

# South Belt Teather Ellington

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#### Wiseman visits South Belt

Houston City Councilmember Addie Wiseman will host an informal meet and greet from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at The Gardens 12001 Beamer, Wiseman is term limited and is in her last year as councilmember. For more information, contact Council Member Wiseman's office at 713-247-2008.

#### Baseball hosts bingo night

The Dobie High School Diamond Club will sponsor a bingo night fund-raiser Saturday. Oct. 20, from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Dobie cafete ria. Funds raised will be used for field improvements. The goal is to purchase a large full-size scoreboard. Tickets are \$25 for 10 games of bingo and can be purchased from Dobie baseball players or at the door. Cash prizes will be awarded. For information, call Roy Grant at 713-740-0370, ext. 04193.

#### Heavy trash pickup set

Heavy trash pickup for city of Houston res idents who live north of Beltway 8 (inside the loop) will be on the third Thursday of the month, Oct. 18. For those who live south of the beltway, pick up will be Thursday, Oct. 28.

#### Atkinson posts fund-raiser

Atkinson Elementary will host a spaghetti dinner Thursday, Oct. 25, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold through Oct. 18 at the school from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Adult tickets are \$7.50, and with each adult ticket purchased, one child eats free. Additional children's tickets are \$2.50 each. At the door, tick ets will sell for \$10 each. A silent auction wil take place during the dinner.

#### Lariaettes hold garage sale

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold a garage sale Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate on Beamer.

#### Master Genealogists meet

Master Genealogists will meet Saturday. Oct. 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parker Williams Library on Scarsdale. The group is open to beginners through advanced users. There will be instructions, discussion and handouts. For information, call 409-744-4359, 281-337-1054 713-946-7555 or e-mail bdunquez@aol.com.

#### Shrimp boil at Cokesbury

The Cokesbury United Methodist Men will nost a shrimp boil at the church on Saturday Oct. 20. Shrimp will be available for sale from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The church is located at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

#### Bridgegate holds meeting

The Bridgegate Community Group will meet Sunday, Oct. 21, at 4 p.m. at Blackhawk Park (corner of Blackhawk and Fuqua).

#### Dance committee meets

The Thompson eighth-grade dance committee will meet Monday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. All interested parents should attend For information, contact Dawn McDonald at thompsonptoad@yahoo.com.

#### Lariaettes keeping busy

The Lariaette Booster Club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie media room. The Lariaettes will host their third annual Hand and Stand Clinic Thursday, Oct. 25. from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Dobie dance room.

The clinic is open to kindergarten through eighth-graders. Participants will learn routines and may perform with the Lariaettes at Dobie's football game Saturday, Nov. 3. Clinic fee i \$35 – cashier's check or money order (no per sonal checks). For information, call 281-997-2363.

#### Brook cheer clinic set

The All American Nominees, the Clear Brook High cheerleaders, will host a cheer clinic Saturday, Oct. 20, in the school gym. Check-in is at 8:15 and exhibitions at 11:30 a.m. Fouryear-olds through fifth-graders are invited. The \$30 fee includes a spirit T-shirt, a snack and a picture with Big Will, the Brook Wolverine

Big Will, is a finalist in this year's Capitol One Mascot Challenge. Big Will won second place in last year's mascot challenge and first place in all categories at the University of Houston NCA summer cheer camp. For information, call Susan Cuello at 281-216-8145.

#### Morris hosts Reading Night

Morris Fifth Grade Center will host Read ing Night on Monday, Oct. 22, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All fifth-grade students who attend Morris, and their parent(s), are encouraged to attend. The school will provide pizza and drinks from 5 to 5:30 p.m. (dinner/drinks are R.S.V.P. only). A book fair will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the library, and reading activities will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

#### Sagemont craft show set

The Sagemont Fall Craft Show will be held Friday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Sagemont Church Youth Building located on the corner of Beltway 8 and Hughes Road. The show includes handcrafted items, gifts for holidays and all occasions, jewelry, clothing, ladies' accessories, food concessions and bake sale. The craft show is free to the public.

# Ready or not, it's coming



poured by SRC Construction on Monday. While some residents are happy about the Hughes Ranch Road connection, others living close to it are not. The road reportedly will be open for traffic in about three weeks. One thing yet to be done is the Harris County

Photo by Marie Flickinger

# Suspects still sought in carjacking killing

Wednesday, Oct. 10, at a grocery store in the 10900 block of Scarsdale near Beamer in an apparent carjacking.

Baldey Sharma was waiting in his vehicle while his wife finished shopping around 9 p.m. when he was approached by two young men. Witnesses said one of of the men opened fire and drove off in Sharma's 2002 Nissan Maxima, while the other fled on foot toward Astoria.

One witness told the Leader he saw the suspect laughing as he drove the vehicle away.

Bystanders attempted to revive Sharma, but were unsuccessful.

Car was

the shooting, his car was found torched at Scales Park near 610 and Highway 288. Police said the suspects also may be connected to a

Within two hours of

Donald's restaurant that happened after the carjacking. Sharma, a Clear

robbery at a Mc-

Lake resident, was

Police Department crime lab employee, spending 17 years with the unit before retiring in 2005. Holding multiple advanced degrees in chemistry, Sharma was chosen to help set up the crime lab's DNA section shortly after being hired. Detectives said the

two suspects are black

Suspect sought

males between 16 and 20 years old. Both have short hair and thin builds and are about 6 fee Schepps Dairy is offering a \$10,000 reward

for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the suspects. Crime Stoppers is offering an additional \$5,000 reward for any information leading to the capture of the assailants.

The Harris County Sheriff's Department has

released a composite sketch of one of the suspects (see accompanying photo).

Police ask anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS or the Harris County Sheriff's Department at 713-221-6000.

# Missing woman triggers investigation into home

A local assisted living facility was temporarily shut down on Friday, Oct. 12, after failing to report the disappearance of one of its patients.

Mary Ross, a 77-year-old Alzheimer's patient, was picked up on Thursday, Oct. 4, from Tender Touch Assisted Living, located in a house in the 11400 block of Meadow Joy in Highland Meadow, by a bus from Harris Healthcare Group for a doctor's appointment. Shortly after seeing the doctor on the South Loop West, Ross, who uses a walker, left the lobby and vanished.

dealership, disoriented and dehydrated. Ross, who remembered her name, requested to be taken to the Methodist Hospital, where she would remain until the following Wednesday.

Gloria Imo, owner of Tender Touch, said she was unaware of Ross' disappearance until Friday and blames Charles Harris, owner of Harris Healthcare Group. Harris disputes this, saying he had notified Imo of the situation on Thursday, but she ignored him until the following evening when Ross was still unaccounted for.

himself, but was told only a licensed caregiver could do so.

A new law, known as the Silver Alert, went into effect on Sept. 1. Patterned after the successful Amber Alert program, the law is designed to find missing seniors like Ross.

The alert, however, was never activated because Imo couldn't provide deputies with a picture or even a description of Ross, according to the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's

deputies visited Tender Touch Friday afternoon on an unrelated weapons disturbance call, and the attendant on duty mentioned nothing about Ross' disappearance, 24 hours after the fact.

The disturbance call in question dealt with a knife-wielding senior for whom Tender Touch had no records on file, according to deputies. The senior, a lady apparently suffering from dementia, was taken to an area psychiatric ward.

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# rated best large school district in Texas

is the largest school district in Texas to receive a Recognized rating by the Texas Education

In August, the TEA released statewide accountability ratings. At that time, CCISD was ranked as an Acceptable district versus Recognized. The lower designation was due to minor

formance but rather coding and calculation errors.

This week, the TEA changed the district's rating. "We are thrilled and thankful the TEA granted our appeal," said Dr. Sandra Mossman, superintendent of schools. "The new designation accurately reflects the wonderful academic achievements made every day in our classrooms.

'Great Day in Clear Creek ISD.' I would like to applaud the CCISD staff, students and community for raising the bar in education in the state of Texas.

CCISD is also the only school district in Texas to hold the Recognized rating 10 out of 11 years. With the accurate rating, CCISD has surpassed all other large school districts in the state when it comes to overall student performance. Large school districts are considered those with a student population of more than 25,000. The rating for Weber Elementary has also changed to

The district's appeal involved incorrect identification codes for three students who passed the science portion of the TAKS test. Since the student identification codes at the time of TAKS testing did not match the students' start-of-theyear identification codes, their scores were dismissed. Once corrected, these students moved the district rating to Recognized.

Second, the TEA used a different methodology for including Hurricanes Katrina and Rita students in 2007 than in 2006; thus having an Continued on Page 6A

#### **Concerns over new apartments** Many in area opposed to more low-income housing

The recent proposal to construct two new

low-income apartment complexes in the area has many community leaders concerned.

The projects in question are the 252-unit Regency Park Apartments to be located at Beltway 8 at Southdown Trace Trail near Conklin and the 240-unit Villas at Shaver located at 3301 S. Shaver.

Both complexes are proposed by William D. Henson, who seeks to secure tax incentives from Texas Department of Housing Community Affairs to build the structures.

All of the nearly 500 units will be leased to tenants with approximate incomes of less than 60 percent of the area's median income. For a family of one, two, three and four, those approximate income levels are \$25,620, \$29,280, \$32,940 and \$36,600 respectively.

Additionally, Henson has already been approved to build the 252-unit Windshire Apartments at 4500 S. Shaver. This complex, also for low-income tenants, is located just 1.2 miles south of the proposed Villas at Shaver and just 2 miles north of the proposed Regency Park Apartments.

The area already has three existing low-in-

come complexes that are also within 3 miles of the proposed Regency Parks Apartments. These are Almeda Park Apartments on Kingspoint, Highland Meadow Village at 10990 Highland Meadow Village and Kensington Place apartments at 711 FM 1959.

Members of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce have voiced their concerns that these projects may have a negative impact on local property values.

These worries are shared with Rep. Robert Talton and Sen. Mike Jackson, as well as City Councilmember Addie Wiseman.

In fact, Wiseman set up an interview between a representative of Henson and Marie Flickinger. chamber member and publisher of the Leader. However, the spokeswoman failed to have the developer contact the Leader after finding out that members of the community were opposed to the apartments' construction. The representative was not even aware of the school district where the apartments are to be located. They are within the Pasadena Independent School District. Kirk Lewis, superintendent of PISD has also expressed concern over the proposed projects

Elections set for Nov. 6 Harris County and City of Houston elections

are set to take place on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Last August, the Harris County Commissioners Court unanimously agreed to seek voter approval in this year's election for a series of bond issues to improve county transportation. parks, infrastructure and Port of Houston facili-

These include \$190 million for roads; \$95 million for parks; \$80 million for forensic center improvements; \$195 million for a new adult detention facility; \$70 million for a new Family Law Center; and an additional \$250 for improvements for the Port of Houston.

According to County Judge Ed Emmett, these

bond issues would not require a property tax

South Belt residents living within the city limits will also be able to vote for mayor, city controller, city councilmember District E and all atlarge councilmember positions.

Candidates for mayor include incumbent Bill White, Amanda C. Ulman and Outlaw Josey

The sole candidate for city controller is Annise D. Parker.

Vying for the District E Council seat are Mike Sullivan, Annette Dwyer, William R. Williams and Manisha Mehta. Addie Wiseman, who cur-

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#### Continued on Page 2A Pumpkin time is here



Kyle Warren, 15, and Amanda Bates, 11, sit amongst the pumpkins they are helping to sell at the Cokesbury United Methodist Church's pumpkin patch. Pumpkins will be sold to the community through Oct. 31, from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays. Kids in the Patch will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, with storytime, face painting, pumpkin painting, pumpkin carving and a pet costume contest at noon. Haystacks and scarecrows complete the pumpkin patch atmosphere. Proceeds will go to the church youth programs.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

# Memorial announces plans to improve emergency care

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital recently launched its Your Emergency is Our Purpose

The program is an initiative aimed at enhancing and quickening emergency room visits, according to George Gaston, the hospital's new chief executive officer and head of the project.

Emergency visits account for roughly 65 percent of the hospital's patronage, Gaston said. To help with the initiative, the hospital has

retained the services of TEAMHealth, a national provider of emergency physician staffing. TEAMHealth is a proven leader in best practices to decrease the time it takes a patient to be treat-

By decreasing this time, emergency physician coverage has gone up 20 percent since July, when Gaston took over his post from outgoing CEO David Huffstutler.

In addition to physician coverage, data mining specialists from TEAMHealth have studied other ways of expediting emergency stays. "Our goal is to improve patient flow - the time from arrival to discharge - to better than what it's historically been here," Gaston said.

To accomplish this, Gaston said the nursing staff was realigned to better serve patient volume. "We studied trends, such as times of day and found that [patient volume] peaks at night. Our staffing model now has a lot of nontraditional shifts to better meet volume demand."

The hospital, which has a Level 3 trauma center, will continue to utilize its nationally renowned LifeFlight air ambulance service to transport patients requiring a higher level of care to its Level 1 companion Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center. This is one of only two Level 1 trauma centers in the entire Harris County area (Ben Taub General Hospital is the

Gaston is optimistic regarding the recent changes. "We're making it the best it can be."

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital opened in the South Belt area in 1986. Hospital officials ask area residents to contact them with any feedback on the emergency room by e-mailing ER.PatientRelationsSE@memorialhermann org or by calling 281-929-4199.

#### Rock-n-Rose benefit Oct. 26

The Soroptimist International of Pasadena will present Rock-n-Rose, a benefit for The Rose, a nonprofit breast cancer organization providing mammography screening, diagnosis, early access to treatment and support to all women regardless of their ability to pay.

The benefit will take place available for \$5,000, \$2,500, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, and \$1,000.
Oct. 26, at the Pasadena Individua Convention Center.

The event will include \$50. dinner, live and silent auctions and entertainment by Johnny Dee and the Rocket

Sponsorships are currently cs.com.

Individual tables are \$400

and individual tickets are For information, contact

Sherry Trainer at sherry@pas adenachamber.org or Linda Wischnewsky at lindas326@

#### Chamber supports naming school for Dr. Mellillo

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce is supporting efforts to get one of the new schools slated for the South Belt area named for Dr. Dixie Mellillo, co-founder of The Rose which is a breast cancer care center.

This year, 50,983 medical and educational services will be provided at The Rose. Of this number, more than 7,900 services will be provided at no charge through The Rose Empower Her Sponsorship Program. This program provides breast cancer detection services to those who cannot afford the costs of these potentially life-saving procedures.

Anyone wanting to sign a petition to support this effort may do so at the chamber

office, Deno's restaurant or the South Belt-Ellington Leader office.

#### Library events scheduled

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale: Teen Read Week Movie on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for feature title. Beginning level ESL classes are forming. Register at the library. Class

size is limited. The library will also take applications for conversation level classes.

A children's Halloween craft will be held Thursday, Oct. 25, at 4 p.m. Free tickets are required. Storytime for preschoolers is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is Thursday at 10 and 11:15 a.m.

#### Meet the Candidate event Oct. 20

A Meet the Candidate event will be held at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road, on Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. Ryan Rowley, Republican candidate for U.S. Congressional District 22 will be there to hear the issues that concern the residents of CD22.

#### Dobie Project Graduation meets Oct. 22

A Dobie Project Graduation meeting is set for Monday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. For more information, call Tonya Hebert at 281-935-1083 or Pam Reetz at 713-201-2529.

#### Christmas in the Village fund-raiser set

Hope Village will present its holiday fund-raiser, Christmas in the Village, Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Hope Village Tea Room, 4541 FM-2351. The latest holiday trends will be on display along with a showcase of decorated trees and ornaments. Food from the Village Tea Room will be available for purchase. Reservations are suggested for large groups. For more information, call 281-482-6271

Lariaette of the Week

# Readers' Opinions

#### Supporting Sullivan in District E election

On Tuesday Nov. 6, 2007, we go to the polls to elect a new City of Houston District E Council Representative. This election is very important to those that live in the Edgebrook corridor and in the South Belt area. District E is a very difficult area to represent as it runs from the Kingwood area through the Edgebrook corridor, South Belt area and Clear Lake. Each area has its own diversity that needs to be addressed. We pay taxes

and we should get our share of services. Four candidates are running for District E. On Sunday, October 14, 2007, the Houston Chronicle endorsed Mr. William Williams. Mr. Williams lives in Kingwood, is an attorney, and pledges to represent all the district's constituents. I'm not sure how he can say that as I have not heard of him visiting in our neighborhood. The Chronicle even went so far as to state that District E consists mostly of Kingwood in the far north and Clear Lake in the Southeast, they did not even mention our area.

I started following the election in

January and have had the opportunity to meet and visit with Mr. Mike Sullivan. I have attended meetings where he was a guest or at the meetings where he spoke, a number of times. He has always staved for the entire meeting and took many notes. I offered to give him a ride through our area, which he accepted. He is now aware where each school, park, church, street problem and ditch is located. His interest in our area impressed me. Mr. Sullivan also lives in Kingwood, but is a businessman and brings that management ability with him including being a former member of the school board in the Humble school district. Mr. Sullivan has assisted a current

council member with his duties in representing the city, so he has a working knowledge of how City Council works.

I have not seen any of the other 3 Candidates visit our area so how do they know what our needs are. I believe Mr. Sullivan is the right person to represent this area, District E, on the Houston City Council. I am asking you to support Mr. Sullivan's election.

James E. Muecke

#### Manolescu speaks out on police chases

Re: Sanchez family sues city My prayers and heart go to the Sanchez family for their loss of their per Bay Road. loved one, but what gets me is the challoved one, but what gets me is the challenge of the police pursuit policy. It is not the pursuit policy that caused the death, but the suspect, who should be named in the lawsuit. He is the one who caused all

I am a law enforcement officer, and I can tell you that a police officer does not like to be involved in any police chase, but if he is involved, he has a job to do, that most would not want to do. Even if continues on anyway, and later hurts someone, they will then say the police an officer backs down, and the suspect should've done something the first time.
It is upsetting to hear of anyone get-

ting hurt, especially an innocent bystander and it is a terrible thing to lose a life, a family member, a spouse, grandmother, mom, a friend. Nothing will ever be the same, and one can only remember their loved one.

I hope that the family does understand that police did not intend their loss, and it was the suspect, who could care less about the outcome, only get away to do this all over again and if they want to make a difference as I read in the article. they should help push for more account-

years in various real estate

transactions, building and

construction in the southeast

held Monday, Oct. 15, at Niday Funeral Home. Burial

followed at Forest Park East

Cemetery.

Funeral services

ability of the suspect, and maybe others would then, maybe, avoid being chased.

Police chase or pursuit policies are strict already, and the suspects all want more restrictive policies so they can break any law, violate law abiding citi-

zens' rights, and be able to get away be Police play by the rules and the bad have been chased in the first place. Dodeus Manolescu

#### Chorus presents Oct. 21 concert

The Bay Area Chorus will poser, writer and songleader Nick Page, accompanied by Classical Grass, Sunday, Oct. 21, at 4 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Up-

featured will be a singalong featuring

# Talton

State Rep. Robert Talton

Proposition 3 on Nov. 6. Proposition 3 will cap the appraisal increase on a person's home at 10 percent in any year, regardless of how long it has been since the last appraisal. Currently, a homeowner whose home has not been reappraised for 3 years can face up to a 30 percent increase all in one year. "This important amendment will help bring fairness and property tax relief to many Texas homeowners," said Talton.

Proposition 3 will provide the relief intended when voters approved the 10 percent appraisal cap in 1997.

"Unfortunately, the law now allows an annual increase in taxable value of 10 percent times the number of years since the last appraisal, instead of just a flat 10 percent. That's not fair to homeowners who aren't reappraised every year, who can still get hit for up to a 30 percent increase all at once," Talton said. "Proposition 3 will make sure that all home owners benefit from the 10 percent appraisal cap."

Proposition 3 was passed unanimously in the Texas House, and by a vote of 29-1 in the Texas Senate.

This proposed amendment will have only a small financial impact on governmental budgets, since most jurisdictions where values are increasing quickly appraise

songs, spirituals and world music with accompaniment provided by Classical Grass. and abilities Tickets f Song are \$7

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# Deaths

#### Joyce Koplin



Joyce Herb Koplin, 81, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007. Koplin was born July 3, 1926, in Upper Mahanoy, Pa. She was a longtime South Belt resident and an active member of the Beverly Hills Civic Club.

Koplin retired from NASA in 1979. She married James Koplin on June 7, 1947, and they shared many adventures together while cruising and traveling. Koplin had many hobbies and was known by her family for always going the extra mile.

Koplin was a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Koplin.

Koplin is survived by her husband, James; three children and their spouses, Steven Koplin and wife Charlotte of Springfield, Va., Debra Castro and husband Frank of Houston, and Scott Koplin and wife Stacie of Houston; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

There are no public services scheduled. A private inurnment will be held at the

Houston National Cemetery.
Arrangements were by Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road, 281-464-7200. Frances Lanell

#### South Belt area 44 years. He. 2007. She was born Dec. 29. 1933, in Pleasant Hill, La., and graduated from Mansfield High School. Gutierrez is preceded in

death by her parents, Emer-

son Barnhill and Maudie

Estelle Cobb-Barnhill; daught-

er Tina Maria Messina; and

daughters Frances (Sherry)

Hagler and Teresa Mary

Messina; sons Danny Reed,

Samuel Messina and Peter

Parras; stepdaughter Rachel

Lozano; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; step-

mother ElDora Barnhill; sis-

ter Mozell Gerald; and broth-

dent of South Belt for more

than 30 years. She was

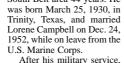
actively involved for many

Gutierrez has been a resi-

er the Rev. Glen Barnhill.

Gutierrez is survived by husband Ernest Gutierrez;

great-grandson Gavin Reed.



Hightower supported his wife and children in every aspect of his life. Hightower was happiest on the golf course or on the lake fishing. He is survived by his lov-

ing wife of 54 years, Lorene; his four children and 10 grandchildren including daughter Diana and husband Jim Morgan and grandson Justin; three sons, Joseph Hightower and wife Jeni, grandsons Joshua and Christopher, granddaughter Jessica and granddaughter Angelina and husband Mykl Wallrath; Richard Hightower and wife Diana; Bobby Hightower and wife Gina, grandson Benjamin, granddaughter Bridgett Primrose

and husband Jason Ruddell. Hightower is also survived by two sisters, Faye Briggs and Joyce Autry; along with many church, work, golf and square dance friends

and granddaughter Barbara

Serving as pallbearers are grandsons Christopher Hightower, Mykl Wallrath, Jason Ruddell and nephews David Bunker, Bo Bunker and Howard Stoddard. Honorary pallbearers include grandsons Joshua Hightower, Justin Morgan, Benjamin High tower and his long-time golf-

ing partner, Fred Helfrich.

A visitation and a cele bration of life will be held Friday, Oct. 19. Visitation will be at 9 a.m. with a service at 10 a.m. at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road. Interment will follow at Southpark Cemetery, 1310 N Main Street in Pear

# Gutierrez.

Lewis Hightower, 77, died Oct. 5, 2007. He lived in the Gutierrez, 73, died Oct. 12,

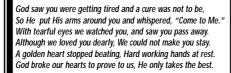
# Lewis Hightower



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#### Water District **Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate**

will hold a public hearing on a The SAGEMEADOW U.D. proposed tax rate for the tax year 2007 on November 14, 2007 7:30pm at Sagemeadow Utility District Building, 10755 Hall Road, Houston, Tx 77089

individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: David Dittmar, John Elam, Glenn Williams, Ted Heinrich and Timothy Beyer

 ${\bf AGAINST}$  the proposal: none PRESENT and not voting: none

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

Last Year This Year Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) \$ .35600/\$100 .36500/\$100 Proposed Adopted .00900/\$100 Difference in rates per \$100 of value Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-) 2.52% 120,968 Average appraised value 124,481 General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions) Average taxable value 120,968 124,481 Tax on average residence homestead 430.64 454.35 Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) \$ 23.71 5.50% and percentage of increase (+/-)

#### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{I}}$ eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Bob Leared, Tax Assessor-Collector 713-932-9011

#### Friday, Oct. 12. Zuniga was selected by director Shanna Grubb and assistant director Karie Yankie for her positive attitude and hard work during weekly practices. **Community leaders** opposed to new lowincome apartments Continued from Page 1A "I take seriously our responsibility to educate any

Denise Zuniga was named Lariaette of the week

at the Dobie versus Deer Park football game on

child who comes to us regardless of their background. We will do whatever we need to do to take care of every child. I am concerned, however, about the recent influx of low-income housing units in our district. It seems the developers are targeting our area for these lowincome units. There are severe implications for the schools in that area because of the close proximity and density of these two projects which have been proposed within a one-year period," Lewis said.

Wiseman encourages concerned residents to bring the matter to the city's attention. "I stand with the community on opposing this or any development that is not consistent with the wishes of the community. I urge people to contact Mayor White to express their con-

The next city council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct.23, at 900 Bagby from 1:30 to 5 p.m. To be added to the speakers list, call 713-247-1840.

#### South Belt-Ellington Leader obituary policy

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Caring for People, Making a Difference

#### SJC, UH sign course credit transfer agreement San Jacinto College and students interested in pursu- the University of Houston ing a degree in technology was signed at a recent board It's a new opportunity for our meeting by SJC Chancellor students in technical pro-

College of Technology signed an articulation agreement for

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Michael Gibson, chair, Department of Information and Jobs in the workforce."

Logistics Technology, UniAs part of the agreement,

Lindemann. "This articula- and vision care technology. tion degree agreement opens up a pathway to a bachelor's ment is to provide a smooth degree for technical areas curriculum transition for stuthat did not have those pathways in the past, such as auto fer from San Jac to UH withtechnology, welding, EMT, out loss of credits or duplicafire protection and nursing. tion of coursework.

vision at UH.

Dr. Bill Lindemann and Dr. grams that should lead to enhanced opportunities for

versity of Houston College of SJC agrees to provide cours-Technology, will allow San es for its students that will Jac students who complete an transfer to UH and align the associate of applied science degree program core curricudegree in one of the approved lum to that which is accepted programs to transfer the spe- by UH. Degree programs cific course credits toward a include, but are not limited to bachelor of science in tech- aeronautical technology airnology leadership and super- craft maintenance management, automotive technology, "We are excited and criminal justice – law enforce-pleased to be entering into ment, emergency medical this agreement with the technology, health informa-University of Houston," said tion management, paralegal

The purpose of the agreedents, allowing them to trans-

Mr. Dan Mims, Vice Chair

The agreement is for three years, and both parties have the option for review and renewal after the end of the

three-year effective period. "The College of Technology is excited to be signing this articulation agreement with San Jacinto College," noted Dr. William Fitzgibbon, dean, University Houston College of Technology. "We consider this a critical component of our educational mission and look forward to providing San Jacinto students, and students from other community colleges, a path toward a baccalaureate degree."

For information on degree programs that qualify for transfer to the University of Houston College of Technology, call 281-998-6150 and ask to speak with the technical dean on one of the three college campuses.

#### Pineault appointed



Denise Pineault (left) was appointed to the position of ESL instructional specialist for secondary math at a recent meeting of the Pasadena Independent School District board. Pineault holds a bachelor's degree in education from Sam Houston State University and a master's degree in instructional technology from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. She completed the Principal's Certification from Region IV this past summer. Pineault is a South Houston High School graduate and is currently employed as a sixthgrade math teacher at Milstead Middle School. She has been with PISD for 26 years and during that time has taught at Miller and Beverly Hills intermediate schools. She and her husband, Richard, reside in the South Belt area. Pineault is shown with her mother, Rosalie Birkholz, a former teacher and retired PISD administrator, who also resides in the South Belt area.

#### Frazier holds book fair Oct. 22-26

Frazier Elementary will program during the book fair hold its first book fair of the Students can donate \$1 and year Monday, Oct. 22, through Thursday, Oct. 25, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and fair. Friday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to noon. This year's theme is tions to their book fair prof-Book Fair Blizzard: Chill Out its, using the money to buy With a Good Book!

Mom's Muffins will be Scholastic will match each held Tuesday, Oct. 23, from dollar raised and send the 7:10 to 7:45 a.m. Moms may donation to Toys for Tots, come and have a free muffin with their child (juice and Literacy or Kids in Distres milk may be purchased through the cafeteria) and visit the book fair afterward. children around the world

Family Night will be gain access to books. Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 5 to 7 Volunteers are ne Volunteers are needed to

sed Situations, Inc.

p.m. The entire family is wel- help with the book fair. come to shop for new books. Anyone interested should Frazier will also participate in the One for Books 740-0560.

fill out their "mitten" card to

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more books for the library

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Frazier will add all dona-

# Clear Brook choir

School Choir is entering its Tickets may be purc fall performance season. Its at the door for \$7 each. 23, at Webster Presbyterian at 7 p.m. The concert is free B when it attends the Madto the public, and all five rigal competition in San

Clear Brook's show choir, from the popular musical

The performance will be held at Clear Lake Inter-mediate in the Teaching For more information,

Tickets may be purchased

Antonio in the spring. In addition to preparing Company B, will perform a for the fall lineup, more than variety-style show featuring 40 choir members attended jazz selections and songs UIL district auditions at Angleton High School on Sept 29 and 31 will advance to UIL region auditions on

#### Theater festival at SJC

The San Jac College South ment will present its produc Theatre Department will host the Kennedy Center American the Kennedy Center Cen the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival on Tuesday, Oct. 23, through Saturday, Oct. 27. The goals of the festival are to encourage and celebrate the finest and most diverse work produced in college theater programs; provide opportunities for stuwill be at 7 p.m. dents to develop theater skills and insight; improve the quality of college theater in America; and encourage colleges to

present distinguished new plays. The SJCS Theatre Depart-

7 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23.
On Oct. 25, Angelo State University will present Proof, by David Auburn at 11 a.m. and Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi's production of Anima Mundi by Don Nigro

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change! by Joe DePietro and Jimmy Roberts, produced by Kingwood College, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26; and Continued on Page 6A

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:10, 9:35, 10:45, 12:15 **HE GAME PLAN (PG)** (10:50 @ \$5), 12:10, 1:30, 3:00, 4:15, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 9:5 THE GAME PLAN [PG] [1030 @ 30], 1217, 1210, 1210
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HALLOWEEN (R) 1250, 320, 555, 825, 1100
BALLS OF PURY (PG 13) 1005 PM, 1225 M
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG 13) 650, 936, 1115

GONE BABY GONE (R) \( \square\) (1:10 \( \end{case}\) (35, 450, 7:35, 10:15, 12:55 \\
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) \( \square\) (230, 3:55, 7:20, 10:25 \\
THE ASSASSINATION OF JESSE JAMES BY THE COWARD ROBERT FORD (R) \( \square\) (11:00 \( \end{case}\) (3), 21:15, 42:5, 7:45, 11:30 \end{cases}\)

# **Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase**

The San Jacinto College District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.07 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted

The public hearing will be held on October 25, 2007 at 6:00 PM and November 1, 2007 at 6:00 PM at San Jacinto College District Administration Building, 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Suite 104, Pasadena, TX 77504

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:

Mrs. Marie Flickinger, Chair

Mr. Ben Meador, Secretary

Mr. Larry Wilson, Assistant Secretary

Dr. Ruede Wheeler, Member

PRESENT and not voting:

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year

Average residence homestead appraised value

Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit

Average taxable value of a residence homestead

Proposed tax rate for the current tax year

AGAINST:

#### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations 3.11% increase

11.21% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

Current Tax Year Preceding Tax Year

\$39,247,934,048 \$36,869,286,721 Total appraised value\* of all property Total appraised value\* of new property\*\* \$937,101,012 \$1,504,597,188 Total taxable value\*\*\* of all property \$32,219,029,289 Total taxable value\*\*\* of new property\*\* \$937,101,012

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$73,280,000

Tax Rates

Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year

\$0.145365 per \$100 in value per \$100 in value Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

#### Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year

Current Tax Year \$102,740 \$107,986 \$4,986

\$103,000

\$0.145365 per \$100 in value

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$142.10. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$149.73. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the

"Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

(excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)

(excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code

# current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$7.63 in taxes.

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# Over The Back Fence by Jannie

**ENJOY YOUR DAY, SANDRA** 

South Belt resident Sandra Yandell marks a birthday Oct. 23. She is wished a very happy birthday from her family and her friends at the South Belt-Ellington Leader. BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR BIG LOUIE!

Birthday wishes are sent to Louis Wiess from wife Jackie and family. Louis celebrates his birthday Sunday, Oct. 21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRED

Fred Flickinger celebrates his birthday Tuesday, Oct. 23. His wife, Leslie, daughters Kimberly and Courtney and husband Chris Durham, parents Marie and David Flickinger and brother Davy send him happy birthday wishes on his special day.

LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS

Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its October meeting in the home of Barbara Jennings with Patricia Cox serving as co-hostess. There were seven members present and one visitor, Sherrie Cox. Carroll McCullough was elected sweetheart for this year, and Barbara Risinger presented the

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with OTBF in the subject line Submit items by Friday noon fo the next week's publication.

program, The McGuire Sisters. Risinger will also host the next meeting which will be held at the Waterford in Deer I SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 18 through Oct. 24.

Atkinson Elementary

The day for birthday wishes for Heather Wheeler is Oct. 18. Jana Childs has a birth day Oct. 19. Birthday greetings are sent to

Cindy Stang Oct. 21.

Burnett Elementary

Marking a birthday Oct. 18 is Denise Jurgens. Oct. 19 is the day for a birthday cake for **Minerva Gonzalez**. A double birthday celebration is enjoyed by Nora Lara and Lily

Genoa Elementary
Sharing a birthday Oct. 19 are Susan
Wickenden and Laura Salazar. Mario Garza
enjoys a birthday Oct. 20. The day for a birthday cake for Donna Wagner is Oct. 21.

Meador Elementary

On Oct. 21, **Lisa Scruggs** has a birthday. **Darlene Davis** enjoys a birthday Oct. 22. Moore Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for **Meena Hardeo** Oct. 22. Enjoying a birthday Oct. 24 is Ann Settlow

Stuchbery Elementary

Birthday wishes are sent to **Johanna Hinton** Oct. 22.

Blowing out the birthday candles Oct. 20 is

Anastasia Payne. Marking a birthday Oct. 21 is Lillian Carter. A double birthday is celebrated Oct. 23 by Sara Baker and Rita Bueno. Thompson Intermediate

The day for a birthday surprise for Brandi Burton is Oct. 19. Blow out the birthday candles for Sharon Norton Oct. 20. The day for a party for Deborah Becker is Oct. 22. Dobie High

Oct. 19 is the day for birthday greetings for Irma Arce and Dorothy Simmons. Birthday wishes are sent to **Christopher Ferguson** Oct. 22. **Jim Jacobs** marks a birthday Oct. 23.

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# Celebrities perform with 'dads'



The Clear Brook Celebrities and their fathers per- The team is currently preparing for the junior formed the Bob and Sue Dance at half-time at a dance clinic to be held at Clear Brook High School recent Wolverine football game. Pictured are, left Dec. 8. For more information or for a dance clinic to right, Jessica King and her dad, Shelby Craft entry form, visit www.clearbrookcelebrities.com. and her dad, and Michelle Franklin and her dad.

#### GALVESTON HISTORICAL FOUNDATION PRESENTS Special Events: November 30 Festival: December 1 & 2 In The Strand National Historic Landmark District, Galveston Island MORE THAN 150 SPECIALTY CRAFT AND FOOD VENDORS CONTINUOUS ENTERTAINMENT SPELLBINDING PARADES SNOW YARD AND **ELEPHANT RIDES** NDON WHARF AND THE ELISSA To purchase tickets go to or call ClicknPrint Tickets🎑 at 1-877-772-5425 ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST BELOVED HOLIDAY FESTIVALS SANDOOLLAR SALVISTOS OF SEC. SINGER STANDOOL



#### **Dobie wind ensemble** receives recognition

The J. Frank Dobie High entered the competition from School Wind Ensemble has been honored by the National

with commended recognition. The project is a national competition, entered by recordings, in which the top 25 percent are selected as national winners, and the second 25 percent receive com-

mended honors.

Texas, Florida, Illinois, Washington, Georgia, Wisconsin, Wind Band Honors Project Oklahoma, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Maryland and

Tennessee.
The Dobie Wind Ensemble will receive recorded and written comments and suggestions.

For more information on the project, visit www.nation Nationally, 81 bands alwindbandhonors.com.

# Remember when

30 years ago (1977)

Finalists for homecoming queen at J. Frank Dobie High School were Lisa Bartlett, Sandy Bond and Sherri Whitnah

Houston Oilers Teddy Washington, Al Burton, Billy "White Shoes" Johnson and Conway Hayman spoke at Sagemont Baptist Church.

25 years ago (1982) A 17-year-old was hand-

Bill Brawn, Dobie's band of trustees. Brawn reportedly resigned to accept a position with another district.

20 years ago (1987) Based on legislation Stephanie Sherman was passed by the special sescrowned Dobie's home-

county's proposed bond \$100 of valuation. issue was earmarked for improvements that would directly affect the South Belt area. Among those improvements were \$7.6 million in flood control, \$15.8 million in roads, \$1.25 million for a county court Board of Regents voted not annex and \$2.6 million in

parks development. 15 years ago (1992) Dobie High School

senior Andrew Coulston for 2006. was named a semifinalist in National Merit Scholarship competition.
Three armed robbers,

along with a getaway driver, took an undisclosed amount Many of those owners of money from the courtesy reportedly had secured perbooth at Kroger on Fuqua at

10 years ago (1997) Citing Texas legislation, PISD trustees ruled that a South celebrated the re-Dobie student who was ceipt of a \$514,614 grant expelled due to possession of a shotgun would be able Commission.

to graduate with his class. Daniel Gonzalez, 19, was charged with the shooting death of 18-year-old Carlos Salmeron in an incident at the 12300 block of

the Gulf Freeway.
5 years ago (2002)

The Houston Fire Department had at least 12 engine companies, a safety officer, a district chief, a rehab vehicle, EMS units and other support personnel ed a 60-day jail sentence for at the scene of a used tire possession of drugs after fire in the 700 block of Old being arrested at Dobie Genoa Red Bluff Road near

Dr. Jim Horton, chanceldirector, and C.J. Leslie, lor of San Jacinto College choral director, for seven years, resigned turned in their resignations after accepting a position as to the Pasadena Indepenvice chancellor for the dent School District board Higher Colleges of Technology in the United Arab Emirates.

1 year ago (2006)

sion held by Texas lawmakcoming queen. ers, PISD reduced its over-Some \$27 million of the all tax rate to \$1.69 per

The tax rate for the Clear Creek Independent School District was \$1.33 for maintenance and operations, and \$0.30 for interest and sink-

The San Jacinto College to increase the tax rate. None of the three South Belt municipal utility districts increased its tax rate

In the wake of flooding, many irate South Belt residents had vehicles towed from the Shell station on Scarsdale at Interstate 45. mission from a clerk at the station to leave the vehicles

there until water receded. San Jacinto College from the Texas Workforce

#### 2007 Property Tax Rates in San Jacinto College District

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for San Jacinto College District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

#### Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes \$37,325,157 \$9,478,189 Last year's debt taxes \$46,803,346 Last year's total taxes \$32,197,121,959 Last year's tax base 0.145365 /\$100 Last year's total tax rate This year's effective tax rate: \$47,017,880

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)

÷ This year's adjusted tax base

(after subtracting value of new property)

= This year's effective tax rate 0.137048 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after \$37,496,246 subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)

÷ This year's adjusted tax base \$34,307,556,792 0.109294 /\$100 = This year's effective operating rate x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate 0.118037 /\$100 0.029438 /\$100 + This year's debt rate = This year's total rollback rate 0.147475 /\$100

#### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If San Jacinto College District adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.137048 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2006 taxes by \$2,033,443.

#### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund **Balance** Maintenance and Operations - Unrestricted \$43,400,000 \$22,000,000 Maintenance and Operations - Designated \$2,600,000 Interest and Sinking - Tax Supported

Schedule B - 2007 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from	Interest to be Paid from Property	Other Amounts	Total
of Debt	Property Taxes	Taxes	to be Paid	Payment
Series 2000 Tax Bo	nds \$0	\$762,000	\$65,000	\$827,000
Series 2001 Tax Bo	nds \$1,215,000	\$191,500	\$1,000	\$1,407,500
Series 2003 Tax Bo	nds \$100,000	\$168,055	\$400	\$268,455
Series 2004 Tax Bo	nds \$985,000	\$741,077	\$1,000	\$1,727,077
Series 2007 Tax Bo	nds \$3,720,000	\$1,301,110	\$1,000	\$5,022,110
Series 2001 Mainte Tax Notes	nance \$650,000	\$61,344	\$1,000	\$712,344
Series 2003 Mainte Tax Notes	nance \$660,000	\$268,803	\$400	\$929,203
Total Required for 2007 Debt Service				\$10,893,689
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$338,818
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2007				\$10,554,871
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2007				\$0

\$10,554,871 Total Debt Levy This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Suite 209, Pasadena, TX 77504.

> Name of person preparing this notice: Kenneth D. Lynn Title: Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs Date Prepared: October 8, 2007



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BLACK BELT ACADEMY

# Brook speech, debate team wins again

debate students kept the winning streak alive the weekend of Sept. 28 and 29, with their attendance at Ross Sterling High School.

Thus far in the competitive season, this has been the squad's most successful tournament.

It ended in the achieve ment of not only trophies but additional state qualification points for the Texas Forensic Association state meet which is to be held March 5-8.

As of this tournament, two students from Clear Brook High School are now qualified for state.

Bringing home trophies in debate include Brandon Wardlaw with a first-place trophy in championship Lincoln Douglas debate, partners Lindsay Bernsen and Karl Schaefer with first place in championship cross examination debate and Raveena Bhalara with a firstplace win in novice Lincoln Douglas debate, Ross Adams also earned a first-place trophy in student congress.

Additional honors were won by Kelly Hairfield who brought home a second-place trophy for senior poetry interpretation, second place in senior prose interpretation, second place in impromptu poetry interpretation and

Clear Brook's speech and fourth place in humorous Lincoln Douglas debate.

excelled in foreign extemporaneous speaking by winning second place and impromptu speaking by bringing home the first-place trophy. He also earned a second place speak- the novice extemporaneous ing award for championship

interpretation.

Brandon Wardlaw also

Lindsay Bernsen, Ross

Adams and Raveena Bhalara won second-, third- and seventh-place trophies respec-tively for domestic extemporaneous speaking. Talya Lazerus also placed second in speaking category.

Because of their outstanding efforts, the squad also brought home two sweepstakes trophies place overall in debate and third place overall for individual events

Wardlaw and Ross Adams, are now qualified for the TFA

Douglas debate and student congress, respectively.

In addition to these students, Lindsay Bernsen, Karl Schaefer, Kelly Hairfield, Alex Scheifler and Nikita Two students, Brandon Puzanenko are mere points away from being qualified for this additional honor.

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Gaytan, Cisneros to wed

(assistant coach), Kelly Hairfield, (middle row) Talya Lazerus, Raveena Bhalara, Brittny Johnson, (back row) Brandon Wardlaw, Karl Schaefer and

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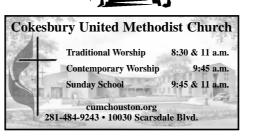
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Mosley, Brittni Rodriguez, Feliss Goree, Amber Calderon, Kayla Smith, Alyssa Perry, Khayla Soto, Ashley Dana, Colbee Manuel, Andrea Mitrowski, (back row) Tatiana Gonzales, Chelsey DuPont, Cameron Michalak, Kay Dee Little, Elizabeth Sorensen, Daniel Sawyer, Noland Carcamo, Allison Naquin and Megan Gary.

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Others participating are intendent of the year. She Lamar University's Well by was named superintendent Lisa Kron at 11 a.m. and Home Front by James Duff, Education Service Center by Montgomery College at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24. Education Association.

# Missing woman

# spurs investigation into home

Continued from Page 1A previous day. had been visited by the

authorities.

A spokesman for the Southeast Volunteer Fire violations, including a Department said it had failure to ensure that the gone to the facility about manager was either on once a month for the last

Texas has no laws prohibiting the operation of a kept in the facility. healthcare facility out of one's home. The practice down for 10 days by the is, however, against High- state Department of Aging land Meadow deed restric- and Disability Services

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# **Elections**

rently serves District E, is and Zaf Tahir. unable to run again due to term limits.

candidate for the at-large Nov. 2. Position 1 seat.

large Position 2 seat in- Harris County Courthouse clude Michael "Griff" Annex 25, 7330 Spencer; Griffin and Sue Lovell

didates include Melissa and the newly added Inter-

running for the at-large 66, 4345 Allen Genoa. Position 4 seat are Lawrence Allen and Ronald

The most hotly contestlarge Position 5, with to 7 p.m. eight people competing. These include Jack Chris-Jones, Marlon Barabin, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Continued from Page 1A Ray Ramirez, Tom Nixon

Early voting begins Monday, Oct. 22, and con-Peter Brown is the lone tinues through Friday,

Nearby early polling Candidates for the at- locations include the the Freeman Branch Li-At-large Position 3 can- brary, 16616 Diana Lane; Noriega and Roy Morales. national Brotherhood of The two candidates Electrical Workers Hall

> From Oct. 22 through Oct. 26, early voting hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Oct. 27, early vot-

ed seat belongs to the ating hours are from 7 a.m. On Oct. 28, early vot-

ing hours are 1 to 6 p.m. tie, Joe Trevino, John From Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, Curtis Gibbs, Jolanda early voting hours are

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The annual event has

served as an entertaining out-ing for several years, bringing families to the college for food, fun and games that are

sponsored by campus student

will be a costume contest set

for 7:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 7 p.m.

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Festival, call SJC South cam-

pus Office of Student Life at 281-929-4633.

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#### **SECTION B** Thursday, October 18, 2007, South Belt-Ellington Leader, Section B, Page 1 SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

# Lady Longhorns sweep Mustangs; eye third spot

#### Atascocita or Kingwood matches after a 1-2 start. next for playoff opener

Dobie's varsity volley- fied for the playoffs, havball team has again quali- ing won seven of nine

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The better news is that the Lady Longhorns can secure third place in the 22-5A standings with a road win over La Porte Oct. 23.

ticketed to play either Kingwood or Atascocita, both area ranked teams, in the bidistrict round of the

At the moment, Atas-

11-1 Kingwood. The two teams meet Oct. 19 in the big match for both teams.

The kicker? Dobie is cocita is 12-0 in District teams take on the fourth that's Kingwood. The task cketed to play either 21-5A, a match ahead of seeds from opposing diswill be tough, but Dobie is seeds from opposing dis-tricts, with the two and three seeds also meeting.

Thus, if Dobie finishes In the bidistrict round, third, it would take on No. the respective first-place 2 from 21-5A. Right now,



Libero Brooke Spossey (22) and setter Abbey Parker (8) celebrated senior night with their respective families Oct. 16 at Dobie, then helped the rest of the Lady

#### District tennis next at JFD, Clear Brook

advance to the Region III varsity team tennis tournament for the third time in four years?

out on the regional event while super powers Clear reno said his te Lake and Clear Creek follow suit again. move on yet again? The answers will come

host opening-round matches Oct. 18. Dobie will take on Memorial at 2:30 p.m., with Clear Brook ready for Pearland at the same time.

The Longhorns cruised district play, but the Mavs are likely to put up a stiffer challenge this time around.

Former Dobie girls' player Crystal Sauceda. now attends Memorial High School but did not play in the first match between the two schools. She is expected to play in

gles slot and a key doubles match as well. Dobie beat Memorial

at least the No. 2 girls' sin-

the first time by controlling Will Clear Brook miss the doubles matches 5-2. Head coach Manuel Moreno said his team must "The key is our dou-

bles," Moreno said. "if we soon enough as both teams can get out to an early lead and our boys play well, we should be in good shape. I'm only concerned because I know Memorial will be better.' The Dobie-Memorial

past Memorial 13-6 during winner will qualify for regionals no matter what happens in the 22-5A final. Clear Brook may have a

tough time since the No. 1, 2, 4 and 5 girls and No. 1 boys' player are academically ineligible The Wolverines beat

Pearland 10-9 in district. Continued on Page 6B

# Dobie football can be happier with win



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on the sidelines and the fact ter 1-5 start in varsity football, all hope is far from Having digested that,

In fact, the Longhorns have a chance to start anew against Sam Rayburn Oct. 18 at Newcomb Field. The game features a special 6 p.m. start time Granted, at 1-5 overall

and 1-2 in district play, the Longhorns have left much to be desired while being outscored by a combined 234-85.

The team's problems stem from equal parts of things such as injuries to key players, the loss of a couple of starters to grades, the three-week absence of head coach Bobby Cotton

that many of the five teams that defeated Dobie have simply been better teams.

the Longhorns still have hope. Three wins in the team's final four games will likely be enough to get Dobie back to the playoffs for the first time in three seasons

The reasons for optimism start with the return of Cotton, who is back at near 100 percent after battling an ear infection and issues surrounding his dia-

He was not on the sidelines for the team's win over Pasadena or losses to Memorial and Deer Park

He also missed practice time during the three-week span. Thankfully, Cotton is recovered.

And perhaps the Longhorns can recover against Sam Rayburn. First-time starting quar-

terback Randell Duff, who threw a 56-yard touchdown pass to Derrick Lawson in Dobie's 49-13 loss at Deer Park Oct. 12, will start for foreseeable future. Other players previously in reserve roles could draw starts during the final four

Simply put, Cotton is looking to jump-start his varsity team while there is still time.

"Hey, we're looking to

get back in the hunt,' Cotton said. "That (Deer Park loss) was hard to watch, but we have to come back and get back in a groove. The biggest thing is setting the tempo in our favor. We have not done that this season yet."
At 1-5, the Longhorns

appear to be looking toward 2008, but Cotton isn't ready to surrender just

"We can still get to the playoffs," he said. "Obviously, we have to play better. Some of these guys who were previously backups have to give us a lift. It all starts now. A win would do us a lot of good right

# Dolphins crown homecoming court



Homecoming kings and queens were recognized Oct. 13 during the Southbelt Dolphins' celebration weekend as the Bay Area Football League program battled the Manyel Rayens. The winners included. left to right, (front row) Idalis Elizando, Taylor

Gomez, Marissa Mercado, Ethan Riojas, Naelie Rodriguez, Amaia Valley, Daniel Delatte and Trevin

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playing its best volleyball of the season right now. Stephanie Randall sock-

ed eight kills as the Lady Longhorns celebrated senior night with an easy 25-16, 25-13, 25-19 win over North Shore Oct. 16 at Dobie.

The win, coming off the heels of Dobie's triumph over Sam Rayburn Oct. 12, puts the Lady Longhorns, (17-17 overall, 8-4 in district), in position to finish the regular season with a winning record. Dobie plays host to South Houston Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. in a special start time because of early student release in the district.

After that, Dobie head coach Joe Sabatell is headed for Kingwood, where he wants to get a first-hand look at his team's probably first round playoff oppo-

"Kingwood and Atascocita are both tough," Sabatell said. "Right now, Atascocita's in front.



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# BHI footballers sweep Cowboys

Beverly Hills Intermediate remained unbeaten and Villa plunged in on a 3in the Pasadena Independent School District football standings at 20-0 after a four-game crushing of Park View Oct. 9-10.

#### 8A Bears 42 Park View 0

Despite a slow start, the Bears' eighth-grade A team recovered nicely for an easy 42-0 win over the Cowboys. Anthony Simmons had a 16-vard touchdown run to go with a 31-yard scoring scamper for Andrew Robin-

son in the first quarter. Defensive lineman Taiwon Johnson got in on the scoring act with a safety in the second quarter. Later, Robinson ran 75 yards for a touchdown as the Bears 20-0.

Junior Cedeno and Robert Villa took over the rungames, 46-0 at the A level ning game with success in the third quarter. Cedeno game

play, Beverly Hills was a 25-23, 25-21 winner over Thompson.

Brooke Montross struck 20 great serves, followed by Debbie Augustie with 11 more. Kyerra Simmons and

varder. Robinson's 55-yard punt return highlighted the fourth quarter.

Johnson, Germond Tur-

ner, Michael Baez, Jacob Reynoso, Luis Blanco, Nick Ruiz and Malcolm Jackson more than did their jobs on offense.

Defensive standouts included Chris Garcia, Cedeno, Jackson, Johnson, Turner, Simmons, Robin-Fabian Davalos, Fernando Romero, Emmitt Pitts, Ser-Butler.

In other games in the series, the Bears controlled the eighth-grade B game

The Bears also easily won the seventh-grade and 40-6 in the B division

#### **BHI volleys Thompson**

Beverly Hills won three Emily Espinoza both had of four matches over double-digit service win-Thompson Oct. 11 at ners, and Lisa Gill was Dobie, winning neighbortough at the net with two hood honors. spikes and two tips. Oranna In seventh-grade Light Trockle added five tips.

The Lady Bears' eighthgrade Dark team beat Thompson as Terral Smith hit eight consecutive winning serves, including four aces. Nyla Vasquez, Shan-

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**FOOTBALL** Thursday, Oct. 18

Dobie (home) vs. Sam Rayburn, Newcomb, 6:00

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Beverly Hills 8A vs. South Houston, Newcomb, 4:30 Beverly Hills 8B vs. South Houston, Auxiliary, 4:30 Thompson 8A at South Houston, 4:30 Thompson 8B hosts South Houston, 4:30

Wednesday, Oct. 24

Beverly Hills 7A hosts South Houston, 4:30 Beverly Hills 7B at South Houston, 4:30 Thompson 7A at Southmore, 4:30 Thompson 7B hosts Southmore, 4:30

Thursday, Oct. 25

Clear Brook JV hosts Clear Lake, 6:30 Dobie JV hosts North Shore, Newcomb, 6:30 Clear Brook sophomores host Clear Lake, 4:30 Dobie sophomores host North Shore, Newcomb, 4:30 Clear Brook freshman A at Clear Lake, 4:30 Dobie freshman A at North Shore, 4:30 Clear Brook freshman B at Clear Lake, 4:30 Dobie freshman B at North Shore, 4:30

Friday, Oct. 26

Clear Brook varsity (visitor) vs. Clear Lake, District, 7:00 Dobie varsity at North Shore, GPISD, 7:00

#### VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Oct. 18

Thompson at 7th Dark tourn., Miller, TBA Beverly Hills at 7th Dark tourn., Miller, TBA Beverly Hills hosts 8th Dark tourn., TBA Thompson at 8th Dark tourn., TBA

Friday, Oct. 19

Clear Brook varsity hosts Brazoswood, 6:30 Dobie varsity hosts South Houston, 6:30 Clear Brook JV hosts Brazoswood, 5:30 Dobie JV hosts South Houston, 5:30 Clear Brook freshman A hosts Brazoswood, 4:30 Dobie freshman A hosts South Houston, 4:30 Clear Brook freshman B hosts Brazoswood, 4:30 Dobie freshman B hosts Memorial, 4:30 Thompson at 7th Dark tourn., Miller, TBA Beverly Hills at 7th Dark tourn.. Miller. TBA Beverly Hills hosts 8th Dark tourn., TBA Thompson at 8th Dark tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Clear Brook varsity at Pearland, 6:30 Dobie varsity at La Porte, 6:30 Clear Brook JV at Pearland, 5:30 Dobie JV at La Porte, 5:30 Clear Brook freshman A at Pearland, 4:30 Dobie freshman A at La Porte, 4:30 Clear Brook freshman B at Pearland, 4:30 Dobie freshman B at La Porte, 4:30

Thursday, Oct. 25

Beverly Hills 8 Dark hosts Park View, 4:30 Beverly Hills 8 Light hosts Park View, 5:45 Beverly Hills 7 Dark hosts Park View, 4:30 Beverly Hills 7 Light hosts Park View, 5:45

Thursday, Oct. 18

Clear Brook varsity hosts 24-5A tournament, 9 a.m. Dobie varsity hosts Memorial, 22-5A tournament, 2:30

Tuesday, Oct. 23 Dobie JV/freshmen at Clear Brook, 3:00

SOCCER Friday, Oct. 19 San Jacinto College at Hill, 3:00

Saturday, Oct. 20 San Jacinto College at Richland, Dallas, 7:00

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Oct. 26

Dobie varsity girls at 22-5A meet, La Porte, TBA Dobie varsity boys at 22-5a meet, La Porte, TBA Dobie JV girls at 22-5A meet, La Porte, TBA Dobie JV boys at 22-5A meet, La Porte, TBA Dobie freshman boys at 22-5A meet, La Porte, TBA

#### **South Belt** football predictions

Dobie vs

Sam Rayburn

Clear Lake at

Galveston Ball

Pearland at

Clear Creek

Deer Park at

**South Houston** 

Texas City at

La Marque

Pasadena Memorial at

La Porte

Cy-Springs at

Strake Jesuit

Bay Area Christian at

Mt. Carmel

Cypress Christian at

Galveston O'Connell

Lutheran South at

Westbury Christian

This week's record

Season record



**Dobie** 

**Galveston Ball** 

Pearland

Deer Park

La Marque

Memorial

Strake Jesuit

BACS

O'Connell

Westbury Christian

7-3

50-19



Dobie

Clear Lake

Pearland

Deer Park

La Marque

Memorial

Strake Jesuit

BACS

O'Connell

**Lutheran South** 

9-1

51-18



Dobie

**Galveston Ball** 

Pearland

Deer Park

La Marque

Memorial

Strake Jesuit

BACS

O'Connell

**Lutheran South** 

8-2

51-18



Dobie

Clear Lake

Pearland

Deer Park

La Marque

Memorial

Strake Jesuit

BACS

O'Connell

Westbury Christian

44-25





Joe Craddock Dobie

Pearland

Deer Park

La Marque

Memorial

Strake Jesuit

BACS

**Cypress Christian** 

Westbury Christian

8-2

53-16

**Galveston Ball** 

Pearland.

Entry fee is \$100 per single person and \$400 per foursome. Various sponsorships, including tee box signage with company's name, are available for \$100. Proceeds from the event will support various activities and equipment purchases in the baseball program at all levels. Call Joe Calhoun at 832-309-1946 or Rick Smith at 281-480-6920 for more

Sports news, notes

Brook baseball fund-raiser

Club at Country Place, 3123 Flower Field Lane,

The Clear Brook Baseball Booster Club's third annual golf tournament is set for Oct. 27, at the Golf

Registration is at 10 a.m. The shotgun start is at

11:30 a.m., and the format is four-person Florida

#### Golfcrest car show

The first annual Golfcrest Country Club Car Show is set for Oct. 28 at the club. Organizers are currently accepting entries for a variety of award categories, including pre-1950s classics and 1950and-up modern cars.

Event set-up is from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., and awards will be announced at 3 p.m. Entry fee is \$75 for the first car and \$50 for each additional car. Call Neil West at 713-823-6548 or Doug West at 281-485-7470 for additional details or to get an entry

#### Twitty memorial softball

The second annual Miranda Hunt Twitty Memorial Softball Tournament will be held Oct. 27 at the Kipper Mease Park fields. Event organizers are seeking teams to compete in the tournament, which begins at 8 a.m.

There is a 12-team maximum. Entry fee is \$200 per team, which includes a T-shirt for the first 10 teams to sign up (10 shirts per team). A silent auction featuring sports memorabilia will also highlight

Twitty graduated from Dobie High School and was actively involved in baseball in the Sagemont community

Twitty and her family had returned to live in Deer Park after Hurricane Katrina forced the family to leave New Orleans. She died suddenly on May 12, 2006, at her son's baseball game at Durant Field in Deer Park. The autopsy showed a heart defect called mitral valve prolapse. A portion of the proceeds from the tournament

will go to a trust fund for Twitty's three children, ages 3, 5 and 9. All other proceeds will be given to Corey McClure and Camp Agape. McClure, a longtime friend of Twitty's, is bat-

tling diabetes. Camp Agape is a unique and innovative summer camp program designed specifically for children who have suffered the loss of a loved For more information, call Chuck Williston at

713-301-7786 or Jarod Hunt at 281-782-4704.

# BAFL gridiron teams make final playoff push

With one week remain-League regular season, the Matthew Washington, Jorrespective teams are making a final push toward a Jr., Darien Childs, Anthony possible playoff berth.

week with a pair of victo-Ravens.

At Pasadena, the Ellington Rams were unruly visitors, sweeping four games

from the Panthers. The Sagemont Cowboys went against the League City '49ers, losing

#### three of four games. Rams seniors 32

Pasadena 2 The Ellington seniors allowed a safety in the first quarter but went on to roll past the Pasadena Panthers 32-2.

Da Da Gant scored twice for the rams, who improved to 7-2 with the win.

Armani Robinson, Marlon Jackson and Johnny Thomas also scored for the winning team.

Valle, Gant, Jonathan London, Michael McNatt, Lewis. Robinson, Calondro Jacobs stood out.

#### Manvel seniors 20 Dolphins 8

The Dolphins' senior division team lost a hard- Dolphins. fought 20-8 decision to the Manvel Ravens.

Trevin Hooks fired a 20yard touchdown pass to Southbelt's lone score. Cody Pinkins caught the two-point pass from Hooks.

Dolphins to 5-4 this season. Rams juniors 19

Pasadena 0

half, the Rams' junior divi- played great. sion squad picked up the pace to down Pasadena 19-

on a 20-yard burst in the team kept moving forward third quarter and then ran

for the conversion point. touchdown later in the third quarter and went into the guarter and another in the end zone from 40 vards improved their record to 2-

The Rams' top perform-

ers included Jonathan ing in the Bay Area Football Gonzalez, Rommel Garcia. dan Rogers, Roberto Saenz Cantu, Michael Norville, The Southbelt Dolphins Dominique Hunter, Derek celebrated homecoming DeLosSantos, Ricardo Salcedo, Robert Gonzalez, ries over the Manvel Levan Tarry, Josue Escareno Luis Garcia Jeremy Torrence Clark, Ponce, Anthony Aylor, Josh Fonseca, Christopher Martinez, Tristan Lozano, Cordero Jacobs and Jacobby Rogers.

#### Dolphins juniors 42 Ravens 0

Six different players reached the end zone as the Dolphins' junior team blasted Manvel 42-0.

The win kept the Dolphins unbeaten at 9-0, one of only two teams in the Bay Area Football League to hold the distinction.

opening kickoff back 60 yards for a touchdown as the Dolphins never looked back. Kevin Cabellero played

Kevian Deleon took the

Defensively, the Pan- a great game at quarterback, thers could do little as John tossing scoring passes of 91 and 80 yards to Jacoby

and Alex de Mocskonyi 10-yard touchdown run, and Jacoby Perro scored on a 12-vard run, B.J. Scott (8 yards) and James Davis (20 yards) also scored for the

Michael Garcia, Josh conversion run. Bolling, Daniel Delatte, Angel Garcia McKenzie Gil-Cuesta, Jordan Razo Tramelle Williams for and Justyn Gonzalez chipped in on offense as the Dolphins easily won.

On defense, Robert An-The loss dropped the drade, Isaac Belle, Reginald Cloud, Hector Flores, Demarcus Green, Ehren Hausler. Jarvis Lester. Jason After a scoreless first Lester and Jaylen Johnson

#### Rams sophomores 30

Pasadena 0 Blowing past Pasadena Isaiah Freeman scored 30-0, the Rams' sophomore with an 8-1 record.

Jaylon Bolden scored on played Manyel to a 13-13 Felipe Canales added a a 50-yard run in the first fourth quarter as the Rams away in the second quarter.

Kaelon Woods ran into the end zone on a 10-vard score in the third quarter.



Demetrius Davis added a Kevin Caballero (middle), usually the starting quarterback for the Southbelt Dolphins junior division team, also did his part on special teams Oct. 13 against the Manvel Ravens, delivering a big hit on a kickoff return. Cabellero and the Dolphins went on to beat the Ravens 42-0 as part of homecoming weekend, pushing their record to a perfect 9-0.

Tywon Macket added the

In the fourth quarter, Darius Simmons threw a 25-vard touchdown pass to Woods. For the two-point conversion. Simmons lofted a pass to Joey Longoria.

The Rams' entire de-fense excelled in the shutout win. The offensive line, led by Adrian Fonseca, Peyton Polk, Nick Alvarez, Justin Garcia, NiKeaven Chestnut, Orlando Ochoa and Longoria, dominated the line of scrimmage.

#### Dolphins sophomores 13

Manvel 13 In a great game, the Dolphins' sophomore team

Chris Mosley had a 35yard dash to the end zone for the Dolphins, while Joe Gonzalez came through with a big 10-yard touchdown later.

#### Week 9 BAFL Results

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	<b>Seniors</b>	
Dolphins 20	'49ers 14	Rams 32
Ravens 8	Cowboys 12	Panthers 2
	<u>Juniors</u>	
Dolphins 42	'49ers 20	Rams 19
Ravens 0	Cowboys 6	Panthers 0
	<b>Sophomores</b>	
Ravens 13	'49ers 32	Rams 30
Dolphins 13	Cowboys 13	Panthers 0
	<u>Freshmen</u>	
Dolphins 46	'49ers 25	Rams 40
Ravens 0	Cowboys 9	Panthers 0

Benny Hamilton's con-through with a 65-yard version run helped the interception return for a Dolphins emerge with the score. Hunter Garcia also tie as the team saw its record go to 4-4-1.

zalez, Michael Navarro, zanales, Gage Peete-Myers, D'Vaughn Pennamon, Isaoffensive side of the ball.

Barber, Patrick Cloud. Hackney, Willie Jorren Poullard, Scott, Kevin Gregory Richard, Ernesto Rodriguez and Hamilton.

#### Rams freshmen 40 Pasadena 0

Improving to a divisionbest 8-0-1 the Rams' freshman team crushed Pasadena

away from Pasadena's ran in with the conversion try.
Josh Romero's 2-yard

run extended the lead again. Hunter came through with a 70-yard touchdown, and Romero ran for the point Barone Rivera made a

had a 60-yard scoring dash, and Joseph Casteneda Mosley, Detiege, Kameron Dolford, Joe Gon-40-yard run to the end zone.

Ít was a big team effort Isaiah Myers, Isaiah Man- for the first-place Rams as others who played well included DeJuan Dixson. iah Sarkodich and Jimmy Matthew Lopez, Mark Ramirez played well on the Milton, Desmond Owens, Joseph Holbert, Anthony The defense was paced Stasiak, Ernie Guzman, by Michael Arnesen, Chris Alec Figueroa, Michael Slaten, Gabriel Fonseca, Desmond Flores, Isaiah Matthew Benitez, Dedrick Carr, Darien Bell, Jesus Coronado, Montrai Scott, Upchurch, Alex Valerio Jr., Nakia Johnson, Nicholas Irwin, Kevin Collins and

#### Dophins' freshmen 46 Manvel 0

Zion Walker

Jeremy Davis and Jaizac Garcia scored twice, leading the Dolphins' freshman team to an easy 46-0 victo-Royce Hunter dashed ry against Manyel.

Four other players made defense for a 40-yard their way to the end zone touchdown early in the for the Dolphins as the team game. Bre Simmons then improved to 7-2 this season. Davis scored on runs of 40 and 45 vards.

Garcia had touchdown dashes of 30 and 25 yards, while Osby Mitchell made his way to the end zone from 5 yards out as the Dolphins cruised.

Dominic Franklin strip-Continued on Page 6B

#### **Bay Area Football League Standings** (As of Oct. 16)

**Senior Division** Pearland Texans East End Manvel Ellington Magnolia Park Santa Fe Friendswood Southbelt Pasadena Alvin League City La Marque Sagemont Pearland Patriots Pearland Hurricanes

Junior Division Team Southbelt Texas City League City Sagemont Pearland Patriots La Marque Pearland Texans Pearland Hurricanes Magnolia Park Manvel East End Alvin

Sophomore Division Team Pearland Patriots Pearland Hurricane Ellington Sagemont League City Manvel La Marque Southbelt Magnolia Park Pasadena Pearland Texans Friendswood East End

Freshman Division Ellington League City Pearland Hurricanes Southbelt Magnolia Park Sagemont Texas City Pearland Texans Alvin Pearland Patriots Santa Fe \*La Marque Pasadena Friendswood - Incomplete games



division action. On this play, defenders Isaac Belle (left) and B.J. Scott (11) chased a Manvel running back and eventually made the stop for a short gain. The Dolphins won the game 42-0.

big defensive play, coming

#### **BHI-Thompson VB...**

Continued from Page 2B equa Gaston and Tonva Palomares also played well.

The Lady Bears' seventh-grade Dark also won its match over the Lady

the series came in the eighth-grade Light match. The Lady Lions' topplayers on the eighth-grade Dark team included Alaina

Burns, Layla Brown and

Chloe Escobar.

Deubner, Jessica Dennis, Laura Placencia and Kristin Stolicki. Beverly Hills is unbeaten

at 5-0 in the seventh-grade Dark standings and 4-1 in Thompson's lone win in the eighth-grade Light and Dark standings. The Lady Bears' seventh-grade Light team is 3-2.

Thompson is 3-2 in seventh-grade Light, 2-3 in eighth-grade Light and 1-4 in seventh- and eighth-In the eighth-grade Light grade Dark play midway match, the Lady Lions got through the season.

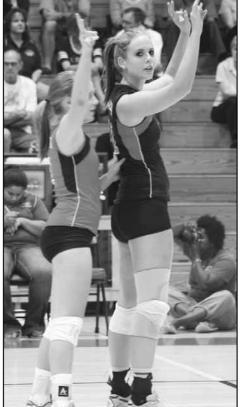
#### Pasadena ISD **Girls Volleyball Standings**

	8th Grade	Ligh
Team	$\mathbf{W}$	Ĺ
Park View	5	0
Beverly Hills	4	1
Bondy	4	1
Southmore	3	2
San Jacinto	3	2
Miller	2	3
Thompson	2	3
Jackson	1	4
Queens	1	4
South Houston	0	5

	8th Grad	e Daı
Team	$\mathbf{w}$	L
Southmore	5	0
Bondy	4	1
Queens	4	1
Beverly Hills	4	1
South Houston	3	2
Park View	2	3
Thompson	1	4
Miller	1	4
Jackson	1	4
San Jacinto	0	5

	7th Grade Ligh	
Team	$\mathbf{w}$	L
Park View	5	0
Bondy	4	1
Queens	3	2
Thompson	3	2
Beverly Hills	3	2
South Houston	3	2
Southmore	2	3
Miller	1	4
Jackson	1	4
San Jacinto	0	5

	7th Grade Dark		
Team	W	L	
Beverly Hills	5	0	
Bondy	5	0	
Queens	4	1	
San Jacinto	3	2	
Southmore	3	2	
Park View	2	3	
South Houston	2	3	
Thompson	1	4	
Jackson	0	5	
Miller	0	5	



Emily Johnston (left), Suzy Boulavsky and the Clear Brook varsity volleyball team are fighting for their playoff lives after falling to Clear Lake in five games Oct. 16. Right now, Brook is fourth at 5-5 in 24-5A.

#### Lady Wolverines fall; fourth place still theirs

Clear Lake have resulted in at Clear Brook no wins, leaving the Clear Brook varsity volleyball

Clear Lake pulled out the final game Oct. 16 at Bill
Krueger Field House, wingive Clear Brook a threening a dramatic 14-25, 25match over the Lady Wol- to play. Clear Brook finish-

in control of first place in District 24-5A ahead of have qualified for the play-

Clear Brook is still two matches up in the race for The team can seize the final

Two hard-fought regular with a win over fifth-place season matches against Brazoswood (3-7) Oct. 19

The Lady Wolverines defeated Brazoswood in the team fighting for its playoff first round of district play but needed five games to do

23, 25-13, 20-25, 15-10 wood with only one match es the regular season Oct. The win kept Clear Lake 23 at Pearland.

It's been an up-anddown season for Clear both Pearland and Clear Brook, which had hopes of Creek. Those three teams challenging the likes of have qualified for the play- Clear Lake, Pearland and Clear Creek for first place in the district.

But a playoff berth will fourth place in the district. make things better. One more win, and Clear Brook

# Thompson football captures three victories

the Thompson Intermediate Josh Basquez, Marquise football program won three Gilbert and Ed Alvarado games over Jackson Oct. 9-

After a slow start to the regular season, the Lions' four teams have now combined to win nine of 20

#### 8A Lions 38 Jackson 0

Playing perhaps its most complete game of the regular season, the Lions' eighth-grade A team coasted to a 38-0 shutout of Jackson.

The offensive heroes downs, and quarterback Tyler Newcomb and tail-back Vaughn Leonard Allen threw a 15-yard and Daniel Gonzalez were scored one apiece. Newcomb also booted five twopoint conversions.

48 and 54 yards in the first 0. quarter as the Lions led 16-0. Newcomb's 12-yard run in the second quarter put Thompson up 22-0 at half-

The third quarter belonged to Thompson as Leonard (45-yard touch- roared as Todd Baumann,

Flag – 8 a.m.

Sophomores – 12:30 p.m.

Putting together its sec-ond straight winning week, linemen A.J. Abushaban, played exceptionally well.

The defense earned the shutout as B.J. Bravo, Glen Anderson, Julian Silva, Deshaun Jackson, Vance Leonard, Chris Uzomah and Paul Jasso excelled.

The win moved the Lions to 2-3 overall. 8B Lions 30

Jackson 6 Thompson's eighth-grade B team used a variety of skills to beat the Wildcats 30-6.

Jeraldo Luna recovered a were many in the win for fumble in the first quarter, the Lions. D.J. Bolden and Eric Guzman added the scored three rushing touch- two-point kick for a quick fourth quarter. 8-0 Lions' lead.

quarter. After Guzman's Bolden scored on runs of kick, the Lions were up 16- ly. yards) and Tad Robertson (3 yards) ran for touchdowns in the second half as

> record to 3-2. The Lions' offense topped Jackson 19-6. Allen, Rodriguez, Joe Gar-

**Bay Area Football League** 

Week 10 (Oct. 20)

La Marque Cougars at Pearland Hurricanes

**Magnolia Sharks at Ellington Rams** 

**Pearland Texans at Pasadena Panthers** 

**Texas City Stingrays at Alvin Raiders** 

Friendswood Mustangs at Southbelt Dolphins

**Sagemont Cowboys at Pearland Patriots** 

League City '49ers at East End Eagles

**Santa Fe Braves at Manyel Ravens** 

Field locations at bayareafootballleague.com

Cesar Bernal and Earlton Eusabio Maldonado also Rogers played well.

defense with an interception, and he got plenty of help from Luna, Robertson, Michael Rodriguez, Chris Jackson, Shane Garcia, offense rolling.

Team

Williams and Corey Perez. 7A Jackson 22 Lions 12

Nico Galicia, Jalen Corona

Roy Francis, Allen, Jekale

A big 15-point second quarter helped lift Jackson's seventh-grade A team over the Lions 22-12.

Tyler Wolfe had a 1-yard touchdown plunge for the Lions in the second quarter. Jonathan Jones then raced 60 yards for a score in the Matthew Mikes, Jona-

touchdown pass to Oscar the Lions' offensive stand-Rodriguez in the second outs. Adrian Ramirez made several big plays defensive-The

loss dropped Chris Stockman (17 Thompson to 1-4 overall. 7B Lions 19

Jackson 16 Winning for the third Thompson ran its overall straight time, Thompson's seventh-grade

down burst) and Bolden Barry Authenreith, Oscar running game to take the (42-yard score) added to the Delossantos, Robertson, win as Carlos Ibarra had

two touchdown runs, and Bolden and Vaughn cia, Guzman, Tyler Clark, Kameron Smith also ran combined to rush for more Stockman, Devonte Mason, well for the tailback spot.

Zone A

South Houston (5-0-0)

Josh Soto, Taylor Finney, Trujillio and Julio Fran-

scored a touchdown in the late interception as the Lions improved to 3-2 overall. Other defensive stars Jonathan Betancourt, Trey included Josh Green, Jerry Neighbors, Finney, Trecisco helped keep the shawn Jones, Josh Lewis offense rolling. the shawn Jones, Josh Lewis and Giovanni Vega.

#### **Pasadena ISD Football Standings** 8th Grade A (Zone)

San Jacinto (4-1-0)	1	ő	Ö	
Queens (2-3-0)	1	1	0	
	0	1	0	
Thompson (2-3-0)	0	2	0	
Southmore (0-5-0)	U	2	U	
7 D				
Zone B	•	0	0	
Beverly Hills (5-0-0)	2	0	0	
Miller (4-1-0)	1	0	0	
Park View (2-3-0)	1	1	0	
Jackson (0-5-0)	0	1	0	
Bondy (1-4-0)	0	2	0	
	ide B (Z		_	
Team Zone A	W	L	T	
San Jacinto (4-1-0)	1	0	0	
Thompson (3-2-0)	1	0	0	
Queens (3-2-0)	1	1	0	
South Houston (3-1-1)	1	1	0	
Southmore (0-5-0)	0	2	0	
Zone B				
Beverly Hills (5-0-0)	2	0	0	
Bondy (4-0-1)	2	0	0	
Miller (1-4-0)	0	ĩ	Õ	
Park View (1-4-0)	Õ	2	Õ	
Jackson (0-5-0)	ő	1	ő	
tuenson (o z o)	Ü	•	Ü	
7th Gra	de A (Z	one)		
Team Zone A	W	L	T	
Queens (2-3-0)	2	0	0	
San Jacinto (2-2-1)	1	0	0	
Thompson (1-4-0)	1	0	0	
			0	
Southmore (1-4-0)	0	2		
South Houston (1-4-0)	0	2	0	
7 D				
Zone B	•	0	0	
Beverly Hills (5-0-0)	2	0	0	
Bondy (5-0-0)	2	0	0	
Miller (3-1-1)	0	1	0	
Jackson (4-1-0)	0	1	0	
Park View (0-5-0)	0	2	0	
7th Gra	de B (Z	one)		
Team Zone A	W	L	T	
Queens (2-3-0)	2	0	0	
San Jacinto (4-1-0)	1	0	0	

# **CALENDA**

11:15 a.m. **Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club –** Texas Southeast host monthly luncheons at Golfcrest Country Club from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. The luncheon includes a buffet, an informative program and an inspirational speaker. Cost is \$15 all inclusive. All ladies are welcome, but reservations are necessary. A complimentary nursery is provided. For information, call 832-453-2431.

11:30 a.m.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets on the third Thursday of each month at Makenzies Grill, 9330 Broadway in Pearland. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.sep-abwa.com

Noon
Free Exercise Classes – for plus size women are held Tuesdays and
Thursdays at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507
Hughes Road. Call Connie Guillory or Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

7 p.m.

Korean War Veteran Association – The Texas Lone Star Chapter meets the third Thursday of each month at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 West Center. For information, call 713-774-3662. FRIDAY, OCT 19

offers free line dancing classes. The class is held at the activity building, located at 416 Morningside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. Previous experience not required. For more information, call 281-482-8441.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 20

Noon
Clear Lake Celtic Music Festival – and Highland Games will be Saturday, Oct. 20, from noon to 10 p.m. at the Landolt Pavilion in Guera Lake Park on NASA Parkway. The festival will present Celtic Musical acts, pipers and dancers all day, rain or shine. There will be food and beverages, exhibits, crafts vendors and children's activities. Sheltered pavilion seating is available for \$10. Admission is half price

7:30 p.m.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group – Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For more information and locations, confact Brenda Fitch at 713-533-4508 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

9:30 a.m. Clear Lake Celtic Music Festival — and Highland Games will be Saturday, Oct. 20, from noon to 10 p.m. at the Landolt Pavilion in Clear Lake Park on NASA Parkway. The festival will present Celtic musical acts, pipers and dancers all day, rain or shine. There will be food and beverages, exhibits, crafts vendors and children's activities. Sheltered pavilion seating is available for \$10. Admission is half price after 6 p.m., and beverages are half price after 7 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

Guifhaven Health Ministries — Presents Stenfast Lifestyle Series

Gulfhaven Health Ministries – Presents Stepfast Lifestyle Series classes every Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Stress, weight management and other issues are addressed. For more information, call 713-944-6912 or 713-991-7815.

6 p.m. Frontier Squares – Meets to square dance at the NASA Gilruth Center on Space Center. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or George Wieland at 281-286-5682, or visit www.frontiersquares.com.

Bay Area Bluegrass Association – Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, May and December are exceptions. Admission is free. The show is held at the League City City Center 300 Walker For more information visit

League City Civic Center, 300 Walker. For more information, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.or SUNDAY, OCT. 21

SUNDAY, OCT. 21
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.

MONDAY, OCT. 22

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 light of covince 

Free Walking Classes – for plus size women are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Call Connie Guillory or Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

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

7 p.m.

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#### TUESDAY, OCT. 23

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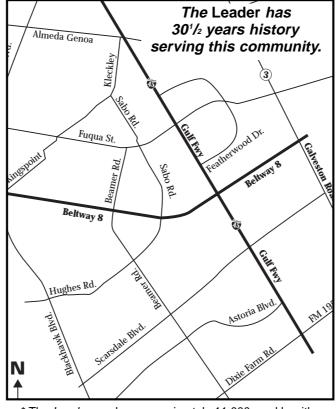
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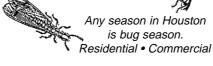
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# District team tennis tournaments up next Rams homecoming court announced

**Continued from Page 1B** No offense meant, but Dobie's path to the Region III tournament is much smoother than Clear

Minus the ineligible players, the Wolverines figure to have a difficult battle in store against Pearland.

A subsequent victory over Clear Creek in the finals would seem unlikely, given the Wildcats' easy over the fullystocked Wolverines in the

As for Dobie, a win over the Mavericks would give

berth in four seasons.

Dobie has seen Memorial take control, at least for now, in both varsity football and varsity volleyball.

Dobie its third regional

Moreno and his players are certainly unwilling to forfeit school district supremacy to Memorial.

Perhaps some of the same magic Dobie showed during the regular season either way.

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touchdown pass in his first start of the season.

Precella's intensity on defense led to several

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will be on display again a second time against the Mavericks.

"Memorial will be a better team than they were the first time," Moreno insisted.

"They have a program that is on the rise. We have had several good years and still have a great chance. It sounds simple, but we have to win the matches we are supposed to win. If we do that, I like our chances. If we slip up, it could be 10-9

#### **District Fall Team Tennis**

Dobie vs. Memorial 22-5A First Round Oct. 18 2:30 p.m., Dobie High School

Clear Brook hosts Pearland 24-5A First Round Oct. 18 3 p.m., Clear Brook High School

#### Local BAFL units coast



interception return for a touchdown. Armstead, Devon Bustamonte, William Fuselier, Mattias Gallo, Jazaic Garcia, Marc Garza, London Jenkins, Andres Mercado, Rvan

Puga and Marcus Rodriguez played well offensively. The Dolphins' defense was solid as Justyce Battles, Garcia. Joshua Bennett, Jacoby Davis, Byron Flores, Dominic Franklin, Javen Hedgeman, Joshua Huff, T.J. Kilby, Osby Mitchell III, Ethan Riojas, Elijah Silva and Ty Wright all excelled.

League City freshmen 25 Cowbovs 9

The freshman Cowboys League City against the

The locals fell behind 25-0 before lightning struck as Brannon Shoaf blazed down the sideline for a 60-yard kickoff return for a touch-

The ensuing point after conversion by Jordan White cut the lead to 25 -7.

The Cowboys' defense then got strong and produced a thrilling two-point safety by Nathaniel Dominguez for

ped away the football on straight loss dropped them to fine plays. Jayveon Belle,

The never-say-die Cow boys who played hard Noah Garcia, Tomas Garcia, the scoring with a 40-yard throughout included Tripp Nelson, Dylan Carter, Elijah Dorsey, Seth Gutierrez, Tony Jeremy Davis, Keith Agirre, Stanley Krivik, Giannakopoulos, Erik Tuttle, Jacob Kuhn, Kenneth Brown, Daniel Tello, Juan Trujillo, Torrey Tapper, Triston Gibson, Mason Eldridge, Damontre Blacknell, Jacob Sulak, Gabriel Elias and Gavin

> Rams flag team is good Devin Childs ran for a pair of 50-yard touchdowns, and Travis Watson Jr. came through with a 3-yard run to the end zone as the Rams' flag division team played well against Pasadena

Nick Rodarte, Marquice Scott, Javian Castaneda, fell behind early yet never Justin Rogers, Marco San-quit in a 25-9 defeat at chez, John Gonzalez, Javier Salcedo and Deytoine Flournoy also played well on the offensive side of the ball.

Outstanding flag pulling on defense was done by Matt Cervantes, Isaac Martinez, Demontre Carr, Ke'San Abdul, Darrius Pamplin, Mateo Guzman, Donaldson Harper and Zion Nolan.

SB flaggers excel The Dolphins' flag team

played a great game against Manvel as both teams played with pride.

#### **Dobie football needs win**

Continued from Page 1B Despite all of the things

ing a 1-5 start to the season, the Longhorns can get back on track with a victory over Sam Rayburn.

Then comes a game at North Shore in which a win will be hard to come by.

In the final two weeks, believe it or not, the Longhorns could be presented with a chance to make the postseason. If things stay the present course, Dobie can qualify for the playoffs with backto-back wins over South Houston and La Porte.

Will that happen? At this point, it doesn't appear likely, but stranger things have happened. South Houston

was rolling along before being rolled 27-0 by that have gone wrong dur- Memorial. La Porte is a good football team, but is not as talented as the school's 2005 and 2006

"We have to get on a roll and make some things happen for ourselves," Cotton said. "That's something we haven't been able to do yet, but the chance is there

Andy Pettitte to appear

#### Vincent Edwards, Christian Anthony Taylor Gomez, Jaylen Gonzalez, Ra'Shad Harris, Ken-

dall Iwvagwu, Jalen Lendsey, Nathan Licerio, Carter Miller, Peyton Miller, Nathaniel Kroneman, Malachai Murphy, Carvantes Pounds II, Theodore Randall III, Perci Smith, David Trevino, Jonavon Wade and A'Darius

Ward all played well.



The Ellington Rams of the Bay Area Football League honored their homecoming kings and queens as part king Mikayla Castaneda and Peyton Polk; (back row) of a special weekend of activities and games against junior king and queen Tywon Mackey (filling in for the Pearland Hurricanes. The winners included, left to right, (front row) freshman king and queen Mark Milton and Deana Zuniga; flag queen and king Sierra

Gonzales and Isaac Martinez; sophmore queen and Anthony Cantu, who wasn't present) Nealis, senior king and queen Aaron Melendez and

#### Solid start now gone, San Jacinto regrouping

One of the top teams in to the basics, trying to find season is losing its momentum with the playoffs looming.

San Jacinto College's nationally ranked teams.

It was just the second loss of the season for the Coyotes, but the timing of Oct. 13. the defeat is poor. Santesteban found extra

The loss could prove give Tyler the top-seed and a first-round bye at the 2-0 loss to Tyler. the Region 14 tournament

nation's No. 1 ranking in votes have not played up to par. Instead, the team has hit the skids a bit with a tie and two losses.

"We have to start from things going in both ends of the field," San Jacinto College head coach David Santesteban said. "We literally gave the

game away against Tyler with a couple of big mistakes in the defensive end. On top of that, right now we can't score. It's back

the nation for much of the a way to get ourselves back Santesteban was hoping

the Coyotes would be at their best in the final homesoccer team suffered a 2-0 stand of the season Oct. 13setback at home against 14. San Jacinto got first-Tyler Oct. 14 in a battle of half penalty kick scores from Corey McPherson and Leon Williams on its way to a 2-0 win over Lon Morris

rest for several key players particularly damaging in during the Lon Morris that it may eventually match, but that break failed to produce results during All is not lost, though.

The Coyotes should be able Since starting the sea- to gain some confidence son 8-0-1 and snaring the against last-place Hill College on the road Oct. 19. early September, the Co- The following day, San Jacinto will be tested by a solid Richland College Then comes the postsea-

son. Although Tyler will scratch and get some host the regional, Mid-South District and national tournaments, the Coyotes will have their chance at redemption.

"Our loss to Tyler means we will probably have to zled this season. Their head play two games at regionals while Tyler plays just one," Santesteban said. "It won't be easy, but we've been in



against Lon Morris as the Coyotes posted a 2-0 victory Oct. 13. The team wasn't as fortunate the following day, though, as fifth-ranked Tyler blanked San Jacinto 2-0 at Coyote Field.

this position before."
At 10-2-1, the Coyotes

have both dazzled and fizcoach believes another dazzling moment or two will

peak too early," Santesteban I've been here. This last said.

"We had some great wins early that were emotional for this team.

come. Arizona was one of the have to get back to pl
"I'm hoping we didn't biggest wins for us since ing San Jacinto soccer. Arizona was one of the have to get back to play-

Tyler loss might have been the worst.'

"We're bounce back. We have a "The win over Yavapai in lot of talent, and we just

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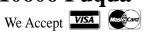
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guest host at the auction and reception.

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Jac, where he excelled as a pitcher for the college's base-ball team before beginning his professional career

The San Jacinto College Foundation designated a \$100,000 scholarship in Pettitte's honor because of The tournament will be efforts with the annual golf round.

year, the foundation awarded The first round will tee off \$320,691 in scholarships.

will begin at 12:45 p.m. with registration at 11:30 a.m. ing of four-person teams, 24 VIP reserved seating tick-registration at 11:30 a.m. An auction and reception flights will be determined will take place from 6:30 to 9 after all scores are submitted the awards dinner and in all Yankees pitcher and San
Jacinto College alumnus
Andy Pettitte will be the

ment and the auction benefit include: first place, \$100 for and recognition at the awards each team member; second Scholarship. Pettitte, a Deer place, \$75 for each team es.

The theme for the 12th Park resident, attended San member; and third place, \$50

San Jacinto College foundation to golf

Lunch, an awards ceremony and a silent auction will follow the first round. Afternoon players should

plan to come early for lunch, which will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There the commitment he made to will also be an awards prethe foundation through his sentation after the second

For the 2006-07 academic for the tournament include: World Series: \$10,000: 12 golf playing spots, 12 VIP

at 7:15 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast at 6:15 a.m. The second round be Florida Scramble consist-Grand Slam: \$5,000: eight

golf playing spots, eight VIP Pro shop gift certificates for the first three places include: first place \$100 f parking spaces, exclusive for \$20 per ticket. The raffle hole sponsorship, tent with prize winners will be table, 16 VIP reserved seat-announced Oct. 31 at 6:30 dinner and in all press releas-

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