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SJCS star party Nov. 8

The San Jacinto College Honors program will host a Star Party Tuesday, Nov. 8, at South campus in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center. The event will be from 8 to 10 p.m., with a presentation beginning in the Proscenium Theatre. Sky viewing will take place from the South campus softball fields. The event is free and open to everyone.

Members of the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society will bring several large-powered telescopes, and SJC faculty and students will have numerous telescopes and binoculars to observe planets, stars, moon craters and deep sky objects.

"Seeing the universe first-hand through a telescope is an amazing experience," said Walter Thompson, physics and astronomy professor, and South campus Honors coordinator. "I am so lucky to be able to relive the feelings of awe and wonder when someone sees the moon or Jupiter for the first time."

Dobie band parents meet

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will meet Monday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All band parents are urged to attend.

PW Library events set

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Nov. 3 through Nov. 9.

Movie Madness is Thursday, Nov. 3, at 4 p.m. This film is rated G. Call 281-484-2036 for title.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

Workforce Solutions will present the workshop, *Creating a Resume/Completing the Application*, Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. Develop a professional resume that will match one's skills and experience.

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

K of C hosts fish fry

The Knights of Columbus will serve fish dinners in the St. Luke's Catholic Church hall, Fridays, Nov. 11 and Nov. 18. Each dinner will consist of a breaded fish fillet, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob and iced tea. Soft drinks and desserts will be available. Baked fish will be available in limited quantities. One-piece dinners will be $9, and two-piece dinners will be $12, dine in or take out. For information, call 832-444-4958.

CDA collects long johns

Thermal long johns for service members in Afganistan are being collected by members of the Catholic Daughters of America for the Long Johns for Soldiers project. Those wishing to contribute to this cause, call Carolyn Friend at 281-484-4170 or 832-423-5722 to donate money or long johns. The group hopes to receive at least 100 sets of long johns.

Wizard of Oz *at PMHS*

The Department of Theater at Pasadena Memorial High School presents *The Wizard of Oz* through Nov. 5 on the school's Mainstage. Curtain time is at 7 p.m. Tickets are $8 each and may be purchased at the door. The production features a cast of more than 80 performers, including 40 children from Memorial's feeder schools.

South Belt plans Turkey Trot

South Belt Elementary and the American Heart Association will host the second annual Turkey Trot Family Fun Run Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. This includes a two-mile fun run and health fair. Donors of $50 or more will receive a T-shirt with their business on the back and a reserved health fair space. To sponsor or donate, contact Jon Kidwell at 713-740-5276 or jkidwell@pasadenaisd.org.

LSA Open House Nov. 13

Lutheran South Academy holds an informative open house and tour Sunday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. for prospective students and their parents. Lutheran South is a comprehensive college prep Christian school serving Pre-K through 12th grade. To register for the open house and tour of the LSA facilities, call Aaron Schneider, director of admissions, at 281-617-5626. Lutheran South Academy is located at 12555 Ryewater Drive off Dixie Farm Road.

Dobie Project Grad meets

Dobie Project Graduation will meet Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the athletic media room at Dobie to discuss fundraising for this year's graduation night and to welcome all who want to help in providing a safe, drug- and alcohol-free night for graduating seniors.

SBGSA registers Nov. 5

Early registration for the spring 2012 Southbelt Girls Softball Association season will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is $70, with a $5 sibling discount (the first child at $70 and each additional child in the same household, $65).

School, city, state elections set for Nov. 8

The Harris County joint election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Voters will decide whether or not to approve a Pasadena Independent School District bond, 10 proposed state amendments and who will serve as the City of Houston's next mayor and City Council members.

PISD bond

The proposed PISD bond seeks $270.1 million in funding for several projects, including a new career and technical high school, three new middle schools and five replacement campuses for existing schools.

The bond plan carries no tax hike.

An estimated 1,500 students would be enrolled in the new career and technical high school, which would provide students the opportunity to pursue pathways in programs such as health science; business and public service; agriculture; technology, engineering and energy; construction and manufacturing; and transportation and shipping.

The program, currently housed at the L.P. Card Career and Technical Center, would be expanded to incorporate a full high-school curriculum, thereby relieving overcrowding issues at all five high schools.

The bond would provide for three new middle schools, which would complete the district's adoption of the middle-school concept, which began with the last bond issue in 2004. Each middle school provides for fifth- and sixth-grade instruction.

Two of the new schools would feed Queens Intermediate and Park View Intermediate, which currently follow the Grade 6-8 model. One would be built to relieve overcrowding and provide for growth in the areas served by Lomax and Melillo middle schools.

Projected cost for the four new schools, including the career and technical high school, is $101.8 million.

The bond would provide $80.3 million to replace all or part of five existing campuses, all of them at least 59 years old.

The campuses at Queens Intermediate, Gardens Elementary and South Shaver Elementary would be completely replaced. Queens was built in 1952, Gardens in 1944 and South Shaver in 1949.

A newer portion of South Shaver would be retained and designated for other purposes.

The oldest portions of South Houston Elementary and Keller Middle School would be replaced. Newer portions of the two schools, such as the Keller gym, would be retained. South Houston was built in 1935. Keller (formerly San Jacinto Intermediate) was built in 1959.

The bond would also provide for renovations at 30 campuses and various district athletic facilities at a cost of $49 million. Renovations would include the installation, replacement and/or repair of such things as heating and air-conditioning systems, air quality controls, security systems and roofs. New competition gyms are planned at South Houston and Sam Rayburn high schools. Six middle schools would receive second gyms. New gyms would be built at five elementary schools.

Districtwide targeted projects include renovations to Veterans Stadium, the Phillips Fieldhouse, the Auxiliary Stadium and to the surrounding parking lots.

Plans also include a central indoor/outdoor competitive swimming pool, to be constructed on the Veterans Stadium grounds.

The bond would earmark $30 million for new classroom technology, $2 million for new school buses and $5 million for the purchase of property to accommodate future expansion.

Last fall, a group of 50 community members and parents from across the district formed the Future Facilities Committee. The committee looked at enrollment projections, analyzed district needs and recommended that the school board call for a bond election with these items included.

State amendments

Texas voters will decide whether or not to approve 10 new amendments to the state constitution. The following list is how the amendments will appear on the ballot:

Proposition 1: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

Proposition 2: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed $6 billion at any time outstanding."

Proposition 3: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

Proposition 4: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

Proposition 5: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

Proposition 6: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

Proposition 7: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition 8: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-

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Where to vote

Nov. 8 polling locations

Pct. #	Location
76	Beverly Hills Intermediate School 11111 Beamer Road
289	Garfield Elementary School 10301 Hartsook St.
417	Stuchbery Elementary School 11210 Hughes Road
418	Beverly Hills Community Center 10201 Kingspoint Road
475	Scarsdale Civic Association Building 12127 Teaneck Drive
476	Frazier Elementary School 10503 Hughes Road
536	Laura Welch Bush Elementary School 9100 Blackhawk Blvd.
537	BellaVita Clubhouse 1548-B N. Riviera Circle
545	Parker Williams Library 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Suite 510
654	El Franco Lee Community Center 9400 Hall Road
715	Aviation Department - Ellington Field Highway 3 Building 510
755	Genoa Staff Development Center 12900 Almeda Genoa Road
774	El Franco Lee Community Center 9400 Hall Road
842	Burnett Elementary School 11825 Teaneck Drive

Not a heavy-trash candidate

Excessive trash discarded at a house in the 11400 block of Sagedowne at Sageglen has drawn the ire of neighbors, as well as the Sagemont Civic Club. The residence appears to have been gutted. The refuse, which lines both the front and side of the house, is far more than city crews will pick up, as only 8 cubic yards (4 cubic yards of building material) of junk waste are allowed during heavy-trash collection. *Photo by James Bolen*

Reward increases in High disappearance

The search continues for Lillian High, who has been missing since Monday, Oct. 3. Crime Stoppers of Houston is now offering a $20,000 reward for information related to the case. High, 82, was reported missing after she failed to show up for work at the Beltway 8 Chase Bank. She was driving a black four-door Dodge Avenger with Texas license plate CD6 J492. Anyone with information is urged to contact HPD's Missing Persons Division at 713-731-5223 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477). See next week's *Leader* for an extended story about the incident.

HCFCD launches new tool

The Harris County Flood Control District recently launched a new tool to help Harris County residents gain knowledge about flood plains and their flooding risks – the Flood Education Mapping Tool at www.hcfcd.org.

The mapping tool replaces the mapping tool formerly found on the Tropical Storm Allison Recovery Project (TSARP) website.

The Flood Education Mapping Tool builds on the interactive mapping tool created through TSARP, a multi-year, joint initiative spearheaded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Flood Control District in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Allison in 2001. TSARP produced a new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM or flood plain map) that was adopted by Harris County, the City of Houston and the county's 33 municipalities in 2007.

Since TSARP, members of Harris County's real estate, engineering and governmental communities as well as residential and business property owners have used the mapping tool on the TSARP website as an educational source to learn the location of structures relative to the mapped 1 percent (100-year), 0.2 percent (500-year) and coastal flood plains.

"Having recently marked the 10-year anniversary of Tropical Storm Allison, the Flood Control District is launching a mapping tool with an updated look and new features," said HCFCD spokeswoman Heather Saucier. "Having served a valuable purpose for nearly a decade, the TSARP website has been retired with the launch of the Flood Education Mapping Tool."

Some of the prominent new features of the Flood Education Mapping Tool include: regular updates to mapped floodplains in Harris County as they are revised by FEMA; an interactive legend with pop-up "tool tips" that help users get the most of out of each legend item; easy map navigation; and known ponding areas where stormwater typically collects when rainfall exceeds the capacity of a street's drainage system or the land's ability to drain.

The Flood Education Mapping Tool features a

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Reckless driving leads to DWI arrest

Calls to police about a reckless driver led to a DWI arrest Tuesday, Oct. 25.

The Houston Police Department received multiple calls at approximately 8:30 p.m. of a vehicle near the intersection of Beamer and Hughes being driven erratically by someone who may have been waving a gun.

Multiple units responded to the incident and spotted the vehicle in the 12050 block of Beamer and pulled the driver over.

While no weapons were found in the vehicle, the car's driver, Emilio Zavala, was determined to be intoxicated after being given a field sobriety test.

Zavala, 31, was subsequently arrested on DWI charges and taken to the city's southeast jail.

Alert resident warns of mail scam

An alert Sageglen resident recently notified the *Leader* of a scam she received in the mail that involved an unclaimed monetary prize.

The woman said she was mailed a letter from a company in Canada, along with a check for $2,000. The mailer said the resident had an unclaimed prize of $100,000 from Publishers Clearing House.

The letter explained that the check was for the payment of the applicable governmental taxes on the winnings.

The resident was instructed in the letter to keep the winning confidential and not to attempt to cash the check before talking to the claim agent listed.

Upon contacting the claim agent, the resident was told she would have to send the agent $2,100 to collect the $100,000 prize.

Knowing she had not entered such a contest, the resident showed her bank the suspect check. Tellers at the bank confirmed the check was indeed fraudulent.

Many signs point to the letter being a fraud.

Most notably, the unclaimed prize is for a contest that was never entered. Further, applicable fees are generally taken out beforehand when one wins any sort of prize.

The letter instructing the recipient not to tell anyone about their winnings is also a warning sign the letter is not legitimate. The scammers don't want their potential victims talking about the letter because they don't want any better-informed people tipping them off that it's a fraud.

According to the Publishers Clearing House website, "A legitimate sweepstakes will never ask you to send money to enter a sweepstakes, claim a prize, or to pay a fee, tax or deposit. If you are asked to send money to claim a sweepstakes prize for any reason you are being scammed. There is no legitimate reason for someone who is giving you money to ask you to wire money back."

Anyone who suspects they have been the victim of a scam using the Publishers Clearing House name or logo is urged to contact the company by calling 1-800-645-9242. Consumers are also advised to contact the National Fraud Center at www.fraud.org.

County extends Hughes Road

Harris County opened the stretch of the Hughes Road/Barry Rose expansion from Sagequeen to approximately 3,000 feet west of Riverstone Ranch Drive Tuesday, Nov. 1. The opening was originally scheduled for Monday, Oct. 31, but was postponed for the Halloween celebration at the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department station (shown upper left). The festivities were the last to take place at the location, as future celebrations will take place at the department's new station on Scarsdale. The project will extend to Pearland Parkway sometime early next year. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

Publisher's Opinion

Leader *endorses PISD bond election*

The Pasadena Independent School District bond election that is currently up for a vote will greatly benefit the South Belt area and particularly J. Frank Dobie High School.

Dobie student population broke the all-time high number of students for any Pasadena high school with 3,500 students. The new proposed high school for PISD will target students looking for a career. The fact the bonds needed for construction of the proposed facilities will not require a tax increase is also good at this time with the state of our economy. While I do not agree with all items included with the bond package, the overall package is a must for the education of students in the district. Please vote yes for the PISD bond election.

–Marie Flickinger

Readers' Opinions

Adams expresses thanks to Leader

Thank you for fulfilling your mission so well. The timely informational articles on local events are great. I do not live in the area so I pick up your paper at HEB while shopping. Your articles covering Wings over Houston, City of Houston Fire Fest, Ballunar Lift off are great. Your information concerning how to measure for the flood control fee helped our fee go from approximately $19 to close to $5. I did not find the information in the *Chronicle*. Keep up the good work. **Irene Adams**

Johansen supports Rep. Nick Lampson

As extreme Republicans and Democrats struggle to find a way to work together to accelerate our economy's recovery, the citizens of southeast Texas, should have the good fortune to vote for a strong, well-known moderate for Congress in 2012. Nick Lampson, a moderate who finds ways to work across the partisan divide, is serious about entering the race for the new Congressional District 14 or one its variations similar to the CD#9 he held for several terms beginning in 1996. The return of a man known for great constituent service, as a major advocate for human space exploration, a former teacher and major supporter of education and an advocate for working people will help our area south and east of Houston get back to work and headed in the right direction.

Lampson is a great public servant and as congressional representative, he served his constituents and district industries very well. For instance, with a district next to NASA's Johnson Space Center, Lampson established himself as one of the best ever congressional supporters of the U.S. space program. Now, we have an opportunity to help Nick run again, to win again, and to return strong congressional support again to the people of Southeast Texas.

All the people in this are who are looking for a new congressional representative who'd work rather than argue, need to show their support for a former congressman who'll do just that. Local citizens need to stand up and show support for a congressman who'll work for them. A new Nick Lampson campaign needs help in many ways, people should visit the "Draft Nick Lampson" facebook site at http://on.fb.me/nC2PH4. And tell your friends and neighbors, that a great congressman, Nick Lampson, is going to help Congress work again.

Once at the site, click to say you "like" Nick and then, click to "friend" the site. Taking a few small, easy steps like this will help start rolling the ball for a change in 2012 to put all America back to work again! Sincerely, **Pete Johansen**

Mosquito infestation topic for LaStrapes

Most gracious thanks for your efforts. The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* is truly an exemplary community newspaper. We've not yet seen any trucks spraying, but I 've been watching the news, and I'd have to say it's ironic that, while Harris County has reported 599 of the 663 cases of West Nile Virus in 2011 (http://diseasemaps.usgs.gov/wnv_tx_mosquito.html), it appears to be the only county in the area that is not taking the fight to the mosquitoes in order to control the current outbreak. Instead, the county seems to be praying for cooler weather.

In Friendswood, the city and the county are working together to control the problem. Galveston, Fort Bend and Brazoria Counties have sprung into action, yet Harris County is saying that the floodwater mosquito pandemic doesn't qualify as an emergency. Go figure, eh?

The mosquito problem in Houston has been so bad historically, that the county has a Mosquito Control Division ("MCD") that employs some 50-60 employees. Apparently, the MCD must be so busy on other things these days that it can't respond to the worst mosquito outbreak in my recollection – and I've been here for some time (http://houston.culturemap.com/newsdetail/10-25-11-this-doesnt-qualify-as-a-mosquito-emergency-officials-explain-why-there-is-no-spraying-of-houston-beasts/).

While we're being told by Sandy Kachur of the Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services Department that this current pandemic is "pesky" but "no health threat" to the community, I can't help but think of the little girl whose eye was swollen shut from a mosquito bite (http://www.click2houston.com/news/29587003/detail.html). If that doesn't qualify as a health threat, what does? There is something terribly wrong about this whole picture. I think our public officials should be held accountable for this egregious textbook lapse in civic responsibility. Yours truly, **Pat LaStrapes**

Sally Hecker: I'm just sayin' . . .

I was listening to the radio this morning, and had to LOL…school kids, high school, junior high, have been beating each other up, for no apparent reason. There is a girl in critical condition for getting beat up in the girl's bathroom at her school, putting on her make-up. According to the report, the girl who got beat up did not initiate anything, she was simply putting on make-up, a girl comes in and beats the living daylights out of her! The radio person says, "we need to pray for our kids…" and yes, we do, however, the parents have a lot to do with this. Raise your child NOT to beat up other kids! IMJUSTSAYIN'… In my opinion, parents and teachers have been too scared to give any kind of punishment, because, OH MY GOODNESS, what if someone sees me correcting my child, and in "their" opinion, it's too much, so they call Child Protective Service, and your kid gets taken from! This is what too much interference by government has brought upon us. IMJUSTSAYIN'… **Sally Hecker**

McIngvale: My fight against OCD

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) is a mental illness that affects millions of Americans. OCD is characterized by unwanted thoughts/images followed by repetitive behavior. I was diagnosed with OCD at the age of 12. My life suddenly became a living nightmare and OCD quickly took away all things important and dear to me. I was doing hundreds of rituals a day that included repetitive hand washing, reassurance seeking, color/number rituals and various repetitive behaviors all to alleviate irrational thoughts that I could not control. My family was determined to help me get better so they took me to many local therapists but we couldn't find the help I needed.

After years of searching, we finally found a residential center which saved my life. I regained the happiness I once had and knew that I could learn to manage my OCD on a daily basis and one day become a functioning adult.

Graduating high school once seemed impossible, but with the right therapy and tools I was able to obtain my undergraduate and master's degree in social work and am currently working on my Ph.D. at the University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work.

Out of passion to help others living with OCD, my family and I started a non-profit organization dedicated to making a difference in the field of obsessive compulsive disorder. We have recently launched a self-help website called OCDCHALLENGE.ORG which is dedicated to helping those living with OCD. This is an interactive self-help website which guides users step-by-step toward conquering their OCD and climbing their personal OCD mountain. We use the mountain metaphor because we believe fighting your OCD can be similar to climbing a mountain.

It is a steep, hard journey but the reward once you reach the summit is worth all of the turmoil along the way. With the proper guidance and tools you can fight your OCD. I challenge you to take back your life! Visit OCDCHALLENGE.ORG to sign-up today.

Elizabeth McIngvale, LMSW

San Jac again warns of financial aid scam

The financial aid department at San Jacinto College is warning students and the community of a potential financial aid scam.

Individuals claiming to represent Student Financial Resource Center have contacted San Jacinto College students by mail to offer financial assistance. Students and parents are asked to complete a Student Aid Profile Form and pay a processing fee to receive assistance with financial aid.

"Unfortunately, we are seeing this potential scam happen again," said Robert Merino, San Jacinto College financial aid services director. "We want to remind our students that there is no fee to receive information about financial assistance at San Jacinto College. It's also important that students and parents remember that they should not offer personal information, including any financial background information, to anyone making these claims."

In the past, people claiming to represent the U.S. Education Department have contacted San Jacinto College students to offer scholarships and grants. The callers asked for a bank or credit card number, saying the information would be used for a $249 processing fee, but the call was fake.

San Jacinto College students or parents who believe they may have received a scam financial aid letter are encouraged to report the incident to 1-800-MIS-USED, or via email at oig.hotline@ed.gov. The government website www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams shares telltale signs of fraud.

For the 2010-2011 academic year, San Jacinto College disbursed more than $54.4 million in financial aid to approximately 12,360 students, none of whom are required to pay a processing fee.

If you are a San Jacinto College student requiring financial aid, follow the proper financial aid procedures set forth by the college. For more information on how to obtain financial aid, visit the San Jacinto College website at www.sanjac.edu/financial-aid.

Christmas Gift Alley set

The First United Methodist Church's Christmas Gift Alley, 2314 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland, will be Nov. 4 and 5. It includes unique gifts, silent auction, tea room and more than 100 exhibitors. For information, call 281-485-1466.

Local elections set for Nov. 8

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stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

Proposition 9: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

Proposition 10: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

For more information on the proposed amendments, visit www.tlc.state.tx.us/const_amends.htm.

City of Houston

Voters in the City of Houston will decide who will serve as mayor, as well as 11 City Council district seats and five at-large City Council seats.

Challenging incumbent Annise Parker for the position of mayor are Kevin Simms, Amanda Ulman, Dave Wilson, Fernando Herrera and Jack O'Connor.

District E incumbent Mike Sullivan will maintain his City Council seat, as he is running unopposed.

District D incumbent Wanda Adams is being challenged by Larry McKinzie.

Competing for the At-Large Position 1 seat are incumbent Stephen Costello, James Partsch-Galvan, Scott Boates and Don Cook.

Vying for the At-large Position 2 seat are Kristi Thibaut, Elizabeth Perez, Andrew Burks Jr., Gordon Goss, Bolivar "Bo" Fraga, Eric Dick, Jenifer Rene Pool, M. "Griff" Griffin, David Robinson and Roslyn "Rozzy" Shorter.

Competing for the At-Large Position 3 seat are incumbent Melissa Noriega, Chris Carmona and J. Brad Batteau.

Vying for the At-large Position 4 seat are incumbent C.O. "Brad" Bradford, Louis Mohar and Amy Price.

Competing for the At-Large Position 5 seat are incumbent Jolanda "Jo" Jones, Laurie Robinson, Bob Ryan and Jack Christie.

Early voting

Early voting is under way and will continue through Friday, Nov. 4.

Local early voting polling locations include the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Hall #66 at 4345 Allen Genoa, the Harris County Courthouse Annex #25 at 7330 Spencer Highway and the Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane. Polling hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Nov. 4.

Election Day

Voting hours on Election Day are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. See related chart on Page 1A for polling locations.

For information, call 713-755-6965 or visit www.harrisvotes.org.

Candidate Questionnaire

Andrew Burkes' candidate questionnaire was received after the deadline for inclusion in last week's issue.

At Large Pos. 2 Andrew Burks

AGE: 60

OCCUPATION: Pastor of Children of the Cross CME Church/ President and CEO of AM-PM Telephone Service, Inc.

EDUCATION: Jack Yates Sr. High School, San Jacinto Jr. College, Pasadena, Texas , Houston Community College, Texas Southern University.

MARITAL STATUS/ CHILDREN: Married 26 yrs, 3 Children and 8 grandchildren.

What makes you qualified to serve as a City Council Representative?

I am a native Houstonian with the following experience: Civic Club President (276 Community Club, Inc.); Corresponding Secretary of Sunnyside South Park Super Neighborhood; Member of the Mayor's Ministerial Advisory Board; Member of the Houston Area Pastor's Council; Former Candidate for Houston City Council At Large Pos.#2 (Runoff 2009); Member of the Martin Luther King Coalition of Civic Clubs and Treasurer of the Jack Yates Class of 68 Alumni Association.

Recently introduced to the City of Houston government was the Department of Neighborhoods. How will you use this department to serve the South Belt area?

The South Belt Area is in great need of this departments activities. Whether it is in street repair, flooding, gang violence, etc. This department can be good for the entire city if it is properly funded and administered. I will work closely with you to make sure your concerns are heard, articulated to the best of my ability and acted upon to bring success to everyone in the South Belt Community through the new Department of Neighborhoods.

Street repairs are a serious issue in South Belt. Hughes Road, in particular, has been included on the city budget for more than 10 years but has always been cut in favor of other projects. What are your thoughts on this issue?

One thing that really bugs and disturbs me is when citizens collectively complete their CIP Reports of their communities needs and how our city administration ignores the request. They do this by ignoring your request (South Belt) and sends monies that would have come to you to other areas that don't need it. It is wrong and with me on council I can assure you I will speak out and keep you informed of the progress of your CIP reports from the South Belt Community.

Do you support the Rebuild Houston program?

No, not in the beginning but it is here now and a law. What I want to make sure is that areas that historically flood all the time are repaired first. And when these areas are repaired they are repaired completely and not half done. South Belt you all are over due for this work to be started and completed. I will work to make sure you are taken care of and will advise you as to what we can do together to enhance your future needs.

What is your position on the controversial red-light camera situation?

I am against the Red Light Camera Ordinance.

Do you favor having a regional crime lab that the city shares with Harris County?

Yes.

What are your feelings regarding the ongoing Occupy Houston movement?

We are in a job crunch in the city. I believe we should look to hire good employees from Houston First. I am tired of developers building outside our city encouraging homeownership at the same time people from outside our city make up the majority of who have jobs inside Houston. They don't pay city taxes but enjoy the city benefits. We must build up Houston First. If we don't Houston, will look like a doughnut. In the center of the doughnut stands Houston (where nothing is) and the doughnut on the outside represents those who don't live in Houston.

What is your position on the city's new noise ordinance provisions?

It is useless and has no teeth. For example an officer takes a call about music being to loud

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Deaths

Shirley Ann Fort

Shirley Ann Fort, 75, of South Belt, died Tuesday morning, Oct. 25, 2011. The youngest of nine children, she was born on March 17, 1936, to Cellus James David and Sallie Bertice Barfield David in Logansport, La.

She married Donald Frederick Fort Sr. May 23, 1954, and they had five children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. As a longtime member of Houston's First Baptist Church, Fort served as a director in the newborn nursery for 20 years.

Fort was preceded in death by her parents, eight siblings, and her infant daughter, Lori Christine.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Donald; son Donny Fort and daughter-in-law Geneva; daughter Denise Bryant and son-in-law Mark; daughters Tammy and Traci Fort; grandchildren Christopher Bryant, Stephanie Fort, Allison Bryant, Ashlie and Cody Malek, Valerie and Michael Todd, Bethany Rose Fort and Julianna Grace Fort; great-grandchildren Kaya, Eli and Jaxen Malek and Lucas Todd; and a host of nephews, nieces and family friends.

The celebration of Fort's life was held Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011, at Niday Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Fort's honor be made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions or to March of Dimes Foundation for healthier babies.

Catherine Ann Martin

Catherine Ann Martin, 67, of South Belt, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, with her family at her side. She was born on Feb. 13, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Henry W. and Catherine Laub.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Raymond Laub.

Martin is survived by her husband of 48 years, Len Martin; three children, Julie Banhart and boyfriend Allan Hebert, Cathy McDonald and husband Kelly McDonald, and Jennifer Nestle and husband Brad Nestle; grandchildren Lauren Lehnertz, Cody Lehnertz and Jessica Banhart; great-grandchildren Caleb Lehnertz, Jacob Lehnertz and Abby Brooks; her brother, Charles Laub; sisters Shirley Murrell and Nancy Scroggins; and several nieces and nephews.

Martin retired from JC Penney after 30 years. In October 1995, she was graced with a second chance at life when she had a heart transplant. She was a volunteer at Methodist Hospital's Transplant Center, where she would share her own transplant experiences with patients awaiting transplants. She was also a member of Helping Hearts Support Group, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of transplant patients and their families.

After making bouquets for her daughter's wedding, Martin discovered she had a hidden talent for making wreaths and baskets. In her spare time, she enjoyed making them for family, friends, fundraisers and local craft shows.

The memorial service was held Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at Niday Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers/usual remembrances, memorials may be made in memory of Martin to: Helping Hearts Support Group, Inc., 4602 Durant #21, Deer Park, TX 77536.

Julia Urdiales Ortiz

Julia Rodriguez Urdiales Ortiz, 94, died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011. She was born Jan. 5, 1917, the daughter of Luciano M. Rodriguez and Navora Reyes.

She was preceded in death by four sisters: Valentina Ventrua, Maria Alamarez, Francis Perez and Pauline; seven brothers: Frank, Jose, William, Rufus, Carlos, Manuel and Denicio "Nicho"; and two husbands: John M. Urdiales Sr., father to her only children, one baby son and youngest son, Stephen Urdiales; and second husband Luis Ortiz.

Survivors include sons John M. Urdiales Jr. and wife Carol of South Belt; Richard R. Urdiales and wife Stella; daughters Martha Brockman and husband Bob, and Rose U. Melchor; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four stepchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ortiz was a welder building Liberty ships during World War II at the shipyards in Houston. She liked gardening and was fond of all of her flowers. She was well-traveled, having visited many foreign countries and even the Holy Land.

Charles Trumbature

Charles Trumbature, 87, died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Sue.

He is survived by his son, Mike Trumbature; daughter Cynthia Hawk and husband Roy of South Belt; grandchildren Michael Trumbature and wife Blanca, Robert Trumbature and wife Tara, Nathan Haneline, Lynda Cain and husband Clint; and eight great-grandchildren.

Trumbature was born Sept. 13, 1924, in Houston to Salvatore and Angela Trumbature. He met his future wife in the third grade. He served in the U.S. Army in the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment in World War II, and received a Purple Heart.

He retired from Shell Chemical in 1981 and moved to Canyon Lake, Texas, where he and his wife enjoyed summers with their grandchildren, and many happy memories.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Helen Catholic Church or the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

The celebration of Trumbature' life was held Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at Niday Funeral Home.

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Ninth grade

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Lariaette of the Week

The Lariaette of the Week for the week of Oct. 9 thru Oct. 15 is junior Tearra Small. She is the daughter of Belinda and Terrance Small.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

THE BIG "1"

Happy first birthday is sent to **Jayden Isaiah McNair** on Friday, Nov. 4. Lots of love and wishes for a great birthday party are sent from proud grandma **Theresa Pardo** and the entire family.

MORGAN IS 18!

A big happy birthday goes to **Morgan Denise Pardo** who turns 18 on Thursday, Nov. 3. Lots of love is sent from Morgan's family and friends who want her to know they are very proud of her, want her to continue to work hard, and wish her good luck with school and all that she does.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 3 through Nov. 9.

Burnett Elementary

On Nov. 3, **Isabel Camarillo** marks a birthday. A special birthday greeting is sent to **Maria Carmona** Nov. 4.

Bush Elementary

The day for a cake for **Maralda Griffin** is Nov. 4. **Amiee Ingalls** has a brithday Nov. 8.

Frazier Elementary

Natalie Ladanyi celebrates a birthday Nov. 8.

Meador Elementary

On Nov. 8, double birthday wishes are sent to **Kari Keown** and **Tina Caudill**.

Moore Elementary

Nov. 3 is the day for a celebration for **Cindy Burton**. Enjoying a birthday Nov. 5 is **Patricia Norman**. The day for a party for **Cindy Gunter** is Nov. 6.

South Belt Elementary

Marking a birthday Nov. 3 is **Diane Feagin**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Linda Moreno** Nov. 5. **Jennifer Sumner** has a birthday Nov. 8.

Stuchbery Elementary

A birthday is enjoyed by **Nancy Goforth** Nov. 3. On Nov. 5, **Salome Ghariani** marks a birthday.

Melillo Middle School

Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Nydia Montemayor** Nov. 7. Blow out the birthday candles for **Sheila Hughes** Nov. 9.

Morris Middle School

Nov. 8 is the day for a birthday cake for **Barbara Chandler**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Marsha Benjamin and **Tonie Noise** share a birthday Nov. 7.

Thompson Intermediate

On Nov. 3, a special birthday greeting is sent to **Prudencio Reyna**. On Nov. 7, a double birthday is celebrated by **VeAnn Richards** and **Emily Cruz**. A birthday greeting is sent to **Gina Gibson** Nov. 8.

Dobie High

The day for a party for **Everett Valdez** is Nov. 3. On Nov. 4, birthday wishes are sent to **Cinthya Bonilla** and **Jeff Raymer**. **Stacy Walton** enjoys a birthday Nov. 5. Having a birthday Nov. 6 is **Miguel Serna**. **Rhonda Dover**, **Monique Jackson**, **Michael Johnson** and **Charles Washington** share a birthday Nov. 7. A double birthday is celebrated by **Joy Atkins** and **Stephen Sutton** on Nov. 8. **Lori Alexander** is sent birthday wishes Nov. 9.

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

Escort of the Week

The Lariaette Escort of the Week for the week of Oct. 9 through Oct. 15 is junior Marcus Hernandez. He is the son of Maria and Raul Hernandez.

Longhorn Band Section of the Week

The J. Frank Dobie Longhorn Band announced the trombones as the Section of the Week for Oct. 17 through Oct. 22. Band Member of the Week was Chris Jackson, Student Leader of the Week was Kevin Rodriguez, and Spirit Member of the Week was Christina Tran. Trombone section members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Josh Gougis, Alberto Flores, Jesus Garcia, Alan Flores, Andres Delgado, Nathalie Yii, Paola Zavala, (back row) Tuan Phan, Babacar Faye, Taylor Surratt and Andy Reyes.

Photo submitted

Dobie first six-weeks honor roll announced

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Kevin Duc Hoang, Mai Khanh Hoangle, Nguyen Bac Hong, Mohmmed Hossain, Blake Lynell Jackson, Dante Dwayne Jackson, Rachael Annalisa Jagdeo and Clemisha Warnette Johnson.

Xavier Curtis Johnson, Chase Roderick Jones, Betty Ann Jordan, Angela Beth Kahanek, Thuyen Ai Le, Van Tuyet Le, Douglas Worthington Leighton, Edward Alexander Lewis, Kyle Robert Lohse, Zachery Morgan Long, Kacie Elyse Lowery and Gabrielle Monique Loya.

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Nyla Osiris Vasquez, Erica Cecilia Villarreal, Robert Vo, Andrew Steven Vu, Long Hoang Vu, Vivan Vu, Jasmine Gabrielle Walker, Caleb Daniel Wiechmann, Joseph Scott Wiley, Donnesha Brechay Williams, Kayla Marie Williams and Eric Anthony Wilson.

Remember When

35 years ago (1976)

Several items were on the agenda at a Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting. Included were artificial turf, a new starting time for some high school students, setting up of election procedures, a shortage of text books and the approval of $5 million in school bonds.

Citizens United for Better Schools (CUBS) formed in the South Belt area.

A meeting of the Scarsdale Civic Association resulted in many actions to be undertaken in the near future. One item included letters of intent to sue being sent to property owners not in compliance with deed restrictions.

30 years ago (1981)

Houston arson investigators said a fire at a Sagemont residence was deliberately set. Six people were asleep in the house at the time and were awakened by a smoke alarm.

The city's decision to turn down Harris County Flood Control's request to remove the bridge at Beamer and Sageorchard was rescinded for further study.

25 years ago (1986)

The suspended director of Pasadena Independent School District Food Services, Charles Ketchum, received a letter of intent to terminate his contract.

Attorney Bill Morgan was named president of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber.

20 years ago (1991)

The PISD school board tried to bridge differences between angered parents and innovative administrators. Residents expressed concerns over the elimination of honors classes at the intermediate level and the controversial report cards for elementary students.

Holiday Foods grocery store on Scarsdale at Beamer closed its doors after a decade of operation.

Prudential McCarver Realtors announced the closing of their South Belt office after nearly two decades.

15 years ago (1996)

Dobie was the first and, at that time, the only PISD school to have a Web page.

Holocaust survivor Chaja Verveer spoke at San Jacinto College. She survived the camps at Bergen-Belsen, Germany, and Theresienstadt, located in what is now the Czech Republic.

10 years ago (2001)

Donna Tran, Teresa Nguyen, Alyssa Lazenberry, Bianca Hinojosa, Amber Frey, Amber Rose, Ayo Adigun, Veronica Schneider and Marsha Nepomnichy were named to the Clear Brook Homecoming Court.

Frazier Elementary School earned its first ever exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency. Frazier and Moore elementaries were the two South Belt campuses to receive the highest ranking in the state's accountability ratings system with more than 90 percent passing rates on the reading, writing and math sections of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills in 2000-01.

Atkinson, Burnett, Freeman, Meador and Stuchbery elementaries, along with Thompson and Beverly Hills intermediate schools received recognized ratings. Jessup Elementary and Dobie High School both received district commendation.

5 years ago (2006)

Harris County jurors found Howard Joseph Holmes, 47, guilty of capital murder in the death of Sherry Arnold, 32. He was sentenced to life without parole. Holmes shot his wife Arnold once in the head during a heated argument. The capital murder verdict was because his wife was pregnant at the time of her death.

PISD officials announced the resignation of a male teacher from J. Frank Dobie High School who was accused of accessing pornography sites on school computers.

Precinct 2 deputy constables reported two arrests made as a result of three incidents of family violence.

1 year ago (2010)

The results from the Nov. 2 general and special elections were tallied. In the race for governor, Republican incumbent Rick Perry easily defeated Democrat and former Houston Mayor Bill White. U.S. Rep. Pete Olson maintained his District 22 seat, handily defeating Democratic challenger Kesha Rogers. In the Texas House District 144 race, Republican incumbent Ken Legler easily defeated Democratic opponent Rick Molina. In one of the surprising outcomes of the election, Democratic incumbent Sylvia Garcia lost her position as Harris County Precinct 2 commissioner to political newcomer Jack Morman.

In the special City of Houston election, the controversial Proposition 1 to create a dedicated pay-as-you-go fund for drainage and streets narrowly passed, receiving 51 percent of the vote. Also controversial, Proposition 3 asked if the city should continue to use red light cameras to enforce state or local laws relating to traffic safety. Houston voters decided to discontinue the program, with 53.2 percent voting against it. Houston voters also voted against Proposition 2 that asked if the city charter should be amended to provide that the required period of residency to file for the office of district council member be reduced from 12 months to 6 months preceding the Election Day for the general election in November 2011.

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Lions Club meeting set

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Free-way. For information, call 281-438-7243.

CCART to meet Nov. 8

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its November meeting of the 2011-2012 season on Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

Following a short business meeting, the featured speaker will be Vee Stansfield, who will speak regarding the Texas Retired Teachers Association Foundation.

The foundation has programs and scholarships that benefit existing and retired teachers. Past presidents of the Clear Creek Retired Teachers Association will be recognized. There will be a Thanksgiving feast after the meeting. Bring a salad, side or dessert.

All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Dues for new members and former member renewals are being accepted for 2011-2012. Annual dues are $35.

AARP Chapter 199 meets

AARP Chapter 199 will meet Friday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

This month's feature will be a program by Dr. Warren Chaney on *Increasing Ability to Process and Retain Information*.

Chaney is the CEO and founder of the Mind Technologies Institute as well as a published author, director and producer of movies and television. He lives in the Bay Area and likes to give back to the community.

The Mind Technologies Institute is a science research organization that specializes in the study of the mind and conducts workshops.

The public is invited to attend this free informative program by Chaney and learn more about the long-term benefits his workshops offer.

For general information about the Bay Area Community Center or about what AARP Chapter 199 has to offer, call 281-326-2955 or email President Carol Ledergerber, AARP Chapter 199, at cleder@hotmail.com.

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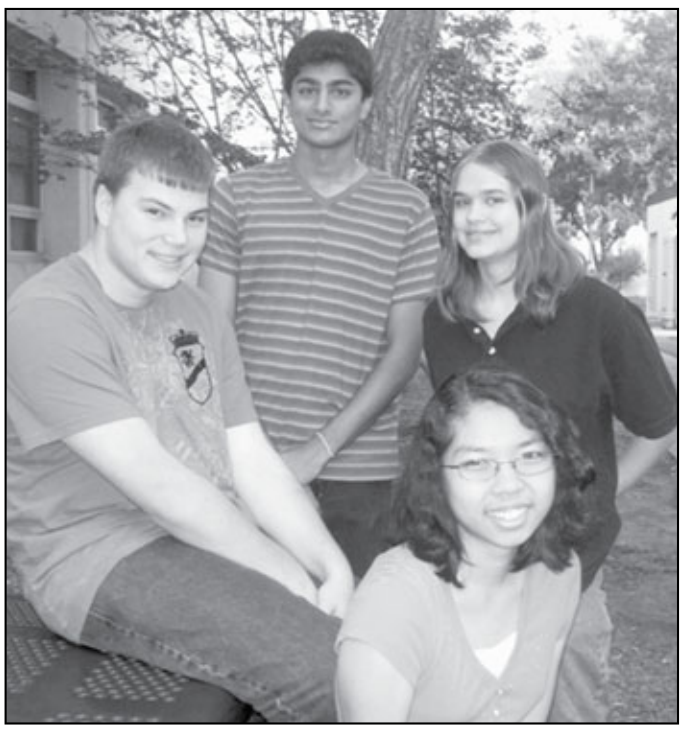

Clear Horizons names first National Merit Semifinalists

National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced the names of 16,000 National Merit Semifinalists, which represent less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors.

These academically talented seniors have an opportunity to compete for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarships.

Merit Scholars will be announced in four releases from April through July 2012.

Clear Horizons Early College High School has announced that it has four semifinalists for the first time ever. Robert Clark, Vivek Koshti, Jennifer Larson and Natasha Lie have earned the honor and are outstanding CHECHS and San Jacinto College South students.

Clark is interested in a career in mechanical engineering and robotics. He hopes to attend MIT.

Koshti would like a career in medicine and has interned at the University of Texas-Medical Branch.

Larson is interested in game programming and will pursue studies in computer science.

Lie has plans to study genetics.

Pictured at left, clockwise from left, Robert Clark, Vivek Koshti, Jennifer Larson and Natasha Lie, Clear Horizons' first National Merit Semifinalists.

Thompson first 6-weeks roll released

Thompson Intermediate School recently announced its honor roll list for the first six-weeks of the 2011-2012 school year. Students earning honor roll status are:

Honor roll

Seventh grade

Nathaly Melissa Alvarado, Jennifer Adali Amaya Argueta, Ciriah Lashell Amerson, Raven Andrews, Zachary Tristan Aomari, Saul Arenas, Valencia Rae Barrientos, Destinie Vera Theresa Bautista, Isabella Lovisa Bellini, Austin Joseph Biondo and Jazmyn Deyvion Bolden.

Stephanie Melissa Bonilla, Allison Marie Bravo, Joseph Dayliion Broussard, Derek Bui, Jonathan A. Campos, Alayna Noelle Cano, Raul Francisco Carranza, Kristy Giselle Castellon, Clarissa Marie Castillo, Zachary Edward Castillo and Diana Sarahi Chapa.

Angelique Raycine Chau, Joel Wilberto Chicas, Tonneschara Clarke, Naya Jamirra Cooper, Alyssa Victoria Corpus, Renee Elyse Coy, Alyssa Arianna Cruz, Belen Areli Cruz, Brittney Desiree Cubos, Chealse Allison Cubos, Trinity Alexus Curry and Amanda Maria Davila.

Ajah Desiree Davis, Parker Jamison Deem, Adrian Alexander Delossantos, Brynn Erin Dempsey, Alvin John Deveza, Ivan Mauricio Diaz, Alexandre Duy An Do, Jay Do, Mary Mytam Doan, Nathanael Philip Doss, Jordan Matthew Efird and Mariel Emiliano.

Dylan James Espinosa, Janneth Flores, Karen Flores, Hunter Drake Garcia, Pedro Anthony Garcia, Kevin Michael Gartner, Jazalyne Sudario Garza, Triston Allon Gibson, Jade Marie Giron, Brittany Gonzales, Leandra Gabriela Gonzales and Esbeidy Aracely Gonzalez.

Joshua James Gonzalez, Miguel Angel Gonzalez, Shelby Gonzalez, Emily Vanessa Granadoscarranza, Jeremy Wayne Green, Liliana Renee Guevara, Beatriz Hernandez, Emily Ann Hernandez, Mireya Elizabeth Hernandez, Eric Vie Hoang and Emani Mya Hollins.

Joe Angel Huerta, Thanh Cong Huynh, Rebekah Rochelle Rane Jagdeo, Cristina Jasso, Joaquin Erik Jimenez, Destiny Annebowers Karkosky, Preston Joe Kelley, Esther Yoomi Kim, Stanley Richard Krivik, Marissa Nichole Krustchinsky, Ryan Mark Lanza and Robert A. Lazo.

Sean Dang Le, Steven Le, Valeria Lomas, Nicole Rachel Lopez, Sabino Lozano, Nikolas Vincent Maffei, Amaya Meshell Martin, Marissa Martinez, Katherine Joyce Maslonka, Brooke Elane McGrath, Christa Aliza Melchor, Adriana Melissa Melendez and Eduardo A. Mendez.

Alexandra Brook Meyers, Mark Anthony Millis, Amy Miranda Montelongo, Viviana Montemayor, Deandre Maurice Moore, Mark Antony Moorman, Jesus Alberto Morales Esquivel, Hefziba Eloise Moreno, Oren Frank Moreno, Melody Rene Mostynzayas and Antony Anhkhoa Nguyen.

Catherine Ngoc Nguyen, Derek Nguyen, Dorothy Tu-Uyen Nguyen, Jaclynn Tuyet Nhi Nguyen, Johnathan Long Viet Nguyen, Nathan Truong Nguyen, Quyen Tranthuy Nguyen, Tin Nguyen, Tyson Phi Nguyen, Erinn Sidney Obrien and Donatus Chukwuka Oguamanam.

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Savanna Rae Schmidt, Brian Joseph Schoppe, Steven Serrano, Yenifer Serrano, Gustavo Serrato, Rebecca Lynn Shaffer, Brian William Dewolf Sharpe, Breasia Elaine Smith, Kishina Sherrie Smith, Nadelyn R. Smith and Lillian Morgan Spigner.

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Dustin Michael Warden, Monica Watson, Kiara Julia Wells, Grant Alexander Wilhelm, Mia'Carol Anaya Williams, Jamisson Edwin Wilson, Samaria Sasha Wilson and Alyssa L. Xayadeth.

Eighth grade

Ahmad Hussein Abusaif, Luis Alan Adame, Beulah Chinonyerem Akpan, Aliana Cristina Aleman, Adrianna Alise Allen, Cera Elizabeth Alvarado, Daniel Alvarez, Amandanicole Gabino Arambula, Cristian Ernesto Ascencio, Glynn Tahada Banks and Steven Andrew Basquez.

Jaylon Deon Bolden, Andrewnae Juchelle Botas, Hannah Marie Brady, Robert Erving Brown, Daniela Campo, Kara Ashley Campos, Mandy Thuy Cao, Katie Ann Carnish, Diana Elizabeth Castillo, Anthony Noah Caughlin, Gabriela Cavazos and Andrea Rene Cedeno.

Garrett Victor Chollett, Brandon Van Chung, Tristan Issac Cool, Kevin Joseph Cortez, Zoe Nicole Cortez, David Alejandro Cruz, Melissa Sarahi Cruz, Alyssa Nicole Cumpian, Nicole Marie Cypert, Allison Marie Dasilva and Wesley Wade Dawson.

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Marquise Juane Francis, Adriana Garcia, Aileen Victoria Garcia, Kenia Giselle Garcia, Leslie Alejandra Garcia, Selena Jasmin Garcia, Alexus Nicole Garza, Crystal Garza, Justin Allen Gee, Andrew Davendra Ghansyam, Tyler Anthony Giron and Holly Sophia Gonzales.

Sidney Taylor Gonzales, David Lee Gonzalez, Eliana Giselle Gonzalez, Vanessa Alexandra Gonzalez, Stephanie Alexis Goudeau, Leann Marie Guerrero, Sarah Crystal Guzman, Pernell Joseph Hamilton, Myles Avery Harris, Kallie Nicole Hart and Samuel Dontae Hart.

Shelby Henderer, Alexis Renee Hernandez, Michelle Ngoc Thao Hoang, Avery Kaine Hodges, Dechanelle Nickay Howell, Jason Huerta, Darius Larenz Hypolite, Aryn Danielle Ibarra, Sarathany Duong In, Jacob Ryan Izaguirre, Tea Ajuha Jackson and Brady Houston Jacobs.

La'Claudia Ty Kee Anna Labarrera, Nathan Murrell Lazenberry, Anna Nguyen Le, Bobby Nhiyen Le, Emily Ngoc Le, Autumn Lynn Lefever, Vilma Abigail Leon, Kacie Lyn Little, Sarah Ruth Loftin, Orlando Nigel Logan, Julia Michelle Lohse and Marissa Renay Longoria.

Miguel Alexis Lopez, Ana Martinez, Briana Alexis Martinez, Samantha Marie Martinez, Ruchi Maskey, Evan Thomas Mauk, Marisa Mendieta, David Zachary Mendiola-Garcia, Timesha Jenea Miller, Denisse Moreno Acosta, Jordan Chase Moreno and Jade Thi Mottu.

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Lariaette of the Week

The Lariaette of the Week for Oct. 16 through Oct. 22 is junior Niza Del Villar. She is the daughter of Rene and Adriana Del Villar.

Escort of the Week

The Lariaette Escort of the Week for Oct. 16 through Oct. 22 is sophomore Valente Sanchez. He is the son of Carlos and Monica Sanchez.

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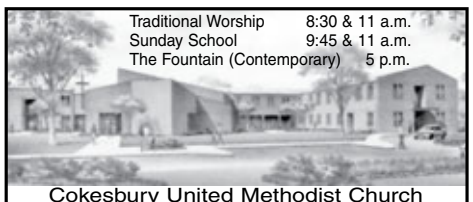
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Braden honored during educational center dedication

Frank Braden's career with the Pasadena Independent School District began in a classroom. On Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, it helped launch a center – one bearing his name.

"I've gone from 'C' to shining 'C,'" he quipped. "It's been overwhelming really."

A standing-room crowd of well-wishers paid tribute to Braden, a former Pasadena Independent School District school board member and high school principal, during the dedication of the Frank Braden Educational Support Center on the East Sam Houston Parkway.

The multipurpose office and classroom complex includes established district facilities such as The Summit, an alternative education school; Community School; and the district's Wellness Center, which opened in March.

The Braden Center name was approved to establish a common location identity for nearly a dozen major school district operations that now maintain offices there.

Braden was praised for his more than half-century of contributions to the district by PISD Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis and board of trustees member Jerry Speer, who worked for Braden as assistant principal at Dobie High School during Braden's seven-year stint as the school's principal.

Frank and Pat Braden stand in front of the education center that bears his name.

Braden was accompanied by his wife, Pat, and several other family members, including his daughters, Jean Cain, principal at the Tegeler Career Center, and Lisa Braden Lyles, an elementary school principal in Argyle, Texas.

"This community," Braden said, "has truly blessed our lives."

An Army veteran, Braden took his first job with the district in 1959 as a Texas history and world geography teacher at San Jacinto Junior High. In 1965, with the opening of Beverly Hills Intermediate, he was named assistant principal at the school. In 1972, he was named the first principal of Thompson Intermediate.

In 1979, Braden was named principal at Dobie, a position he held until 1986. After leaving Dobie, he served the district as assistant superintendent for secondary schools and area superintendent until his retirement in 1992.

In 2000, Braden was elected to the board of trustees, a position he held for 10 years. Since his retirement from the board, Braden has maintained his association with the HOSTS program at Golden Acres Elementary.

Ceremonies for Braden were held in the new Carmen Orozco Professional Development Complex, part of the Braden Center. A dedication for the Orozco Complex was held on Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. Orozco, also a former member of the board of trustees, was honored during the ceremony.

The Braden Center has undergone extensive remodeling to accommodate the district operations now housed there. Several departments formerly housed at the PISD Administration Building on Cherrybrook Lane have moved to the Braden Center in recent weeks.

Braden shares a laugh with board of trustees member Jerry Speer, who once worked for Braden during their days at Dobie High School. Both Braden and Speer served as principals for J. Frank Dobie. Also shown in the background is Frank's brother, Richard Braden, who also attended the event.

Center earns award

The Beltway 8 South Crisis Pregnancy Center of Houston was recently honored at the CareNet Annual Conference in Orlando, Fla. Left to right, Jean Killough, executive director, and Bette Robertson, nurse manager, accepted the award on behalf of the center. CareNet is an affiliation of more than 1,100 pregnancy centers nationwide, and gives this award to one center each year. Killough stated, "It is awesome to bring this recognition back to our local churches, supporters, advisors, board, staff, volunteers, and community." The plaque reads, "CARE NET Pregnancy Center Award 2011 – In recognition of outstanding dedication and service in pregnancy center ministry." The certificate also states, "Isaiah Award – Commitment to sharing the truth of life," with the following scripture reference, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I, Send me!'" Isaiah 6:8. To discover more about the center and the many ways clients receive help, visit www.LifelineCPC.org.

Photo submitted

Houston candidate answers questionnaire

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in a neighborhood. The officer arrives and the music has already been turned down because they saw the police car coming. The officer advises the people to keep the music down with a warning because he didn't hear anything. He then takes another call because we are shorthanded for police and the music is turned back up. Our officers would do better by rolling their windows down while patrolling our streets and listen for loud music violators.

The Houston Municipal Employee Pension System has seen an increase in obligations without an increase in funding, and increasing amounts of money are to be funded by taxpayers instead of by the city. Do you foresee problems in the next 5 years with the city meeting obligations to retired people?

Yes and it is going to get worse before it gets better.

Weather forecasts indicate that the drought is going to continue well into December and possibly further. What are your contingency plans for this situation should it worsen and water supplies run short?

I would have all citizens in our city and surrounding areas continue to conserve water until our reservoirs are replenished to their normal levels.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

Revamping City Incubator Program and encouraging citizens to go into business for themselves. The federal government sends Community Development monies to Houston. Our administration spends less of it and sends it back. Houston needs jobs. Citizens create jobs. With federal dollars the city could employ TSU, U of H, and Rice University Small Business Development Departments to support new businesses by providing marketing, bookkeeping, bank loan proposals, etc., at no charge. All Incubator Program new businesses could remain in the program five years, then be asked to leave the program. New businesses should hire Houstonians first. We all win.

Team Gabby collects items for homeless

Team Gabby and St. Luke's Church will host the third annual Warm Blessing Drive to benefit Houston homeless. Donations and volunteers are needed, along with new or gently used items (no cotton) of blankets, sleeping bags, coats, jackets, gloves, socks, skull caps and canned goods, now through Dec. 4, 2011.

Drop-off locations are; St. Luke's Church, Beverly Hills Intermediate, Dobie High and the Romero home, 11103 Kirkpark Drive.

Team Gabby will meet at St. Luke's on Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. and caravan from there to visit the homeless. For more information, contact Jesus Romero at 832-876-0502 or jr11103@yahoo.com.

Flood control tool . . .

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glossary and frequently asked questions that address topics about flooding risks, floodplains and flood insurance. It also contains updated information about TSARP.

While the flood plains shown on the new mapping tool are the flood plains delineated on the FEMA effective FIRM for Harris County, the mapping tool is not the effective FIRM.

Residents are urged to visit FEMA's Map Service Center at www.msc.fema.gov to view the effective FIRM, and to contact an insurance agent or mortgage lender for an official flood plain determination.

Complementary to this effort to provide the public with tools to better understand flooding risks, the HCFCD also recently introduced the Floodplain Information Line at 713-684-4150, which provides answers to frequently asked questions on topics including: flood plain information; how to obtain an official FIRM; how to obtain an official flood plain determination from official sources, such as mortgage lenders and insurance agents; and information on flood insurance and elevation certificates.

Training course offered

San Jacinto College will offer the high-end training course, Tuning Control Loops, Nov. 14-16 for those interested in advancing their skills and learning the most current technology in instrumentation.

Requested by the International Society of Automation, the course will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Anderson Building on the Central campus. It is designed for workers who want to become more proficient in the operation of areas such as components in a closed loop control system, identifying the requirements for open loop and closed loop stability, the use of three methods to tune a control system for quality control.

Instrumentation refers to devices used to control the operations of a plant. Such examples include thermometers but also more sophisticated devices that measure acidity and determine whether valves are open or closed.

For information about the course, contact the Applied Technologies and Trades at the San Jacinto College Continuing and Professional Development division at 281-476-1838.

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22-5A title on the line

It's go time as Dobie takes on Deer Park

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

A year ago at this time, the Deer Park Deer watched as the Dobie Longhorns hoisted the District 22-5A varsity football championship trophy following an easy win at Abshire Stadium in Deer Park.

Now it's time for the same two teams to battle for control of that same trophy.

Both teams have qualified for the Class 5A Division I playoffs that will take place Nov. 10-12, but little else is settled.

Playoff opponents have yet to be decided, and then there's that trophy thing. The Longhorns are trying to win their second straight crown under second-year head coach Jim Phillips.

"Deer Park is a good football team, but we feel like we can beat them this time around," Phillips said.

"They have a good quarterback (Austin Rainer), two good running backs (Demetrius Banks and Justin James) and a good receiver (Eric Luna). We have to do a good job of slowing them down."

On the other side of the coin, the Deer will have to contend with Longhorn star tailback Andrew Robinson and his mates.

Robinson, with 1,471 yards rushing this season, has averaged more than 10 yards a run. He has found the end zone 22 times, including a dazzling 89-yard kickoff return against South Houston Oct. 28 that basically put the Trojans away during Dobie's eventual 56-14 victory.

Phillips doesn't get too fancy when discussing Robinson's work on the field. Each week, Phillips repeats the same, "He's the real deal," phrase.

And Robinson is not alone. Junior tailback Patrick Hurst has seemingly improved weekly, with 68 yards rushing and a brilliant touchdown run against South Houston.

Dobie has also been more effective at getting the ball to the trio of receivers that includes Vance Leonard, Dominique Bilbo and Chris Stockman.

"We just can't turn the ball over," Phillips said. "Deer Park likes to control the ball and keep it away from you, and we can't get into that type of game.

"Offensively, we have to put up some points and then on defense make some plays and get them off the field. That's what it boils down to."

Dobie rolls SH

South Houston's vaunted passing attack was supposed to give Dobie fits, but that scenario never materialized as the Longhorns used a 50-0 run to close out the Trojans 56-14 at Veterans Stadium.

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At left, Dobie receiver Dominique Bilbo (5) breaks away from the South Houston defense on his way to the end zone during the Longhorns' 56-14 rout of the Trojans Oct. 28, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. In pursuit is South Houston's Miguel Elizondo (52) and Isaac Garza (26).

Eventual Region III champs down Dobie netters

Thanks to an unlucky draw, Dobie's stay at the Region III varsity tennis tournament was a short one, but that didn't keep head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. from being proud of his troops.

The Longhorns lost 19-0 in the round of 16 to eventual Region III champion Houston Memorial, which went on to defeat Clements 10-2 in the final to reach the state tournament.

As for Dobie, the team's season ended at 10-14 overall, but the program made its way to regionals for the fifth time in eight years.

"We knew going into it that as the No. 2 seed from our district, any opponent we drew was likely going to be tough," Moreno said. "In our part of the draw, it was either Houston Memorial or Clear Lake, and we drew Memorial.

"Memorial was the best team we have faced in my 13 years here at Dobie. It would not surprise me at all to see them win the state championship. That's how good they are."

Throughout much of the regional, the first team to reach 10 victories out of the possible 19 matches was deemed the winner, but Moreno and Houston Memorial coach Bud Booth agreed to play out the string.

Dobie's Claudius Schmid fared well in the No. 1 boys' singles slot, competing nicely against one of the state's top players, Grant Reichman. In the end, Reichman won the match 6-1, 6-3.

The Longhorns' Tony Teiu also played well in the No. 3 boys' singles pairing before slipping 6-3, 6-2 to Sam Giammalva, the son of Sammy Giammalva, who was once ranked in the top 10 in men's professional tennis.

"Our kids competed well, even though a lot of the scores didn't show it," Moreno said. "I tip my hat to coach Booth at Memorial for allowing us to play all 19 matches.

"I wanted our seniors to have that one last chance to compete at regionals, and

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First round fells Dobie, Brook VB

The high school volleyball season has come to an abrupt end for the Dobie and Clear Brook varsity teams.

Both teams dropped bidistrict playoff round matches Nov. 1, bringing the season to a close.

Dobie lost to Baytown Sterling in straight sets at Phillips Field House, as the Lady Rangers produced winning sets of 25-14, 25-20 and 25-14 to complete the win in roughly an hour, 20 minutes.

At Dawson, Clear Brook went against District 23-5A champion Clements and lost in four sets as the Lady Rangers, not to be confused with Sterling, won 25-11,

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Tyler eliminates SJC soccer in OT

Given the issues the San Jacinto College soccer team has had to deal with this year, the season's sudden ending likely came as no surprise to the team or its coach, David Santesteban.

Battling defending national champion Tyler down to the wire on Tyler's home field, San Jacinto ultimately fell 1-0 in double overtime Oct. 29.

Just like that, the players' equipment has been turned in and the offseason has begun. Somehow, it just doesn't seem fair.

Shortly before the start of conference play, the team was dealt a heavy blow after player Jose Perez was killed in an automobile accident near the South campus. Late in the season, the Coyotes lost two of their top offensive players to season-ending knee injuries.

Still, the Coyotes soldiered on. The locals defeated Coastal Bend 2-1 in the Region XIV semifinals Oct. 28 then went up against old nemesis Tyler for a chance to make the sectional final.

San Jacinto dropped each of its three games to Tyler for the second straight season, but there's no doubt the rivalry continues.

New Covenant has benefit

New Covenant Christian Church will have a benefit golf tournament Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Southwyck Golf Club, 2901 Clubhouse Drive in Pearland, beginning at 8 a.m.

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Local sports news, notes

SBGSA offers early sign-up costs

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has set "Early, Early Bird" spring 2012 registration for those seeking to play. The first registration date is Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is $70. There is a $5 sibling discount, with the first child paying $70 and each additional child in the same household paying $65. Fundraisers will be revealed in January. Additional "Early Bird" registration dates will be offered in December. The cost will rise to $75, with a $5 sibling discount. Regular spring registration will be held in early January

SBHLL to debut Challenger BB

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

Texans 9-U select baseball

The Texans select baseball program is seeking serious players for upcoming 9-under division action in both the Nations Baseball and United States Specialty Sports Association leagues. Tryouts are currently set for Saturday, Nov. 5. For more tryout details, including a location and times, call coach Craig Redmon at 281-236-5112.

Warriors 10-U select baseball

The Southeast Elite Warriors 10-under select baseball team will host tryouts for the 2012 select season in the Nations Baseball and Baseball USA leagues. The tryouts will be held at Bishop Park Saturday, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bishop Park is on Blackhawk between Hughes Road and Scarsdale. For more information, call Travis Watson Sr. at 832-587-7602 or Isreal Ramos at 832-287-1588, or direct email to southeastelitewarriors@yahoo.com.

Bay Area Knights select baseball

The Bay Area Knights will host a tryout for players in the 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13-year-old age groups Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at Pecan Park in La Porte. The park is located at 3600 Canada Street. For more information, call K.C. Lare at 832-250-6163 or Danny Garza at 832-419-5407.

South Belt football predictions

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Dickinson at Clear Brook	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
La Porte at Beaumont West Brook	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Brazoswood at Clear Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs
South Houston vs. Pasadena Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	South Houston	Memorial	Memorial
Channelview at North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Crosby at Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Crosby	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill
Manvel at Dawson	Dawson	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Dawson	Dawson
Clear Creek vs. Clear Lake	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek
Pasadena vs. Sam Rayburn	Pasadena	Pasadena	Pasadena	Pasadena	Pasadena	Pasadena
This week's record	4-6	8-2	6-4	5-5	8-2	7-3
Season record	68-32	73-27	75-25	62-38	70-30	69-31

Thompson Lions' football teams move on to playoff final games

Thompson continued its memorable football season, advancing to the championship game in three Pasadena Independent School District division.

Lions 8A 26
Southmore 0

The Thompson Lions' eighth-grade A football team marched into the PISD's championship game after beating the Southmore Bulldogs 26-0.

The Bulldogs did not make it easy, and the Lions had to fight for every yard in the game.

Chandler Tisby and Jaylon Bolden both scored twice to give the Lions their try at the championship.

Quarterback Tyler Giron made several great plays both with his feet and his arm.

Jason Lester and Tyson Thompson did their part by catching passes that led to first downs.

The defense held another opponent scoreless with fine play from Nygee Washington, Kenneth Gibson, Michael Rose, Travorus Gilbert, Derek Brown, Cody Murray and Kaelon Woods.

The win sent the Lions to a perfect 8-0 heading into the PISD championship game against Beverly Hills.

Lions 7A 16
Beverly Hills 13

The seventh-grade A Lions' team got its wish to play Bondy for the district championship by downing the Beverly Hills Bears 16-13.

The defense came through when it needed to by stopping the Bears short of the goal line at the end of the game.

The Lions' offense then added a final score to put the game away.

The offense was led by Josh Cooper and Isaiah Stoneham, who scored the touchdowns for the Lions.

The entire offensive line played its best game of the year while opening holes for the Lion running backs.

Landen Cunningham did his part by leading the team down the field to score.

The key to the win came from Edwin Saldivar, who provided both 2-point kicks for the winning margin.

The defensive players earned the win with the help of the hit of the game from Gustavo Amaya.

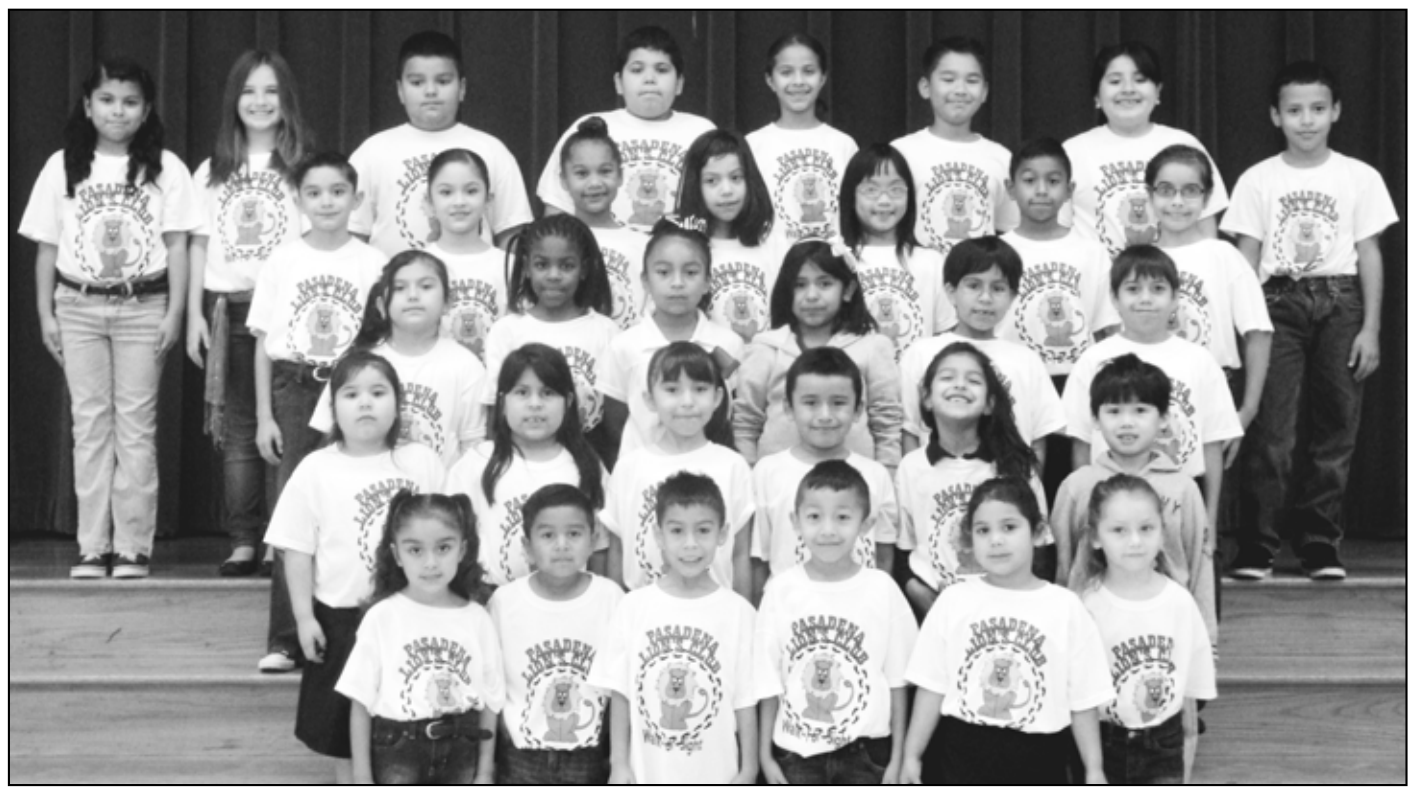
Brandon Wilson, Jonatan Zapata, Isaiah Allen, James Johnson and a host of teammates sealed the win with their strong play.

The Lions met the Southmore Bulldogs for the championship.

Meanwhile, the Lions' eighth-grade B team played Beverly Hills for first place, while the Lions' seventh-grade B team played for third place against the Bondy Patriots.

Results of those games will appear in the Nov. 10 issue.

Atkinson Elementary students take part in Walk For Sight



Thirty-three Atkinson Elementary students took part in the Walk For Sight program, which raises funds to help Pasadena Independent School District students who are not able to afford eyeglasses obtain them. In all, the Atkinson students raised $1,249. Those students included, left to right, (front row) Stephanie Gonzalez, Christian Covarrubias, Aaron Rivas, Joseph Ontiveros, Jazmine Arriaga, Jaclyn Vandiver, (second row) Ruby Arriaga, Anastasia Dominguez, Vanessa Hinojosa, Nathaniel Montemayor, Isabella Lara, Martin Nguyen, (third row) Janet Armenta, Liberty Anderson, Liyah Alfaro, Marissa Ramirez, Matthew Dominguez, Sergio Valdez, (fourth row) Fernando Gonzalez, Leslie Gonzalez, Delia Grantham, Olivia Batres, Julia Bui, Nathan Covarrubias, Angela Chapa, (back row) Patricia Medina, Lilliana Ferrell, Alex Lara, Alberto Arriaga, Charlize Tamayo, Adrian Intgroen, Sofia Miranda and Darren Ortiz.

McDonald's Texas invite Nov. 17-19

The 2011 McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament, featuring dozens of the state's top-ranked teams, is coming to the area Nov. 17-19.

Forty-eight varsity boys' teams will be joined by 32 varsity girls' teams to comprise one of the largest tournaments of its kind nationally.

The games will be played at 10 different locations over the three days, and the Gold Division I boys' championship game will be played Nov. 19 at Phillips Field House.

The Dobie High School varsity boys' and girls' teams will both be included in the field in the Division II mix. Clear Brook's varsity girls' team is not in the field this season after being a regular participant for several years.

Each of the teams in the tournament will take part in pool play games Thursday, Nov. 17, before being sent to bracket play for Nov. 18-19.

The Longhorns' teams will engage in each of the pool play games at Dobie High School, with the Dobie boys facing Spring Branch Memorial and Klein Collins, and the girls going against San Antonio Jay and Dickinson.

There will be complete pre-tournament coverage, including a full schedule of games, in the Nov. 10 issue of the *Leader*.

There is also a tournament website featuring tournament history, game times, ticket prices and more at www.texasinvitational.com.

Nov. 17 Pool Play Games

Dobie girls vs. Dickinson, noon
Dobie boys vs. S.B. Memorial, 1:30
Dobie girls vs. S.A. Jay, 4:30
Dobie boys vs. Klein Collins, 6:30
All games played at Dobie H.S.

Brook, Dobie girls' hoops set to open season Nov. 7

There is no break in the high school action as the girls' basketball season is quickly approaching.

Dobie will debut its group Monday, Nov. 7, at Friendswood as the Lady Longhorns look to get off to a solid start with three-year letterman Shanequa Gaston leading the way.

Clear Brook will get started Tuesday, Nov. 8, by hosting Atascocita.

Both Dobie and Clear Brook advanced to the playoffs last season, but everything starts anew.

As usual, Dobie head coach Shane Brown is taking a cautious approach to the season after the Lady Longhorns reached the area round a season ago.

"This is the youngest team we've had, in terms of experience, since I've been here," Brown said.

We've got some great kids who are working hard to understand and execute our system. They're about to get a baptism by fire as we will play five games and participate in two tournaments within the first month of the season.

Dobie will play in the Baytown Tip-Off Classic Nov. 10-12, where the team is expected to face a bevy of tough competition. The team will also compete in the prestigious McDonald's Texas Invitational.

As for the District 22-5A race that begins the first week of January, Brown feels as though the competition will be as tough as ever.

"The district race will be as tight as it's ever been," Brown predicted. "Deer Park is the returning district champion, and with Tabitha Hawthorne coming back, they are the team to beat.

"Although Rayburn lost Megan Scott, this playoff team brings back a great deal of experience. Memorial has Jessica Elkins back with two years under her belt."

And for the second straight season, Brown predicts big things from South Houston. The Lady Trojans let some close games slip away a season ago, but Brown thinks South Houston will make things a lot more difficult this season.

"In my opinion, the team to watch out for is South Houston. Coach G's group is senior laden. They are the most athletic team in the district and have played well in the preseason. I'd pencil them in for the post season."

At Clear Brook, head coach Blair Redmon is excited about the potential of her bunch.

"We are looking forward to an exciting season," Redmon said after getting her program to the playoffs a season ago.

"The kids have work ed extremely hard to prepare for our tough preseason schedule.

"We are young with three seniors and four juniors to go with six sophomores. It's looking like it's going to be an exciting year for Brook basketball!"

Dolphin seniors, Cowboy juniors advance to BAFL conference finals

The Southbelt Dolphins senior division team and the Sagemont Cowboys junior division squad are now one win away from advancing to the Super Bowl.

Both teams won Bay Area Football League quarterfinal playoff games, advancing to the American Conference championship games on Saturday, Nov. 5.

The resepective teams will be in action at Dobie High School, home field of the Ellington Rams.

The Dolphins will be involved in the first game of the day at 9 a.m. against the Texas City Stingrays.

The Cowboys will then face the Pearland Patriots at 10:45 a.m.

Senior Dolphins 14
Alvin Raiders 7

The senior Dolphins pulled an upset to advance in playoffs, knocking off the top-seeded Alvin Raiders 14-7.

Southbelt struck for the first score in the first quarter as Alex Williams burst 10 yards for a touchdown. Isaac Santos then reeled in the 2-point conversion as the Dolphins led 8-0.

Santos later recovered a fumbled kickoff return to keep the Raiders in check.

After that, a defensive battle ensued as the two teams battled back and forth.

The Raiders scored a touchdown in the third quarter and then ran for the conversion to get within 8-7.

Still in the third quarter, the Dolphins' Jaizac Garcia rumbled into the end zone on a 2-yard run to complete the scoring.

Junior Cowboys 20
Ellington Rams 6

The Cowboys junior team beat the Rams 20-6 to advance to the conference-championship game.

The scoring started when Ajare Sanni scored from 30 yards out.

Braelon Hill then had a touchdown run from 60 yards out.

Late in the game, Kendrek Christian hit Seth Barber for a 15-yard touchdown pass. Gavin Garcia and Hill added extra-point runs. Also running the ball well was Jacob Sulak, Reece Dawson and Zaid Harris.

Great blocking up front was turned in by Dominic Tamez, Dimitri Giannakopoulos, Tony Agirre, Dustin Dominguez, Arturo Ludek, R.J. Ortega, Jacob McMurrough, Jacob Hinojosa, Nick Gonzalez and Eli Mazzochetti-Seidel.

Outstanding defense was played by Cole Burgess, Seth Gutierrez, Keandre Green, Ian Lowrey, Elijah Dorsey, Max Garcia, Hayden Broussard, Dominguez, Giannakopoulos, Agirre, Dawson, Sulak, Barber, Sanni and Hill.

Dominguez, Barber and Harris also had fumble recoveries as the Cowboys went on to win, getting closer to the Super Bowl.

Semifinal Playoff Games

Saturday, Nov. 5

Senior Dolphins vs. Texas City
at Dobie H.S., 9 a.m.

Junior Cowboys vs. Pearland Patriots
at Dobie H.S., 10:45 a.m.

Dobie High School

Varsity Girls' Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 7	at Friendswood	7:30
Nov. 10-12	at Baytown Tip-off Classic	TBA
Nov. 15	Madison	7:30
Nov. 17-19	at McDonald's Invitational	TBA
Nov. 22	at Cinco Ranch	7:00
Nov. 29	at Kingwood	7:00
Dec. 2	Clear Brook	7:30
Dec. 5	at Dulles	7:00
Dec. 9	MacArthur	7:30
Dec. 14	Baytown Sterling	7:30
Dec. 16	at Beaumont West Brook	3:00
Dec. 27-29	at Barbers Hill tourn.	TBA
Jan. 3	Port Arthur Memorial	7:30
Jan. 6	*at South Houston (PFH)	7:30
Jan. 10	*Deer Park	7:30
Jan. 13	*Pasadena	7:30
Jan. 17	*at Pasadena Memorial	7:30
Jan. 20	*Sam Rayburn	7:30
Jan. 24	*South Houston (PFH)	7:30
Jan. 27	*at Deer Park	7:30
Jan. 31	*at Pasadena	7:30
Feb. 3	*Pasadena Memorial	7:30
Feb. 7	*Sam Rayburn	7:30

(PFH) Phillips Field House * 22-5A game

Brook High School

Varsity Girls' Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 8	Atascocita	7:00
Nov. 11	Eisenhower	5:00
Nov. 14	at Kingwood Park	7:00
Nov. 17-19	at Allen tourn.	TBA
Nov. 29	at The Woodlands	7:00
Dec. 2	at Dobie	7:30
Dec. 6	Spring	7:00
Dec. 8-9	at Clear Creek tourn.	TBA
Dec. 13	*at Pearland	7:00
Dec. 16	*Dickinson	7:00
Dec. 20	*Alvin	1:00
Dec. 27-29	at Willis Holiday Classic	TBA
Jan. 3	*at Clear Creek	7:00
Jan. 6	*at Clear Springs	7:00
Jan. 10	*Brazoswood	7:00
Jan. 13	*at Clear Lake	7:00
Jan. 17	*Pearland	7:00
Jan. 20	*at Dickinson	7:00
Jan. 24	*at Alvin	7:00
Jan. 27	*Clear Lake	7:00
Jan. 31	*Clear Springs	7:00
Feb. 3	*at Brazoswood	7:00
Feb. 7	*Clear Lake	7:00

* 24-5A game

Former Dobie athletic trainer Felts visits White House

Catherine Felts, a 2008 Dobie High School graduate, had a great lifetime experience as she visited the White House along with members of the Texas A&M University women's basketball program.

As part of what has become a standing tradition in recent years, the Aggies were invited to the White House to be honored for winning the 2011 Division I women's basketball national title.

Felts worked last year as a student trainer under head staff trainer Mike Ricke with the basketball team for the 2010-2011 season.

During the trip to Washington, D.C., the A&M visitors experienced a day full of exciting events.

They started their day with a personal tour of the Capitol led by a recent graduate of A&M, and had the chance to meet and visit with Rep. Bill Flores and Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn.

From there, the group went to the recently unveiled Martin Luther King Jr. memorial.

In the afternoon, the A&M bunch headed to the White House and got a first-class tour of the facilities.

The finishing act included a ceremony in the White House Rose Garden as President Barack Obama personally congratulated Texas A&M head coach Gary Blair and the team for a job well done.

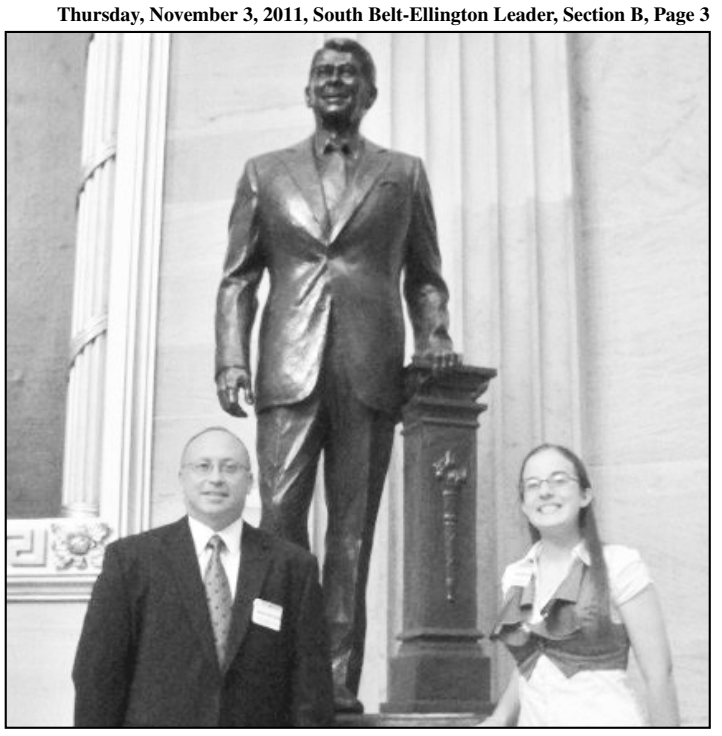
He also commended the girls on being such great role models.

Following the ceremony, the team held a clinic for middle school students from the city, and the youths got a chance to learn a few moves.

That evening, the group enjoyed dinner with the D.C. A&M club and got to visit with many fellow Aggie graduates

Felts, who was a student athletic trainer in high school, is thankful for the care and expertise she received from former Longhorn athletic trainers Chad Barrett and Justin Sellers.

Without the experience at Dobie, Felts knows she likely would have never made her way to the White House and enjoyed such a trip of a lifetime.



At right, Texas A&M University women's athletic trainers Mike Ricke and Catherine Felts stand in front of Ronald Reagan's statue at the Capitol.

Lions' 7C team tops Texas City

It was a game to remember for the Thompson Intermediate seventh-grade C football team as the unit took its act to Texas City High School's Stingaree Stadium to play the unbeaten Texas City squad.

The game began with the host team going down the field and scoring on its first possession. Things did not look good, but Thompson would not give up in the game.

From there, the Lions tightened up their play and went on to win the game 19-13 for one of the biggest wins of the season.

Those contributing to the victory were Ricky Cavazos, Joel Chicas, Ivan Diaz, Nathan Doss, Louis Holmes, DeJean Jollivette, Jeantrel Jollivette, Brandon Jones, Stanley Krivik, Jonathan Mendoza, Hector Moreno, Oren Moreno, Martio Rainey, Tyran Rainey, Angel Sanchez, Brian Sharpe, David Strout and Joe Thomas.

SBYSC sells raffle tix

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is selling a limited number of raffle tickets that will give ticket owners the chance to win a new car.

The event, deemed the Chevy Youth Soccer program, is a fundraising effort to help youth leagues such as the SBYSC raise monies for costs associated with operating the league.

The drawing will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15, and SBYSC officials must turn the tickets in for the raffle on Nov. 25.

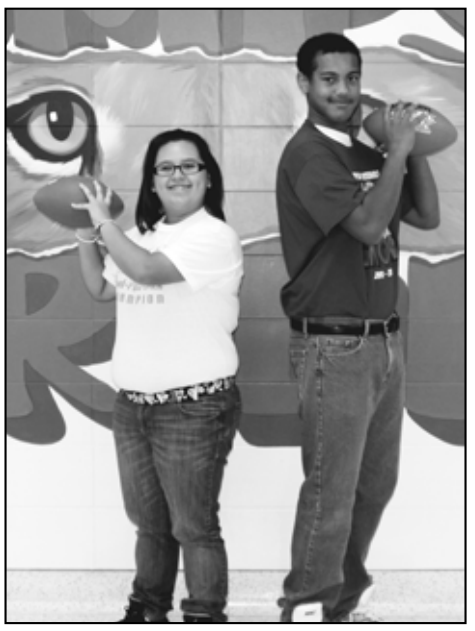
For more information on how to obtain a raffle ticket, call SBYSC president Alex Dokhani at 281-546-6850.

Meador's Flores a PPK winner

At right. Amanda Flores (left), a third-grade student at Meador Elementary, won first place in the Pasadena Independent School District's Punt, Pass and Kick competition in the 8-9-year-old division. With Flores is Meador physical education instructor Kathy Taylor.

Lions' students take PPK titles

At right, Thompson Intermediate student Clarissa Sanchez (left) won the Pasadena Independent School District Punt, Pass and Kick title in the 12-13-year-old girls' division while fellow student Ty Williams captured first place in the 14-15-year-old boys' division.



Dobie softball/baseball honors top fundraiser golfers

The championship team from the Dobie baseball/softball fundraising golf tournament was congratulated by Dobie varsity girls' softball coach Robin Rackley (far left) and Dobie varsity baseball coach Miguel Torres (far right). The winners included, from left, Tony Gutierrez, Joe Gutierrez, Warren Crawford and Connen Crawford.

The second-place team from the Dobie baseball/softball fundraising golf tournament was honored by Dobie varsity girls' softball coach Robin Rackley (far left) and Dobie varsity baseball coach Miguel Torres (far right). The members of the team included, from left, Tim Garner, Steve Medina and Balterman Gonzalez.

The third-place team from the Dobie baseball/softball fundraising golf tournament was honored by Dobie varsity girls' softball coach Robin Rackley (far left) and Dobie varsity baseball coach Miguel Torres (far right). The members of the team included, from left, Jon Zera, Steve Romero and-Kyle Larson. Not pictured is player Mike Jones.

Pasadena Independent School District
2011 Punt, Pass & Kick Winners

Girls 8-9-YO Division
Participant, School, Score
Amanda Flores, Meador, 120.31
Emily Rangel, S. Houston, 108.6
Abril Martinez, Red Bluff, 108.5

Boys 8-9-YO Division
Participant, School, Score
Jesse Betancourt, Genoa, 176.7
Raul Hernandez, Pearl Hall, 174.4
Bryan Zavala, Gardens, 162.5

Girls 10-11-YO Division
Participant, School, Score
Brooklyn Balderas, Keller, 147.31
Breniesha Williams, Bush, 147.2
Karen Galvan, Milstead, 146.9

Boys 10-11-YO Division
Participant, School, Score
Austin Gonzalez, Park View, 213.9
Rolando Garcia, Fisher, 213.0
Justin Silva, De Zavala, 209.3

Girls 12-13-YO Division
Participant, School, Score
Clarissa Sanchez, Thompson, 220.10
Alejandra Montes, Schneider, 188.11
Jacqueline Garcia, Melillo, 183.2

Boys 12-13-YO Division
Participant, School, Score
Isaiah Huerta, S. Houston, 318.6
Esteban Ponce, Miller, 294.7
Edward Cruz, Park View, 288.9

Girls 14-15 YO Division
Participant, School, Score
Destiny Ramos, Southmore, 238.11
Stephanie Bonano, Jackson, 203.7
Alejandra Andrade, Park View, 185.2

Boys 14-15-YO Division
Participant, School, Score
Ty Williams, Thompson, 309.2
Josue Villalta, Beverly Hills, 273.1
Nicholas Fuselier, Miller, 270

CALENDAR

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

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

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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7 a.m.

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

Noon

Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous – The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

11 a.m.

Al-Anon Meeting - Women Only – Meets each Saturday morning from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

6 p.m.

Frontier Squares – Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7 a.m.

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

9 a.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

New Directions Singles Club – New Directions Singles support meetings are held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For further information, call Jerry at 832-279-8106 or Linda at 409-392-6886.

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

7 p.m.

Grief Support Group – "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at 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, NOVEMBER 8

7 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

CCART – The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. They are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook near the Landolt Pavilion. All Texas retired school employees from all surrounding school districts are welcome to attend and join this organization. Annual dues are $35.

10 a.m.

American Begonia Society – Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Pasadena Town Square Community Room. For more information, call 713-946-4237 or 713-941-7158.

10:30 a.m.

Tri-County Republican Women – General meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month except June and July at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland. A luncheon is available. To make reservations, call 281-484-8083.

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.

2 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – TOPS #1530 meets at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint, from 2 to 4 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

6:30 p.m.

Green Thumb Series – The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening lectures the second Tuesday of each month at the Clear Lake Meeting Room (lakeside) at 5001 Nasa Parkway. Programs will be held at 6:30 p.m. Visit the Web site for a list of topics and location at www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu or call 281-991-8437.

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6:30 p.m.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club – Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.
7 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church – St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.
Houston Space City Lions Club – Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.
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.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday. from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Club – Meets the second and fourth week of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information.
11:30 a.m.
American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter – Now meets at Perry's Italian Grill, 1001 Pinelock in Houston on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information or to R.S.V.P., call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202.
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 second Wednesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199 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.
DivorceCare Group - CT Church – DivorceCare Group meetings are held at CT Church, 9701 Almeda Genoa Road, every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room #1201. The support group is for separated and divorced individuals. Child care is provided. For more information, call 713-944-4815, email divorcecare@ctchurch.tv, or visit http://ctchurch.tv/ministries.html#17.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center – Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturn ing point.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.
Bay Area New Democrats – Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 16603 Buccaneer Drive, across from the new Clear Lake Library. For more information, contact John Cobarruvias at john.cobarruvias@bayareanewdemocrats.org or visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.
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9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse – meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Fellowship of Friends, 144 Park Avenue in League City. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others to the interdenominational meeting.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network – American Business Women's Association-South meets on the second Thursday of each month at MiMi's Cafe in the Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway Street, #1600. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is $20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.
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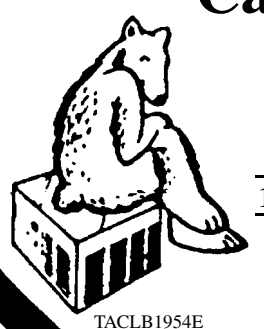

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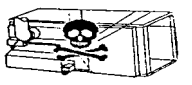

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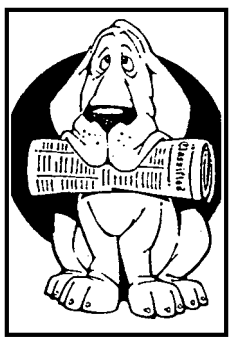

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Dobie blitzes South Houston FB

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The Robinson show started early as he raced 30 yards for the game's opening touchdown not quite four minutes deep in the game.

Thanks to Dobie's botched snap on the extra point, South Houston was able to bounce back for a brief lead as quarterback Rudis Requeno found his top target, Torre Daniel, for a score.

Down 7-6 with four minutes remaining in the first quarter, Dobie went up as Robinson raced 19 yards for a touchdown. After Patrick Hurst's 2-point run, the Longhorns led 14-7.

The game stayed that way until South Houston delivered a miserable six-minute stretch just before halftime.

The Trojans first bypassed a possible 29-yard field attempt with the score 14-7 and instead fell short on a fourth-and-four run play.

Dobie subsequently took possession of the ball and used 12 plays to go 86 yards as Hurst covered the final 24 yards with a nifty run down the right sideline.

Up 21-7 with 2 minutes, 24 seconds left in the half, Dobie pooched the ensuing kickoff, only to watch South Houston muff the ball. Dobie's Jurmarcus Shelvin recovered the ball at the South Houston 37-yard line.

From there, it took just two plays before Robinson scored his third touchdown, this one a 22-yard burst, giving the Longhorns a 28-7 lead.

South Houston's problems were far from over. The Trojans again fell short on a fourth-down play in their own territory, setting the Longhorns up at the Trojans' 38-yard line with :51 to play.

Longhorns' quarterback Deandre Bolden found Dominique Bilbo on a crossing route over the middle. Bilbo then outraced the Trojans' defense for a 34-yard touchdown and a 35-7 lead.

When Robinson went 89 yards for a touchdown on the opening kickoff of the second half, the game was surely over.

As has been the case often in recent weeks, Dobie's reserve players had a chance to compete in the game rather early.

Defensively, Kerry Henderson recorded a sack as part of a big game for him. The Longhorns' Demetris Green returned an interception 55 yards for a late score as the rout continued.

So all of the preliminary bouts have played out, and Dobie and Deer Park have for the second year been left standing to decide the 22-5A title.

Both teams figure to simply pit their respective strengths against one another and see what unfolds.

"Both teams know what is at stake," Phillips said. "We know what they can do, and I'm sure they have seen what we can do. If we can play mistake-free football and do what we do best, I like our chances of coming out on top."

Dobie receiver Chris Stockman (19) had another solid game against South Houston as the Longhorns' pass catchers continued to get more comfortable with quarterback Deandre Bolden.

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Longtime South Belt area resident Jimmy De Los Santos (far right) and his umpiring crew showed their support for breast cancer awareness throughout this month, donning pink shirts during tournament games at the South Belt Girls Softball Association facility. Members of the crew are, left to right, (front row) Lillian Lee, Ernest Fernandez, Hector Alonzo, Henry Gutierrez, Sean Wilkerson, Jimmy De Los Santos, (back row) Mike Garza, Terrance Whialey, Mike Tomlin, George Mijares and Julia De Los Santos.

Longhorns' tennis coach reflects on regional advance

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they were able to do that. Coach Booth acted congenial in letting us do that, and I appreciate it."

So the fall team tennis season is complete for Dobie, but it was a memorable one.

Coming into the season in early August, Moreno knew his team would have to progress well in order to have a chance to advance.

On the girls' side of things, there were several players with very little varsity experience.

But as time passed, several of those girls' players did indeed step up.

Van Le played very well, usually in the No. 2 girls' slot, and Osaka Heng was one of the team's most consistent players throughout the season.

And then there was Ivette Alba, who was perhaps the team's most pleasant surprises this season.

"Ivette played through some pain at times, and she managed to find a way to win a lot of big matches for us.

"Van Le and Osaka did a great job for us, and I also credit Ivette with doing a great job for us. Her play was a big key for us."

On the boys' side of things, a big lift came from the arrival of German exchange student Claudius Schmid, who stepped into the No. 1 boys' singles slot and also played No. 1 doubles with Ruben Vargas, a freshman.

"Claudius obviously came in and played very well for us," Moreno said.

"As for Ruben, I wasn't sure what to expect from him, with him coming in as a freshman and such. But Ruben played very well for us, and he has a bright future.

"Overall, I'm so proud of the kids. Seemingly every year, kids in this program find a way to do something special, and these kids did that again."

Despite loss, Brook FB has shot

The District 24-5A varsity football race may come down to the final week.

Despite a 42-10 loss to Pearland Oct. 28, the Clear Brook Wolverines, now 2-4 in league play, still have a chance to make the playoffs as the fourth and final seed.

Clear Springs, Pearland and Clear Creek have already grabbed the top three spots, but there remains a race for the final spot.

In the final week, Brazoswood (3-3) must play at Clear Springs, while Alvin (2-4) finishes with Pearland.

Clear Brook and Dickinson, both 2-4, will meet Saturday, Nov. 5, in the final 24-5A regular season game. If Alvin and Brazoswood lose, the Clear Brook/Dickinson winner will advance to the playoffs.

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18-25, 25-9, 25-14. Clear Brook senior outside hitter Anita Permenter, playing in her final match as a Lady Wolverine, had 17 kills in the match. Clements got 12 kills from Summer Kisner.

In other bidistrict matchups, Clear Creek, Clear Lake and Pearland advanced to the area round out of 24-5A. As for Dobie's 22-5A district, Deer Park and Pasadena Memorial moved on.

The season came to a quick end for both teams despite great seasons for the Lady Longhorns and Lady Wolverines.

Dobie wound up dropping its final three matches.

After falling in the regular season finale to Deer Park in straight sets, the Lady Longhorns met Pasadena Memorial to decide playoff seedings. In that match Oct. 28, Memorial outlasted Dobie 26-24, 24-26, 25-22, 22-25, 15-9 to grab the No. 2 seed.

At right, Dobie junior outside hitter Sobia Bhatty (4) hits over the block of Baytown Sterling's Lindsey Fess (6) and Brooke Johnson (4) during Sterling's bidistrict playoff win Nov. 1, at Phillips Field House.
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Lady Lions' 7 Dark VB wins consolation

Thompson Intermediate's seventh-grade Dark team won the consolation trophy at the Pasadena Independent School District tournament, winning two of three matches along the way. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Alayna Cano, Belen Cruz, Raene Oliveira, (second row) Jocylin Reyes, Karis Pham, Camryn Ridge, Jara Edwards, Allison Bravo, (back row) coach Ashley Chaddock, Desiree Flores, Shelby Gonzalez, Mariah Delafuente, Erinn O'Brien and Sylar Rocha.