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**BLUM, FELIZ, OSWALT, DOLAN AND RAYMOND ON HOUSTON ASTROS 2010  
CARAVAN VISITING LEAGUE CITY AND CLEAR LAKE WEDNESDAY**

*Biggio to Make Guest Appearance at Elementary School Wednesday Morning*

**WHO:** Pitcher **Roy Oswalt**  
Infielders **Geoff Blum** and **Pedro Feliz**  
Former player **Craig Biggio**  
Broadcasters **Brett Dolan** and **Dave Raymond**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 20

**WHERE:** Full schedule detailed on the following page and a list of stops open to the public is posted at [www.astros.com/caravan](http://www.astros.com/caravan).

**WHAT:** The Houston Astros 2010 Caravan continues with several stops in League City and Clear Lake on Wednesday. The first stop will be at Ross Elementary School where Astros personnel, including former Astros great Craig Biggio, will host a Team A.C.T. assembly that focuses on service and making a difference. Players will discuss the importance of teamwork and how **Accountability, Choices and Trust** can make their community a better place.

In the afternoon, NASA will join the Astros to plant trees as part of the team's ongoing Play Green® program. Astros employees, players and NASA Astronauts will plant 31 trees at Sylvan Rodriguez Park in Clear Lake. The 31 trees represent the number of Astros home runs hit at Minute Maid Park last August and September, bringing the total number of trees planted by the club to 80 – one for each Astros home run hit at home in 2009. Sylvan Rodriguez Park is a Houston Parks and Recreation Department park named for former news anchor and NASA champion Sylvan Rodriguez.

According to NASA's Chief Scientist for Earth Observations for Human Exploration, Dr. Kamlesh Lulla, "Trees are nature's engineering marvel. They absorb huge amounts of carbon dioxide and produce oxygen, thus mitigating the impacts of green house effect. NASA satellites and scientists are actively monitoring the health of our planet and are involved in understanding the greenhouse effect and other climate change processes on Earth's vegetated landscapes. The trees NASA is planting with the Astros will play a key role in Earth systems making our planet a unique and hospitable place for human societies and other living organisms. In short, these trees make our planet habitable and allow life to thrive here on Earth."

Houston City Council Member Mike Sullivan thanks the Astros for their commitment to tree planting. "I am particularly proud that Sylvan Rodriguez Park was chosen by the Astros," says Sullivan. "My constituents use this park on a regular basis and will always know that the Astros, NASA, and numerous volunteers worked to make our park more enjoyable for those who use it."

Additional tree planting partners include Keep Houston Beautiful, HLS Enterprises, Christison Landscape and Tree Town USA.

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The Houston portion of the caravan rolls on Thursday with stops in Katy and on Friday in Sugar Land and Pearland. While caravanning through Houston, the Astros will simultaneously have a second caravan making a three-day trip through the Temple area (Jan. 18-20). The caravan's second week will tour central and southern Texas (Jan. 25-28), including stops in Waco, Round Rock, Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Victoria.

### **ASTROS IN THE COMMUNITY**

The Houston Astros consider being a meaningful part of the community just as important as throwing strikes and hitting home runs. Throughout the year, Astros players, broadcasters, alumni and staff partner with a myriad of non-profit and civic groups around the region to help make the community a better place to live.

*"We have two missions: to be a champion, and to make a positive difference in the community."*

*-- Drayton McLane, Astros Chairman and CEO*

### **Wednesday, January 20 – League City/Clear Lake, TX; Shawn Bertani 314-249-0704**

#### **Ross Elementary School**

Geoff Blum, Pedro Feliz, Roy Oswalt, Craig Biggio, Brett Dolan and Dave Raymond

- 9:30 am – 11:00 am
- 2401 West Main St., League City, TX 77059
- Janice Scott, 281-284-0020
- OPEN TO ALL MEDIA ONLY

#### **NASA**

Geoff Blum, Pedro Feliz, Roy Oswalt, Brett Dolan and Dave Raymond

- 1:30 pm–2:30 pm: Tree planting – Houston Park & Recreation Department's Sylvan Rodriguez Park, 1201 Clear Lake City, Blvd. Houston, TX 77062
- 3:00 pm–4:00 pm: NASA tour and employee autograph signing - NASA Neutral Buoyancy Lab, 13000 Space Center Blvd., Houston, TX 77059
- James Hartsfield, 281-483-5111
- OPEN TO ALL MEDIA ONLY

#### **Academy Sports + Outdoors Autograph Signing**

Geoff Blum, Pedro Feliz, Roy Oswalt, Brett Dolan and Dave Raymond

- 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
- 21351 Gulf Freeway, Webster, TX 77598
- Debbie Smith, 281-299-4279
- OPEN TO FANS AND ALL MEDIA

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