start

It hasn't been named yet. The hours of operation haven't been set. And remodeling supplies cover everything from waiting-room chairs to examination-room sinks.

Still, the Pasadena Independent School District's first on-site health clinic remains on track for a Feb. 1 opening at the new Frank Braden Center, part of the district's sprawling support facility on the Sam Houston Parkway at Pasadena Boulevard.

When it opens, the clinic will offer basic health care services to covered district employees and their dependents at no cost. The clinic will even offer free prescription services for many generic drugs.

"We are excited about the health clinic," said Dr. Kirk Lewis, Pasadena ISD's superintendent of schools. "Most importantly, it will provide our staff with an affordable health care option for illness and preventive care."

Lewis pointed out several other benefits of the clinic plan.

"Flexible hours will allow staff members to arrange well-doctor appointments after school so that they will not have to miss work. In addition, the plan will save the district and, therefore, taxpayers, money because of decreased insurance bills."

The PISD board of trustees last month approved a contract with First On-Site to establish the district's first on-site health clinic. The district will provide \$750,000 in initial funding for the clinic with the expectation that those costs will quickly be recovered in the form of lower health care costs to the district.

Employees covered under the district's health insurance plan will also benefit in both cost and convenience. If the clinic proves successful, district officials say, additional on-site facilities may be added later at other district locations.

The idea is simple. Pasadena ISD employees who have either Plan 1 or Plan 2 health care coverage through the district may opt to receive services at the on-site facility rather than through a family doctor or another provider. Those employees may make an appointment or be seen on a walk-in basis. Covered dependents may also receive services.

Those services will require no co-pay. Nor will there be a charge for the prepackaged, generic drugs the new clinic's pharmacy will offer.

The clinic will be staffed by a doctor, a physician's assistant, a nurse and a receptionist. Initially, the clinic will be open 40 hours a week, although those hours have not been set. The district hopes to stagger the hours to provide services into the evening on some days and on Saturdays.

Those hours may be expanded later if demand warrants it.

The district will provide the site and pick up staff salary costs. First On-Site will handle the administrative responsibilities.

The district has already submitted plans for the remodeling of a 2,400 square foot area of the Braden Center. Crews will soon begin installing walls, plumbing and other amenities.

"We're seeing many cities and businesses take advantage of the benefits of on-site health care services," said Jerry Dennis, Pasadena ISD's human resources director.

"School districts have

done it, and they swear by it. Because health care costs continue to rise, and considering the changes we had to make in our own medical plan, we thought this was something we should take a look at."

A major goal of the on-site clinic, Dennis said, will be to provide convenient preventive care. Covered employees and dependents will be encouraged to come in for regular physical exams.

"We know that some of our employees don't have a family doctor," Dennis said. "Hopefully, those people will make an appointment and take advantage of the chance to get their blood pressure checked and do all of the little things that can prevent big problems later."

The district plans to set a modest fee structure for employees and dependents not covered under the district health care plan who would like to access the clinic. A billing plan is being formulated for district employees who are covered under a spouse's health plan.

The clinic is not intended for urgent care or medical emergencies.

"If someone thinks they are having a heart attack or stroke, they should go to the emergency room," Dennis said.

Dennis emphasized that the district will take no role in any treatment issue and will not have access to any medical information.

"We have no rights to any information, nor do we want any," Dennis said.

District officials hope to see at least a 50 percent reduction in health care expenses paid to conventional providers for each employee who chooses the on-site clinic as an alternative.

District officials are also eager to measure the demand for clinic services.

"If we find that there is a long waiting period to get an appointment, we may need to add more hours," Dennis said. "And after that, we may look at opening another clinic."

Dennis said the district expects to diagnose some initial growing pains.

"We may have issues, but we will work through them as we go," Dennis said. "We are going to do the best we can for our employees."

Hobby Lions meet

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

Dobie offers student tours to Europe

Dobie High School teachers Allison Bowers and Lakeitha Kirven will sponsor a trip to Europe for the summer of 2012 to students ages 14-19 only. Prices are reasonable, and a discount is given if enrolled by Dec. 15, 2010.

Bowers will take a 15-day tour of London, Paris, Lucerne, Swiss Alps, Florence, Rome and Assisi. Those who would like to find out more about this trip can e-mail her at Europei2012@hotmail.com.

Kirven will take an 11-day tour of Paris, Milan, Florence and Rome. Those who would like more information about this trip can e-mail her at Lkirven@pasadenaids.org.

Bowers and Kirven will host a parent meeting with information about the trips on Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the media room at Dobie High School.

Deaths

Deloris Jean Kegler



Deloris Jean Kegler, 66, former longtime Sagemont resident, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2010. She was born Nov. 28, 1943.

Kegler is survived by her daughter, Renee Lynn Partain and husband Mark; grandsons Joseph W. Priestner and wife Katja M., Graham L. Priestner and wife Kallie M., and Cory M. Priestner and wife Andrea; son-in-law Wayne W. Warfield; granddaughters Pride M. Primmer and husband Artie, Jamee M. and husband Gabriel Mendez, and Amy Weber; great-grandchildren Seth W. Priestner, Jacob A. Priestner, Chase M. Priestner, Railee N. Priestner, Kaydence R. Priestner, Austin M.W. Priestner; Madison and Megan Primmer, Ayden and Dean Primmer, and Kaylee S. Mendez; mother Clara Mae Peerson; siblings Barbara Jean Farrar and brother-in-law Gene, Linda Steiner, Sally Plant, and James Donald Peerson and sister-in-law Janet; sister-in-law Sherry Gentry and brother-in-law Herschell; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, at Brookside Cemetery at 13401 East Freeway in Houston.

Pauline Brittain

Helen Pauline Brittain, 93, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2010. She was born March 31, 1917.

Brittain was the mother of Martha Ray Archer McClelland of South Belt. She spent many seasons watching her grandchildren play baseball. She had been a business founder and bookkeeper since 1945.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Houston.

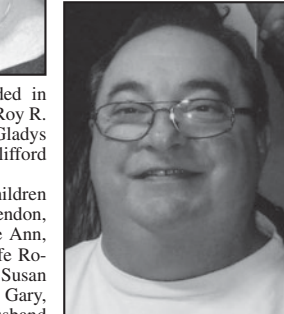
The funeral service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, at Niday Funeral Home, with the Rev.



Jim Bass officiating. Interment will follow at South-Park Cemetery.

For those desiring, memorials may be made to the Houston SPCA at www.spcahouston.org

Robert A. Montalbano



Brittain was preceded in death by her husband, Roy R. Brittain Jr.; daughter Gladys Ware; and grandson Clifford Archer.

Survivors include children Martha Archer McClelland, Jerry Brittain and wife Ann, Robert Brittain and wife Rosanne; grandchildren Susan Bryant and husband Gary, Twila Delgado and husband Steven, Anna Wiederhold and husband Richard, Paul Brittain and wife Denora, Michael Brittain and wife Shadow, Christopher Brittain, Adrianna Brittain, Denise Schepers, Randy Ware and wife Judy, and Annette Haddox and husband Michael; sisters Caroline Stegman and Martha Kiser; and many great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, in the Chapel of Earthman Resthaven Funeral Home. Interment will follow.

James Beacham

James Beacham of South Belt, 81, died Nov. 20, 2010. He was born Oct. 27, 1929.

Beacham is survived by his children, Sheryl Kaye Smith, Debra Lee Krause and James Scott Beacham; and grandchildren Charles Christopher Smith, Stephen Michael Krause and Stephanie Ellen Krause.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, at Brookside Cemetery at 13401 East Freeway in Houston.

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for more information.

Leader Obituary policy

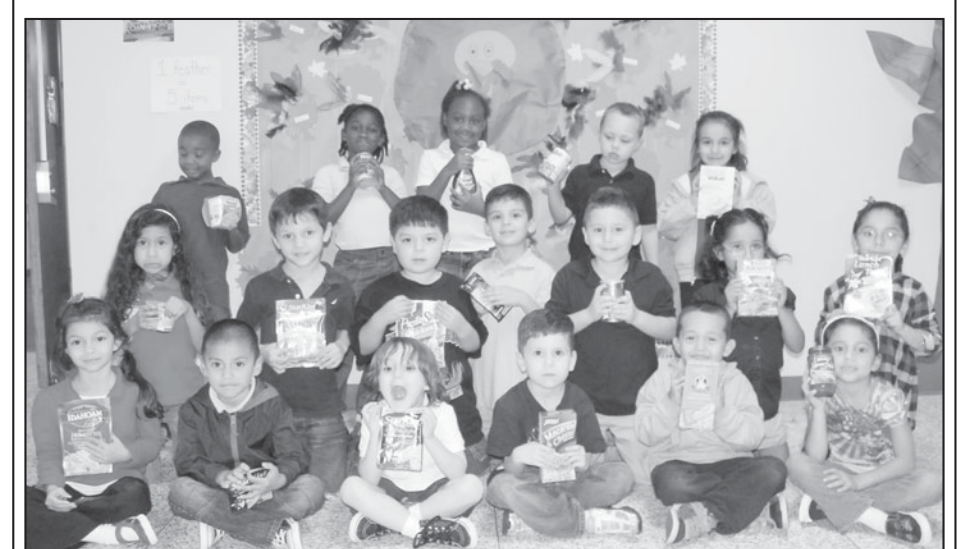
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Thanksgiving food drive at Frazier

Frazier Elementary students recently participated in a Thanksgiving food drive organized by kindergarten teacher Erica Pecina. For every five food items brought in, the students could earn a feather on their class' turkey on the bulletin board in the front hallway. From Nov. 2 to Nov. 9, students brought in a total of 2,120 items. The class in first place with the most feathers on their turkey, bringing in 284 items, was Jamie Underwood's first-grade class. The class in second place, bringing in 206 items, was Erica Pecina's kindergarten class. The food was donated to the food pantry at Sagemont Church. The students are pictured standing in front of the turkey bulletin board.



Jamie Underwood's first-grade students pictured are, (front row) Hailey Henderson, Arianna Reyna, Timothy Giang, Ja Marian Bryan, Brandon Torres, (middle row) Aliyah Corpus, Adrianna Golden, Aaron Montano, Christian Boijseaneau, Julissa Vega, (back row) Jayden Rodriguez, Jonathan Mendoza, Sebastian Velasquez, Jacob Murray and Emily Tamez.



Erica Pecina's kindergarten students pictured are, left to right, (front row) Emma Gonzalez, Jose Chavez, Merrick Huston, Matthew Green, Jacob Reyna, Alexia Velasquez, (middle row) Yvette Boijseaneau, Exavier Mendez, Silas Tobias, Benjamin Morlan, Gage Krennek, Daniella Ortiz, Jade Cabrera, (back row) Marcus Kemp, Reanna McSween, Amia Wallace, Adam Hartney and Isela Munoz.

Meador participates in Career Day



The second grade at Meador Elementary recently hosted a career day for its students as part of a social studies lesson. Pictured are, left to right, second graders Maria Mata, Angel Paz, Andre Byers and Brianna Ayala, (back row) Cheryl Caudill, a fourth-grade teacher at Meador; Sgt. Mario Saldivar, a Pasadena Independent School District police officer; Wendy Knight, a respiratory therapist at Texas Children's Hospital; Al Merida, an engineer from Deer Park; and Suzanne Juneau, R.N., from Texas Women's Hospital.

Photo submitted

Weber fifth-graders raise \$3,000



Toni Davis' fifth-grade class at Weber Elementary will be granting several children's wishes with the \$3,000 they raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation by selling soda bands (bracelets). As a thank you to the class, the foundation presented them a carousel picture frame that holds 12 photos. With permission from the wish recipients, they will send the class a picture of the children whose wishes were granted. Shown with the check to the Make-A-Wish Foundation are, left to right,

(front row) Jill Wells, Sumedh Zope, Roslyn Cao, Kristin Palmer, (second row) Andrea Diaz, Laura Lovel, Alexis Sabu, Brittany Cao, Amy Luong, Morgan Summers, (third row) Cole Richard, Eric Kanjirathingal, Alec Austin, John Thai, Duyan Tran, Evelyn Nguyen, Austin Kanjirathingal, Sieth Aienza, (fourth row) Robert Arredondo, Karsyn Williams-Mathis, Faith North, Aaron Nguyen, Eddie De Los Angeles, (back row) Andrea Tyra, Toni Davis, Teresa Snider and Gena Izat.

Barmore lauded as 2010 Distinguished Citizen

Praised for his generous contributions "of time, money and passion," Pasadena businessman William R. "Bill" Barmore was honored as the Pasadena Independent School District's 2010 Distinguished Citizen during a reception and plaque dedication held recently at the Administration Building.

"Bill is truly the embodiment of the kind of person for whom this award was intended," said Dr. Kirk Lewis, Pasadena ISD superintendent. "What he has done for our district, he did with servant's heart and a servant's spirit."

Barmore, the vice president of Barmore Insurance Agency in Pasadena, gave thanks to his family and friends and spoke most glowingly of his parents.

"They taught me to appreciate what's been given to me and where I've come from," he said.

Jerry Speer, president of the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees, noted Barmore's deep love of baseball and compared Barmore's contributions to the community to those of a self-sacrificing ball player.

"If you were to compile a box score of all that our school district has accomplished the past three decades, Bill's name would definitely be in the lineup," Speer said.

"He's the guy who, looking back, laid down the bunt, the guy who moved the runner over with a well-placed ground ball, the guy who made the throw from right field, the guy who provided the big assist who started the double play and enabled his team to get the job done. Tonight we invite him to take a home-run trot. He is our MVP!"

"I can't think of a bigger honor," Barmore said. "This is better than being in the Baseball Hall of Fame."

Barmore also serves as a board member for the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation and is president-elect of that organization.

He was born and raised in Pasadena, graduating from Pasadena High School in 1973 after attending Williams Elementary School and Queens Intermediate School. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

Since returning to Pasadena more than three decades ago, Barmore has been a prolific and generous sponsor and supporter of district activities, including a career day event for students at his alma mater, Pasadena High.

His generous donations of time and money to the Education Foundation, and to the Texas Invitational Basketball



Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees President Jerry Speer (right) unveils a plaque in honor of Pasadena businessman William R. Barmore (left) at a reception held in his honor after being chosen Pasadena ISD's 2010 Distinguished Citizen.

Tournament, have earned Barmore frequent expressions of praise and appreciation from district officials.

"He has touched the lives of literally thousands of students," Lewis said. "And he has done it in a way that he expects nothing in return. That's a pretty rare quality."

"I've always been a supporter of the Pasadena school district," Barmore said. "And I always will be."

Former Pasadena ISD Distinguished Citizen honorees include:

Faye Schimek, 1995; Kathryn Whitfill, 1996; Kathleen Morris, 1997; John Phelps, 1998; Denise Converse, 1999; Gilbert Aguilar, 2000; Eddie Dansby, 2001; Russell and Judy Lamontagne, 2002; Dr. Paul Covell, 2003; Rosalie Kuntz, 2004; Emory Gadd, 2005; Charles Davis, 2006; Herman Williams, 2007; Carroll Smith, 2008; and Terry Brotherton, 2009.

Thompson attempts to read 1 million pages



Thompson Intermediate's principals and counselors take time to read to one another and to eighth-grade student, Damien Molina. Thompson students and staff are attempting to reach a goal of reading 1 million pages this school year. Pictured are,

left to right, Assistant Principal Darby Hickman, Assistant Principal Dan Hoppie, Principal Toni Lopez, Molina, seventh-grade counselor Erin Richardson, and eighth-grade counselor Prodenca Reyna.

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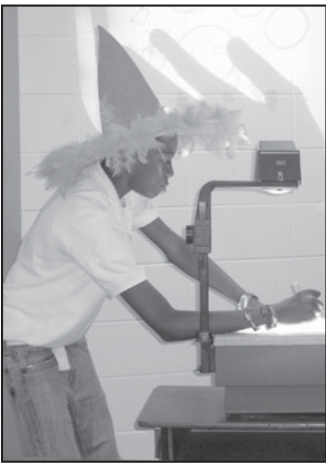
Red Ribbon Week at SoHo Intermediate

During Red Ribbon Week at South Houston Intermediate, students participated in a different activity each day of the week. The slogan for the week was "South Houston Intermediate gives drugs the boot!" Faculty and students were allowed to wear slippers to "slip away from drugs." Many students participated in the event, and the school was full of spirit and support for Red Ribbon Week. Shamore Vinson (below) did not hesitate to volunteer to participate in an activity in class. He was quick to raise his hand and come up to the overhead projector to add to the lesson about "inferences." South Houston teachers were very supportive of the Red Ribbon activities as they participated in Crazy Hat Day (top, right photo). With the enthusiasm of the teachers, students continued their own enthusiasm throughout the week.



Teachers at South Houston Intermediate modeled crazy hats for "hats off to drugs" during Red Ribbon Week. Pictured, left to right, Aimee Shultz, Amy Green, Lindy Payne, Carrie Hunnicutt, Rebecca Sullivan and Signe Peterson are teachers who enjoyed modeling their hats.

Below, Shamore Vinson takes charge at the overhead projector to help during Red Ribbon Week.



During Red Ribbon Week, South Houston Intermediate students wore their slippers to "slip away from drugs." Pictured are, left to right, Jocelyn Leyva, Fernanda Conde,

Yalonda Sam, Briana Foster, Rayiona Green, Kristina Tarango, Ruby Luvan and Jazmin Gonzalez.

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Greetings!, a Christmas comedy by Tom Dudzick opens at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road, on Friday, Dec. 3.

This heartwarming production, directed by Kathy Woods, runs weekends through Dec. 19. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Thursday, Dec. 16, with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. On Thursday, Dec. 16, a special two-for-one show is offered. A \$14 ticket will admit two to this performance.

Greetings! is a hilarious "boy brings fiancée home at Christmas" story and a look at how cleverly a mixture of Christmas, Hanukkah and New Age philosophy can light up the stage. The show ends on a sweet and heartwarming note suitable for the entire family. Make reservations by calling 713-941-1758 or online at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.

Bring an unwrapped toy or game for the Officer Santa barrel in the lobby. PLT supports this program sponsored by the Pasadena Police Department every year. Make an underprivileged child happy this Christmas and participate with PLT.

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Valenti graduates



Kendall Michelle Valenti will graduate Dec. 4, 2010, from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science Degree with honors in public relations. Valenti plans to attend law school in the fall of 2011. She is a 2007 graduate of Clear Brook High School. Her parents, Kathy and John Valenti, have been Sagegen residents for more than 10 years.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

KADE CELEBRATES 1ST BIRTHDAY
Happy birthday wishes are sent to Kade Alan Skufca who will turn 1 year old on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010. PaPaw Todd and Nana Lori Whistler send lots of love. Daddy JJ and mommy Erin also wish Kade much love on this special day. A carnival theme party will be given with Kade as Ringmaster. **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BILL & ELAINE**
Former Leader staffer Bill Edwards and his wife, Elaine, celebrate their wedding anniversary Nov. 27. Congratulations and best wishes are sent to the couple from their family and friends at the Leader.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 25 through Dec. 1.
Burnett Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Voynett Crockett on Nov. 26. Happy birthday wishes are sent to Donna Myles Nov. 27. On Nov. 28, Laurie Antal enjoys a birthday. Renee Ha and Heidi Valdez share a birthday Nov. 30. The day for a birthday surprise for Pam Fraser is Dec. 1.

Frazier Elementary
Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to Herminia Arguelles Nov. 29.
Meador Elementary
Veronica Gardner marks a birthday Nov. 27. Birthday wishes are sent to Kathy

Lemaster Nov. 28.
Moore Elementary
On Nov. 30, Silvia Luna celebrates a birthday. Rita Reyes is sent birthday greetings Dec. 1.
South Belt Elementary
The day for a birthday cake for Rosa Ascencio is Nov. 27.

Stuchbery Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for James Maslonka Nov. 27. Maria Mendoza enjoys a birthday Nov. 29. Having a birthday Nov. 30 is Sue Ann Knight.
Meillilo Middle School
Nov. 27 is the day for a birthday party for Joceline Arriazola. Birthday wishes are sent to Britni Robertson Nov. 29.

Morris Middle School
Natalie Guzman enjoys a birthday Nov. 25. Celebrating a birthday Nov. 26 is Paul Busby.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
The day for a birthday cake for David Hastings is Nov. 29. Alina Solis has a birthday Nov. 30.
Challenger
A special birthday wish is sent to Laura Sellman on Nov. 25. Blow out the birthday candles for Joyce Bailey Nov. 26.
Dobie High
On Nov. 25, a birthday is celebrated by Karen Radons. Birthday wishes are sent to

Gina Salinas Nov. 26. Greg Faigle is wished a happy birthday Nov. 27. Luz Ivanis and Robin Rackley share a birthday Nov. 28. On Nov. 29, Paulette Granger has a birthday. The day for a party for Lin Arglead is Nov. 30. Triple birthday greetings are sent to Brenda Medellin, Sonja Mull and Susan Wilkinson Dec. 1.

LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS
Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its November meeting in the home of Jan Henrickson with Diane Schimnoski as co-hostess. Fifteen members and one visitor, Linda Morgan, were present. President Carroll McCullough called the meeting to order, and service plans were finalized by Chairman Sharen Burden. The group will be taking food to needy families during the Thanksgiving holidays. In December, the group will bring toys and canned goods to the Police Santa Program. The Preferential Tea would be held Nov. 20 at the Burke Road Church of Christ, and then the group would visit Moody Gardens for the Festival of Lights. Following the business meeting, Henrickson presented the program.
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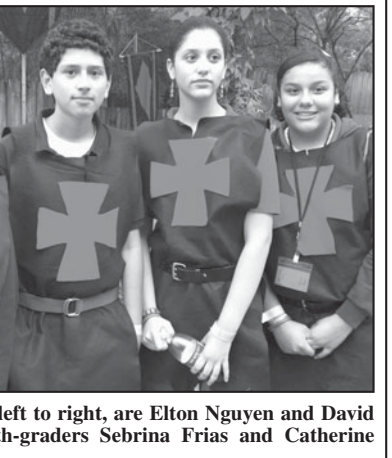
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Bands compete at Renaissance Festival



The Thompson Symphonic and Concert bands competed in the Early Music Contest at the Texas Renaissance Festival on Nov. 2. Both bands performed music from the Renaissance period and placed second and third in the competition. The Thompson bands are led by Deborah Hirsch, band director, and Areef Bhuyan, student teacher from the University of Houston.
At left, left to right, are (front row) Alex Frias, (back row) Chelsea Johnson, Nicholas Jagdo, Jordan Roy and Author Robinson.



Seventh-graders, left to right, are Elton Nguyen and David Garcia and eighth-graders Sebrina Frias and Catherine Neira.



Eighth-graders Collyn Davis, Davide Martinez, Luis Guay, (Texas Renaissance Festival worker) Darian Smith, Katie Carnish, Kelly Tyer and Jeffery Tyer.

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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. 4, 2010. The election will be at the Utility District building at the corner of Hall Road and Blackhawk Blvd. from 10 A.M. to 2 P.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.

Remember When

30 years ago (1980)
San Jacinto College South planned a formal dedication and open house for its W.L. "Levi" Smallwood Health and Physical Education Building with an open house to follow.
The president of the corporation developing a 192-acre complex at Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway said that since the 1979 floods in the area, his company would be spending approximately \$1 million on flood-control measures for the complex.
Trustees of the Clear Creek Independent School District started receiving bids for expansion of the parking lot at Clear Creek High School.
Firemen from the Sagemont station of the Houston Fire Department responded to two fire calls and six ambulance calls over the previous week.
A Scarsdale couple were robbed as they left the Best Products store on Kingspoint. Two men with guns came up behind the couple as they were getting into their car at approximately 7:30 p.m.
The W.J. Liquor Store in the Kroger shopping center was broken into, and an undetermined amount of liquor was stolen. The burglars gained entrance to the store by throwing a rock through the plate glass window.
J. Frank Dobie High School placed an unprecedented eight students in the All-State Orchestra.

25 years ago (1985)
Quarterback John Evans threw a four-yard touchdown pass to Johnny Bolen with 51 seconds left in the game to give the Dobie Longhorns a come-from-behind 20-17 victory over the Aldine Mustangs in the second round of 5A football playoffs in the Astrodome.
The bridge on Kingspoint between Kingsplace subdivision and Atkinson Elementary was set to be closed for seven to 10 days for a new bridge to be constructed by the City of Houston Department of Public Works' bridge division. They were replacing the 18-foot-wide structure with a 24-foot-wide bridge with a pedestrian walkway along one side.
Shawn Phelan, a fourth-grade student at Atkinson Elementary, would appear in Houston Grand Opera's version of Faust at Jones Hall. Phelan is the son of Bonnie Phelan and the grandson of Beverly Siscoe.
Fire and medical crews from the Houston Fire Department extinguished a fire at St. Luke's Catholic Church.

10 years ago (2000)
Gilbert Aguilar was named Pasadena Independent School District Distinguished Citizen.
City of Houston OK'd a variance regarding streets into Rainbow Valley in response to opposition from residents.
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital medical personnel saved an injured duck.
5 years ago (2005)
Within a 10-day period, two South Belt businesses were raided for conducting illegal gambling operations. A total of 64 machines and approximately \$24,000 in cash was recovered from Jimmy Chang's gameroom on Scarsdale and Dorado's gameroom on Hughes Road. Eight customers at Jimmy Chang's received citations for gambling.
Tax rates for local MUD districts were compared in response to a letter the Leader received from Sagegen resident John Hoover.
1 year ago (2009)
Sagemont Church broke ground on its new sanctuary and adult education center. Part of the church's "living proof" project, the structure would occupy 120,000 square feet and hold 2,500 people. The construction was expected to take anywhere from 18 to 24 months to complete.
Dobie High School graduates Taylor DeLeon and Beatrice Soto were among the players of the Tyler Junior College Athletic Association national championship women's soccer team. The team won the big prize in just its second year of existence.
The J.S. Bracewell Neighborhood Library was set to hold its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony. City of Houston Mayor Bill White and District E City Councilmember Mike Sullivan were to be present at the ceremony.

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20 years ago (1990)
The South Belt dancers



Uridales writes about favorite place

In a class assignment, Stuchbery Elementary School student Chelsey Uridales (left) wrote about her favorite place, Stuchbery, the school she has attended since kindergarten. In her essay, Uridales included all the vocabulary words for the week. She is shown with her fourth-grade teacher, Sharon Woodruff.

Photo submitted

Hucker, Johnson engaged



Greg and Cathy Hucker announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Mallory, to Jimmy Johnson, son of Shelly Johnson and the late James Johnson of Killeen, Texas. The bride-to-be attended Moore Elementary and Beverly Hills Intermediate and graduated from Dobie High School in 2003. She received her undergraduate degree in psychology at Texas State University where she met Johnson. She is currently completing an internship with the Brazosport Independent School District as a specialist in school psychology. She will receive her specialist's degree from Texas State University in May 2011. The prospective groom graduated from Texas State University in December 2008 with a bachelor's degree in mass communication. Currently employed by the Dell Corporation, he resides in Austin. An October 2011 wedding is planned in Houston.

CLASP lecture at UHCL covers art, music therapy

Music and art therapy and a live musical performance are part of the next Clear Lake Association for Senior Programs *Visions in Our Midst* presentation *Challenging Our Thinking Through Art and Music* by music therapist Stephanie Kuester and art therapist Phyllis Tomlinson. The performance will be held Dec. 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in University of Houston-Clear Lake's Bayou Building, Garden Room 1510, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The presentation offers a discussion of music therapy for seniors by Kuester, a music therapist with the Music Therapy Center of Houston. The benefits of art therapy will be addressed by Tomlinson, a licensed professional counselor, board certified art therapist and marriage and family therapist in private practice.

The presentations will be followed by a concert performed by the Houston Symphony League Bay Area senior's singing group, the Note-Ables. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the university's Office of University Advancement at 281-283-2021 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/clasp>. Classes are subject to cancellation or change in schedule.

The Curious Savage auditions at PLT

Auditions for *The Curious Savage*, a comedy by John Patrick, will be held at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road, on Sunday, Dec. 5, and Monday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Performance dates of the show are week-ends Jan. 28 through Feb. 13. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Bring a resume - headshots are appreciated but not required. Five men and six women age 18 to 65 make up the cast.

This hilarious show tells the story of Ethel Savage who has inherited \$10 million with which she intends to do many good things. Her greedy stepchildren commit her to the Cloisters, a sanatorium, and attempt to take the fortune for themselves. Mrs. Savage leads them all on a merry chase.

Contact the director, Misty Banks Thompson, at mrsjdt@comcast.net with questions. For more information and character descriptions, visit the theater website at pasadenalittletheatre.org.

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AARP holiday luncheon set

AARP Chapter 199 will not meet at its regular meeting location at the Bay Area Community Center in December. Instead, the chapter will have a holiday/Christmas luncheon on Friday, Dec. 17, at the Pelican Grill.

Advance ticket purchase is required, and seating is limited. Deadline for ticket purchase is Dec. 6, and the cost is \$15.

Contact Bill or Barbara at 281-334-4698 to purchase tickets for the luncheon or for more information concerning the specific details

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Alumna shares experience with SJC nursing students

San Jacinto College alumna Lillian Garcia-Maas left for the Netherlands in 2003 and has since returned to share her experiences in global health care with up-and-coming nurses in the field.

Speaking to a group of nursing students at the Central campus recently, Garcia-Maas talked about her start as an SJC student, earning her bachelor's and master's degrees at Texas Woman's University, and gaining ex-

perience as an SJC faculty member and nurse at such facilities as Ben Taub Hospital and St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

"I want these students to know that I was just like them when I came to San Jacinto College," said Garcia-Maas, a Dobie High School graduate. "The world is small; they need to be prepared for the global market. SJC is a great start, and when opportunities knock, take them."

Garcia-Maas' internation-

al opportunity came during the summer of 1998, when she worked as a cruise ship nurse. There, she met her future husband, Harald Maas. The two soon married and later became parents of two daughters, Paola and Claudia. After becoming a working mother, Garcia-Maas realized she wanted a change, and the family moved to the Netherlands in 2003.

"I was ready for a change and to try the European way of life to spend more time with our children," said Garcia-Maas, who was required to first learn Dutch to gain permission to work in the country. "I am now at a place in my life where I can focus beyond work, take time to revisit where I came from and share my experience with others."

Garcia-Maas serves as an international coordinator and professor with the School of Health Care Studies at Rotterdam University. For the past five years, she has traveled with a group of Dutch students to Houston to study and share best practices at Texas Medical Center. This is her first year coming back to SJC to visit nursing students. Her father, Sergio Garcia of Houston, accompanied her to the presentation.

"Lillian's presentation promoted the idea of self-improvement and moving forward to all who dare to believe in themselves," said Veronica Jammer, department chair for associate degree nursing. "As nurses, we are charged with being lifelong learners since health care is a very dynamic concept that is never static but continuously being redefined and reinvented."



San Jacinto College alumna Lillian Garcia-Maas recently visited nursing students at the Central campus to share her experience in working in the health care system in the Netherlands.

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Martinez is Hansel in RDT production

Andrew Martinez, former South Belt resident, has been cast as Hansel in the Red Door Theater Company production of *Hansel and Gretel*. The original play picks up the *Hansel and Gretel* story after the wicked witch is defeated and the children are finding their way back home through the forest. There are encounters with other fairy tale characters and a close call or two for the lost children. Martinez is an alumnus of

the Pasadena Little Theatre Summer Youth Workshop. The former South Belt resident graduated from Frazier Elementary in June 2010. The Red Door Theater Company is located at 4513 Red Bluff Road in Pasadena. Performances are Dec. 3-4 and Dec. 10-11 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 at 3:30 p.m. For tickets, visit the RDT website at www.thereddoortheatercompany.com or call 281-542-0500.



Pictured are, left to right, Andrew Martinez as Hansel, and Hannah Smith as Gretel.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Dobie teams, Brook girls find McDonald's invitational hoops rewarding

MTI Trophy winners

- Boys' Div. I Gold – DeSoto consolation – Kingwood
- Boys' Div. I Silver – Duncanville consolation – S.A. Madison
- Boys' Div. I Bronze – S.A. Clark consolation – Pearland
- Boys' Div. II Gold – Crosby consolation – La Porte
- Boys' Div. II Silver – Manvel consolation – Dobie
- Boys' Div. II Bronze – Dickinson consolation – Pasadena Memorial

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The McDonald's Texas Invitational Tournament of Champions, certainly gave local high school hoops fans a broad view of the talent spanning the state of Texas, and it also delivered an early impression of just how talented a host of local teams might be.



Dobie's Shanequa Gaston (32), shooting over La Porte players including Emma Richburg (11), Tori Wise (10) and Bethany Salinas (32), had 16 against La Porte and eventually helped her team to third place in the Division II Silver bracket.

and girls' teams, the South Houston boys' and girls' teams, the Clear Brook girls and the Pasadena Memorial varsity boys' team, walked away with trophies after the conclusion of the event Nov. 20.

Deer Park, which did not compete in the tournament, is supposed to be a frontrunner in both the District 22-5A boys' and girls' races. After seeing the McDonald's event play out, however, there just may be more title contenders.

The Dobie boys won the Division II Silver division consolation award. The Lady Longhorns, meanwhile, placed third in the Division II Silver division.

As for South Houston, the Lady Trojans were crowned consolation champions in the Division II Silver bracket, and the Trojans' boys were second in the Division II Silver bracket after making the final against eventual champion Manvel.

Pasadena Memorial's boys were consolation champions of the Division II bronze division.

Clear Brook's girls will ultimately find the District 24-5A field loaded with talent, but the Lady Wolverines played very well in the tournament, winning four of five games to take third place in the Division II Gold bracket.

Overall, each of the local teams delivered a strong showing at one of the state's most talent rich events, now in its seventh season.

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Although Dobie lost 49-46 to Dallas Hillcrest in a Division II Silver bracket game, the Longhorns were solid on the defensive end. Here, Dobie players Taylor Holland (12) and Dominic Simon surround Hillcrest's Trevaughn Cooper (shooting).

Brook boys' roundball gets off to terrific start



It's early in the season, but Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball coach Jason Pillow has to like what he has seen from his squad during a 3-0 start.

Neither district crowns nor playoff berths are handed out at this time of the year, but that hasn't kept the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team from making an early statement.

Chris Campbell led three players in double figures, scoring 21 to pace Clear Brook past Spring Dekaney 71-70 Nov. 22 in Spring.

The victory, Brook's third to start the season without a loss, came over a Dekaney team that played in the Division I Gold bracket consolation final against Kingwood.

Dekaney standout Jalen Hughes had 34 points as his Wildcats fought back against Clear Brook with a 19-10 fourth-quarter run, but the Wolverines held on.

Jarek Player had a season-high 16 points and Chase Mullen had 13 for the Wolverines, who played College Park Nov. 23 after press time.

There's plenty of bas-

ketball to be played – head coach Jason Pillow has yet to take his team to one of its three scheduled tournaments.

The Wolverines will also have to contend with the likes of Clear Springs, Pearland, Clear Creek, Clear Lake and others when District 24-5A play opens early next year, but for now, Brook is on the march.

Fred Richardson, who scored 49 in the team's first two wins over Deer Park and Cy-Creek, was slowed against Dekaney, but others took over.

Pillow said prior to the start of the season that he hoped several of his top returning players like Richardson, Player, Spencer Bowman and others would lead the way early on, and he's gotten his wish to this point.

There aren't any trophies in the case just yet, but Clear Brook is turning some heads early on.

Senior Cowboys win Super Bowl title



Shamaud Smith-Kizzie of the Sagemont Cowboys senior division football team breaks off a long run against the East End Eagles during the Super Bowl championship game Nov. 20 at Hitchcock Bulldogs Stadium in Hitchcock. The Cowboys went on to win the crown with an 18-12 victory. Trailing this play for the Cowboys was Miguel Valencia (4) and David Gamble (32). For more details, including pictures, see Page 2B.

Photo by Jaime Hickman

MTI Trophy winners

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| Girls' Div. I Gold – Cy-Falls consolation – North Crowley | Girls' Div. II Gold – Yates consolation – Pearland |
| Girls' Div. I Silver – North Shore consolation – College Park | Girls' Div. II Silver – Eastwood consolation – South Houston |
| Girls' Div. I Bronze – Bellaire consolation – C.C. Ray | Girls' Div. II Bronze – La Porte consolation – Dawson |

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Sagemont Cowboys seniors earn Super Bowl championship with 18-12 win

The Sagemont Cowboys senior team completed a fantastic season with an 18-12 victory over the East End Eagles Nov. 20 at Hitchcock, winning the Super Bowl title along the way.

Both teams entered the game with an 11-1 record, but it was the Cowboys who emerged from this game with the win as Ricardo Estrada had two touchdowns and Ulanis Betts scored another.

Other members of the Cowboys' Super Bowl championship team include Esteban Telles, Miguel Valencia, Shamaud Smith-Kizzie, Nick Melendez, Jacob Allison, Jamisson Wilson, James Johnson, Luis Hernandez, Matthew Monks, Noah Trevino, Xavier Griffin, Kenneth Brown, David Gamble, Javier Figueroa, Elias Campos, Justin Taylor and Joshua Saenz-Ortega.



Ricardo Estrada (left) and Noah Trevino combine to drag down an East End ball carrier during the Sagemont Cowboys' Super Bowl win in the senior division. Taking on the Eagles Nov. 20 at Hitchcock Bulldogs Stadium, the Cowboys came away with an 18-12 victory to finish at 12-1 overall. Photos by Jaime Hickman



Ulanis Betts (2), who scored one of the Sagemont Cowboys senior team touchdowns, looks to evade one more East End defender on his way to the end zone after breaking into the secondary. The Cowboys finished the

season with the Super Bowl title in hand after ousting the Eagles 18-12 at Hitchcock Bulldogs Stadium Nov. 20, in Hitchcock. At left is Cowboys player Miguel Valencia. At right is Javier Figueroa.

Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL

Friday, Nov. 26

Brook JV boys at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Saturday, Nov. 27

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

Monday, Nov. 29

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

Tuesday, Nov. 30

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

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys host Bondy, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Light boys host Bondy, 6:15
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Thursday, Dec. 2

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

Friday, Dec. 3

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

Saturday, Dec. 4

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

San Jac VB national runner-up



The San Jacinto College women's volleyball team finished second at the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Volleyball Championship Nov. 20 in West Plains, Mo., after dropping a five-setter to Western Nebraska Community College in the final. Above, sophomore Jyoti Ruffin (10) and Jazmine Green (3) combine for a block during San Jacinto's second-round victory over North Idaho. San Jacinto College finished the season at 29-10.

Photo by Amanda Booren, SJC marketing dept.

Western Nebraska takes dramatic five-setter

It was a hard fought, five-set match, but Western Nebraska Community College defeated San Jacinto College, 3-2 (28-26, 25-19, 22-25, 15-25, 15-10) in the championship match of the National Junior College Athletic Association volleyball tournament Nov. 20, at the Civic Center in West Plains, Mo.

San Jacinto entered the national tournament as the third seed and defeated No. 14 Jefferson College, No. 6 North Idaho and No. 2 Western Wyoming Community College to advance to the championship

match. Freshman hitter Jazmine Green, sophomore middle blocker Alyssa Dibbern and hitter Candace Soares were named to the all-tournament team.

San Jacinto College finished the 2010 season with an overall record of 29-10. San Jacinto went a perfect 10-0 in Region XIV play to earn its sixth-straight trip to the national tournament.

The national runner-up honor is the highest finish under ninth-year head coach Sharon Nelson.

The team was making its sixth straight trip to nation-

als. Six players were named to the All-Region XIV conference team, as voted by the league coaches.

In addition, the San Jacinto program nabbed the player, setter, newcomer, and coach of the year honors.

"It's always a great honor to see our players recognized by the conference," said Nelson.

"They work hard every day on the court and in the classroom, and this is a true testament to their dedication to the game and to San Jacinto College."

McDonald's Texas Invitational

Three local teams capture trophies

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Both Dobie teams experienced a mixed bag of results in pool play en route to the Division II Silver bracket, but the Clear Brook girls opened the tournament with three wins.

Brook third in II Gold
Coach Blair Redmon's team, which entered the tournament without a win, swept a pair of pool play games Nov. 18.

In the Lady Wolverines' opener at Southmore Intermediate, Sam Rayburn went down 66-50. Later in the day at Southmore, Clear Brook defeated El Paso Eastwood

61-45 to advance to the Division II Gold bracket.

Once in bracket play, Clear Brook defeated Pasadena Memorial 51-31 to stay on the winning side of things.

After falling 71-64 to Yates, the Lady Wolverines came back to defeat Dickinson 40-37 for the third-place trophy.

Boys earn consolation
Dobie opened its season with a 45-41 victory over Dickinson but then fell 75-58 to Houston Westside to finish pool play at 1-1.

The 1-1 split sent Dobie to the Division II Silver

bracket, and the Longhorns started a bit flat with a 49-46 loss to Dallas Hillcrest.

The Longhorns came back to even their record at 2-2 with a 54-50 victory over Houston Chavez before going more than the distance against Mayde Creek for the consolation trophy.

Dobie girls third
Chelsea Rodriguez hit a game-winning 3-pointer with three seconds remaining to send the Lady Longhorns to a 53-50 win over La Porte in their pool play opener Nov. 18 at South Houston High School.

Shanequa Gaston scored 16 points to keep Dobie close before Rodriguez came up with the winner.

From there, the Lady Longhorns were dealt a setback after coming up on the short end of a 52-38 decision with Dickinson.

Moving on to the Division II silver bracket, the Lady Longhorns split a pair of games before getting into the third-place game against Kingwood Park.

At tournament's end, both of the Dobie teams and the Clear Brook girls had extra baggage as a round of trophies came home.



Dobie guard Derika Thomas (11) cruises through the La Porte defense, including Tori Wise (10) and Kayla Cordova (21) on her way to the basket during pool play action at the McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 18.

The Lady Longhorns trailed the entire game before getting a 3-pointer from Chelsea Rodriguez with three seconds remaining to win the game 53-50.

Photo by John Bechtel

Sports news, notes

SBGSA early registration

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

Tyler women's soccer falls

The Tyler Junior College women's soccer team, led by Dobie graduate Beatrice Soto in the nets, missed out on its chance to repeat as national champions as Paradise Valley took a 1-0 win in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Soccer Championship in Topeka, Kan. Paradise Valley (24-0) scored a first-half goal and held on for the win over Tyler (17-1).

Blinn, Craft take seventh

The Blinn College women's volleyball team claimed seventh place with a win over Eastern Arizona in straight sets at the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Volleyball Championship in West Plains, Mo. The Bucs' team included Courtney Craft, a 2009 graduate of Dobie High School.

Stars 9-U wins SBYSC championship



The 9U Stars of the South Belt Youth Soccer Club went undefeated for the second season in a row to win their division title in girls' soccer. Members of the team are, left to right, Hallie Nelms, Chloe King, Mia Davis, Taiya Mitchell, Josselyn Vale, Josie Elmore, Olivia Abrego, Charlize Tamayo, Victoria Chu, Marissa Maxwell, (back row) coaches Nick Tamayo and Sammy Abrego.

Garcia places third overall



Several Burnett Elementary students recently participated in Pasadena Independent School District's annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition. Brianna Garcia, a third-grader in Lisa Orr's class, competed and placed third overall at the district level. Pictured are, left to right, coach Darren Dibble, Garcia and coach Barbara Kuntz-Ashby.

Brook, Dobie volleyball players get postseason honors

District 24-5A Varsity Volleyball

- Most Valuable Player**
Malorie Pardo, Pearland, Sr.
- Offensive Player/ Year**
Kiara Wright, Clear Lake, Jr.
- Defensive Player/ Year**
Shelby Berringer, Dickinson, Sr.
- Newcomer of the Year**
Sam Volk, Clear Lake, Soph.

Coach of the Year
Chanda Eager, Clear Lake

- First Team Performers**
Alicia Dittrich, Clear Brook, Sr.
Ashley Smith, Clear Creek, Soph.
Autumn Taylor, Pearland, Soph.
Caiti O'Connell, Clear Brook, Sr.
Haley Satterwhite, Clear Lake, Jr.
Jenna Paul, Alvin, Jr.
Kate Foley, Clear Lake, Sr.
Kelsey Merritt, Dickinson, Sr.
Melina Sanchez, Brazoswood, Jr.
Natalie Piznar, Clear Creek, Jr.
Rachel Hobbaugh, Clear Creek, Sr.
Trysta Dionne, Clear Brook, Sr.

- Second Team Performers**
Abby Carpenter, Brazoswood, Sr.
Liz Sandoval, Clear Springs, Sr.
Caleigh Oswald, Clear Springs, Sr.
Simone Boyd, Clear Springs, Sr.
Ellen Shoemaker, Clear Creek, Sr.
Kat Evans, Pearland, Jr.
Katarina Morton, Pearland, Fr.
Lauren Horelka, Clear Lake, Sr.
Elayni Stokes, Clear Lake, Sr.
Sarah Strasner, Clear Lake, Soph.
Anita Permenter, Clear Brook, Jr.
Crystal Young, Clear Brook, Jr.
Courtney Richardson, Clear Creek, Sr.

- Honorable Mention Performers**
Carley McCarra, Clear Springs, Sr.
Malorie Wise, Clear Springs, Jr.
Kirby Kincannon, Brazoswood, Jr.
Brittany Bass, Brazoswood, Sr.
Ericka Silvas, Dickinson, Sr.
Allyson DeBruhl, Dickinson, Jr.
Ariel Froeschl, Clear Creek, Sr.
Courtney Childers, Clear Creek, Jr.
Christie Kral, Clear Brook, Sr.
Allie Bevolo, Clear Brook, Jr.
Madison Cabler, Pearland, Jr.
Waverly Saddler, Pearland, Jr.
Sam Collier, Pearland, Soph.
Brinley Williams, Clear Lake, Jr.
Sarah Scogin, Clear Lake, Sr.

Another successful season, complete with trips to the playoffs for both programs, helped key players from Clear Brook and Dobie earn all-district status. At Clear Brook, the Lady Wolverines made their way to the area round of the postseason before a loss to Deer Park. Following the season, three players from Clear Brook were named to the first team, and two others made the second team. In District 24-5A, Pearland's Malorie Pardo, who has signed to continue her education and playing career at Louisiana State University, was named the most valuable player. In District 22-5A where Dobie resides, the Lady Longhorns finished at 5-5 in league play but managed to take fourth place in the standings. At the postseason coaches' meeting, Dobie senior Katherine Finney was named to the co-most valuable player along with Haley Hoffman of Deer Park. Hoffman, a senior, led her team to the 22-5A title. Another Dobie player, freshman Bre'shaun Franklin, picked up a nice honor as she was named the 22-5A newcomer of the year.

District 22-5A Varsity Volleyball

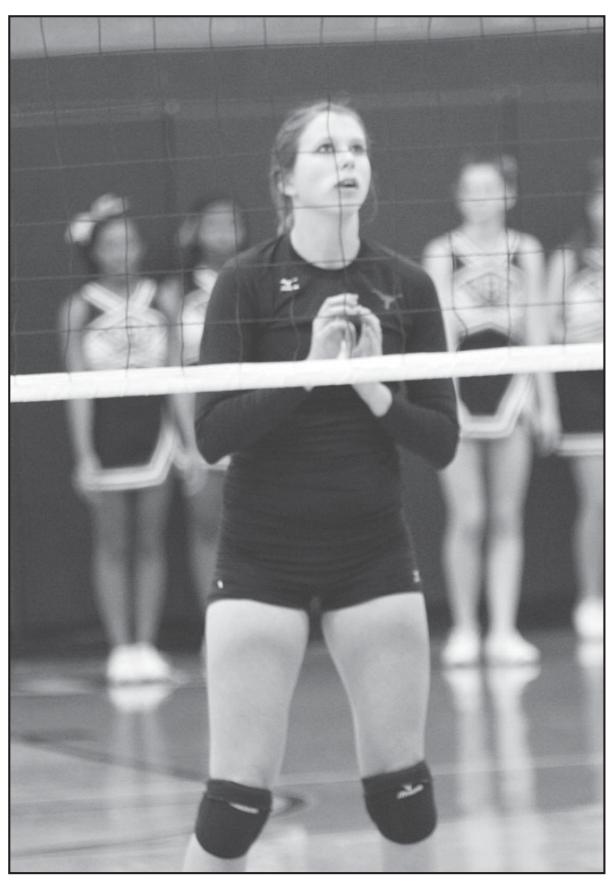
- Co-Most Valuable Player**
Haley Hoffman, Deer Park, Sr.
Katherine Finney, Dobie, Sr.
- Newcomer of the Year**
Bre'shaun Franklin, Dobie, Fr.

Coach of the Year
Gay Sabatell, Deer Park

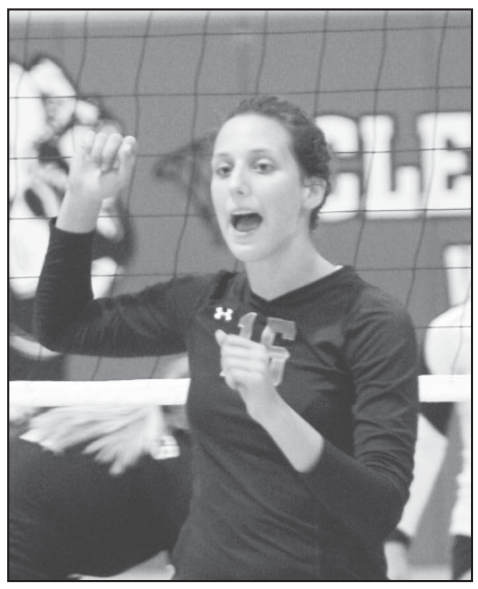
- First Team Performers**
Shelby Bridges, Deer Park, Sr.
Kayla Jordan, Deer Park, Jr.
Haley Mueller, Deer Park, Jr.
Amy Fuller, Memorial, Jr.
Courtney Waddell, Memorial, Sr.
Jessica Elkins, Memorial, Soph.
Kirbee Bowman, Memorial, Soph.
Kylah Dias, Sam Rayburn, Sr.
Erica Owens, Sam Rayburn, Sr.
Jocelyn Gamino, Sam Rayburn, Sr.

- Second Team Performers**
Melissa Peters, Deer Park, Jr.
Jacie Pullig, Deer Park, Jr.
Ashley Morren, Memorial, Sr.
Lily Gonzalez, Memorial, Jr.
Kate Danner, Memorial, Sr.
Felise Otabor, Sam Rayburn, Sr.
Lydia Zuniga, Sam Rayburn, Jr.
Cecily Medina, Pasadena, Sr.
Perla Preza, South Houston, Sr.
Karen Cantu, South Houston, Sr.

- Honorable Mention Performers**
Chelsea Ward, Memorial, Sr.
Andee Turner, Memorial, Jr.
Lindsay Kolacny, Memorial, Fr.
Courtney Franklin, Dobie, Jr.
Ashley Velasquez, Pasadena, Jr.
Mina Tobias, Pasadena, Sr.
Alaina Reyes, Pasadena, Sr.
Akira Decoud, South Houston, Sr.
Anessa Rios, South Houston, Sr.

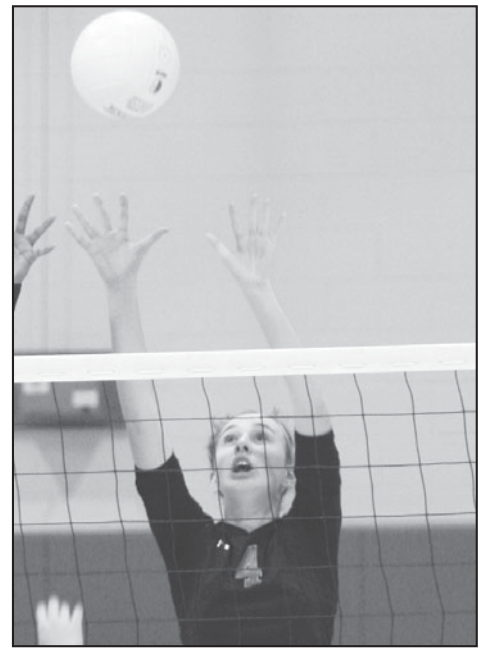


At left, Dobie senior and two-year starter Katherine Finney earned co-most valuable player honors in District 22-5A after leading the Lady Longhorns in kills this season. Above, Dobie freshman Bre'shaun Franklin swung her way to newcomer of the year status as she was also one of her team's top scorers this season. Photo by John Bechtle

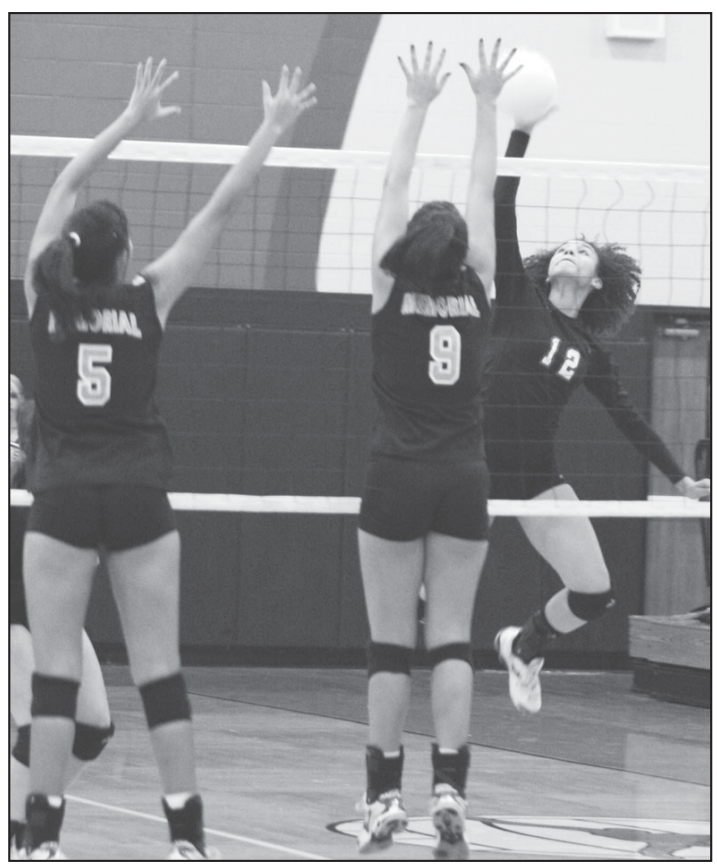


At left, Clear Brook middle blocker Alicia Dittrich, a four-year letterwinner, was named to the District 24-5A first team after guiding her squad to the playoffs for the fourth time during her stay. Dittrich will continue her education and playing career at the University of Central Arkansas, which is located in Conway, Ark.

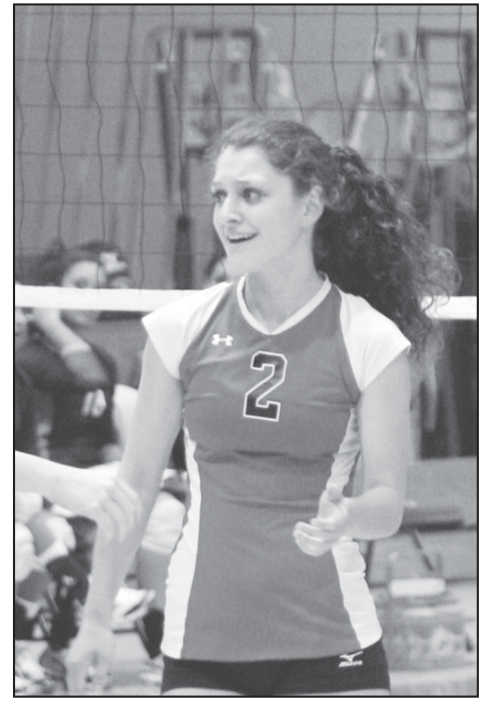
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Caiti O'Connell, a three-year varsity player at Clear Brook, was named to the 24-5A first team. She will continue her playing career and education at Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches.



Courtney Franklin (12), a junior at Dobie High School, was named to the honorable mention group in District 22-5A after a steady season at the nets. She will return next season alongside her sister and teammate Bre'shaun Franklin.



Trysta Dionne, a senior libero from Clear Brook, turned her outstanding season into a first-team nomination in District 24-5A.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 25
THANKSGIVING DAY
 7 a.m.

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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.

Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. For information, call 281-487-8787.

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 26
 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.

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, NOV. 27
 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, NOV. 28
 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.

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

MONDAY, NOV. 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.

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 - The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information.

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

7 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 30
 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 dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main, 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.

6:30 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Due to Sagemont Recreation Center closing for remodeling, TOPS will meet at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.

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

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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11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

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

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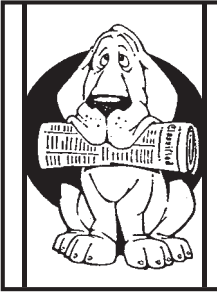
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Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the first Wednesday of each month in the third floor classrooms 3 and 4 of Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. For more information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400.

6:30 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 2
7 a.m.

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7 p.m.

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

8:30 p.m.

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