

Bracewell grand opening

J. S. Bracewell Neighborhood Library will have a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 5. City of Houston Mayor Bill White and District E City Councilmember Mike Sullivan will be present at the ceremony. All are welcome.

The celebration will start at 10 a.m. at 9002 Kingspoint Drive and will feature a life-size puppet show.

Holiday heavy trash reset

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

Holiday closings set

South Belt-Ellington Leader

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

Parker Williams Library

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

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

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

Scarsdale Civic meets

The Scarsdale Civic Association will meet Monday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. at the Scarsdale Pavillion on Teaneck Drive.

Leader Christmas program

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* will be soliciting toys, food and money for needy families over the holidays. Families in need are encouraged to register at the *Leader* office at 11555 Beamer Road after Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Lariaette dance clinic set

The Dobbie Lariaettes will hold their annual Winter Dance Clinic Saturday, Dec. 12. The clinic will be held at Dobbie High School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for children in K-12th grade. Preregistration is \$40, at the door is \$50, cash or money order only. Preregistration ends Dec. 4 and guarantees a shirt. Clinic participants will receive lunch and will be invited to perform at the Spring Show in May 2010.

For more information, contact Lori Perez at 281-797-8370 or lp.loriperez@gmail.com.

Library events scheduled

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

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

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

Play board games and more on Game Day, Thursday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m.

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

Orchestra parents to meet

The Dobbie High School Orchestra Booster Club will hold its next meeting Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the orchestra room. All orchestra parents are encouraged to attend.

Dobbie BPO meeting changed

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

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club meets Wednesday, Dec. 2, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. E-mail HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com for more information.

Sagemeadow holds election

The Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee will hold its annual election to fill a seat on the subdivision's board of directors on Saturday, Dec. 5. The election will be held at the Sagemeadow Utility District building at the corner of Hall Road and Blackhawk 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.

Lighting contest set

This holiday season, Sageglen, Meadows of Clear Creek, Estates of Green Tee 1 and Green Tee Terrace 6 and 8 communities will award prizes to the best decorated homes in the following categories:

- Most colorful light display
- Most elegant holiday decoration
- Best spirit of Christmas.

This is in addition to the Yard of the Month award in December. Fifty dollar gift certificates will be awarded to each winner.

Texas Guard's 147th wing fights new kind of war

By James Bolen

The 147th Reconnaissance Wing of the Texas Air National Guard recently unveiled its first MQ-1B Predator Remotely Piloted Vehicle, launching a new era in warfare for the crew from Ellington Airport.

"It's a very powerful weapon," said Lt. Col. Brett Thomas.

The new unmanned aircraft system allows soldiers to fly combat missions thousands of miles away while sitting safely behind a computer screen.

"That's the biggest benefit," Thomas said. "We don't have to send so many into harm's way."

Another benefit is the vehicle's size. "It's a smaller airplane," the lieutenant colonel said. "It's very difficult to detect, and it's difficult to hear."

Originally referred to as a "fighter wing," the 147th had a change of directive following a 2005 recommendation from the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure Commission. The commission suggested the wing phase out its fleet of 17 F-16 fighter jets in favor of the unmanned drones.

Many of the pilots who once flew the F-16s have now been cross-trained to operate the MQ-1Bs, according to Thomas, who added the tasks are not as similar as one might think.

"It's a whole different beast," Thomas said of

the new RPV mission.

While Thomas would not comment on how many MQ-1Bs are currently in operation, he said the U.S. Air Force recommends a squadron of 12 aircraft for a unit the size of the Texas Guard.

Thomas noted two of the predator drones would remain on site at Ellington for maintenance training purposes and public relations functions.

Gov. Rick Perry, who serves as commander in chief of the Texas Air National Guard, has said in past interviews he intends to place the unmanned vehicles along the Mexican border, as well as around the Port of Houston. Further, newly appointed commander of the 147th, Col. Kenneth Wisian, recently said future uses of the drones could include aiding law enforcement and disaster relief efforts.

While Thomas doesn't discount these functions, he conceded, without going into too much detail, all current missions are focused on fighting the war on terror.

"Right now, everything is thrown at combat operations," Thomas said.

Originally built in 1917 during the height of World War I, Ellington Field, now referred to as Ellington Airport, was used as a pilot training facility. At its peak, the base housed approximately 5,000 men and 250 aircraft (a technology then still in its infancy). After the war's conclusion,

Possible commuter rail coming to South Belt area

By Matt Griesmyer

The South Belt area could very well have its own express rail line to downtown Houston and beyond, if all goes according to plan.

At a recent South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce meeting, County Judge Ed Emmett mentioned the possibility of a commuter rail taking the place of the existing freight rail that travels between Galveston and Houston along State Highway 3.

As part of efforts to help alleviate the traffic congestion and assist commuters in moving between areas in Houston, Union Pacific and other agencies are planning to convert the current rail line that runs between Galveston and downtown into what the powers-that-be dub a "commuter rail."

"Typically, commuter rail goes on existing freight rail tracks that have to be upgraded to make sure they have all the right safety considerations for passengers to be on them," Emmett said. "Usually the problem is separating the freight traffic from the passenger traffic, just in terms of timing. In this case, the Union Pacific came forward to not just me, but numerous people, and said they were willing to get off the two tracks – the SH-3 track and Hempstead Highway track – for sure during rush hour and possibly all the time and turn those tracks over to commuter rail."

The planned commuter rail would not be connected with the current Metro Light Rail that runs through downtown Houston but could be under the jurisdiction of Metro.

This is not the first of the UP rail lines that is to be converted into a commuter rail. Gulf Coast Rail District is already studying the Eureka rail line that runs up 290 toward Hempstead, and has its eyes set on the line that extends between downtown and Galveston.

Maureen Crocker, representative of the district said they are looking at the Galveston corridor for a commuter rail conversion but have been asked to let the current governments that are performing their own research to finish.

Currently, the City of Galveston, along with Harris County, Texas Department of Transporta-

tion and 10 other governmental entities are researching the possibility of using the rail line that parallels Highway 3 as a commuter rail to alleviate traffic congestion along Interstate 45 during rush hour.

The study, being conducted under Goodman Corporation, is taking a look at four different solutions for the Galveston-Houston Mobility Corridor.

Of the four solutions being considered, the freight rail conversion is the only plan that would require new construction; the other plans are to add a dedicated bus lane to Interstate 45, to add new buses to the area – specifically to travel between Galveston, the surrounding cities and Houston – or to do nothing.

Currently, there are only research and studies going on regarding the potential transit system.

Alicia Cahill, public information officer for the City of Galveston, explained that the study will take up to 10 months to complete.

While the Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority is interested in being a part of the commuter rail, officials do not foresee it being in control of it.

"We are aware of the project, but we are not the lead," said Carolina Mendoza, media specialist for Metro. "From Metro's perspective, we believe there should be a regional consensus and a regional approach to this project."

"We believe it should tie in somehow. There should be some connectivity to the Metro system coming into downtown so that we may leverage our assets."

Early voting to begin Nov. 30

Early voting for the Dec. 12 City of Houston runoff elections will take place from Monday, Nov. 30, to Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Voters will decide who will take the office of mayor, controller and five city council positions.

Candidates for mayor are City Controller An-nise Parker and attorney Gene Locke. City Council members M.J. Khan and Ronald Green are in

the base was deemed unnecessary by the military and was ordered to be dismantled.

In 1928, what little remained of the base was destroyed by fire.

The imminence of U.S. involvement in World War II prompted the reconstruction of the base in 1941. Manpower again rose to 5,000, as Elling-

ton served once more as a training facility (as it would throughout the Korean War).

In 1976, the base was officially deactivated by the Air Force and later, in 1984, was taken over by the City of Houston. However, the military, as well as NASA, still maintain a large presence there.

TANG pilots fly remotely



Soldiers from the 147th Reconnaissance Wing of the Texas Air National Guard are shown above remotely piloting the wing's new MQ-1B unmanned predator drones. The technology allows the men to fly overseas combat missions thousands of miles away safely from behind their computer screens. The pilots' names have been omitted due to federal regulations.

SVFD battles area blazes

By James Bolen

Firefighters from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department kept busy the morning of Saturday, Nov. 21, battling local house and vehicle fires.

A two-alarm fire struck a home in the 11500 block of Sageking at roughly 12:30 a.m., sending two residents to the hospital.

Crews from both the SVFD and the Forest Bend Volunteer Fire Department responded to the blaze at the two-story area residence. According to fire department officials, the fire was confined to the second floor of the house.

Two of the home's occupants were taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital for concerns related to smoke inhalation. Both residents were treated and released.

A third resident of the home did not require medical treatment.

Arson investigators from the Harris County

Fire Marshal's office were called to the scene. Preliminary findings, however, indicate the fire was electrical in nature and deemed accidental.

Later that morning at approximately 5:30 a.m., the SVFD responded to a vehicle fire in the parking lot of an auto repair business in the 12400 block of Scarsdale.

Again, officials from the Harris County Fire Marshal's office were called to the scene. At press time, however, the cause of the blaze was still under investigation.

Goodwill trailer irks residents

By Matt Griesmyer

The Goodwill storefront at Fuqua Road and Sabo Road will open within the next few weeks. While the new tenant in the former Kroger building is a welcome neighbor, the trailer parked in front of the location is not.

While the location is advertised as an "Attended Drop-off Point" for donations, the sight of a rusted 18-wheeler trailer with the Goodwill name plastered on the side of it makes the donation drop-off seem more like a trash dumpster.

"We have several really old trailers that are in our fleet," said Jonathan Lowe, communications

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Sagemont Church breaks ground on new sanctuary

By Matt Griesmyer

Sagemont Church has started construction on its new building along Beltway 8.

As a capstone to its "living proof" project – buildings on the project include the recently completed children's center and the 120-foot cross on the campus – Sagemont is constructing a new sanctuary and adult education center.

"The permits have been let now. That's what we've been waiting on for six months," said Chuck Schneider, executive pastor. "Right now (the construction company) is doing the sewers and water lines, which will be a few weeks of work."

"After that they will begin the pilings and piers and begin the infrastructure. By the first of

the year we should see steel going up."

The new sanctuary will seat 2,500 people and occupy a space of 120,000 square feet.

"We should be completed anywhere between 18 months to two years," Schneider said. "Historically, Sagemont Church has been fronted on Hughes, but as the church has grown and we have acquired the land on the beltway, clearly

what was our front door has become our back door, and this (project) puts the sanctuary on our front door."

Schneider further commented that when completed, it is going to be a beautiful facility that the community should be very proud of.

For more information on Sagemont's living proof project, visit www.sagemontchurch.org.

Artistic rendering of church's "living proof" project



Sagemont Church recently broke ground on its new sanctuary and adult education center. Part of the church's "living proof" project, the structure will occupy 120,000 square feet and hold 2,500 people. The construction will take anywhere from 18 to 24 months to complete,

according to Chuck Schneider, executive pastor. Other recent undertakings that are part of the project include a new children's center and the construction of a 120-foot cross on the church's grounds along Beltway 8.

Readers' Opinions

Buisson says thank you to local coaches

A special thank you goes out to Eddie Colunga, Sam Pitts, Chris Manriquez from Robert Buisson for your hours of time in helping me coach many of our local High School Baseball young men over the last 6 months. Your help meant a lot to us all.

Robert Buisson

Volper corrects Valtasaros' letter

A correction to George Valtasaros' letter to the editor in the *South Belt Leader* Nov. 19 edition. George Soros is not a German Jew. He is Hungarian born and is Jewish but does not have his Jewish beliefs rooted into the ground.

A.C. Volper

Bella Vita walk raises \$1,300 for cancer

Bella Vita at Green Tee celebrated its second annual Fun Walk benefiting cervical cancer on Saturday, Nov. 7. Mayor Tom Reid was present for the ribbon cutting and to start off the walk.

Approximately 77 adult residents and friends, as well as some children and pets, participated in the walk, and approximately \$1,300 was raised.

Last year, Bella Vita at Green Tee raised in excess of \$1,000 benefiting The Rose Diagnostic Center.

Reid, who has been very supportive of both events, participated in the ribbon cutting and started the walk.

As he said in his opening remarks, "I, too, am a cancer survivor. It is our hope that the efforts here at Bella Vita will contribute to the ongoing research for a cure."



Walking in the Bella Vita at Green Tee Fun Walk benefiting cervical cancer are, left to right, Beverly Dickey, Mayor Tom Reid and Dr. Olivia Moore.

Submitted photo

Deaths

Ralph E. Kyle

Ralph E. Kyle, 63, died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, after a short battle with cancer. He was born Sept. 3, 1946.

Kyle lived in Alvin and was employed by CenterPoint Energy for 39 years.

Kyle is survived by his wife, Bonnie Kyle, an employee at Brookdale Animal Hospital for 25 years; son Darren Kyle; two grandchildren, Karsyn Rose and Blake Riley; one sister, one brother, numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

Visitation was held Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, at Niday Funeral Home. A service celebrating Kyle's life was held Monday, Nov. 23, 2009, in the chapel of Niday Funeral Home where the Rev. Bill Cole officiated.

Jack E. Ashenfelder Jr.

Jack E. Ashenfelder Jr., 63, died Nov. 20, 2009. He was born in Houston on March 14, 1946, and contin-

ued to call Houston home ever since.

Ashenfelder was a man full of life and loved the outdoors, offshore fishing and being with his family.

He served in Harrisburg Rotary for the past 27 years and held many leadership roles including club president and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was the owner of APS Technology as well as an entrepreneur.

Ashenfelder is survived by his wife of 43 years, Linda Ashenfelder; daughter Lisa Stephens and husband Richard; son Eric Ashenfelder and wife Lori; and grandchildren Cody Stephens, Paige Stephens, Logan Ashenfelder and Morgan Ashenfelder.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Nov. 24, in the Chapel of Rosewood Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ashenfelder's memory to the Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Dr., Chicago, IL 60693.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.rosewood.cc under current services.

Early voting begins

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Costello Inc. civil engineering firm.

Competing for the At-Large Position 2 seat are incumbent Sue Lovell and Andrew C. Burks Jr. Lovell is a former business owner who currently serves as vice mayor pro-tem on the council.

Burks is a pastor who also heads the AM-PM Telephone Service Inc. telecommunication company.

At-Large Position 5 incumbent Yolanda "Jo" Jones is being challenged by Jack Christie. Jones is an attorney and businesswoman.

and former chairman of the Costello Inc. civil engineering firm.

Registered voters may cast their ballots at any of 21 Greater Houston early voting locations. The two closest locations for South Belt residents are the Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane and the Houston Community College Southeast Learning Hub at 6815 Rustic.

Early voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 30 through Dec. 4, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 5, 1 to 6 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 7 and Dec. 8.

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Leader obituary policy

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Reeves competes in Ironman Race in Panama City



Sageglen resident Ronnie Reeves recently traveled to Panama City, Fla., to compete with 2,300 others from across the globe in the Ironman race. His journey began two years ago when he took up the sport of triathlon, racing in sprint races, which progressed to the ultimate test of endurance – a 2.4 mile swim in the ocean followed by 112 miles on a bike, and then completing the race with a 26.2 mile run – all in 10 hours, 53 minutes. Reeves is a husband, father of three, local business owner, and member of Sageglen Church. When asked how he did it, he said, "faith in God and the support of family and friends."

Submitted photo

Stuchbery hosts food drive



Stuchbery Elementary recently held a food drive that contributed 2,268 food items to Sagemont Helping Hands. The class in each grade level that gave the most food items won a pizza party. The winners were Susan Hall's kindergarten class, Sandy Smith's first-grade class, Sharon Woodruff's second-grade class, Robin Salinas' third-grade class, Cheryl Fox's fourth-grade class, and Johanna Hinton's and Terri Abbott's fifth-grade classes. Pictured helping pick up the food are, left to right, (first row) Laurel Johnson, (second row) counselor and parent coordinator Terri Flotten, (third row) Kurt Brochhausen, Sam Davis, Jacob Garcia, Joseph Perez, Joseph Gallien, Darlene Rivera and Bobby Haynes.

Submitted photo

AARP hosts Holiday Christmas Luncheon

AARP Chapter 199 will not meet at its regular meeting location at the Bay Area Community Center this month.

Instead, the group will hold its Holiday Christmas Luncheon Friday, Dec. 18, at 11:30 a.m. at Chabuca's Restaurant located at 316 W. NASA Parkway.

Seating is limited, and the cost is \$15.

For more information concerning the luncheon, call 281-334-4698.

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

Goodwill officials defend presence of older trailer

Continued from Page 1A and marketing director of Goodwill Industries International in Houston.

"Recently we got five new trailers for any person to place, erect, maintain or display any device that is covered by the ordinance. Our hope is to eventually retire some of those trailers; the older ones that are a little more unsightly. They are still working right now for us and as a not-for-profit we have to try and make do with what we have and be good stewards of what we've got."

Residents who have contacted the *Leader* have asked if there are ordinances restricting the use of such mobile advertisements.

The good news is that there is an ordinance restricting advertisements, but the bad news is that the ordinance is not active until Jan. 1, 2010.

The ordinance, while intended to address driver's safety issues in conjunction with such "attention-getting devices," contains a statement including

devices that are within the city that contributes to visual clutter and blight.

Section B of the ordinance makes it unlawful for any person to place, erect, maintain or display any device that is covered by the ordinance.

The *Leader* contacted representatives at Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan's office to inquire about the trailer.

"The trailer has currently been moved to the loading dock of the building," said Lauren Doak, spokesperson for Sullivan's office. "A sign administration inspector went out to the site and investigated the issue; they said that the trailer is in compliance, so long as it is used for its intended purpose."

An e-mail from Kate Lucrezi director of development for Goodwill Industries of Houston states that "Goodwill Houston is excited about coming into the area and we certainly want to be sensitive to our new neighbors if they have concerns."

The e-mail continues,

Drive benefits homeless

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

Drop off locations include St. Luke's Church Social Hall, the Romero home at 11103 Kirkpark Drive; Dobie High School, 10200 Blackhawk (see Helen in the front office); and Frazier Elementary, 10503 Hughes Road. For information, call Jesus Romero at 832-876-0502 or Martha Valenzuela at 281-660-7280. Volunteers are needed to assist in this project and future Team Gabby projects. If interested, contact Jesus Romero at jr11103@yahoo.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

Homeowner Committee Election

The Sageglen Maintenance Committee will hold its annual election for a seat on the subdivision's Board of Directors on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009. 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.

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South Belt Elementary announces awards, merit rolls

South Belt Elementary recently released its honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls and awards for the first nine-weeks grading period of the 2009-2010 school year. Students earning status are:

Kindergarten
Math Whiz award
 Saniah Adams, Alex Alvarado, Alana Arrington, Lara Ball, Andre Barrientos, Dillon Barron, Rhiannon Barron, Aaron Begazo, Aqib Bhatti, Cameron Brown, Brittany Burleigh and Madison Cai.

Language Art Star
 Saniah Adams, Alex Alvarado, Gabriella Arredondo, Alana Arrington, Ava Ayala, Jayden Balderaz, Andre Barrientos, Dillon Barron, Rhiannon Barron, Aaron Begazo, Aqib Bhatti, Cameron Brown, Brittany Burleigh and Madison Cai.

Perfect attendance
 Saniah Adams, Alana Arrington, Jayden Balderaz, Andre Barrientos, Dillon Barron, Rhiannon Barron, Aaron Begazo, Aqib Bhatti, Cameron Brown, Brittany Burleigh and Madison Cai.

Good Citizen
 Saniah Adams, Alana Arrington, Jayden Balderaz, Andre Barrientos, Dillon Barron, Rhiannon Barron, Aaron Begazo, Aqib Bhatti, Cameron Brown, Brittany Burleigh and Madison Cai.

First grade
Honor roll
 Jianne Anderson, Kaitlyn Bess, Mary Biaz-Lozano, Max Brown, Kamron Byrd, Matthew Campos, Luke Castillo, Bruce Chavez, Devyn Cook, Jade De Robles, Laura Diaz, Nicole Embrey, Alonso Garza, Rayven Gavin and Megan Godeke.

Good Citizen
 Matthew Campos, Laura Diaz, Jose Martinez, Erin Maslonka, Jake Perez, Lily Simons, Elliot Spiller and Bella Woernley.

Principal's Award
 Breliana Anderson, Jorge Arredondo, Mary Baez-Lozano, Kaitlyn Bess, Jasmine Bethely, Ayanna Brooks, Max Brown, Matthew Campos, Luke Castillo, Moises Cisneros, Devyn Cook and Dominick Cruz.

Good Citizen
 Jessica Cano, Elisabeth Elings, Justin Esquivel, Efoza Ewanshiha, Damola Omole, Gracie Rossler, Samantha Schroder, David Tran, Dylon White and Vorian Wilcox.

Principal's Award
 Abrianna Aguilar, Joshem Alfred, Jacqueline Arrington, Rida Asif, Joshua Bickers, Rebecca Byers, Jessica Cano, Joshua Collins, Sophia Colmenares, Shelby Couchman, Bailee Dang, Shaylyn Dunlap and Jacob Efrid.

Good Citizen
 Elisabeth Elings, Justin Esquivel, Jaylen Gonzalez, Kayla Guajardo, Hailey Henry, Xavier Hernandez, Yvette Hernandez, Ashynti Jackson, Hayden Jacobson, Faith Johnson, Marissa Maxwell, Natalia Melchor and Damola Omole.

Principal's Award
 Justin Padilla, Wanda Palomo, Karson Polnick, Gracie Roessler, Eloy Sanchez, Dominic Tamez, Everett Taylor, Mya Tello, David Tran, Jordan Tran, Oscar Valasquez, Dylon White, Zoe White, Erin Woodard and Rami Zaidan.

and Kyle Redmon.
 Madison Resendez, Austin Rhoden, Ryan Roppolo, Blake Roque, Isaac Salazar, Brandon Salinas, Arianna Sota, Elliot Spiller, Alyssa Toro, Mario Torres, Kimberly Vargas, Michael Vo, Alise Williams and Bella Woernley.

Merit roll
 Breleana Anderson, Jacob Flores, Luke Giron, Lazarus Gonzalez, Lily Gutierrez, Reagan Jones, Roman Rodriguez, Christian Sauter, Lily Simons and Jhonas Washington.

Perfect attendance
 Cheyenne Alexander, Jiani Anderson, Mary Baez-Lozano, Kaitlyn Bess, Ayanna Brooke, Brandon Bui, Kamron Byrd, Taylor Calamaco, Matthew Campos, Luke Castillo, Devyn Cook, Ricky De La Fuente, Laura Diaz and Luke Giron.

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Merit roll
 Manson Banhart, Joshua Bickers, Priscella Chavez, Joshua Collins, Efoza Ewanshiha, Kayla Guajardo, Hailey Henry, Xavier Hernandez, Yvette Hernandez, Marissa Maxwell, Colby Moorer, Damola Omole and Erin Woodard.

Perfect attendance
 Abrianna Aguilar, Jacqueline Arrington, Tierra Bickems, Justin Blogg, Etna Bosso, Victoria Chu, Nicolas Cook, Shaylyn Dunlap, MacKenzie Gilliland, Kianna Groves, Kayla Guajardo, Hailey Henry, Andrew Hernandez, Laila Hernandez, Xavier Hernandez, Tristan Hillman, Raymond Hung, Vivian Lu, Marissa Maxwell, Natalia Melchor, D'untre Miller, Echo Miller, Colby Moore, Hallie Nelms and Leslie Nguyen.

Good Citizen
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Vo, James Washington and Alise Williams.
Second grade
Honor roll
 Rida Asif, Reid Ball, Etna Bosso, Yenny Bui, Victoria Chu, Olga Cisneros, Sophia Comenares, Nicolas Cook, Shelby Couchman, Bailee Dang, Jacob Efrid, Elisabeth Elings, Jaylen Gonzalez, Shaniah Humphrey, Raymond Hung and Faith Johnson.

Third grade
Honor roll
 Darielys Alexander, David Amaya, Elyssa Armenta, Henri Bui, Priscilla Bui, Devin Childs, Danny Chu, Isabella De La Garza, Sean Dempsey, Tiffany Duong, Uyi Ewanshiha, Ruben Flores and Jazmine Garcia.

Fourth grade
Honor roll
 Diana Adame, Adela Alanis, Clarissa Arredondo, Nicholas Barrientos, Pedro Barrientos, Shannon Bickers, Madison Caballero, Rafael Corea, Ty Critchfield, Alex Fuentes, Daniel Goforth, Kyle Guyote, Ramon Hernandez, Kyle Herzog and Brendan Hoang, Zoey Johnson, Sarah Lewis, My Linh Bui, Aran Maldonado, Christopher Marshall, Andres Martinez, Jacqueline Mendoza, Madisen Mills, Jonathan Moreno, Armando Morin, Angel Nguyen, Dominic Nguyen, Sean Nguyen, Kimberly Padilla, Melody Perry, Marcos Pruneda, Lauryn Ramirez, German Reyes, Andy Ta, Jeremy Villatoro, Kevin Tran, Marvin Villatoro, Andrew Vu, Holly Vu, Peter Vu, Dien Wang and Joshua Woernley.

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Gizmo visits Stuchbery



Recently Gizmo the Robot visited Stuchbery Elementary to talk with the students about "Stranger Danger." Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Ethan Thomas, Casey Johnson, Marissa Saldazar, Destiny Nieto, (middle row) Monica Massoud, Ethan Jimenez, Leonardo Perez, Christopher Hatten, (back row) Deputy Kevin Ellis, Gizmo, Tina Flotten (counselor) and Deputy Sam Cerda.

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SJC initiates Just One More

San Jacinto College is taking the national Achieving the Dream initiative one step further by implementing the college-wide campaign Just One More and encouraging all employees to play a vital role in student retention. The college has already introduced several programs to help students stay in school with the Student Success Centers, newly mandated freshman orientations and a retention-calling program. The calling program is designed to have students contacted by phone three times during a semester to remind them of the importance of class attendance and to offer them assistance through financial aid, counseling or tutoring in the success centers. "Just One More is intended to inspire all SJC employees to reach out to students who may be in danger of withdrawing and to offer them assistance," said Dr. William Raffetto, vice president of enrollment services. "These students can then be referred to tutoring or academic advising. Sometimes, just a word of encouragement is all that is needed." Identifying students in need of additional guidance during the first crucial years of college can make a significant impact, according to Dr. Rebecca Goosen, dean of college preparatory. "If just each of some 400

Genoa names honor, merit rolls for first nine-weeks

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

Honor roll
First grade
 Yenais Aguilar, Lizbeth Armenta, Gulsoma Aziz, Amy Brionessalazar, Michelle Cazares, Fattima Charles, Janei Coleman, Ivan Esparza, Jocelyn Gallegos Torres and Jocelyn Garcia.

Second grade
 Clarissa Centeno, Ramos

Third grade
 Nekam Andrade, Anna Diaz, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Chancy Hamlett, Khan Nadia Mireles and Angelica Romero.

Fourth grade
 Kristopher Bossier, Karlie Guerra, Rigoberto Jimenez, Jake Miller, Minh Nguyen and Carolina Saucedo.

Merit roll
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 Elizabeth Abeja, Marc Arbelaz, Ricardo Cabrera, Lizbeth Calderon, Carlos Chapa, Emmanuel Escoto, Tristen Gomez, Thomas Ing and Gisselle Jimenez.

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Third grade
 Rodriguez, Irania Rodriguez, Kane Rodriguez, Melody Romero, Carlos Turcios and Brittani Watts.

Fourth grade
 Belen Avina, Kamila Cazares, Jaquelline Chapa, Sofia Jara, Adriana Martinez, Wesley Ndao

Over The Back Fence by Jan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BILL & ELAINE
Former **Leader** staffer **Bill Edwards** and his wife, **Elaine**, celebrate their 11th 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. 26 through Dec. 2.

Burnett Elementary
The day for a birthday party for **Ngoc Ha** is Nov. 26. Birthday greetings are sent to **Donna Myles** on Nov. 27. On Nov. 28, **Laurie Antal** has a birthday. **Renee Ha** and **Heidi Valdez** share a birthday Nov. 30. Enjoying a birthday Dec. 1 is **Pam Fraser**.

Frazier Elementary
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Cristina Huggins** Nov. 30. Birthday greetings are sent to **Pam Williams** Dec. 2.

Jessup Elementary
Marking a birthday Nov. 28 is **Graciela**

Sandoval. Wanda Reyna enjoys a birthday Nov. 29. The day for a birthday cake for **Brenda Medellin** is Dec. 1. On Dec. 2, **Andreia Johnson** and **Alba A. Zetino** share a birthday.

Meador Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Veronica Gardner** Nov. 27. Birthday greetings are sent to **Kathy Lemaster** on Nov. 28.

Moore Elementary
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Silvia Luna** Nov. 30. On Dec. 1, **Rita Reyes** enjoys a birthday.

South Belt Elementary
The day for a birthday cake for **Rosa Ascencio** is Nov. 27. Birthday greetings are sent to **Carmen Castelan** Dec. 2.

Stuchbery Elementary
James Maslonka celebrates a birthday Nov. 27. Birthday greetings are sent to **Maria Mendoza** Nov. 29. The day for a birthday cake for **Sue Ann Knight** is Nov. 30.

Melillo Middle School
On Nov. 27, **Joceline Arriazola** marks a birthday. Birthday wishes are sent to

Britni Robertson Nov. 29.

Morris Middle School
Blow out the birthday candles for **Paul Busby** who celebrates a birthday Nov. 26. **Pamela Fraser** is wished a happy birthday Dec. 1.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Birthday wishes are sent to **David Hastings** on Nov. 29.

Challenger
Blow out the birthday candles for **Joyce Bailey** Nov. 26.

Dobie High
Special birthday greetings are sent to **Gina Salinas** on Nov. 26. Sharing a birthday Nov. 28 are **Luz Ivanus** and **Robin Rackley**. On Nov. 29, **Paulette Granger** celebrates a birthday. Blow out the birthday candles for **Lin Argieard** Nov. 30. The day for a double birthday for **Libby Franklin** and **Sonja Mull** is Dec. 1.

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San Jac students 'adopt' elementary students in science learning partnership

A group of San Jacinto College Central students have "adopted" elementary school students during the fall term in an innovative science learning partnership.

Twice a month a group of students from the college, under the direction of Dr. Ann Cartwright, bring science to life for Genoa Elementary School fourth-graders during field trips that include hands-on experiments.

"A one-time visit might get children interested in science, but hopefully adopting the younger students through multiple visits will keep them interested, and will also give the children the idea that they can go to college," commented Cartwright, who chairs the science department at the Central campus.

During a recent visit, the college and elementary students collaborated on two experiments - one to compare how many germs are present on the tops of boxed soft drinks compared to unboxed soft drinks and another to determine how well diapers absorb different types of liquids.

Tiffany Bennett, principal of Genoa Elementary, says the visits from San Jacinto College students are producing positive results. "The students and teachers at Genoa are extremely excited to have the college students visit,"

remarked Bennett. "There is enthusiasm in the air as the students work side by side and learn from each other. We anticipate this partnership will help the younger students to better understand science, and we also believe it sends a positive message that college is not only important, but also attainable."

Genoa Elementary teacher Carol Carter expressed a similar view. "I think it makes a great impression on children that adults take time out of their schedules to allow them a chance to experience what scientists do on a daily basis," she remarked. "I know these experiences will spark their curiosity and fuel their decisions for continuing their own education."

Collaborating with the college students was educational as well as fun for the elementary students, as evidenced by some of their comments.

"It was nice for adults to come from college to elementary school to help us with our experiments," - Jake Miller

"It was helpful to learn how to collect germs." - Kashon Paige

"It was really neat to be able to draw a big S in the glass container." - Mariann Lambert

"It was helpful to be able to know if we need to wash a soda before we drink it." -

Pedro Tarango

Cartwright said such field trips help San Jacinto College students gain confidence through teaching. In addition, it provides them a chance to get to know their classmates. And judging from some of the college students' comments, they enjoyed the field trip as much as the elementary students.

"The kids are so eager to learn, and I'm glad I've been given the opportunity to be the one to teach them." - Hilary Carter

"I really enjoyed the trip to the elementary school because you can tell that the kids enjoy doing the experiments, and it helps them understand better." - Jimmy Honc

"I enjoyed working with them. They learned something and so did I. The experiments will be something that they'll remember." - Rachel Kurien

"Working with the kids was a blast. Melany at my table told me that I was making her want to be a scientist." - Abby Lamb

"It was wonderful going to Genoa and seeing their eyes light up in excitement about chemistry." - Hayley Fritsche

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San Jacinto College science lab assistant Jennifer Flores collaborates with Kevin Zarco during a hands-on science experiment at Genoa Elementary School.

Remember When

30 years ago (1979)
The two South Belt area veterinary clinics - Sagemont Animal Hospital and Kirkwood Veterinary Hospital - were swamped with requests to vaccinate dogs and cats for rabies following the county's first reported case of rabies in 20 years.

25 years ago (1984)
Construction of a proposed 60,000 square-foot student center at San Jacinto College's South campus was given third priority of construction projects at the college district's three campuses by regents.

8th-grade Beverly Hills Intermediate School band students Leigh Ann Beckham, Greg Dekunder, Jennifer Pascoe and Cary Owens earned places in the Region Orchestra.

20 years ago (1989)
Sagemeadow property homeowners delinquent in payment of maintenance fees were forced to remit payment or face court proceedings.

The San Jacinto College District Communications Office won seven awards for its publications and marketing activities over the year.

15 years ago (1994)
The abandoned Weber Elementary School was to be conveyed to the Southend subdivision developer as part of the Clear Creek Independent School District's \$11.5 million settlement with Farm & Home.

The San Jacinto College Board of Regents accepted the resignation of Dr. Marlin Cherry. Employed with the district since its beginning, Cherry was serving as provost.

10 years ago (1999)
Jerry Speer announced that he was officially leaving his position as Dobie High School principal at the end of the school year.

Longtime South Belt resident Constantine Maffei Jr., 64, died after suffering a heart attack while driving. His vehicle careened into Frazier Elementary School.

5 years ago (2004)
The Dobie High School varsity football team was headed to a Class 5A Division II regional quarterfinal game against the Katy Tigers in the Astrodome.

The South Belt-Elington Chamber of Commerce held its annual retreat for board members to discuss future goals.

The goals discussed included continuing ribbon cuttings, monthly luncheons and the annual Evening of Cuisine fundraiser.

PISD was seeking nominations for its annual Distinguished Alumnus award.

1 year ago (2008)
The San Jacinto College soccer team finished a school-best second at the

of the best in the state for screening newborn babies for hearing loss by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The center earned top marks with this certification as a Distinguished Newborn Hearing Screening Program, the highest possible rating.

The City of Houston was awarded a \$1 million state grant to construct an addition to the Sagemont Community Center on Hughes Road. The funds were part of a \$10 million program sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to improve parks throughout the state.

The Arlington Independent School District donated \$7,475 and five pallets of school supplies to the Pasadena Independent School District. The act of generosity was part of AISD's "District2District" initiative to aid recovering school districts affected by Hurricane Ike.

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Funtastic chemistry



Thompson science student Dominique Jimenez had the opportunity to participate in a really hot experiment recently. Students learned about exothermic reactions (those that give off energy/heat), and the one shown above was hot to the extreme. Bubbling, foaming, steaming and giving off lots of heat are features that made this experiment one that all the students will remember.

Sorry, Wrong Chimney opens at PLT



Sorry, Wrong Chimney, by Jack Sharkey and Leo W. Sears, opens Friday, Dec. 4, and runs weekends through Dec. 20, at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Thursday, Dec. 17, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Sundays. This rollicking, lighthearted tale is about a young couple, their neighbors, a slightly off-balance Santa burglar, his gun-toting fiancée, and a hypnotized policeman who thinks he's a Chippendale dancer. PLT will be participating in the Officer Santa program sponsored by the Pasadena Police Department. Bring an unwrapped toy, game or book to place in the red barrel in the lobby to donate. Cast pictured are, left to right, Janet Sharpley of South Belt, Mark Connelly, Ginger Posey of South Belt, Russell Swanson of South Belt, Steve Quimby and Grace Galloway. Photo submitted

Dictionaries presented to Meador



The Pasadena Rotary Club recently provided dictionaries to all third-grade students at Meador Elementary. The dictionaries were presented to the school by members of the B.F. Meador family. Shown around the picture of the school's namesake, B.F. Meador, are, left to right, Darlene Davis, principal; Jordan Meador, granddaughter; Ben Meador, son; and Janice Meador, daughter-in-law. Photo submitted

Bobcats roam hike, bike trail

By Matt Griesmyer
Residents of the South Belt area should be warned: there have been reports of bobcats roaming the area near the hike and bike trail on the west corner of Blackhawk and Dixie Farm Road. Bobcats can grow about twice as large as a common house cat, have pointed, black-tipped ears and are named for their short, or bobbed, tail. One recent bobcat sighting involved two men who were mowing near the hike and bike trail. The men, one of whom had seen bobcats before, spotted two bobcats near the retention pond and trail. As far as precautions to take if residents encounter a bobcat, Colleen Hodges, education/public relations coordinator for Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services says to stay away. "Bobcats are indigenous wildlife predators," Hodges said. "Bobcats are potential rabies carriers. Don't leave animals outside, and pick up pet food after feeding outside. Bobcats have large roaming ranges. They are a part of the natural order of the ecosystem, and they help keep other populations in control."

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UHCL announces holiday schedule

In observance of Thanksgiving, University of Houston-Clear Lake will be closed Nov. 26 and 27. Offices reopening on Saturday, Nov. 28, include the library and two of the computer labs. Library hours will be Nov. 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Nov. 29, from 1 to 5 p.m. Hours for the computer lab in the Student Services and Classroom Building are slated for Nov. 28, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The computer lab in the Delta Building will reopen Nov. 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Nov. 29, from 1 to 7 p.m. All other offices will resume normal business hours on Monday, Nov. 30. For more information about the university, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu>.

SJC showcases student artwork

The very best of San Jacinto College student artwork is currently on display at the South and Central campuses. **South campus exhibits**
The Art Students Competitive Exhibition is currently on display through Dec. 7 in the Parker Williams Library on South campus. The exhibit showcases a variety of student art and includes a selection of student winners recently recognized for their exceptional work. Layla Hillail of League City, Zubair Parkar of Webster, Jessica Little and Andrew Chester, both of Friendswood, received Purchase Awards, a top honor that includes an entry into the campus' permanent student collection. Hai Tu of League City received a Merchandise Merit Award; Chika Nwankwo of Pearland, Jacob Berry of Webster and Leslie Eaton of Houston each won Scholarship Merit awards. Hillail, along with fellow SJC student Jan Huff-Susco, also have paintings on display at the Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake. Student winners were selected by nationally renowned artist Arthur Turner, who is an instructor with the Glassell School of Art at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. A separate exhibit, *The Drama of Photography*, is on display through Dec. 2 in the Fine Arts Building. This exhibit features a selection of student works made primarily with classic darkroom photography. San Jacinto College South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road. **Central campus exhibit**
The Central student art exhibition, *Out of the Studio*, is currently on display through Dec. 3 in the administration building, Room 119. San Jacinto Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.



Eight San Jacinto College students were recently recognized for their artwork for the Art Students Competitive Exhibition at the South campus. Pictured are, left to right, Zubair Parkar, Layla Hillail, Jessica Little and Chika Nwankwo. Not pictured are Andrew Chester, Hai Tu, Jacob Berry and Leslie Eaton. Photo submitted

District 9 takes the screen for Film & Speaker Series

Fascinating and rich in metaphors, *District 9* is science fiction at its best. This classic film arrives on screen during University of Houston-Clear Lake's Film and Speaker Series Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building Lecture Hall, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Technically brilliant, the South African film deals with xenophobia and social segregation and was filmed in mock-documentary style in Chiawelo, Soweto. Directed by Neill Blomkamp, and written by Blomkamp and Terri Tatchell, the film is rated R. Guest speaker Assistant Professor of Sociology Stephen Cherry will discuss themes present in the film after the Saturday, Dec. 5, showing. Tickets are \$3.75. For information, call UHCL Office of Cultural Arts at 281-283-2560, or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/movies>.

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Staffers celebrate birthdays



Several Thompson Intermediate Lion staff members celebrate birthdays during the month of November. Pictured are, left to right, Rebekah Seeley, VeAnn Richards, Gina Gibson, Prudencio Reyna, Sheril Caswell, Emily Cruz and Carol Waters. Others not pictured include Guillermina De La Rosa, Shelia Smith and Maria Lerma. Photo by Susie Haas

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PLT sets auditions for *Exit the Body*

Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road, will hold auditions for *Exit the Body* by Fred Carmichael on Sunday, Dec. 6, and Monday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. Performances are weekends, Jan. 29 through Feb. 14, 2010. Auditions consist of cold reading from the script. Contact the director, Janet Sharpley, at actsharp@sbcglobal.net with questions. Visit the Web site www.pasadenalittletheatre.org for more information.

Synopsis:
A mystery writer rents a New England house that is

the rendezvous point for some jewel thieves. The focal point of the set is the closet which opens into a living room and a library. A body found in the closet promptly disappears only to be succeeded by another. The hunt for the jewels reaches a climax at 2 a.m. when four couples unknown to each other turn up to search. Not since the days of Mack Sennett have there been such a hilarious series of entrances and exits. Five men and five women ages 18 to 60 are needed.

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Science Fair Night at Frazier



Parents and students attended Frazier Elementary's Science Fair Night recently, where the parents were able to work through a science fair project from start to finish. This included conducting an experiment, recording data and creating a graph. They finished by making miniature science fair boards to display their projects. Pictured are, left to right, Dulce Hernandez, Andrea Orrego and her father, Norbey Orrego.
Submitted photo

Melillo names 6th grade rolls

Melillo Middle School released its rolls for the first nine-weeks of the school year. Only the fifth-grade students were listed in the *Leader* Nov. 19 issue.

The *Leader* regrets any inconvenience.

Melillo sixth-grade students earning status are:

Sixth grade Honor roll

Aliana Aleman, Adrianna Allen, Daniel Alvarez, Cristian Ascencio, Jaylon Bolden, Jacqueline Bui, Jessica Bustamante, Kara Campos, Mandy Cao, Diana Castillo, Cardenas Macalyn Castro, Anthony Caughlin, Gabriela Cavazos, Andrea Cedeno and Brandon Chung.

Madeline Colunga, Jose Miguel Coronado, Kevin Cortez, Zoe Cortez, David Cruz, Melissa Cruz, Nicole Cypert, Palomino Onyx DeLuna, Ashley Deveza, Jose Duarte, Mark Eldridge, Alejandro Flores, Adriana Garcia, Leslie Garica, Crystal Garza and Lizett Garza.

Cody Giles, Holly Gonzales, Vanessa Gonzalez, Deja Goodwin, Braelyn Hamilton,

Myles Harris, Kallie Hart, Shelby Henderer, Michelle Hoang, Jacob Izaguirre, Brady Jacobs, Anna Le, Bobby Le, Autumn LeFever, Kacie Little, Sara Loftin and Orlando Logan.

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Faridhe Puente, Tyler Redmon, Carlos Rivas, Julian Rivera, Lesdy Rivera, Mateo Rivera, Marcus Rull, Iveth Santibanez, In Saranthany, Megan Schuetz, Samantha Schwarz, Naseem Shafaie, McKenna Simecek, Alaina Sitka, Alyssa Solis, Michael Spiller and Laura Stephens.

Mayalen Suarez, Damien Tilley, Elizabeth Tran, Kimngan Tran, Mariana Triana, Diana Tufino, Kellie Tyer, Hugo Velarde, Jolissa Villalobos, Anthony Vu, Rachel Vu, Lorez Walker, Charish

Williams, Skylar Williams, Raven Wilson, Alexis Woodruffe and Kaelon Woods.

Merit roll

Ahmad Abusaif, Luis Adame, Charnell Anderson, Hannah Brady, Isaiah Brooks, Katie Carnish, Alyssa Cumpian, Jacob DeLaGarza, Stephanie DeLaGarza, DeAnn Dimas, Hung Dinh, Alexis Esponceda, Marquis Fender, Lauren Fields, Adrian Garcia and Aileen Garcia.

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Former players invited

Dobie, community set to honor Talton

A dedication ceremony honoring former Dobie High School varsity boys' basketball coach Scott Talton will be part of the action Tuesday, Dec. 1, as the Longhorn boys take on Langham Creek.

Talton, who retired with 500 career wins after the 2007-2008 season, passed away unexpectedly in February.

Dobie High School principal Steve Jamail approved the naming of the school's main indoor gymnasium as Scott Talton Court, and now comes the official ceremony.

All high school basketball fans are invited to attend the event, which will include a short ceremony recognizing Talton's wife, Vicki, and son, Scottie. Any former Longhorn basketball players are also invited to attend as a group photo is planned.

The evening will also include a varsity basketball game featuring the Longhorns against the Langham Creek Lobos, coached by 1993 Dobie graduate Charles Ament.

There have been many people involved in keeping Talton's legacy alive and well.

A two-page honorary spread appeared in the official tournament program of the recent McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament. Tournament founder Ben Meador and his steering committee were responsible for that gesture.

Longhorns' head coach Kevin Cross, a 1999 graduate of Dobie, along with

assistants Steven Cross, Charles Washington and Shaun Stanton, are also former players under Tal-



Scott Talton

ton who have all chipped in with their time and effort to help in various events.

Ament, by many accounts, has gone far beyond the call of duty on Talton's behalf.

Self-described as a marginal player in high school, Ament said he was in his early 20s before he grasped just what Talton was trying to get across to him and other players during his stay at Dobie.

Today, Ament will do whatever is necessary to ensure Scott Talton's name lives on forever.

"I have always said I needed the Dobie basketball program more than it needed me," Ament said.

"I have to admit that I was one of those guys who oftentimes questioned why we had to do things this way or that way. But it was the Scott Talton way. It was the Dobie High School way. Scott taught us the fundamentals of basketball and also the fundamentals of

Talton Court dedication

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.

at Dobie's Scott Talton Court

Dobie varsity boys vs. Langham Creek

life. Unfortunately, at the time (during high school) I'm not sure I understood that. Around the time I was 25 or so, I began to understand."

After some 15 years as an assistant coach, Ament is now in his third season as head coach of the Lobos. Last season, the varsity team had one of its most successful seasons, going 24-11 en route to the area round of the playoffs.

Many of the Lobo players may not quite understand just where some of Ament's leadership skills come from, but he is willing to let them know.

"I have always tried to learn something from all of the coaches I've been around, but Scott Talton was such a positive influence on me," Ament said. "Today I understand just how good of a basketball coach and leader he was. He treated the program and the players

in a professional manner. I strive to do the same. In a team sport, it's all about being part of something bigger than you."

Ament has been instrumental in keeping Talton's name alive. With some urging from Ament, the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches has named a scholarship in Talton's honor.

Next up, Ament said the Houston Area Basketball Coaches Association is planning a scholarship that will go to a deserving Dobie High School student.

The week of Nov. 30 through Dec. 5 will also be Scott Talton Week in the Houston area as the HSBCA is asking programs across the area to donate a portion of ticket proceeds to a fund for the Talton family.

"I just don't want his legacy to be forgotten," Ament said. "Scott was there for so many of us. We need to be there for his family."

DeLeon, Soto lift Tyler women to national crown

Yes, there really are story book endings and fairy tales – just in time for the holidays.

Longtime friends and soccer teammates Taylor DeLeon and Beatrice Soto of the newly crowned Tyler Junior College women's national champion soccer team will have plenty to be thankful for this holiday season.

The Dobie High School graduates, DeLeon in 2008 and Soto a year later, experienced the thrill of their soccer lives when the Apaches knocked off Johnson County Community College 3-0 Nov. 22, winning the National Junior College Athletic Association's national title.

The championship for Tyler comes with many feel-good stories.

The Apaches are in just their second year of existence after forming the program prior to the 2008 season. DeLeon was a member of head coach Corey Rose's first recruiting class.

At 19-0-1, Tyler will be forever entered into the record books as an undefeated national champion.

In getting to the national title game, Tyler handed



Dobie High School graduates Taylor DeLeon (left) and Beatrice Soto show off Tyler Junior College women's soccer's National Junior College Athletic Association national championship trophy after the Apaches defeated Johnson County Community College 3-0 Nov. 22 for the title. Tyler (19-0-1) won the big prize in just its second year of existence.

Photo by Wanda Soto

No. 1 ranked Lewis and Clark of Illinois its first defeat of the season, a 2-0 decision Nov. 20.

But at least from a local standpoint, there is no bigger story than that of DeLeon and Soto winning in what could be their final soccer match as teammates.

DeLeon is a sophomore and will move on to a four-year college. Soto, the winning goalkeeper in each of Tyler's wins at nationals, will be one of the key returnees in 2010 as the Apaches eye a repeat.

The bonus came as Tyler Junior College hosted the national event, allowing family and friends of many players the opportunity to see their loved ones in action.

"Beatrice has been playing soccer since the second grade, and it has finally paid off," said Soto's mother, Wanda Soto. "We have been so blessed to have found a wonderful college not only to educate her but that also has a great soccer program."

Adding to Tyler's thrill, the Apache men's team won the national title in the NJCAA event in New Jersey.



Senior guard Adelyn Ezeh (above) had 16 points as the Clear Brook Lady Wolverines closed out the McDonald's Texas Invitational with a 46-33 victory over McAllen. The win lifted Brook to 7-3 overall.



Michael Collins (above) was part of a total team effort as the Dobie boys opened the season with three wins before dropping a pair of games at the McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 19-21. Photos by John Bechtle

McDonald's Texas hoops delivers on promise

As promised, the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament delivered plenty of excitement to local high school basketball fans Nov. 19-21.

Tens of thousands of fans were treated to three full days of spectacular action at a variety of sites.

In the end, the Bellaire Cardinals stood tall in the Division I boys' gold division, defeating Austin Westlake for the championship.

Following Bellaire's big win, Texas A&M University signee Toby Oyedeji was named the Scott Talton Most Valuable Player award winner.

In the girls' Division I bracket, Mansfield Summit survived the competition, nipping Cy-Fair in the

championship game as senior guard Amy Moody was named the most valuable player.

Cy-Creek, which defeated Dobie in the first round of Division II girls' play, wound up winning the D-II title with a win over San Antonio Madison in the final. Madison, 3-1 in the tournament, defeated Clear Brook en route to the final.

Locally, the Dobie varsity girls came away with some hardware, winning consolation honors in the Division II ranks.

Rebounding from its defeat to Cy-Creek, Dobie downed District 22-5A foes Pasadena, Pearland and Memorial in succession to earn a trophy and take a 6-3 record. Continued on Page 3B

MTI basketball local results

Dobie varsity boys – Opened with a pair of wins in pool play action and then downed Crosby in Division II gold bracket opener. Lost final two games to S.A. Taft and McAllen, taking fourth place in the bracket.

Brook varsity girls – Defeated La Porte to begin play in Division II bracket, then lost in overtime to S.A. Madison. Also lost a tight game to S.A. Warren before winding up play with a win over McAllen.

Dobie varsity girls – Lost to Cy-Creek in the Division II opener but then captured consolation trophy.

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Brook boys' basketball to host CCISD Classic

Clear Brook is one of the four host high schools for the Clear Creek Independent School District Varsity Boys Basketball Classic Dec. 3-5.

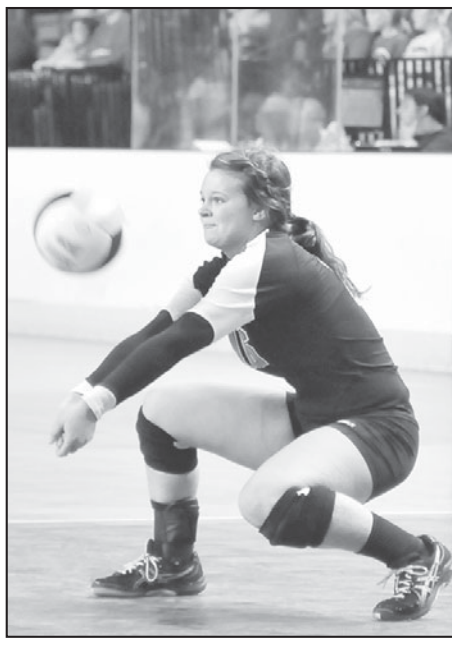
The 16-team tournament will include Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Lake, Clear Springs, Crenshaw (Calif.), La Porte, Texas

City, Santa Fe, Connelly, Cypress Woods, Waller, La Marque, Tuloos Midway, Deer Park, Pasadena Memorial and Houston Reagan.

The championship game is set for Dec. 5 at Clear Springs beginning at 2 p.m. The consolation game is Dec. 5 at Brook, at 2 p.m.

San Jac volleyball 10th at nationals

Amanda Deem (right) and the San Jacinto College women's volleyball team rebounded from a first-round loss to finish 10th at the National Junior College Athletic Association's national tournament Nov. 19-21 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. On the final day of play at the tournament, the Ravens fell in four sets (23-25, 26-24, 19-25, 24-26) to Hutchinson Community College. San Jacinto College, making its fifth consecutive trip to nationals, finished the season at 32-9 this season.



Brook's Fichtner chooses UTSA softball



Clear Brook High School senior Molly Fichtner (seated center) will continue her education and softball playing career at the University of Texas at San Antonio after inking a letter of intent with the Roadrunners during the fall signing period. Those with Fichtner at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Eric Fichtner (father), Jana Fichtner (mother),

(back row) Cathy Supak (Clear Brook girls' athletic trainer), Sally Ware (Clear Brook assistant softball coach), Ashley Pillow (Clear Brook varsity softball head coach), Michelle Staley (Clear Brook High School principal) and Laura Hess (Clear Brook assistant softball coach).

Photo by John Bechtle

CCISD Classic

First Round Games Dec. 3

At Clear Lake

5:30 p.m. - Lake vs. Santa Fe
7 p.m. - Connelly vs. La Porte

At Clear Brook

5:30 p.m. - Crenshaw vs. Deer Park
7 p.m. - Brook vs. Memorial

At Clear Creek

5:30 p.m. - Midway vs. La Marque
7 p.m. - Reagan vs. Creek

At Clear Springs

5:30 p.m. - Texas City vs. Cypress Woods
7 p.m. - Springs vs. Waller

Sports news, notes

SBHLL membership to meet

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will host a general membership meeting Thursday, Dec. 3, for parents whose children competed during the spring 2009 season. Only members of the league are invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to amend the constitution and fill vacancies on the league's board of directors. Anyone interested in joining the board of directors may contact league president Amy Smith at sbhll@hotmail.com. The meeting will be held at the Harris County Annex, 10851 Scarsdale (courthouse), at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit the league Web site at www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

SBHLL sets registration dates

Registration for the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League has been set. The dates include Jan. 9 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Jan. 14 (6 to 8 p.m.) and Jan. 16 (1 to 5 p.m.), 2010. All sessions will be held at the SBHLL facility at El Franco Lee Park. Early registration for coaches and managers will be held Jan. 5, 2010, from 6 to 8 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park. For more information, visit the league Web site at www.eteamz.com/sbhll. Additional details will follow in upcoming *Leader* editions.

Dobie FB banquet Dec. 6

The Dobie High School football banquet will be held Sunday, Dec. 6, in the cafeteria. The event will begin at 6 p.m. Interim head coach Carey Sink and members of his staff will recognize each of the programs, and varsity team awards will be announced. There will be a catered meal. More information will appear in the Dec. 3 issue of the *Leader*.

SBHLL to host movie night

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will host a Holiday in the Park movie night Saturday, Dec. 12, at the baseball complex at El Franco Lee Park. The featured movie, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, will start at 7 p.m. Santa will also be visiting, and youths may have their pictures taken with Santa for \$1. Those attending are asked to bring chairs, sleeping bags or blankets. The concession stand will be open, and popcorn, nachos, hot chocolate and much more will be available. No outside food will be allowed.

Oops, we goofed

The November 19 issue of the *Leader* incorrectly reported that the 8-under Legends select baseball team had won a World Series title in the United States Specialty Sports Association.

The Legends, in fact, were crowned state champions at the event held in South Houston. The *Leader* regrets the error.

Members of the Legends are Gage Parham, Adam Gonzales, Robert Green, Joseph Mohammedi, Dylan White, Robert Romero, Peyton Miller, Daniel Garza, Brandon Trevino, Jonathon Marroquin, Christopher Thomas and Rex Thompson.

The team is coached by Chris Thomas, Mark Parham, James Miller, Jeff White and Danny Garza.

Sports calendar

BASKETBALL

Friday, Nov. 27

Clear Brook JV boys at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Saturday, Nov. 28

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

Wednesday, Dec. 2

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

Thursday, Dec. 3

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

Friday, Dec. 4

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

Saturday, Dec. 5

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

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Clear Brook varsity boys at Dobie, Talton Court, 7:00
Clear Brook JV boys at Dobie, Talton Court, 5:30
Clear Brook sophomores at Dobie, Talton Court, 4:00
Clear Brook freshman A at Dobie, Talton Court, 5:30
Clear Brook freshman B at Dobie, Talton Court, 4:00

Bears' boys hoops, PV split four

Beverly Hills Intermediate's boys' basketball program ran up against some stiff competition in the opening day of the season, splitting four games against Park View Nov. 18.

BHI 8 Dark 35

Park View 13

The Bears' eighth-grade Dark team got off to a good start, beating Park View 35-13. Defensively, the Bears made it difficult to score on the interior, forcing Park View to shoot from the outside.

Limiting the Cowboys

to one shot made the difference in the game.

Leading scorers for the Bears were Malik Dorsey and Kalif Dorsey.

The Bears' top defensive players were Isaac Belle and Dreyvan McMahon.

Park View 33

BHI 8 Light 30

The eighth-grade Light team played a hard-fought game but ultimately lost to the Cowboys 33-30.

The offense couldn't get rolling, and the Bears relied too much on the outside shot to be truly effective.

Defensively, the Bears

worked hard but had sporadic breakdowns that led to easy baskets at the other end for Park View.

BHI 7 Dark 44

Park View 12

The Bears' seventh-grade Dark team controlled the game from start to finish, coasting past Park View 44-12.

Park View 34

BHI 7 Light 30

Park View was able to even the series at two wins each, winning the seventh-grade Light game 34-30. The game was tight throughout as Park View won.

BHI girls press past PV netters

The Lady Bears of Beverly Hills Intermediate began the basketball season by winning each of its games against the Park View Cowgirls Nov. 18.

BHI 8 Light 38

Park View 16

The eighth-grade Light team began its season with great intensity and strong defense.

MyKayla O'Connor was strong in the game with a combined total of 14 points, five steals and six defensive rebounds.

In the first and second quarters, the Lady Bears warmed up and were ready to play, outscoring their opponent 25-7.

In the third quarter, Leslie Hernandez contributed five points and five steals, Dayanara Martinez had two blocks and five steals, and Stephanie Buenostro had five points, eight rebounds and two steals. Hong Pham

had a great overall game with five points and six steals.

Late in the game, the Lady Bears held the Cowgirls to only five points and had a combined total of 19 steals and 24 rebounds as a team.

BHI 8 Dark 48

Park View 25

In the eighth-grade Dark game, the Lady Bears came out and scored the first basket of the game.

The leading Lady Bear of the game was Ashley Gallant, who contributed 19 points, seven steals and two rebounds.

Tatiana Trower also had an exceptional game with nine points, eight steals and a rebound.

The Lady Bears led the Cowgirls 20-13 at the half. In the second half, the Cowgirls made a run to outscore the Bears 12-2, which brought them within five

points. Later in the game, Beverly Hills pulled together and forced eight straight turnovers to make their own run outscoring the Cowgirls 20-2 with Marquette Johnson (six points, three steals and two rebounds) helping out.

Miryam Alanis and Karina Ramirez both played great defense under the basket, combining for eight points, five rebounds and seven steals.

BHI 7 Light 29

Park View 24

The Lady Bears' seventh-grade Light team needed overtime but came away with a 29-24 win over Park View.

BHI 7 Dark 27

Park View 18

The Lady Bears' seventh-grade Dark team used an all-around team effort on both ends of the court to beat Park View 27-18.

Lion boys' basketball sweeps

Thompson Intermediate's boys' basketball program swept a four-game set against the Miller Falcons Nov. 18 to begin the season on a high note.

Lions 7 Dark 40

Miller 26

The Lions' seventh-grade Dark team got off to a great start, beating Miller 40-26.

Thompson trailed 8-7 in the first quarter after some sharp shooting by the Falcons.

But the Lions took the lead at halftime, 23-13, and wouldn't look back.

Daniel Carter led the Lions with 12 points while Rashaad Randall added eight points. Jonathan Shaw came up with five points.

Everyone played tough defense, paced by Socrates Guzman, Jacob Lara and Keyaudre Conaway. Xavier Brown led the team in rebounding.

Lions 7 Light 49

Miller 30

The seventh-grade Light team wanted to establish a good pace right from the start and did with Jarvis Lester and Geron Hall combining for 21 of the Lions' 23 first-quarter points.

The Lions stayed aggressive and made several good plays through the rest of the game on their way to a 49-30 victory.

Lester led the team with 17 points followed by Hall with 11 and Damian Molina

with eight.

Great defense by David Casas, D'Andre Jackson and Cedric Horton combined with the rebounding of Jared Wilson, Hall and Xavier Rodriguez helped the team begin their season with a win.

Lions 8 Light 48

Miller 45

The Lions' eighth-grade Light team got off to a good start with a 48-45 victory over the Miller Falcons.

Lions 8 Dark 51

Miller 22

The Lions' eighth-grade Light team crushed Miller 51-22 to tip off the season, getting the Thompson fans excited about future games this season.

Thompson girls' hoops drop 3

Thompson Intermediate's girls' basketball program got off to a sluggish start, dropping three games against the Lady Falcons of Miller Nov. 18.

Thompson 7 Light 34

Miller 30

In seventh-grade action, the Light team took the court first and came through with an exciting performance to win 34-30.

The first quarter was tightly contested, with solid defense played by both teams.

Trailing by two points heading into the second quarter, the Lady Lions turned on their defensive intensity and turned the game into a runaway with steal after steal, leading to easy buckets.

By halftime, Thompson had built a lead of 23-12. In the third quarter, the Lady Lions continued to play hard and made Miller work for every basket.

comeback in the fourth quarter, but Thompson made crucial plays down the stretch to hang on and win the game 34-30.

Emily Wolfe led all scorers with 22 points. Monica Ploucha made her presence felt in lane as she scored four points.

Carli Blue, Maria Meja, Kiara Hart and Kayla Richard each pitched in with two points apiece.

Miller 26

Thompson 7 Dark 11

The Lady Lions' seventh-grade Dark team was looking to match the win of the Light team but came up short in a 26-11 game.

The Lady Lions took the lead early in the first quarter, but it was quickly erased by Miller.

Turnovers and bad passes led to easy baskets by Miller, and the Falcons built a halftime lead of 16-8.

Thompson played hard and had many open looks at the basket in the second

half.

However, the shots weren't falling for the Lady Lions, and more turnovers proved to be the deciding factor as the Falcons were able to pull away.

Sarahi Gomez was Thompson's leading scorer with five points. Jackie Bishop, Patrice Jackson and Desiree Johnson each scored two points.

Paola Reyna, Alisa Gonzales and Sasha McCoy played great defense and got in the passing lanes several times for steals that led to fast break opportunities.

Miller 34

Thompson 8 Light 16

Thompson's eighth-grade Light team opened the season with a 34-16 loss to Miller.

Miller 33

Thompson 8 Light 24

Despite a total team effort, Thompson's eighth-grade Dark team began its season with a 33-24 loss to Miller.

CB's Gonzalez picks UT-Arlington softball



Clear Brook High School senior softball player Stephanie Gonzalez (seated third from left) will continue her education and playing career at the University of Texas at Arlington after signing a letter of intent to play softball for the Mavericks. Those with Gonzalez at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Marcette Kilgore (Brook dean of instruction), Jorge Gonzalez (father), Maggie Gonzalez (mother), (standing)

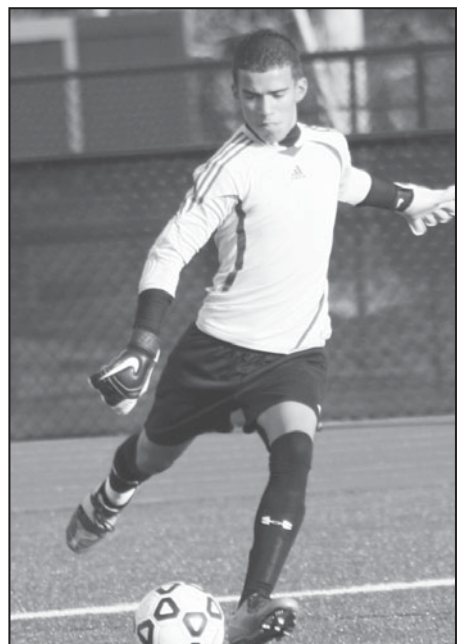
Iracema Hartless (Brook Spanish teacher), Jennifer Gault (Brook assistant principal), Blair Redmon (Brook girls' head basketball coach), Ashley Pillow (Brook head softball coach), Cathy Supak (Brook athletic trainer), John Harmon (Brook athletic trainer), TiAndre Sanders (Brook girls' head track coach), Toya Peterson (Brook girls' varsity assistant basketball coach).

Dobie softball's Morgan picks UT-PB



Dobie High School senior softball player Chesley Morgan (seated center) will continue her education and playing career at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin this fall after inking a letter of intent with the Falcons. Those with Morgan at the signing included, left to right, (seated) James Morgan (fa-

ther), Angeline Morgan (mother), (back row) Todd Morris (hitting coach), Chris Swinnen (Dobie varsity assistant coach), Chris Morgan (brother), Carmela Swinnen (Dobie junior varsity coach), Robin Rackley (Dobie varsity head coach) and Steve Jamail (Dobie principal).



High school soccer workouts will start Monday, Nov. 30. The Dobie varsity boys' team, coming off a trip to the Region III tournament last season, will lean on



sophomore goalkeeper Jose Balvaneda (left). Above, Yancy Moreno is back to help the area finalist Lady Longhorns' team at Dobie. Photos by John Bechtle

McDonald's hoops again a hit

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all record this season.

The Lady Longhorns would have no doubt preferred not to have had to

play district foes like Pasadena, Pearland and Memorial this early, but that's unfortunately the way the ball bounced.

Final totals have yet to be determined, but tournament organizers believe this will be the most profitable one to date.



JFD boys win three of five

Dobie junior forward Trevor Mayon (left) had 12 points in the Longhorns' tournament loss to McAllen, and the Longhorns scored three straight wins to open the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament before falling on harder times in the final two games. Mayon, now in his third season at the varsity level, is one of the team's top threats from three-point land. The Longhorns will be back in action Nov. 28 at Scott Talton Court (Dobie) as the Longhorns host Friendswood at 3 p.m.



Dobie's girls nab trophy

A first-round loss to Cypress Creek at the McDonald's Texas Invitational failed to derail the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team, including guard Derlesha Thomas (left). The Lady Longhorns went on to win consecutive games over Pasadena, Pearland and Memorial to claim the consolation trophy in the Division II bracket. With the wins, Dobie improved to 6-3 overall this season.



Lady Wolverines split four games

Clear Brook senior forward Kiara Harris (with ball) fires a jumper over San Antonio Madison defenders Casey Wallace (12) and Crystal Valero (34). Madison won the McDonald's Texas Invitational second-round game in overtime, and the Lady Wolverines, now 7-3 overall this season, went 2-2 in the tournament. Harris, a three-year starter, led Clear Brook in scoring during the tournament.

Photos by John Bechtel

Clear Brook High School swimmers excel at TISCAs

Several Clear Brook High School swimmers qualified for the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Gulf Zone Championships at the Conroe Independent School District natatorium Nov. 20-21. Those competing included, left to right, (front row) Julia Sepulveda, Patrick Labrode, Molly Freeman, Monica Pruet, (back row) Shaad Fincher, Chris Lunney, Brian Bloomfield, Brad Bevoilo, Adriana Sepulveda, Brandon Steinkuehler and Drew Wiley. Freeman placed in two events (500-, 200-freestyle) and Adriana Sepulveda (200-free) and Pruet (100 breast) also placed. The boys' 400-freestyle relay team did not advance to the finals but bested district rivals Clear Lake and Clear Creek at the event.

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AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
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Noon
Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The ACA group meets Fridays at room 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.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.
SATURDAY, NOV. 28
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. 29
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one.

Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, NOV. 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.
9 a.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
Noon
Free Exercise Class - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-486-2923.
6:30 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol Meeting - Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.
7 p.m.
Grief Support Group - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every

Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.
TUESDAY, DEC. 1
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
11:30 a.m.
Local NARFE Meeting - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 Nasa Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.
Noon
Free Exercise Class - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.
1 p.m.
Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main. For information, call 713-472-0565.
1:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6:30 p.m.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Meets at Sagemont Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.
7 p.m.
St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring - St. Luke's offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe_pavicek@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 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe_pavicek@yahoo.com.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
11:30 a.m.
Hobby Airport Lions Club - Meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. E-mail HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com for more information.
Noon
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4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6 p.m.
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.
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, DEC. 3
 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
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 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.

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

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.

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.
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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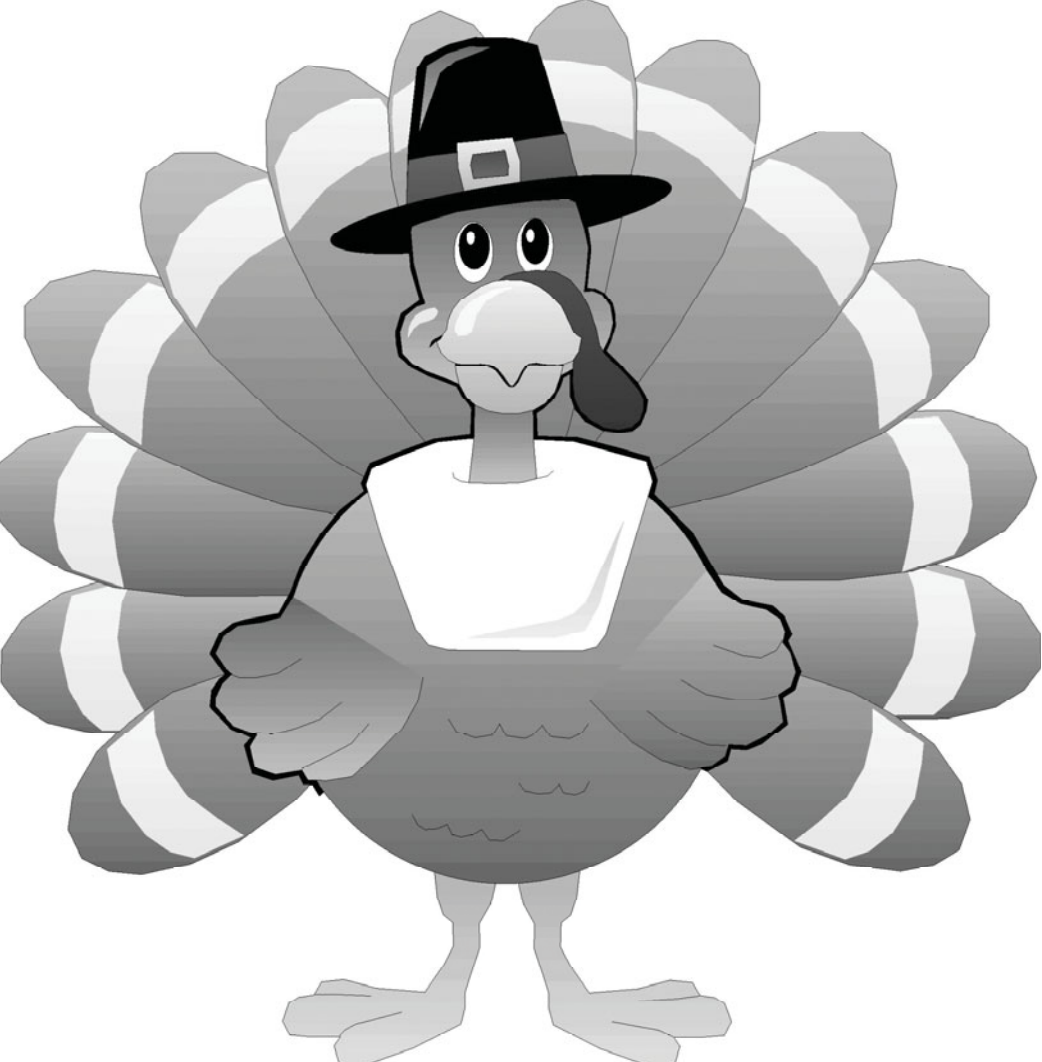
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