

DeLay sentenced to 3 years

Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay was sentenced to three years in prison Monday, Jan. 10, on money laundering and conspiracy charges.

DeLay, who represented much of the South Belt area, was found guilty last November of illegally funnelling \$190,000 in corporate donations into 2002 Texas legislative races through a money swap. That year, Texas Republicans seized control of the state legislature and redrew a number of Democratic-controlled congressional districts.

DeLay stepped down as majority leader in 2005, following his indictment. State Judge Pat Priest sentenced DeLay to a three-year term on conspiracy and accepted 10 years of probation in lieu of a five-year prison term on the money laundering charge.

DeLay faced up to life in prison. He was released on a \$10,000 bond while he seeks to overturn the conviction.

Tree waste pickup set

Tree waste only will be picked up Thursday, Jan. 20, for city of Houston residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 27. For more information, call 3-1-1.

Dobie college, career night

Dobie College and Career Night will be held Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. All grade levels are welcome.

Receive information on college admissions, financial aid, application process, SAT/ACT tests, community colleges, sports in college, and much more.

University representatives from the University of Houston, Texas A&M University, Lamar University, Sam Houston State University, the University of Texas, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, and Stephen F. Austin State University will be attending.

For more information, contact Stefanie McKinney at 713-740-0370.

AARP meets Jan. 14

The South Belt AARP will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at El Franco Lee Community Center, 9400 Hall Road.

The Accidentals will present a program of singing, dancing and musical fun for everyone. All seniors are invited. Lunch will follow the meeting.

Lion PTO, boosters meet

The Thompson Intermediate PTO will meet on Thursday, Jan. 20, from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

The Thompson Intermediate Booster Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 20, from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. This booster meeting will be mandatory for parents of all athletic students, and will discuss the upcoming Powder Puff fundraiser and the athletic banquet.

SBGSA registers

The South Belt Girls Softball Association will hold spring registration Saturday, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Tuesday, Jan. 18, and Thursday, Jan. 20, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Registration fees are \$80 with a \$5 sibling discount, \$55 buyout.

Late registration will be held Saturday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The last date for late registration is Jan. 27, 2011. Late registration fees are \$85 with a \$5 sibling discount, buyout is \$55.

Tryouts are scheduled for Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Jan. 23 - draw. All registrations are held at El Franco Lee Park at the girls softball field, concession stand. New coaches must submit colors and logo on Jan. 19. Visit the league's website at www.eteamz.com/southbeltgirls for more information.

SBHLL to sign up

Officials in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will host two more regular registration dates for the upcoming 2011 spring season.

The registration dates for all players is Thursday, Jan. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. All of the sessions will be held at US Spring Training, located at 10330 Blackhawk Blvd.

Registration fee is \$100 per player from the 3- and 4-year-olds, and \$140 per player from those ages 5 to 14. A \$10 discount will be applied for families with more than one player registering.

For more information, visit the SBHLL Website at www.eteamz.com/sbhll. Players must turn 3 years of age on or prior to April 30, 2011, in order to be eligible to compete.

Soccer to sign up

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club will hold its spring registration Saturday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemeadow MUD Building, located at 10755 Hall Road at the Blackhawk intersection.

The fee is \$80 for players in the U-5 through U-8 divisions, \$85 for those in the U-9 and U-10 divisions and \$90 for those in the 11 and older divisions.

For online registration information or to learn more about the league, visit www.southbeltsoccer.org.

State budget worries area school districts

By James Bolen

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' announcement Monday, Jan. 10, that the state budget is facing a \$15 billion shortfall over the next two years has local school districts scrambling to make ends meet.

While the exact cuts to state education spending won't be fully determined until the end of this year's legislative session in June, school districts must start making adjustments now to budget accordingly.

"Our projections are based on a worst-case scenario, but we're hoping for the best," said Pasadena Independent School District spokeswoman Candace Ahlfinger.

According to PISD's financial advisers, Moak, Casey and Associates, the school district

is expected to receive between \$20 million and \$21 million less per year in funding over the next biennium.

This comes at a time when the financially strapped district has already taken significant steps to reduce spending. In the past two years, PISD has already cut its office budget by 5 percent, drastically reduced travel expenses and implemented a reduction-in-force policy.

"There's not a lot more to cut," Ahlfinger said.

This is true too of the Clear Creek Independent School District, which has shaved its annual spending by nearly \$12 million over the past two years.

CCISD's financial advisers estimate the district will lose roughly \$8.9 million for every \$1

billion the state cuts in education spending. The school district was already staring at a \$27 million budget deficit over the next five years that included no pay raises for staff members, according to district spokeswoman Elaina Polsen.

To help tackle the issue, CCISD officials are forming a citizens group to analyze the district's finances. The group's first meeting is scheduled to take place later this month.

One of the many proposals being considered by state officials to alleviate the added financial stress to school districts is to increase the student-teacher ratio. State law currently mandates a maximum of 22 students per teacher through fourth grade.

Ahlfinger said PISD is currently conducting studies to see what effect an increase of one pupil per class would have on student performance.

While this is no doubt a trying time for PISD, Ahlfinger is hopeful the district can handle any changes without compromising services to its students.

"We're looking at every possibility," Ahlfinger said. "We're trying to think inside and outside of the box. Our goal is to minimize the impact to students."

This sentiment is shared by Polsen.

"The community has high expectations of CCISD," Polsen said. "And we want to maintain that."

Leader remembers 2010 events

The year in review is continued from last week's edition. For a recap of events that happened through March 11, 2010, see the Jan. 6 issue of the *Leader*.

March 18

President Barack Obama's proposed budget called for the phasing out of NASA's space shuttle program, as well as its Constellation project, which was to return man to the moon by 2020. According to Bob Mitchell, president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, this would entail a loss of a minimum of 4,000 direct local jobs and perhaps as many as 7,000 direct local jobs. Mitchell further said that a loss of 4,000 direct jobs would contribute to the loss of an additional 2,500 secondary jobs, while the loss of 7,000 direct jobs could lead to the loss of an additional 4,500 secondary jobs, totaling as many as 11,500 potential lost jobs in the area.

The Memorial Hermann Healthcare System announced the appointment of Erin Asprek as CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast. Asprek is the first female CEO in the hospital's 24-year history. For the previous six years, she served as the CEO of the Memorial Hermann Heart and Vascular Institute-Texas Medical Center. Asprek began her career with the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System in 2002, working as the director of business development and then as the executive liaison to Dan Wolterman, the president and CEO of the system.

Under Asprek's leadership, the Memorial Hermann Heart and Vascular Institute moved into a new home in 2008 becoming the first freestanding heart hospital in the area. The Institute

also earned a range of prestigious honors from several leading organizations, including Thomson Reuters, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and the American Heart Association. Asprek completed her undergraduate studies in chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin in 1994 and later earned a masters in health care administration from St. Louis University. Asprek was the hospital's seventh full-time CEO since 1986. She replaced outgoing CEO George Gaston, who left his post in January to serve as CEO for the hospital's southwest branch.

March 25

Longtime South Belt resident Bob Mitchell was one of 28 travelers who made a trip to Washington, D.C., to lobby federal officials to re-examine President Barack Obama's proposed 2011 NASA budget.

Mitchell, who currently serves as president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, has a long history of dealing with the aerospace industry. He joined BAHEP in 2000 to oversee the statewide implementation of the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program, and in 2009, was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee. Joining Mitchell were Friendswood Mayor David Smith and Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2 Commissioner Sylvia Garcia, among others.

April 1

Pasadena Independent School District officials proposed to open a new facility in the South Belt to cater to would-be incoming Dobie freshman.

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Legler, others sworn in



House District 144 Rep. Ken Legler, who represents much of the South Belt area, is shown above being sworn in to office in Austin on Tuesday, Jan. 11. Legler and other representatives will tackle several key issues this legislative session, including education spending and redistricting. Legler is pictured above with his wife Barbara. Photo submitted

Hobby Airport expands, experiences holiday growth

The Houston Airport System recently announced a growth in holiday passengers, with Hobby Airport leading the way.

The number of passengers who boarded planes jumped in Houston during the peak holiday season, which started in December 2010 and just finished in early January 2011.

Whether they flew home for the holidays, enjoyed a vacation in a faraway place or came to Houston to shop - the news is welcomed by airport executives in Houston who appreciate the jump in traffic.

"When you look at 2010 from a broad perspective, you have to be pleased with the way things unfolded," said Ian Wadsworth, chief commercial officer for the Houston Airport Sys-

tem. "Our total number of passengers for both Bush and Hobby Airports have increased in 10 of the first 11 months of the year. We don't have the totals from December yet, but it's also looking very promising."

The news is especially encouraging when you look at the preliminary passenger totals reported by the airlines during the week before and after Christmas.

When looking at the totals from the time period of December 18, 2010, to January 4, 2011, both George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) are recording increases over passenger totals from that same time period the previous year.

The spike in holiday traffic is especially note-

worthy at Hobby Airport, where more than a quarter of a million people boarded an aircraft during the time period mentioned previously. That represents an increase of 30 percent over the totals recorded during the same time period a year ago.

Passenger totals have been strong throughout 2010.

"You can definitely feel the energy here at Hobby Airport," says Perry J. Miller, Hobby general manager. "The holiday passenger totals, combined with the massive renovation program that's currently under way, is creating a very strong sense that we're moving in an exciting direction."

Miller notes that the Houston Airport System has invested roughly \$250 million in overall capital improvements at Hobby Airport during the past year.

These improvements include an airport access control system, the rehabilitation of Runway 4-22 and Taxiway C, parking garage renovations and the ongoing expansion and rehabilitation of the terminal area.

"As the demand for additional flights and frequencies increases, it is our role to make sure our facilities can effectively handle and satisfy the needs of our passengers," Miller said. "Travelers from Houston and beyond know at William P. Hobby Airport they can expect excellent customer service and accessible destinations throughout the United States. It's the reason why Hobby is

so popular."

Beginning this June, Hobby Airport's primary air carrier, Southwest Airlines, will offer two additional daily nonstop flights between Houston and Newark Liberty International Airport - just 15 miles from downtown Manhattan, bringing the total number of nonstop destinations accessible from Hobby Airport to 33.

This increase in flight operations advances the overall strength of the Houston Airport System in the aviation industry.

"In 2010, Houston's airports gained many new markets and additional services, and we anticipate the growth trend will continue in 2011. We are pleased that our partner Southwest Airlines continues to expand travel opportunities at Houston's Hobby Airport," said Genaro Peña, director of air service development for the Houston Airport System. "The new destinations recently announced by Southwest - Newark, N.J. as well as Charleston and Greenville/Spartanburg in South Carolina - make it possible for Houston's travelers to reach 33 destinations nonstop from Hobby Airport."

The new nonstop service will be operated on a Boeing 737 aircraft and will depart daily from Hobby at 9:55 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. with up to 137 passengers on board.

The new service to Newark, N.J., begins on June 5, 2011.

Hobby Airport is the 43rd busiest airport in the nation, serving an annual 8.5 million travelers.

Sullivan meeting on art grants set

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan and the Houston Arts Alliance (HAA) will host an informational meeting about the available grants HAA offers to nonprofits and cultural arts organizations on Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at San Jacinto College South campus, Marie Flickinger Building, Room 12116.

The HAA offers grants to more than 250 organizations every year with the majority of funding coming from the City of Houston hotel occupancy tax. Most of the grants are awarded to 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts and cultural organizations; however, others are offered to additional nonprofits that present or produce arts programs or events in the city limits and continue to promote the enhancement of the City of Houston and Harris County as a cultural destination.

Sullivan has worked with the HAA for several months now organizing these educational and informative meetings in his district.

"We have a large arts-based population here in the community," Sullivan said. "It is important to me that all the arts organizations and other non-

profits know about the available grants that are offered and to see some of the monies returned to District E."

Applicants are reviewed by an external peer review panel. Panel members are selected based on their expertise, knowledge of the arts and their impartiality.

Those who make up the panel are groups of artists, arts administrators, finance professionals, business people, community volunteers and others. When reviewing the applicants, the panel takes into consideration the encouragement, promotion, improvement and application of the arts to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry.

Sullivan encourages all those interested to attend the meeting. Representatives will present general information about the HAA and explain each individual grant and the panel review process, where the money comes from and who is eligible to apply.

For more information, contact Sullivan's office at 832-393-3008.

Hobby renovation continues



The \$250 million renovation job at William P. Hobby Airport is ongoing. Improvements include an airport access control system, the rehabilitation of Runway 4-22 and Taxiway C, parking garage renovations and the ongoing expansion and rehabilitation of the terminal area. The artist rendering above shows the proposed curbside ticketing area to be constructed.

Sageglen association to meet

The Sageglen Community Association will meet Monday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the community building on Sageyork.

The invited speakers are Sgt. Zerick Guinn and Danny Avalos, candidates for Harris County Constable Pct. 2 in 2012.

Guest Editorial

Negative impact of high unemployment on young Americans

By Tom Pauken, Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission

National unemployment in November rose to 9.8 percent. With national unemployment hovering in the 10 percent range, an increasing number of analysts, pundits and economists are asking whether these high rates of unemployment in the U.S. are here to stay. As grim as the overall national numbers are, the situation is worse for young Americans.

Unemployment among teenagers is at 24.6 percent, nearly double what it was 10 years ago. For those 19 to 24 years old, unemployment is 15.6 percent compared with 6.8 percent in 2000. Even college graduates are finding it hard to land jobs. Unemployment for those with bachelor's degrees rose in November to a 30-year high of 5.1 percent.

Prospects are not getting brighter for recent college grads, many of whom are burdened with tens of thousands of dollars of debt upon finishing school. As reported by the Wall Street Journal, a new survey from the Collegiate Employment Research Institute shows that only 43 percent of employers who hired college graduates from the class of 2010 are certain they will do so again for this year's graduates. Another Journal story noted that the percentage of business-school graduates receiving job offers is slightly improved from last year but still far below what it was just a few years ago. The director of career services for Pepperdine University's business school was quoted as saying that hiring is "dramatically down from 2007 and 2008 ... nowhere near where we were in the past."

Graduates used to leave school and enter the workforce by taking entry-level positions that were ample, thanks primarily to a vibrant private sector. Those jobs placed them on a steady career path that gave them opportunities for advancement and professional development.

But these entry-level positions have begun to disappear as private businesses have drastically scaled back their hiring of new employees. While small businesses create a majority of new jobs, they are hiring far less now than they have in the past. Privately held firms with fewer than 500 employees have added an average of 35,000 net jobs a month in 2010 compared to 143,000 in 2006 and 79,000 in 2007. Fewer jobs being created in the private sector means less in the way of employment opportunities for young Americans.

Compounding the problem, baby boomers are remaining employed be-

yond their anticipated retirement age, as they have watched the value of their homes along with their 401(k) accounts shrink. Skittish over their own financial futures, they are remaining in the workforce longer which also has a negative impact on young people seeking employment.

The roadblocks this generation currently faces may reverberate long into the future. That's what happened to young Japanese who tried to enter the workforce during Japan's decade-long recession of the 1990s. Dubbed the "lost generation" by economists, Japanese who came of age during that era have struggled to make gains along the career ladder and now account for a disparate proportion of Japan's low-income and homeless populations. In other words, it's not as though today's young Americans can simply wait out the current recession and expect their career trajectory to continue as normal once the economy recovers.

To avoid creating a "lost generation" of Americans will require facing up to what is causing jobs to disappear. Private sector job growth is virtually nonexistent. This is particularly the case in the manufacturing sector where 5.5 million American jobs were lost from 1999 to 2009.

There is a common sense solution available which would get the private sector moving again and bring good jobs home to America.

Under the Hartman Plan, our onerous corporate tax system, with its 35 percent tax rate and its 6.2 percent employer portion of the payroll tax, would be replaced by a revenue-neutral, 8 percent business-consumption tax that would be border-adjusted. All goods and services coming into the U.S. would pay the 8 percent tax while all exports would receive a comparable tax credit or tax abatement as an offset to its company's business consumption tax. Suddenly, the U.S. would become competitive again with our trading partners.

Intel's former chairman Craig Barrett has said, "Intel can move wherever it must to survive, but I sometimes wonder how my grandchildren will make a living." If nothing is done, the American dream will die for future generations. Let's be bold and replace a tax system which incentivizes shipping American jobs overseas with one which will reward the creation of jobs here at home.

Guest Editorial

Stop barking – we're the wrong tree

By Jeff Austin III, TBA Chairman and Vice Chairman
Austin Bank, Texas N.A., Jacksonville

First it was checking account overdraft fees. Then it was the Dodd-Frank Financial Reform Act, which has so far brought 628 pages (and counting) of new rules. Next will come a deluge of new mortgage and foreclosure regulation. As a part of the effort to solve the financial crisis, community banks are being buried under a landslide of new rules. But all of this regulation is a classic case of barking up the wrong tree.

The community banks that had nothing to do with causing the financial crisis are bearing the brunt of the efforts to "fix" it. In short, community banks are unwilling scapegoats for a problem they didn't cause. But, worst of all, it's going to hurt the American economy more than help it.

The public, consumer groups, regulators and legislators think that they've gotten what they want by reining in the "bad-guy" banks, but they are starting to realize that strangling banks with excessive rules has its own disadvantages. Healthy banks equal a healthy economy, and the reverse is true as well. The recent surge of new rules and regulations has made banking an increasingly difficult business for everyone involved, including the public in search of banking services. It appears that the efforts to supposedly "fix" the banking industry in light of the recent economic crisis have become something like the proverbial cutting off of the nose to spite the face.

In fact, in spite of all the new rules for community banks, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency reports that the numbers of formal complaints against banks are on the rise. The public isn't happy. The banks aren't happy. Nobody's happy. So what went wrong? In short, the real problem wasn't fixed.

Somewhere on the way to fixing our country's financial system, the train was derailed and Washington's solution shifted focus to the community banks that had nothing to do with the financial crisis. The widely recognized and agreed-upon need for financial reform has resulted in punishing results for the very institutions that have been trying to help their communities continue to thrive. The countless new regulations that banks are currently facing only serve to hinder business and perpetuate our country's economic problems, instead of providing a solution. And now, at a time when banks should be working to help pull our country out of its financial crisis, they are

expending all their energy and resources simply struggling to stay afloat as the deluge of new rules continues to pour down.

There is a simple truth of the free market system: banks are for-profit businesses that need to make money or they will go out of business. Punishing a business, any business, for making money is no way to respond to the financial crisis. And worse, banks are not the only ones hurt by these new rules. When banks suffer, the public suffers. Without credit, without loans, the economy suffers.

Not to mention that when banks suffer, local communities suffer. Local organizations and non-profits depend on banks to donate their time and money. Community banks are often the ones buying the winning steer at 4H and FFA events. They're purchasing equipment and advertising space at local Little League games. Their employees are running for Race for the Cure, walking for the March of Dimes and teaching children and adults vital money management skills. In every community in Texas, banks are partnering with local organizations to sponsor everything from fundraising barbecues to charity banquets. Dealing with excessive regulation drains banks and their employees of the time and resources necessary for these activities. When banks lose vital resources, local communities lose vital resources as well.

Tying the hands of America's community banks is not the answer to the economic crisis. Banks and the public must work together to pull our nation out of this mess. New rules and invasive oversight only undermine the usefulness and innovation of community banks and leave the economy in its current rut. Banks need the public and, whether or not they believe so, the public needs banks.

We have said it before and we'll say it again: when it comes to the financial crisis, community banks are not the problem. They are an integral part of the solution. And increasingly invasive rules only hinder them from helping the public out of its current economic predicament. This is one part of the financial system that is not broken. Stop trying to "fix" it and let us bankers do our jobs.

The Texas Bankers Association (www.texasbankers.com), founded in 1885, is a statewide association that represents 86 percent of Texas banks, from the smallest to the largest banks in the nation.

Deaths

Mary Frances Jacoby



Mary Frances "Fran" Jacoby, 76, a longtime resident of Green Tee in Pearland, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011. She was born in Lancaster, Penn., on Dec. 27, 1934.

She is survived by her brother, John Hershey and wife Mary Lou; daughters, Suzy Krienitz and husband Duane, Cindy Mitrowski and husband Andrew; grandchildren Skye Krienitz, Dean Krienitz, Joanna Krienitz, Rebecca Krienitz, Mike Raney and Andrea Mitrowski; cousin, Marty Ann Haebeker; niece and nephews, Jennifer, Matt and Tamiko Hershey; great-nieces and great-nephews, Elisa Hershey, Norah Hershey, Brecon Hershey and Reed Hershey.

The service celebrating Jacoby's life was held Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at Forest Park East Cemetery.

Mary Jane Smith



Mary Jane Smith, 87, died peacefully at her home on Monday, Jan. 3, 2011.

She was a 44-year resident of the South Belt area and a member of St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church.

Smith is survived by four children: Diana Banks, Barbara Frazier, Kelly Sewell and Pat Sewell; and her sister, Rosemarie Jennings. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grand-

children and nephews. Smith was laid to rest Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, at Forest Park Lawndale.

Frank Hinson Calhoun



Frank Hinson Calhoun, 84, of South Belt, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011. He was born on April 9, 1926.

A decorated veteran, Calhoun served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Norma; three daughters: Norma Shapland and husband Scott, Francine Bretado and husband Stan, and Rose Haney and husband Stephen; seven grandchildren: Haley, Madison, Emma, Charley, Mason, Matthew and Jude; and numerous other relatives and friends.

The funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Howard Daniel "Dan" Boone



Howard Daniel Boone, 72, died on the evening of Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, in The Woodlands.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests donations be made in Boone's name through individual support of a charity of choice.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

Olson sworn into office



Rep. Pete Olson, R-Sugar Land, (right) was sworn in to the 112th Congress recently by House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, (left) with Nancy Olson at his side. Boehner conducted an individual ceremonial swearing-in for Olson following the en masse oath of office on the floor of the House of Representatives. Photo submitted

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Patterson sworn in



Former South Belt resident Jerry Patterson, (left) is shown above on Tuesday, Jan. 4, in the Senate Chamber of the state Capitol taking the oath of office as Texas' 27th commissioner of the General Land Office. Texas Supreme Court Justice Wallace Jefferson (right) is shown administering the oath on a Bible used by previous land commissioners. This will be Patterson's third term in the office. A graduate of Texas A&M, a Vietnam veteran and Marine aviator, Patterson retired from the Marine Corps Reserves as a lieutenant colonel in 1991. Patterson also served six years as a state senator. Photo submitted

MHSH to offer free women's health seminar

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital will host a free menopause management education program, aimed at providing medical information and peer support to women dealing with the physical and psychological impact of menopause.

The seminar will be held Thursday, Jan. 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, in Pearland.

Dr. Swet Chaudhari, plastic surgeon affiliated with Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, will present *Hanging On to What We've*

Got: Looking Terrific During Menopause, including information on the changes that take place to the skin and body during menopause, and how to look great during this phase.

In addition, Jean Krebs, Ph.D., registered dietitian at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, will present, *Prescription for a Healthy Life: Nutrition, Exercise and Weight Management*. Krebs will give details on the importance of nutrition, exercise, and weight management, and tips for eating better to feel better.

The event is presented in

conjunction with Red Hot Mamas®, the nation's largest menopause management education program. Its mission is to broaden the base of women's knowledge about menopause and empower them to become educated health care consumers.

All women, their partners and family members are urged to attend this event to learn about this critical aspect of their health and become proactive in managing their own health care.

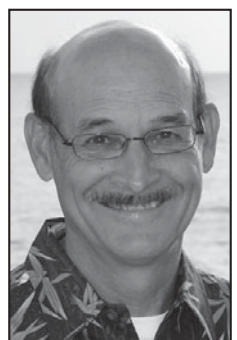
This event is free, but registration is required. To register, call 713-222-CARE.

Local author publishes book

Longtime South Belt resident James Bouvier recently wrote and published a book.

Titled *Escaping Armageddon: Learn the Secret to Surviving the End of the World*, the book is inspired by the incidents that took place on Sept. 11, 2001.

The book describes a mysterious message delivered to planet Earth almost 2,000 years ago warning future generations to prepare for the end of the world. Documented in ancient manuscripts, this little-known chronicle of the future describes a deadly global invasion of Earth from beyond, climaxing with Armageddon. A "Doomsday Clock" will be activated by



James Bouvier

an imminent international event, beginning the countdown to the end of the world. Once the clock starts ticking, it cannot be stopped.

Bouvier, himself, narrowly missed being in New York City at the time of the 9/11 catastrophe.

On Friday Sept. 7, 2001, he was working in the financial district across from the World Trade Center. He left the office then traveled to Houston that evening and was scheduled to return to the financial district the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 11. However, his return to New York was delayed, and he escaped the terrorists attack on Sept. 11.

A native Houstonian, Bouvier has lived in the Sage-

mont area for more than 40 years. He married his high school sweetheart, Sharon, who graduated from the University of Houston and retired from the Pasadena school district after 30 years of dedicated service. Their son, Steven Bouvier, and his wife, Amy, both graduated from Dobie High School and the University of Houston. The couple live in Pearland with their two children, Riley and Grace. The Bouvier families attend Sagemont Church.

After graduation from the University of Houston with master's degrees in mechanical engineering and business administration, Bouvier worked for NASA in the early pioneering days of space exploration and made a contribution to the landing of the first man on the moon. Later he completed a successful 30-year career with a major electrical power generation company.

The first 300 copies of the book were sold at a book signing sponsored by Sagemont Church on Sunday, Dec. 19. Additional copies can be purchased at www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com.

To purchase a copy signed by Bouvier, visit the author's website at www.jamesbouvier.com.

PW Library sets events

The following events are scheduled for the week of Jan. 13 through Jan. 19 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

On Saturday, Jan. 15, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

The library will be closed Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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



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Thompson students earn Spanish credit



Several Thompson Intermediate students received high school credit in Spanish after scoring 90 or above on the test. This is the first year Thompson had 39 students receiving this credit. Students earning credit are, left to right, (front row) Maricruz Olivares, Karla Martinez, Amalia Perla, Eison Martinez, David Ortiz, Alexander Frias, Francisco Rangel, Nixon Melgar, Mayra Bustillo, Renato Valdez, (middle row) Isamar Martinez, Denise Saravia, Dulce Morales, Yesenia Rodriguez, Alexis Saldivar,

Nereida Balderas, Aimee Montelongo, Hilda Melgar, Jorge Delagarza, Jennifer Salamanca, Guadalupe Acosta, Veronica Tzintzun, (back row) Kevin Ramirez, Brian Cruz, Jordan Melo, Gustavo Garcia, Manuel Gonzalez, Luis Garay, Carlos Martinez, Felix Torres, Sergio Delacruz, Luis Gonzalez, Maria Mejia, Sabrina Frias and counselor Prudencio Reyna. Not pictured are Alberto Flores, Belen Kha, Nathaniel Luna, Wendy Ramos and Maritsa Valerio.

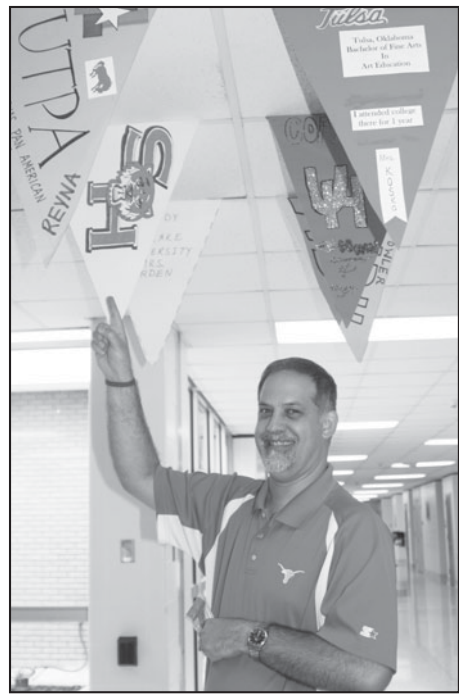
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Thompson celebrates College Week

The Thompson Lions celebrated college week Nov. 2 through Nov. 5. Students and faculty encouraged wearing a college shirt celebrating the college they want to go to or attended. Students in Jenifer Hill's English class researched different colleges and made a collage of the college they would like to attend.

Pictured at right, Choir Director George Martin points to his alma mater, but is wearing his favorite university shirt.

Photo by Carol Waters



Below, UT hopefuls stop during their busy academic schedule to pose for a photo celebrating the University of Texas. Pictured are, left to right, Carol Waters, Orlando Ocha, Julian Coronado, Jennifer Jones, Kalyne Peurta, Jonathan Lopez, Tamaurick Hickmon and Tehron Jefferson.

Photo submitted

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men deemed not yet prepared for high school. To be located on Blackhawk between Dobie High School and Moore Elementary, the center would primarily house students from Thompson and Beverly Hills intermediates who had not passed their Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests.

April 8

On Friday, April 2, John Ralph Ruff, 51, of League City was killed in a single-vehicle motorcycle accident in the 12600 block of Beltway 8. Ruff was riding a 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle traveling west when he lost control on the I-45 South connector ramp causing him to go down striking the concrete.

Clear Brook seniors Brian Lemke and Karl Schaefer were named finalists in the 2010 competition for National Merit Scholarships.

April 15

A Community of the Servant-Savior Church, previously known as Sagemont Presbyterian Church, was destroyed by fire Thursday, April 8. Houston Fire Department officials determined the blaze to be caused by arson. No immediate arrests were made. Sunday services went as scheduled with church members meeting on the grounds where the building once stood. Subsequent services were held at Stuchbery Elementary after reaching an agreement with the Pasadena Independent School District.

April 22

On Saturday, April 17, the Bracewell branch of the Houston Library System reduced its hours and began to close on Saturdays, despite great opposition from community members. The move was part of a citywide effort to save money. The system had roughly \$2.2 million less in its budget than it anticipated at the start of the 2010 fiscal year. Most of the city's 42 branches reduced from being open 71 hours a week to 51 hours—a 28 percent decrease. The Harris County Parker Williams Library branch was unaffected by the change.

South Belt Elementary School was officially dedicated April 15. Located in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision, the campus opened at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. Rapid growth in the area and construction of the subdivision necessitated the need for a new elementary school, which voters approved in a 2004 bond

referendum. Speaking at the event were Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis, PISD Board President Fred Roberts, *South Belt-Ellington Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger and South Belt Elementary principal Candy Howard. A tour of the school followed the ceremony.

April 29

The City of Houston raised water and sewer rates by nearly 30 percent for an average single-family household. The increase would be phased in over the next three years. Roughly 12.5 percent of the 27.7 percent increase took effect June 1. The remaining 15 percent will be phased in every April 1 for three years beginning in 2011. The bill of an average single-family household using 6,000 gallons of water a month will jump from \$47 to \$60 after the rate hike is fully implemented. Unlike the Sagemeadow and Kirkmont municipal utility districts, the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District owns its water supply and was not affected by the change.

After serving nine years on the Pasadena Independent School District board, Vice President Frank Braden, who once served as Dobie principal, did not file to keep his seat. Braden retired in 1992 from PISD after serving the district 33 years as a teacher, counselor, director of transportation, secondary school principal and assistant superintendent for secondary schools. The career educator served in the U.S. Army, and he holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University and a Master of Education degree from the University of Houston. He has been married for 43 years to his wife Pat, a retired math teacher. The couple have two married daughters, both employed in the field of education. Braden was replaced by Jack Bailey.

A fourth-grade student riding his bike to Weber Elementary had a close brush with danger Tuesday, April 27, when he was struck by a vehicle leaving the area school. According to police, the child was able to jump from his bike, avoiding serious injury. His bike was not as fortunate, as it was heavily damaged in the collision. The child was treated by paramedics at the scene and released to attend school.

May 6

Former Pasadena Independent School District Di-

rector of Fine Arts and long-time music educator Barbara F. Eads died Monday, April 26, after a battle with cancer. During her career, Eads, 74, taught virtually every type of music imaginable, including elementary music; middle school band, choir and orchestra; and high school band, choir, orchestra and drum corps. At the university level, she taught string methods, elementary music methods and theory. In addition to teaching several years at both Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High School in PISD, Eads had worked in Port Arthur, Port Neches-Groves, Beaumont and Houston. The esteemed educator earned a Bachelor of Science in music education from Missouri State University before attending the University of Texas at Austin, where she received a Master of Music degree. Eads served as music director of the Pasadena Philharmonic Orchestra for 10 years and was a church choir director for 17 years. She served as president of the Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Music Educators Conference and Texas Orchestra Directors Association. She also served on the National Executive Board of the American String Teachers Association as publications chair. Following her retirement from PISD in 1995, Eads served as a supervisor for student teachers from the University of Houston and Sam Houston State University.

South Belt resident James "Jimmy" Myron Willprecht died Wednesday, April 28, when his plane crashed in a wooded area in Friendswood. Willprecht, 52, was flying alone in his 1973 Bellanca Super Viking when the plane crashed at 10:28 a.m. in a field north of the Wilderness Trail subdivision between FM 528 and FM 2351. Witnesses reported hearing the plane flying over their neighborhood and then heard an explosion. The plane left a debris trail of 150 to 200 feet as it crashed at the edge of a clearing before skidding into the woods. The pilot worked as a mechanic for Southwest Airlines at Hobby Airport and had more than 20 years of flying experience.

May 13

Frazier Principal Rhonda Parmer was named Texas' 2010 National Distinguished Principal Monday, May 10, in a surprise announcement at the area elementary school. She was also awarded a check for \$10,000, thanks to a generous donation from Mentoring Minds. A leader among Pasadena Independent School District principals, Parmer and her staff successfully implemented a new bilingual program, a balanced literacy program, a vertically aligned writing curriculum and a focused math program. Student and staff performance was outstanding, as evidenced by TEA Exemplary ratings for three consecutive years and Gold Performance Acknowledgements in all areas for five years. Commended scores increased in all areas, reaching the 60 percent to 70 percent levels in writing and math at the culturally diverse school. Establishing a climate for inclusion, Parmer created systems and interventions that serve as models for other schools and districts throughout the state. As a result, an average of 85 percent of Frazier students earn honors each nine weeks.

Elections held Saturday, May 8, found incumbents winning all races. In the Clear Creek Independent

School District elections, At-Large Position B incumbent Ann Hammond easily defeated challengers Star Faith Lazarow and Robert Colton Schultz. Hammond received 597 votes to Lazarow's 36 votes and Schultz's 129 votes. District 1 incumbent Robert Davee ran unchallenged and will maintain his position.

In the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District elections, incumbents Jim Bishop and Bill Morgan would both maintain their positions. Bishop narrowly defeated challenger Jerry Brannen in the race for the Position 5 seat, winning by a mere two votes. Initial counts on Election Day concluded that Bishop received 150 votes to Brannen's 138 votes. However, a recount conducted Monday, May 10, by attorneys from Fulbright and Jaworski, the CBCMUD's law firm, concluded that Bishop received only 140 votes to Brannen's 138 votes. In the race for the Position 4 seat, Morgan received 167 votes to challenger John Hoover's 105 votes.

In the Kirkmont Municipal Utility District elections, challenger Bonnie Dimicelli was unsuccessful in her bid to unseat incumbents Michael Grizzaffi, Debra Carroll and Gordon Beville. Dimicelli received seven votes to Grizzaffi's 23 votes, Carroll's 24 votes and Beville's 21 votes.

May 20

The staff at Moore Elementary was honored with teachers being named both the Pasadena Independent School District's Elementary Teacher of the Year and First-Year Teacher of the Year. Elizabeth Neubauer, the school's special education SUCCESS teacher, took home the honor of Elementary Teacher of the Year, while Leah Laredo, a fourth-grade teacher at the school, was awarded the First Year Teacher of the Year prize.

Stuchbery Elementary second-grade teacher Sharon Brantly celebrated her 40th year at the area school. She came to Stuchbery when the school was three years old and has taught in the same classroom for her entire tenure. The teacher's co-workers surprised her Tuesday, May 18, by having a party in the school's library. The Pasadena Independent School District officially recognized Brantly at a banquet Thursday, May 20.

May 27

Charges were filed against a suspect arrested in a fatal traffic accident in the 300 block of Genoa Red Bluff on Saturday, May 22. The suspect, Reyes Reyna, 55, was charged with intoxication manslaughter. Police said the victim, Joseph William Socie, 41, of Gulf Palms, was driving a Harley Davidson motorcycle west on Genoa Red Bluff and was crossing Allen Genoa, when Reyna, driving east on Genoa Red Bluff in a pickup, turned left and struck him. Socie was taken to Ben Taub General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Witnesses reported Socie had a green light.

A second-grade Stuchbery student returned to school Tuesday, May 25, after being struck by a car while leaving the campus Thursday, May 20. The 7-year-old student was crossing the street with his parent after school Thursday at a nondesignated crosswalk when he was hit by the automobile on Hughes Road in front of Sagemont Church. The child suffered minor injuries and was taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he was treat-

ed and released. The driver of the car was ticketed by police for failure to control speed.

Police arrested two suspects in connection to a fatal drive-by shooting that took place at roughly 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, in the 11000 block of Sagevalley. Former Dobie student Favian Ramirez, 20, was shot in the neck during the incident. He was taken to Ben Taub General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Following the shooting, police located the suspects' vehicle, and a chase ensued. The pursuit ended, however, when the suspects' car crashed into a fence on the Gulf Freeway feeder road near Nyack. Suspects Raymond Preston Moreno, 18, and David Chavez, 21, were arrested and charged with murder.

June 3

Lance Baxter Williams was sentenced to roughly 2.5 years in state prison for the 2006 murder of Beverly Hills resident Erik Garcia. The sentence came almost four years to the day of the fatal shooting that took place June 8, 2006. Williams, 23, will also have to serve 10 years of probation as part of his punishment. He was initially given only 180 days of jail time by the jury in the case, but Judge Denise Collins of the 208th Criminal District Court handed down an additional two years, the maximum allowed her.

On the day of the killing, Garcia, 16, was hanging out with his 14-year-old cousin in his backyard, which is along a ditch in the 10500 block of Stover, when they were approached by Williams and three other teens, all of whom were unidentified juveniles. Words were reportedly exchanged between the two groups, and according to Garcia's cousin, Williams, a former Dobie student, and one of the other teens both pulled out pistols. Williams then proceeded to fire several rounds, striking Garcia five times. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

June 10

Media reports of elevated levels of chemicals at the Brio Superfund site alarmed many in the community, although officials said the compounds posed no immediate threat. The detected chemicals — 1,2-dichloroethane, vinyl chloride, 1,1,2-trichloroethane and 1,1-dichloroethene — are among the contaminants being remediated at the 58-acre location. Despite reports that stated the contaminants had leaked out, the chemicals remained contained and posed no threat to local drinking water.

Jerry Speer was named president of the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees. Speer, who has served on the board for 10 years, replaced South Belt resident Fred Roberts, who will remain on the board as a member. The newly named board president retired from PISD in July 2000 after serving 39 years in education. He was principal of J. Frank Dobie High School from 1986 to 2000. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Speer also coached football at Pasadena High School. Speer holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Central University in Edmond, Okla., and a master's degree in administration from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. He was a math and science teacher for 20 years before entering administration.

June 17

The First Convenience Bank inside the Kroger at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Sabo was robbed Tuesday.

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Pictured at right, Julian Coronado (left) and Cameron Guy take time out of reading to say, "Go Horns!"

Below, Texas A&M students show their spirit when they see a UT Longhorn supporter. Pictured are, left to right, (front) University of Texas fan Damien Molina, (back row) Texas A&M fans Sherial Caswell, Patrice Gilbert, Kara Anne Snyder, Principal Toni Lopez, Kayla Posey and Zachary Blue.

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Moore Spelling Bee winners named

Moore Elementary recently held its annual spelling bee. At left, winners pictured are, left to right, (front row) champion Silas Pham and runner-up Michelle Nguyen, (back row) Assistant Principal Deedee Pitts and fourth-grade teacher Jennifer Christen. Below, third- and fourth-grade contestants, left to right, (front row) Pham, Sydney Tran, Nguyen, Matthew Ghansyam, Benjamin Tran, Amy Phan, Matthew Moran, Taylor Tran, (middle row) Alexander Tran, Kareem Salomon, Cameron Tobias, Savannah Tran, Alejandra Gracias, Nairda Macedo, Felicity Soto, Christen, (back row) Pitts, Nayeli Garibay, Alan Nguyen, Yasmine Alba, Breezy Irving, Mia Prince and Elijah Donaho.

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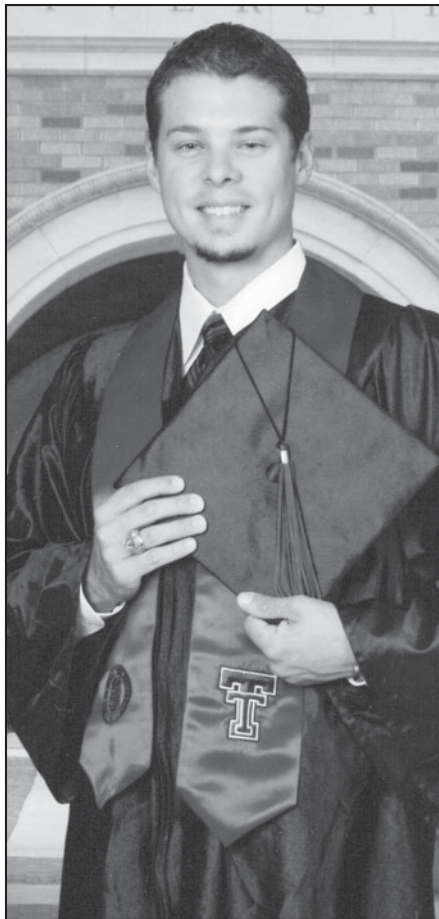
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Sawyer graduates from Texas Tech



Brian Sawyer, a 2007 graduate of Dobie High School, graduated cum laude from Texas Tech University on Dec. 18 with a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture. Sawyer plans to attend graduate school at Texas Tech to major in architecture and business. He is the son of Cathy and Doug Sawyer.

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KRISTEN CELEBRATES HER 11TH
Kristen Giles celebrates her 11th birthday Thursday, Jan. 13. Her parents, Tracy and Jim Giles of Kirkwood South, grandparents Bobby and Ken Griffin, and brothers Aaron and Cody, extend their best wishes for a wonderful birthday. Kristen is a fifth-grade student at Melillo Middle School.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR CARL
On Jan. 13, Carl Valigura celebrates his birthday. His wife, Frances, four children, 13 grandchildren, great-granddaughter and friends at the Leader wish him well on his special day. Carl is well known to merchants in the area where he delivered the Leader weekly.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 13 through Jan. 19.

Atkinson Elementary
A birthday greeting is sent to Callie Vaughn Jan. 14. Joy Eddleman has a birthday Jan. 17.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Shelly Allen on Jan. 13.

Frazier Elementary

Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to Mary Oakley Jan. 16.

Laura Bush Elementary
Celebrating a birthday Jan. 15 is Tami Metts. On Jan. 16, birthday wishes are sent to Kathy Ching.

Moore Elementary
A double birthday is celebrated for Maria Juarez and Sandra Rodriguez Jan. 19.

Stuchbery Elementary
On Jan. 19, a birthday is enjoyed by Domingo Flores.

Melillo Middle School
Jan. 17 is the day for a birthday party for Aubree Gencarelli. Celebrating a birthday Jan. 18 is Jennifer Smither.

Morris Middle School
Marking a birthday Jan. 13 is Valerie Louzon. On Jan. 16, blow out the birthday candles for Frankie Fountain.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
The day for a cake for Linda Raley is Jan. 16.

Thompson Intermediate
Enjoying a birthday Jan. 15 is Joyce Koska. On Jan. 17, Debbie Scheffer is sent a special birthday greeting. The day for a birthday party for Dolores Bakdounes is Jan. 19.

Dobie High

Lakeitha Kirven is wished a happy birthday Jan. 13. Chrystal Carrizal enjoys a birthday Jan. 14. The day for a triple birthday surprise for Irene Flores, Jessy George and Dana Tarter is Jan. 16. Special birthday wishes are sent to Trish Boudra and Joseph Sabatell Jan. 19.

LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS
Laureat Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its December meeting in the home of Sharen Burden with Margie Dobbins as co-hostess. Thirteen members and one visitor, Linda Morgan, were present. President Carroll McCullough called the meeting to order, and introduced a fireman from the Deer Park Fire Department who came to pick up the toys the chapter had brought for the needy children from the area. They discussed the Christmas social, which was held on Dec. 11, 2010, at the Endeavor. They also watched the Kemah Boat Parade. Following the business meeting, Burden presented the program, and Sherrie Cox won the raffle.

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June 15, at roughly 9:15 a.m. According to police, two suspects were involved in the robbery. No weapons were used, and no one was injured, police said. The suspects reportedly fled the scene in an unidentified vehicle. This was not the first time the bank had been robbed. The previous October, the bank was robbed by someone the FBI dubbed the "Billy Goat Bandit." No immediate arrests were made.

Former South Belt resident Leonard "Kirk" Narcisse retired from the Houston Fire Department after serving more than 30 years. Narcisse worked his entire HFD career serving the South Belt community. After completing the Houston Fire Department Training Academy, Narcisse was initially assigned to Fire Station No. 61, located on Monroe Road near Alameda Genoa Road, where he worked from March 1980 until May 1991. He then transferred to Fire Station No. 70, located on Beamer Road near Beltway 8, where he served the last 19 years on the "B" shift until his retirement. After retiring, Narcisse said he intended to travel and spend more time with his family.

June 24
Clear Brook High School was named one of the nation's best high schools by

Newsweek magazine. Just over 1,600 schools — only 6 percent of all the public schools in the United States — made the 2010 list. Clear Brook was ranked 1,472. The list was based on how hard school staffs work to challenge students with advanced-placement college-level courses and tests. The study took the total number of Advanced Placement (AP) tests given at a school each year and divided by the number of graduating seniors. In 2009, Clear Brook administered 653 total AP tests (taken by 345 students) and had 577 graduating seniors. The high school offers 29 total AP courses in seven different subjects. Students in grades 11 and 12 may also take up to six hours per semester of dual credit coursework at San Jacinto College South.

The Harris County Public Infrastructure Department, along with the Texas Department of Transportation, held a public hearing Thursday, June 24, to discuss the proposed widening and extension of Beamer Road. The county project would widen Beamer Road from Dixie Farm Road to Tall Ships Drive from two lanes to four lanes. The project would also extend Beamer from Tall Ships to Bay Area Boulevard.

July 1
The man charged with kidnapping and murdering former South Belt resident Susana De Jesus was sentenced Friday, June 25, to life in prison with no chance of parole. Prosecutors sought the death penalty against Nicholas-Michael Edwin Jean, 22, who is accused of abducting De Jesus at gunpoint Feb. 2, 2009, as she left her job at Catherine's Plus Sizes near FM 518 and Highway 288. Police said Jean forced De Jesus into her car, a 2008 Cadillac, and then drove her to the 3600 block of Old Spanish Trail, where he made her withdraw money from her bank's ATM. De Jesus' car was found abandoned the next day at an apartment complex in the 6000 block of West Airport Boulevard. Her body was found more than a month later in the back of a tractor trailer near Reliant Stadium with two gunshot wounds to the head.

Jean confessed to abducting De Jesus during the trial but denied being the trigger man. His lawyers argued Jean was hired by De Jesus'

brothers-in-law because they were in a dispute over a life insurance settlement for her husband who died the previous May in an auto accident on the Gulf Freeway near Beltway 8. While De Jesus' brothers-in-law were indeed involved in a dispute, prosecutors dismissed the argument, suggesting to jurors that Jean had caught wind of the story from news reports and was fabricating the story. Jean was also charged with attempted murder, aggravated kidnapping, burglary, aggravated robbery and theft of a firearm, all related to an attempted carjacking that occurred on March 9, 2009.

South Belt resident and Board of Trustee Stuart J. Stromeyer resigned from the Clear Creek Independent School District. A member of the CCISD Board for four years, Stromeyer left his post because he moved out of the CCISD. He joined the CCISD board in May of 2006 as the elected representative of District 4.

July 8

While Houston was spared the brunt of Hurricane Alex, the South Belt area was still hit hard by heavy rainfall in its wake. Roughly 8 inches of rain fell between Wednesday, June 30, at 10 p.m. and Friday, July 2, at 10 p.m., according to the Harris County Flood Control District's rain gauge located at the Beamer ditch at Hughes Road. Parts of Brazoria County reportedly received as much as 13 inches of rain. Despite the heavy rains, area flooding was minimal. Heavy rainfall, however, is believed to have played a role in a fatal traffic accident that took place Thursday afternoon on the Gulf Freeway at Edgemoor, where an infant was killed when thrown from a southbound vehicle. The subsequent closure of the freeway caused extensive delays. Rains tapered off by Saturday, allowing both the annual South Belt Fourth of July parade and fireworks show to go on as planned. Participation in the parade, however, was lower than expected with several entries dropping out.

On Tuesday, July 6, City of Houston Mayor Annise Parker announced the establishment of the Special Ethics and Council Governance Committee on Redistricting and Term Limits and appointed Councilmember Mike

Sullivan, who represents the South Belt, as its chair. All other councilmembers would serve as committee members. The committee would consider matters related to City Council redistricting based on the provisions of the Houston City Charter and the 2010 federal decennial census, as well as examine matters related to current city term limits.

July 15

A 6-year-old boy who had recently completed kindergarten at Stuchbery Elementary died Sunday, July 11, after reportedly being beaten by his estranged father. According to Houston Police Department officials, Tekkerrious "T.K." Jackson had asked his mother, Lucy Jackson Adams, 30, of Sage-mont, if he could spend the summer with his father, Alex McGowan Duncan, in an effort to bond with him. Police say that when Jackson failed to go to sleep as instructed by his father, he was repeatedly struck in the chest by Duncan, 34, who resided in the 4900 block of Polk.

HPD Homicide Division Sgts. B. Harris and J. Roberts reported that Duncan, also known as "Boomer," put Jackson to bed at about 7 p.m. Saturday, July 10, but became upset when the child would not go to sleep. For the next eight hours, Jackson was made to kneel with his arms extended in front of him. Duncan told investigators that whenever Jackson lowered his arms, he would receive a series of blows as part of what Duncan described as "chest boxing."

After reportedly suffering seizures Sunday, July 11, Jackson was transported to Texas Children's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences ruled the death a homicide caused by multiple blunt traumas to the child's body.

Duncan was charged with murder, while his girlfriend, Tammyra Lanette Sampson, 30, who witnessed the beatings along with her 11-year-old daughter, was charged with injury to a child by omission for failing to report the abuse.

July 22

Multiple law enforcement agencies raided two suspected illegal gambling operations on the Gulf Freeway at Fuqua Tuesday, July 20. Undercover

FBI agents, deputies from the Harris County Sheriff's Office and officers from the Houston Police Department conducted the raids, which netted 14 arrests. Records show that Club 45, located at 12505 Gulf Freeway at Fuqua, and the G-Spot, located at 15255 Gulf Freeway at Dixie Farm Road, were the targets of the raids. Of the 14 total arrests, 10 occurred at the Club 45 facility, while the remaining four occurred at the G-Spot. Police described the locations as nondescript storefronts with no visible signage. All 14 suspects are said to have worked at the establishments and were charged with enga-

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Hubstenberger makes intern presentation



Rebekah Hubstenberger (right), a senior at Clear Horizons Early College High School, located on the San Jacinto College South campus, recently made her internship presentation on child advocacy to the Communities In Schools-Bay Area staff. Hubstenberger was an intern during the fall semester for CIS-Bay Area, a dropout prevention program at Clear Brook High School. She is congratulated by her mentor, Frieda Shafer (left), program coordinator at Clear Brook.

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The Clear Creek Independent School District will be conducting a Community Input Meeting to receive public comments regarding any of the instructional materials that are under consideration for adoption for the 2011-2012 school year. These are student textbooks, teachers' editions, and ancillary materials for the classroom only in the subjects of: *Pre Kindergarten Systems (including Spanish Components, English Language Arts, Grades 2-8, Spanish Language Arts, Grades 2-6, Speech, Grades 6-8, English I-IV, English as a Second Language, Grades K-8, English as a Second Language, Grades K-8, Spelling, Grades 1-6, and Handwriting, Grades 1-3.*

The Community Input Meeting will be held on January 18, 2011, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the Clear Creek ISD Board Room, 2425 East Main Street, League City, Texas, 77573.

Parents and community members who wish to provide comments or questions regarding the instructional materials are welcome.

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Dobie High School assistant head varsity football coach Done Cole announced his resignation.

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25 years ago (1986)

Cokesbury United Methodist Church was sold to the Catholic Diocese of Galveston/Houston for \$365,000.

Dr. Ruede M. Wheeler of La Porte was appointed to the San Jacinto College Board of Regents to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Dr. William Davison.

15 years ago (1996)

Dobie sophomore Lindsey Morris was crowned Miss Teen Pasadena Go Texan.

An estimated 80 percent of the area would have to change phone numbers if the Public Utilities Commission approved the alternate geographic split plan.

10 years ago (2001)

Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District voted on a fire district for Sagegleen, Woodmeadow, Highland Meadow, Meadows of Clear Creek and Estates of Green Tee subdivisions.

Pearland residents spoke against the connection of Scarsdale Boulevard and Yost during a public meeting.

5 years ago (2006)

South Belt Rep. Tom DeLay announced he would resign his position as House Majority Leader.

Riverstone Ranch resident Tammy Burbak celebrated the 108th birthday of her great-grandmother

Gertrude McCarthy in Pasadena.

Both PISD and CCISD announced intentions to seek a waiver for classroom instruction to begin earlier than the state-mandated date.

According to state law at the time, without a waiver, classes could not start earlier than the week in which Aug. 21 fell. The law was later changed so schools could not start sooner than Aug. 27.

A 144-acre tract of land south of Dixie Farm Road officially became part of the conservation project mitigation plan for the Brio Superfund Task Force.

1 year ago (2010)

A hard freeze struck the South Belt area from Thursday, Jan. 7, through Sunday, Jan. 10. Fortunately, the community was spared any serious problems.

Hale, Richardson to wed



Randi Hale and Dustyn Richardson of Friendswood announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. The bride-to-be is the daughter of JR Hale of Riverstone Ranch and the late Nelda Hale of Sageglen. She is a 2002 graduate of Clear Brook High School, a 2010 graduate of the University of Houston-Clear Lake with a B.A. in business administration, and is currently employed by the Clear Creek Independent School District. The prospective groom is the son of Mike and Donna Richardson of Friendswood. He is a 2001 graduate of Clear Brook High School, a 2007 graduate of San Jacinto College South with an A.A. in business administration, and is also employed by Clear Creek ISD. The couple is planning a fall 2011 wedding.

Recognition given to San Jac for grant funds implementation

The Texas Workforce Commission recently recognized San Jacinto College for partnerships and collaborations that led to successful implementation of TWC grants last year.

The college is the first to receive the TWC Partners Award for successfully utilizing \$4.4 million in TWC grants, in addition to two Houston Galveston Area Council grants totaling \$680,000, which are also funded through the commission. The award signifies that the college is meeting the needs of diverse industries within its service area, including the aerospace, manufacturing, maritime, utilities,

mining, transportation, and service industries.

"This award helps us know that we're going in the right direction," said Dr. Sarah Janes, vice president of Continuing and Professional Development at San Jacinto College. "While they recognized our external partnerships, in order to make the implementation of these grants successful, we also had to have strong partnerships within the college."

The Continuing and Professional Development is a division of the college that offers programs and noncredit courses for people to retain or advance in their jobs, or make career transitions. The

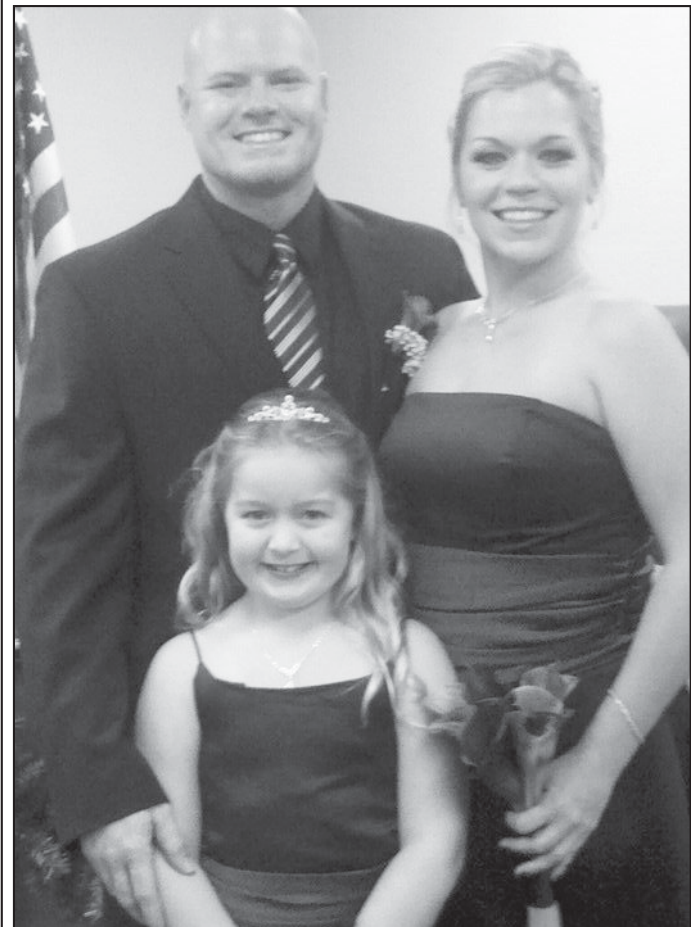
division meets employers' demands for skilled workers through fast-track programs that feature practical skills and hands-on training.

"Throughout the years, San Jacinto College has formed partnerships with local industry to ensure that students receive the latest in high-quality training courses and programs to stay current with industry standards," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "We are honored that the Texas Workforce Commission recognizes our effective training projects. With their support, we can continue to meet the ever-changing needs of industry."



Pictured are, left to right, Tom Pauke, Texas Workforce Commission chair; San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer; Dr. Laurel Williamson, vice chancellor for learning and student success; Ronald Congleton, commissioner representing labor; Dr. Sarah Janes, vice president of SJC Continuing and Professional Development; Jerelyn Hughes-Glenn, director of CPD information technology training; Craig Zimmerman, dean of CPD corporate education; David Lewis, director of CPD business and professions; and Andres Alcantar, commissioner representing the public.

Payne, Salyer marry



Codie Michelle Payne and Christopher Corey Salyer were united in marriage on Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, in Pearland. The bride is the daughter of Kate C. Payne of Humble, formerly of Sagemont. The groom is the son of Pamela and Carl Salyer of South Belt, formerly of Hopkinsville, Ky. Jennifer Jankowski Bryant served as matron of honor, and best man was Brian Smith. The couple's 8-year-old daughter, Mazzymarie Starr, served as bridesmaid. Mazzy attends Stuchbery Elementary and was born in the South Belt area. The bride and groom are both 1994 graduates of Dobie High School. After a honeymoon in the Caribbean Islands in May, the couple will return to their home in Sageglen.

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ging in organized crime with an underlying offense of promoting gambling, a state jail felony.

Nancy Flores was named principal of Morris Middle School. She replaced Susan Blalock, who retired. Flores attended the University of Houston-Clear Lake, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology in 1994 and a Master of Arts in psychology in 2001. She began her career at Alvin

High School in the Alvin Independent School District, where she served as a special ed teacher and department chair from 1996 to 2002. Flores then moved to Santa Fe Intermediate in the Santa Fe Independent School District, where she served as assistant principal for the 2002-2003 school year. In 2003, Flores returned to Alvin High School, where she served as principal of the Freshman Center until 2005. Most recently, Flores served

as principal of Harby Junior High in the Alvin ISD.

On Monday, July 12, the South Point Park and Ride expansion project finalized with the ribbon cutting for the new facility located at 12410 Kirlind at I-45 South. The capacity of the facility was more than doubled, adding 390 parking spots to the 376 existing spots for commuters on the South Point/Monroe route. Cost for the expansion and improvements to the South Point facility was \$1.3 million.

July 29

Several businesses in the 12000 block of Beamer Road were vandalized on the morning of Saturday, July 24. Houston police responded to at least five separate calls where property had been damaged. The vandals reportedly smashed a pair of glass doors to gain entry to the Sagemont Animal Hospital at 12030 Beamer. Once inside, they smashed computers and filing cabinets, police say. A company truck at the Universal Lube and Oil at 12068 Beamer had its windows smashed out, while the building itself was spared any damage. Police responded to an alarm call next door at Solutions Pest

Pet Pool at 12064 Beamer, but did not file a report, as there was no visible damage. Across the street at 12031 Beamer, the vandals smashed the front window out of the Cajun Craven restaurant. In the same strip center, the vandals also damaged the Ultimate Nail Spa at 12011 Beamer. According to police, the vandals broke the spa's TV and water pipes. The broken water pipes caused extensive flooding not only at the nail spa, but to adjoining businesses as well, as both the Trinity Pentecostal Church at 12007 Beamer and Allstate Insurance at 12015 Beamer suffered damage. In all but one of the instances, nothing was taken from the businesses. (One business had roughly \$10 in change stolen.) No immediate arrests were made.

Aug. 5

The Clear Creek Independent School District achieved the state's highest rating of Exemplary. CCISD is the second largest school district in the state to reach this level since Texas implemented its current accountability system. Of the district's 41 campuses, 32 schools were Exemplary, eight schools were Recognized, and one campus was Academically Acceptable. All CCISD high schools and elementary schools were rated Exemplary or Recognized. The Texas Education Agency issues a campus and district rating of Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable or Academically Unacceptable based on the lowest performing student group. To achieve an Exemplary rating, a campus or district must achieve a 90 percent or higher passing rate in all student population groups.

Aug. 12

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to three separate blazes the week of Aug. 12 that officials believe were caused by a serial arsonist. The latest of the three incidents occurred Monday, Aug. 9, at St. Luke's church, where a paper dumpster had been ignited. Two days earlier, firefighters responded to a grass fire near the right-of-way lane on Beltway 8 near Blackhawk

that SVFD Chief Chuck Tylka said was started with gasoline. A few days prior, a guitar was set on fire on Hall Road near El Franco Lee Park. Again, Tylka said an accelerant, such as gasoline, was used to initiate the blaze. According to Tylka, all three incidents occurred around midnight. Given the proximity in time and location, Tylka believes all of the incidents are related. No immediate arrests were made.

Aug. 19

The University of Houston-Clear Lake held the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for its Pearland campus on Saturday, Aug. 14. UH-Clear Lake President William A. Staples, City of Pearland Mayor Tom Reid and Pearland Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Vice President Charles D. Gooden Jr. spoke at the event.

The Houston Police Department's Internal Affairs Division launched an investigation into an incident that took place Friday, Aug. 13, in the 500 block of Dixie Farm Road near Ellington Field, where two officers fired shots at businessmen suspected of being burglars. The shootings, both of which missed their intended targets, occurred at Smokin' J's Sports Bar at roughly 4:15 a.m. The establishment was under police surveillance, as it had been robbed at least four times since February. An officer from HPD's Crime Reduction Unit in an unmarked car reportedly saw two men, club owner Paul Brown and the bar's unidentified manager, going in and out of the bar after operating hours.

Suspecting the pair were burglars, the officer called for backup. When additional officers Jennifer Frank and Christopher Rohling arrived at the scene, they reportedly saw the two men exiting the bar and noticed Brown was holding a pistol. According to police, the officers identified themselves and told Brown to drop his weapon. When he failed to comply, each officer fired a single shot, both missing Brown. The bar owner claims he never heard the officers identify

themselves as being police and was only carrying his gun because he thought they were burglars. No immediate charges were filed.

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Essay winners receive scholarship



Kuk Sool Pasadena provided the winners of a Stuchbery Elementary School essay contest held recently with a scholarship. Pictured are essay winners, (front row) Daniel Milam, Sadie Hodges and Adrian Perez, with (back row) instructor Michael Wixson and lead instructor Jason Franklin.

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Wrights spend 24 days in Australia, New Zealand

Walt and Carole Wright, longtime South Belt residents, recently spent 24 days in New Zealand and Australia (12 days in each). They started in Auckland, New Zealand, then went to Queenstown, which Carole said she believes to be the most beautiful place on earth. From there, the couple traveled to Christchurch, where an earthquake had occurred only a month before they left on their trip. They saw some damage, but it was being repaired, and didn't affect their plans. They flew to Sydney, then Cairns where Carole enjoyed snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef, which she said was such a treat for her because it was something she'd wanted to do all her life. They took a skyrail ride up to Kuranda Village, then rode on the scenic railway across the rainforest canopy. They also walked through the rainforest and took a boat ride through Millford Sound. They both agreed that the scenery and waterfalls were spectacular there. They also went to Melbourne, and on to enjoy champagne and finger foods that were served as they watched the sun go down on Ayers Rock. Top photo: Walt and Carole Wright pose in front of the Sydney Harbor Bridge. Bottom, left: Carole gets friendly with a wallaby at the Featherdale Wildlife Park outside of Sydney. Bottom, right: Walt and Carole visit Ayers Rock.

Photos submitted



Thompson teacher participates in street painting festival



Thompson art teacher Stephanie Albert (left) and her sister, Renee Roberts (right), recently participated in the Via Colori Street Painting Festival in downtown Houston. The festival is an annual fundraising event for the Center of Hearing and Speech. Each painting is sponsored by a company, club or individual. During this year's festival, the streets surrounding Sam Houston Park were covered with more than 200 square murals of varying sizes and subjects and showcased some of the best professional street painters as well as the talents of Houston area artists. Albert and her sister created an underwater scene. The mural was an up-close look at an octopus amongst a coral reef with a distant diver watching from above. The square took about six hours to complete. They intend to participate in the event again next year, along with their brother, and have signed up for a 10-foot-by-10-foot square.

Photo submitted

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Aug. 26
A 92-year-old woman who suffered from Alzheimer's died Friday, Aug. 20, after allegedly being sexually assaulted by a family friend at an apartment complex in the 1300 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway. Flora Ryan was found naked and unresponsive in her bathtub at roughly 8 p.m. by her 28-year-old granddaughter, with whom she shared an apartment along with the elderly woman's 60-year-old daughter and Dean Jerome Wood, a 50-year-old man the family took in about nine months earlier.

Ryan's granddaughter called 9-1-1, and police and paramedics arrived to find Wood, who had reportedly

been drinking, causing a disturbance. Wood was originally arrested for having outstanding warrants, but it was later determined he had sexually assaulted Ryan, who was pronounced dead after being transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Wood was charged Sunday, Aug. 22, in the 176th State District Court with aggravated sexual assault of an elderly person. The family reportedly had let Wood stay with them because he was homeless and down on his luck. Unbeknownst to them, Wood had an extensive criminal record, including multiple DWI and assault charges.

Sept. 2

A former Dobie student was found dead by his father

Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the 9900 block of Southport Drive near Keese Drive at about 10 a.m. Patrick Carver, 18, had reportedly been shot multiple times. According to police, the boy's father, Russell Carver, discovered his son in the front room of the residence. Authorities said items were missing from the home but had not determined a motive at press time. No further details were immediately available.

The *Leader* received several phone calls from concerned Dobie parents between 5 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, as to why they were unable to pick up their children from the high school. According to Pasadena Independent School District spokeswoman Candace Ahlfinger, the incident stemmed from a domestic dispute, with a wife showing up at Dobie with concerns about her husband. No other details were available at press time. Ahlfinger said the school was placed under lockdown as a precautionary measure with all students still on campus being told to remain indoors. Band students, cheerleaders and athletes were among those affected.

Neighboring Moore Elementary was also being watched by PISD police, Ahlfinger said. The lockdown was lifted about 6:15 p.m. when police deemed the campus safe.

A South Belt resident was arrested Sunday, Aug. 29, after allegedly exposing himself to a female employee at a local fast food restaurant. Deputy Lance Willis from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to the incident, which occurred at the Sonic Drive-In at 11110 Scarsdale Blvd., at roughly 7:30 p.m. According to Willis, a male customer ordered a soft drink while parked at the establishment. When a female employee, or carhop, attempted to serve the customer, he was reportedly exposed and gratifying himself.

The employee then notified her manager, who approached the customer's vehicle to find him attempting to cover himself up with a T-shirt. The customer was then told to

leave the property. The car's license plates led Willis to a home in the 11000 block of Sageberry. While the resident of the home admitted to being exposed at the establishment, he denied it was intentional and said he was merely changing clothes after having gone swimming. After being positively identified by the restaurant's manager, the suspect, a 24-year-old white male, was arrested and charged with indecent exposure.

The Wells Fargo bank on Beltway 8 near the Gulf Freeway was robbed Thursday, Aug. 26, at roughly 9:40 a.m. According to FBI Special Agent Pat Villafranca, a lone suspect entered the bank with a silver revolver and announced his intention of robbing the establishment. Villafranca referred to the incident as a "takeover," as opposed to most other bank robberies where a suspect subtly passes a note to the teller. Before leaving the bank, the suspect fired a single warning shot, but no one was struck. As the suspect left the bank, he carjacked a turquoise Toyota Highlander sport utility vehicle with Texas plates BZ8C189 from a bank employee who was just arriving at work. At press time, the vehicle had not been recovered. The suspect is described as being a black male between 25 and 35 years old, wearing a yellow short-sleeved polo-type shirt with blue jeans and a baseball cap. Anyone with any information about this case is urged to call the FBI at 713-693-5000 or Houston Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Sept. 9

The accomplice in the 2009 kidnapping of Susana De Jesus was sentenced Thursday, Sept. 2, to 13 years in prison for his role in the crime that left the former South Belt resident dead. Wallace Ledet IV pleaded guilty to aggravated kidnapping in the case, as well as burglary of a habitation in an unrelated crime. Ledet, 26, is reportedly a high school friend of Nicholas-Michael Edwin Jean, who in May, pleaded guilty to killing De Jesus, and in June, was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole. Ledet told investigators he had nothing to do with De Jesus' death but admitted dropping Jean off at the site of the abduction.

Sept. 16

Two South Belt residents died from injuries sustained in traffic accidents that occurred on the Gulf Freeway near Beltway 8. Gary Brian Pearson, 56, was killed Thursday, Sept. 9, in the 12800 block of the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua about 9:15 p.m. According to police, Pearson was traveling south on the freeway on a black Harley Davidson motorcycle and made an unsafe lane change in front of a green Lexus sport utility vehicle. The Lexus then struck the

motorcycle from behind, and Pearson lost control. He died at the scene. The driver of the Lexus was not injured. No charges were filed.

Just two days later on Saturday, Sept. 11, Ricardo Plascencia, 52, died from injuries he incurred from a traffic accident in the 13500 block of the Gulf Freeway near Scarsdale on Saturday, Sept. 4. Police records indicate Plascencia was driving a green Jeep Wrangler on the freeway when he failed to maintain a single lane of traffic and struck a street light and freeway pillar. Blood test results determined Plascencia was under the influence of alcohol. No other vehicles or persons were involved in this accident. There had been at least 12 fatal traffic accidents in the previous three years on the stretch of the Gulf Freeway from Fuqua to Scarsdale. Pearson's death marked at least the third motorcycle fatality.

The intersection of Beltway 8 and Interstate 45 has also been the site of two suicides in the past three years.

Sept. 23

On Monday, Sept. 20, Deputy Lance Willis arrested Glenn Biagas on charges of trespassing and assaulting a peace officer. The incident began when Willis spotted Biagas in a parking lot in the 10900 block of Scarsdale. Aware that Biagas had just been released from jail for distributing hate mail in the same parking lot the previous June, Willis told the suspect he had to leave the property. Rather than leave, Biagas, who was drinking a beer at the time, charged and attacked the deputy. A fight ensued, and Biagas reportedly punched Willis multiple times in the ribs. Biagas, 26, was subsequently apprehended and taken into custody.

Sept. 30

The Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees voted unanimously 6-0 to appoint Donna Page Rander to fill the unexpired term for the District 4 seat through May of 2011. Former South Belt resident Stuart Stromeyer resigned from the board in June after moving out of the district. He served six years as a CCISD trustee.

Oct. 7

Lifelong South Belt resident, Angelica Del Valle Thomas, was the lone survivor in a triple shooting that took

place in an apartment complex parking lot in Webster Saturday, Oct. 2. According to police, the shootings occurred when Thomas, 23, along with her friend, Jessica Davies, 24, of Friendswood, went to confront Germain Jimenez, Davies' sister's ex-boyfriend, at the Hidden Lakes apartment complex in the 900 block of Henderson. Jimenez, 33, had reportedly been harassing Davies' sister following their recent break-up.

When the two women left Jimenez's apartment, he followed them outside and shot each of them multiple times as they were entering their vehicles. Witnesses were able to identify Jimenez's vehicle to Webster police, and a short chase ensued. Police cornered Jimenez in a strip center parking lot at Egret Bay and NASA Road 1, where they found him dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Both women were Life Flighted to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, where Davies was later pronounced dead.

Pearland resident Devin Mattlage died Sunday, Oct. 3, while trying to save his friends who had driven off the road into a construction pit off the Beltway 8 service road near Pearland Parkway. Mattlage, 18, and a 17-year-old girl were following two friends who were in a white Ford F150 driving west along the beltway at roughly 1 a.m. when the driver, 18-year-old James Benjamin Aulds, lost control of his vehicle and hit a curb on Pearland Parkway. According to police, Aulds then crashed his truck into a traffic pole, drove over a series of metal guard plates at the construction site and plunged into a 25-foot-deep pit.

After the crash, Mattlage and his passenger immediately stopped to offer help. But while trying to save his friends, Mattlage lost his footing and fell into the pit. He was later pronounced dead at the scene. Aulds was taken to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center with a punctured lung, while the passenger of the truck was taken to Ben Taub General Hospital with minor injuries. Police determined that Aulds was drinking at the time of the accident, and on Monday, Oct. 4, charged him with intoxication assault.

William "Bill" Barmore was selected as the Pasadena Independent School District's Distinguished Citizen for 2010. Barmore, vice president of the Barmore Insurance Agency in Pasadena, was honored by the Pasadena ISD school board for his many contributions to education in the district. Barmore graduated from Pasadena High School in 1973 after attending Williams Elementary and Queens Intermediate. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1977 from the University of Texas at Austin and returned to

Pasadena to work for the family-owned insurance agency. Since returning to Pasadena more than three decades ago, Barmore has been a prolific and generous sponsor and supporter of district activities, including a career day event for students at his alma mater, Pasadena High. Barmore is a Pasadena ISD Education Foundation board member and the foundation's president-elect for 2011.

Oct. 14

President Obama signed legislation Monday, Oct. 11, that authorizes \$58.4 billion in funding for NASA over the next three fiscal years. The move came roughly one week after Congress passed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2010 (S. 3729) and was welcomed by employees of the Johnson Space Center, as it provides funding for an additional shuttle flight and the accelerated development of a new heavy-lift rocket for deep-space exploration. Obama's initial budget proposal had called for the phasing out of manned space flight, threatening as many as 7,000 local jobs.

The 2010 Dobie High School homecoming king and queen were named at the Oct. 8 game against Pasadena High School. Noe Rodriguez was crowned king, while Demmi Garcia was crowned queen. The Longhorns easily defeated the Eagles 50-3.

The FBI Bank Robbery

Task Force was asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect who robbed the Wells Fargo Bank located at 10225 Almeda Genoa on Oct. 6. According to FBI officials, the man entered the bank at 11:48 a.m. and stood in line. When he was called up to the teller station, he presented a note which announced he was robbing the bank. The suspect then told the teller he had a gun and would hurt her. The teller proceeded to provide the robber with an undisclosed amount of cash. He was last seen walking away from the bank. No one was physically hurt during the robbery. No immediate arrests were made.

Oct. 21

An attempted abduction took place at San Jacinto

College South on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 13. According to campus police, a female student was walking to her car when a male approached and tried to force her to get into his vehicle. The female student was able to get away from him and was not harmed.

A 15-year-old Dobie sophomore was arrested Monday, Oct. 18, after bringing a gun to school. Houston police were already investigating the student because the weapon was stolen. Police visited the school to find the student in possession of the gun, along with a loaded clip. At no time was the gun displayed or were any threats made, school officials said. An automated phone call was sent to notify parents of the incident.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Varsity hoops – Brook girls, Dobie boys get big hoops wins

Wolverine boys, JFD girls lose big league contests

There's already a sense of urgency running rampant in local high school varsity basketball circles as the respective district races seemingly have everyone on edge.

With the exception of the teams within the District 22-5A boys' division that tips off play Jan. 14, there is plenty of uneasiness elsewhere.

The Dobie varsity girls, trying to defend their 22-5A championship from a season ago, have already taken a heavy blow from Deer Park and now stand at 1-1 with eight games remaining in the race.

At Clear Brook, both the boys' and girls' teams will need to find a level of consistency from here on out in order to have a shot at mak-

ing the playoffs.

The Lady Wolverines gained a big 70-53 victory over Brazoswood Jan. 11 to pull even at 3-3 in the 24-5A standings, but there is still much work to be done.

Meanwhile, the Clear Brook boys are in a little bit of a twist after experiencing a three-game losing skid in 24-5A play.

The Wolverines fell another game off the pace after a 57-43 loss to Brazoswood at home Jan. 11, and suddenly Brook is in a 'win right now' mode.

Fresh start for JFD boys

Dobie's varsity boys' team will enter 22-5A competition on a high note after dropping La Porte 47-43 Jan. 11 at Dobie behind 23 points from Jonathan Vargas.

good news is that with just 10 games to be played in the race, there is no wiggle room for error.

Cross, a former player at Dobie in the '90s, knows the Pasadenas, Deer Parks, South Houstons and Sam Rayburns well.

Deer Park, despite battling injuries to two key players, including Houston area scoring leader Thomas Walkup, is the likely favorite.

Still, Cross knows the Longhorns must be ready each night they take the court.

"With a 10 game district schedule, every game is critical. We cannot afford to have a let down game against anyone."

"If you're just looking at the records, it looks like Deer Park is still the district favorite even though they have had some tough luck with injuries."

"Deer Park's Darius Banks is a load on the block, and they have had players step up in the absence of Walkup."

"South Houston is playing very good and they look strong. Memorial has some good players, too."

"I know it sounds like coach speak, but Rayburn

- Jan. 11 basketball results**
- Brazoswood boys 57, Brook 43
 - Dobie boys 47, La Porte 43
 - Deer Park girls 57, Dobie 45
 - Brook girls 70, Brazoswood 53
- Jan. 7 basketball results**
- Springs boys 80, Brook 57
 - Dobie girls 45, South Houston 39
 - Springs girls 80, Brook 54



Clear Brook senior Chris Campbell had 16 points against Brazoswood Jan. 11 at Clear Brook, but it wasn't enough to keep the Bucs from taking a big 57-43 victory in 24-5A play, dropping the Wolverines to 1-3 in the standings. Photo by John Bechtel

Clear Brook, Dobie soccer squads set to begin season of high hopes

Despite the arrival of cold weather in the area, there is no slowing down the start of the high school soccer season, which is set to open Jan. 13 across the state.

Locally, the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity boys' and

girls' teams have high hopes for the season.

Clear Brook's Lady Wolverines, coming off a Region III semifinal appearance a season ago, are ready to make a positive first impression at The Woodlands tournament Jan. 13-15.

Head coach Jeff Brewer's team will be tested early on with games against Clements, Tomball and Cy-Creek at The Woodlands event.

The following week, at the 1-10 Shootout in Katy, the Lady Wolverines will take on Klein and then ei-

ther Deer Park or Kingwood in the second round.

It's a difficult stretch, to say the least, but Clear Brook, ranked sixth in the Region III preseason poll presented by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches, is ready to bounce back after a terrific 2010 campaign.



The Clear Brook varsity boys' team has similar hopes this season as head coach Chris Stromeier, a former Wolverines' player, takes over in his first season after several as varsity assistant.

The Wolverines will have to deal with the usual suspects in the 24-5A race when the time comes. Clear Lake and Clear Springs are expecting good results, and there's more.

Pearland, a 24-5A newcomer, is ranked seventh in the Region III alignment by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches.

Clear Brook will open its season Monday, Jan. 17, taking on Deer Park at Clyde Abshire Stadium in Deer Park. Match time is 7 p.m.

The Wolverines' first

home match is Friday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. against Jersey Village.

There is also plenty of optimism to go around at Dobie High School, where the varsity boys' and girls' teams have experienced a great deal of success over the past several seasons.

The Dobie boys advanced to the Region III tournament in 2009 and then moved to the area round in 2010.

Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra, entering his fifth season as head coach, will rely on the experience of several returnees, including Jose Balvaneda in the nets.

The Longhorns will again open their season as part of the Friendswood/Pearland tournament Jan. 13-15, taking on Dawson, Houston Sterling and Sharpstown in pool play action, with trophy games to follow.

Then there are the Dobie varsity girls, including first-year head coach Kristina Butler.

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SBYSC celebrates fall 2010 successes

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club enjoyed a banner 2010 fall season, with several of its teams either winning or competing for state titles.

With registration for the 2011 spring season soon to take place, club president Alex Dokhani recognized those standout teams in an announcement.

"It was a great season for our South Belt teams," Dokhani said, noting that the league wound up with two state championships and a state finalist.

"We also have several teams that performed real well in BAYSA (Bay Area Youth Soccer Association), our parent organization. We are one of the smaller clubs in BAYSA and the only league within it to win state championship."

With the spring season coming, Dokhani also announced future plans for the SBYSC.

"For the first time in the history of our club, we have established a South Belt Select program for our competitive teams and players,"

"I am very proud of our teams and coaches for the fine results we have seen."

The league will host a single on-site registration and will also accept online registration. For more information about the registration, see Page 3B.

- | SBYSC team | Accomplishment |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| S.B. Select Joga Bonito, U-15 Boys Super 2 | State Champions |
| S.B. Dorados, U-13 Boys Division 2 | State Champions |
| S.B. Cougars, U-14 Girls Division 2 | State Finalist |
| S.B. Cheetahs, U-13 Girls Division 2 | BAYSA Champions |
| S.B. Stampede, U-12 Boys Division 3 | BAYSA Champions |
| S.B. Galaxy, U-10 Girls Silver | BAYSA Champions |
| S.B. Panthers, U-9 Boys Silver | BAYSA, second place |
| S.B. Dynamos, U-17 Boys Division 2 | BAYSA, second place |
| S.B. Blue Panthers, U-12 Division 2 | BAYSA Finalist |
| S.B. Coyotes, U-10 Boys Gold | BAYSA Finalist |
| S.B. Stars, U-9 Girls Gold | BAYSA Finalist |
| S.B. Joga Bonito, U-9 Boys Gold | BAYSA Finalist |

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Important basketball games await local varsity teams

Dobie boys finally to start district play

Continued from Page 1B up on someone. “The key for us is to create turnovers in our defense and Pasadena play really hard and they could sneak

sive schemes. Games where we are willing to dive on the floor and get loose balls are the games we win. Defense, as always, is the key.”

Dobie girls slip
The excitement over defeating a talented South Houston team 45-39 to open the District 22-5A season was tempered by a tough 57-45 loss to Deer Park on the road.

Tabitha Hawthorne dominated the game inside

with 21 points for the Deer, which improved to 2-0 this season.

Dobie, which is now 1-1, got 18 points from Shaequa Gaston, but that wasn't enough to keep the Lady Longhorns out of the loss column.

Dobie head coach Shane Brown explained that his team's issues are fairly simple right now.

We're not playing well right now, none of us," Brown said "We are in district play, but we are miss-

ing the sense of urgency a team needs at this time of the year. If we find it, we'll be OK. If not, we're going to struggle the last eight games of the season."

There's still plenty of time for the Lady Longhorns to turn things around, beginning with a road game Jan. 14 at Pasadena.

After that, the Lady Longhorns can make a statement with a win over Memorial, which has started the season at 2-0 to co-lead the district standings along

with Deer Park.

CB boys now 1-3
If the Clear Brook boys varsity team doesn't change its ways soon, the team may find itself out of playoff contention early.

Through four games, Clear Springs and Clear Creek have jumped out to identical 4-0 starts.

Granted, Clear Creek defeated Clear Brook on a buzzer beater, but a win is a win, and things haven't gone well for the Wolverines since then.

Wolverines were presented with a great chance to claim a win over a very talented team.

Kinney Mouton, certainly one of the Bucs' top players, missed the game.

That left the window open for the Wolverines to seize a victory, but it didn't happen.

In short, the Bucs simply outplayed Brook when it counted the most.

"I thought the main difference in the game last night was not about X's and O's, but rather heart and

hustle," Clear Brook head coach Jason Pillow said.

"Brazoswood rallied around the fact that they were missing their best player (Mouton), and we looked at it as a 'gimmie' win.

"The lack of effort in doing the little things really hurt us. I told our kids before the game that rebounding was the key. That was our top priority to trying to win the game."

But Brazoswood enjoyed a 22-4 rebounding advantage in the first half and out-rebounded the Wolverines 37-17 overall. Brazoswood scored 16 points on second-chance opportunities to just two for Clear Brook.

Now at 1-3, the Wolverines play at Clear Lake (2-2) Jan. 14 as both teams are aiming to stay close to the front of the pack in 24-5A.

"As far as needing a win soon, there is no doubt about it. We must get on a roll, or we will be on the outside looking in when the playoffs get here."

Moving forward, Pillow is looking at the positives with still 10 games remain-

ing.

"The kids have to realize we are one buzzer beater away (a 64-63 loss to Clear Creek) from being 2-2 in district and in a completely different position.

"They also have to realize that we have faced the top three teams in district in a row. Not an easy task to say the least."

Pillow has seen some of his other Clear Brook teams battle their way out of tough situations to reach the playoffs, and he expects nothing less this time.

"I have complete faith in these guys' ability to turn it around and get to where we want to go," Pillow said "They are a resilient bunch of guys, and I believe in them. They have experienced this before and will no doubt pull through."

CB girls take on Lake
The Brook girls will look to close out the first half of 22-5A play with a home game against Clear Lake (5-1) Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.

With a win, Clear Brook can exit the middle of teams currently sitting at 3-3 in the standings.

BAFL's SB Dolphins set information event

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host an information session for youth interested in participating in the 2011 season.

The event will be held at the Dolphins, visit www. Alameda Mall Saturday, Jan. southbeltdolphins.com.

Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL Friday, Jan. 14

- Brook varsity boys at Clear Lake, 7:00
- Dobie varsity boys host Pasadena, 7:00
- Brook varsity girls host Clear Lake, 7:00
- Dobie varsity girls at Pasadena, 7:30
- Brook JV boys at Clear Lake, 5:30
- Brook JV girls host Clear Lake, 5:30
- Dobie JV girls at Pasadena, 6:00
- Dobie JV boys host Pasadena, 6:00
- Dobie sophomore boys host Pasadena, 4:30
- Brook sophomore boys at Clear Lake, 5:30
- Brook freshman A boys at Clear Lake, 4:00
- Dobie freshman A girls at Pasadena, 4:30
- Brook freshman A girls host Clear Lake, 4:00
- Dobie freshman A boys host Pasadena, 6:00
- Brook freshman B boys at Clear Lake, 4:00
- Dobie freshman B girls at Pasadena, 6:00
- Dobie freshman B boys host Pasadena, 4:30

Tuesday, Jan. 18

- Brook varsity boys host Pearland, 7:00
- Dobie varsity boys at Memorial, 7:00
- Brook varsity girls at Pearland, 7:00
- Dobie varsity girls host Memorial, 7:30
- Brook JV boys host Pearland, 5:30
- Brook JV girls at Pearland, 5:30
- Dobie JV girls host Memorial, 6:00
- Dobie JV boys at Memorial, 6:00
- Dobie sophomore boys at Memorial, 4:30
- Brook sophomore boys host Pearland, 5:30
- Brook freshman A boys host Pearland, 4:00
- Dobie freshman A girls host Memorial, 4:30
- Brook freshman A girls at Pearland, 4:00
- Dobie freshman A boys at Memorial, 6:00
- Brook freshman B boys host Pearland, 4:00
- Dobie freshman B girls host Memorial, 6:00
- Dobie freshman B boys at Memorial, 4:30

Wednesday, Jan. 19

- Thompson 7th Dark boys at South Houston, 5:00
- Thompson 7th Light boys at South Houston, 6:15
- Thompson 8th Dark boys at South Houston, 5:00
- Thompson 8th Light boys at South Houston, 6:15
- Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys at Southmore, 5:00
- Beverly Hills 7th Light boys at Southmore, 6:15
- Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys at Southmore, 5:00
- Beverly Hills 8th Light boys at Southmore, 6:15
- Thompson 7th Dark girls host South Houston, 6:15
- Thompson 7th Light girls host South Houston, 5:00
- Thompson 8th Dark girls host South Houston, 6:16
- Thompson 8th Light girls host South Houston, 5:00
- Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls host Southmore, 6:15
- Beverly Hills 7th Light girls host Southmore, 5:00
- Beverly Hills 8th Dark girls host Southmore, 6:15
- Beverly Hills 8th Light girls host Southmore, 5:00

Friday, Jan. 21

- Brook varsity boys at Dickinson, 7:00
- Dobie varsity boys host Sam Rayburn, 7:00
- Brook varsity girls at Sam Rayburn, 7:00
- Dobie varsity girls at Pasadena, 7:30
- Brook JV boys at Dickinson, 5:30
- Brook JV girls host Dickinson, 5:30
- Dobie JV girls at Sam Rayburn, 6:00
- Dobie JV boys host Sam Rayburn, 6:00
- Dobie sophomore boys host Sam Rayburn, 4:30
- Brook sophomore boys at Dickinson, 5:30
- Brook freshman A boys at Dickinson, 4:00
- Dobie freshman A girls at Sam Rayburn, 4:30
- Brook freshman A girls host Dickinson, 4:00
- Dobie freshman A boys host Sam Rayburn, 6:00
- Brook freshman B boys at Dickinson, 4:00
- Dobie freshman B girls at Sam Rayburn, 6:00
- Dobie freshman B boys host Sam Rayburn, 4:30

SOCCER Thursday, Jan. 13

- Dobie varsity boys vs. Dawson, The Rig, 3:00
- Brook varsity girls vs. Clements (Woodlands), 1:00
- Dobie JV (B) girls at Atascocita, 5:30

Friday, Jan. 14

- Brook varsity girls vs. Tomball (Woodlands), 1:00
- Dobie varsity boys vs. Houston Sterling, The Rig, 1:00

Saturday, Jan. 15

- Dobie varsity girls host G.C. Mem., Newcomb, noon
- Dobie varsity girls at The Woodlands, 11 a.m.
- Dobie varsity boys vs. Sharpstown, Dawson, 10 a.m.
- Dobie JV girls host G.C. Mem., Newcomb, 10 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 17

- Brook varsity boys at Deer Park, Abshire, 7:00
- Brook JV boys at Deer Park, Abshire, 5:00

Thursday, Jan. 20

- Brook varsity girls vs. Klein at Katy Shootout, 4:00
- Dobie varsity boys vs. Tomball, The Rig, 10 a.m.
- Brook varsity girls vs. Klein at Katy Shootout, 4:00
- Dobie varsity girls at PNG tournament, TBA
- Dobie JV (A) girls vs. Clear Falls at Humble tourn., 7:00

Friday, Jan. 21

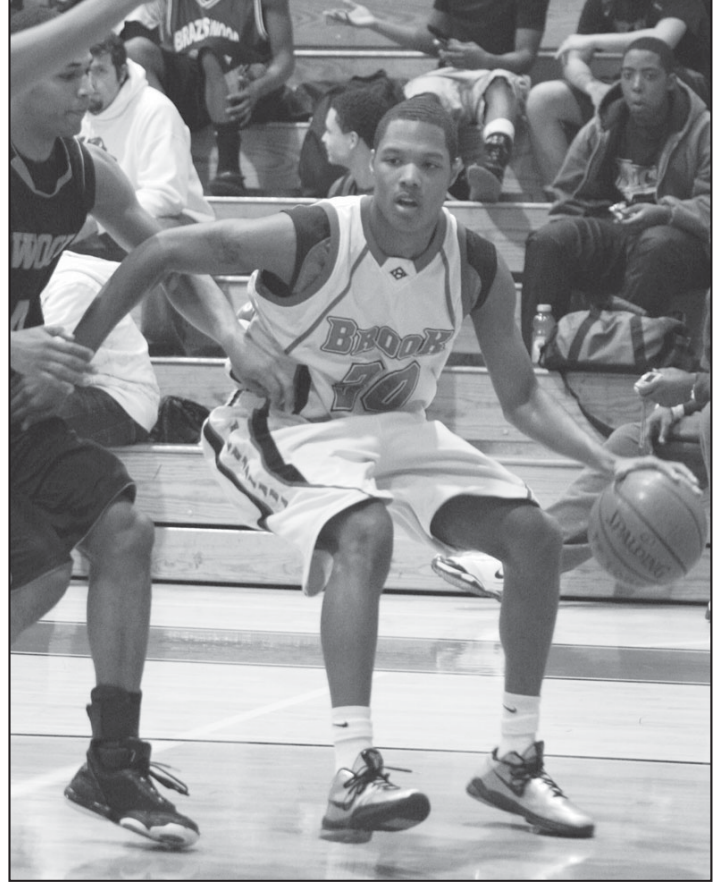
- Brook varsity girls at Katy Shootout, TBA
- Dobie varsity boys vs. Cy-Ridge, The Rig, 4:00
- Brook varsity boys host Jersey Village, 6:00
- Dobie varsity girls at PNG tournament, TBA
- Dobie JV (A) girls vs. Atascocita at Humble tourn., 3:00
- Brook JV boys at Lutheran South, 6:00

Saturday, Jan. 22

- Brook varsity girls at Katy Shootout, TBA
- Dobie varsity boys vs. La Porte, Auxiliary, 10 a.m.
- Dobie varsity girls at PNG tournament, TBA
- Dobie JV (A) girls vs. King. Park at Humble tourn., 10:00

TENNIS Friday, Jan. 21

- Dobie varsity at Pearland ISD Classic, TBA

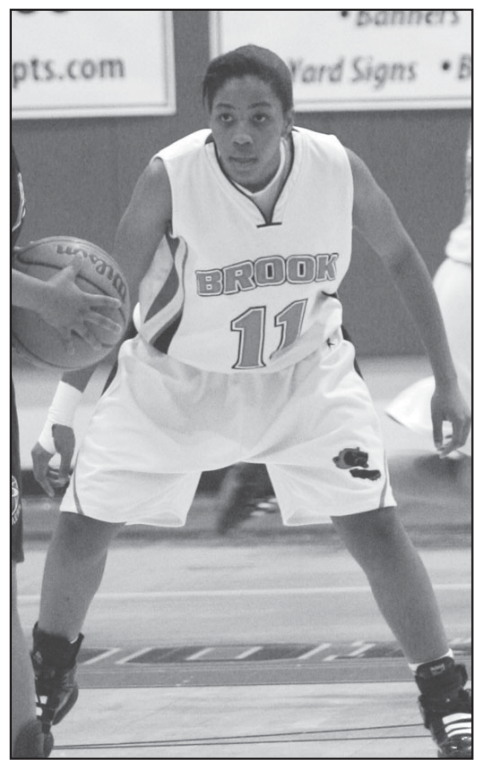


Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball forward Fred Richardson gets pinned along the baseline by the Brazoswood defense during the Bucs' 57-43 victory Jan. 11 at Clear Brook. The win moved Brazoswood to 3-1 in the District 24-5A standings, while the Wolverines are now 1-3.

Brook girls now at 3-3

Kia Love (right) had 23 points and teammate Chelsea Ngo scored a game-high 29 points as the Clear Brook varsity girls team pulled even in the District 24-5A race at 3-3 with a 70-53 victory over Brazoswood on the road Jan. 11. With a home game against Clear Lake (5-1) Jan. 14 to close out the first half of 24-5A action, the Lady Wolverines are within reach of a playoff slot in the district. Clear Brook began the 24-5A race in an 0-2 hole but has since won three of four games to pull closer to the front of the pack.

Photos by John Bechtle



Softball workouts open Jan. 21



Dobie High School varsity softball catcher Ariel Morgan (above) and her teammates will begin workouts in preparation for the 2011 season as early as Friday, Jan. 21. Coming off a season in which the team advanced to the area playoff round, head coach Robin Rackley will welcome several newcomers to the varsity level, but Morgan will be one of the important returnees.

District 22-5A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball (As of Jan. 12)

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	2	0
Memorial	2	0
Dobie	1	1
Sam Rayburn	1	1
South Houston	0	2
Pasadena	0	2

District 24-5A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball (As of Jan. 12)

Teams	W	L
Clear Springs	6	0
Clear Lake	5	1
Clear Creek	3	3
Clear Brook	3	3
Pearland	3	3
Dickinson	3	3
Brazoswood	1	5
Alvin	0	6

District 24-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball (As of Jan. 12)

Teams	W	L
Clear Springs	4	0
Clear Creek	4	0
Brazoswood	3	1
Clear Lake	2	2
Clear Brook	1	3
Pearland	1	3
Dickinson	1	3
Alvin	0	4

Lions' 7 Light boys' hoops squad rolls

Thompson Intermediate's seventh-grade Light boys' basketball team played in the San Jacinto Invitational tournament Jan. 7-8, winning three of four games to complete a great showing.

The Lions' opener was against Barbers Hill, and the locals easily won the game to advance to a match-up against Friendswood.

Scoring just 16 points

through the first three quarters, the Lions found themselves trailing by nine points but found a way to rally.

In the end, Thompson came away with a 36-31 victory to advance in the tournament.

After two wins, the Lions went up against McAdams. The game was tight for three quarters before McAdams pulled away for the victory.

Taking the court just 15

minutes after the loss to McAdams, the Lions took on La Porte.

Thompson trailed in the game much of the way but then put together a stout fourth quarter rally to tie the game at 37-37 at the end of regulation.

The Lions scored four points on two layups and won 41-40 despite a last-second 3-pointer from beyond halfcourt that went in

for La Porte.

The entire team did superbly during the four games and showed a lot of character in the two comeback wins.

Team members include Jason Lester, Tyler Giron, Tyson Thompson, Chandler Tisby, Jaylon Bolden, Kaelon Woods, Malik Peters, Kameron Dolford, Kenneth Gibson, Javon Johnson and Samuel Hart.

PISD Intermediate Basketball Girls' Standings

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

Game Scores 7 Light

- Beverly Hills 38, Miller 14
- Queens 30, South Houston 12
- Southmore 24, Park View 14
- Thompson 37, Jackson 6
- Bondy 24, San Jacinto 18

Game Scores 7 Dark

- Beverly Hills 25, Miller 16
- Queens 25, South Houston 16
- Park View 26, Southmore 24
- Thompson 18, Jackson 16
- Bondy 22, San Jacinto 14

8 Light

W	L	8 Dark	W	L	
Thompson	5	0	Bondy	5	0
Miller	4	1	Beverly Hills	4	1
Bondy	4	1	Queens	4	1
Beverly Hills	3	2	Southmore	4	1
Queens	3	2	Miller	3	2
San Jacinto	2	3	Park View	2	3
Southmore	2	3	Thompson	2	3
Park View	1	4	San Jacinto	1	4
Jackson	1	4	Jackson	1	4
South Houston	0	5	S. Houston	0	5

Game Scores 8 Light

- Miller 32, Beverly Hills 15
- Queens 35, South Houston 11
- Southmore 32, Park View 29
- Thompson 35, Jackson 17
- Bondy 37, San Jacinto 11

Game Scores 8 Dark

- Beverly Hills 23, Miller 19
- Queens 21, South Houston 19
- Southmore 17, Park View 14
- Thompson 17, Jackson 11
- Bondy 32, San Jacinto 14

PISD Intermediate Basketball Boys' Standings

7 Light	W	L	7 Dark	W	L
Thompson	5	0	Thompson	5	0
Beverly Hills	5	0	Southmore	4	1
Southmore	3	2	Queens	4	1
San Jacinto	3	2	Beverly Hills	4	1
Park View	3	2	Jackson	3	2
Queens	3	2	Bondy	2	3
Miller	2	3	S. Houston	1	4
S. Houston	1	4	Miller	1	4
Bondy	0	5	San Jacinto	1	4
Jackson	0	5	Park View	0	5

Game Scores 7 Light

- Thompson 53, Jackson 10
- San Jacinto 35, Bondy 13
- Park View 68, Southmore 51
- Queens 46, South Houston 22
- Beverly Hills 57, Miller 20

Game Scores 7 Dark

- Thompson 45, Jackson 13
- Bondy 20, San Jacinto 17
- Southmore 25, Park View 22
- Queens 25, South Houston 17
- Beverly Hills 56, Miller 20

8 Light

W	L	8 Dark	W	L	
Thompson	5	0	Thompson	5	0
San Jacinto	4	1	Miller	4	1
Beverly Hills	4	1	Queens	3	2
Park View	4	1	S. Houston	3	2
South Houston	4	1	Beverly Hills	3	2
Bondy	2	3	San Jacinto	3	2
Miller	1	4	Bondy	2	3
Jackson	1	4	Park View	1	4
Queens	0	5	Southmore	1	4
Southmore	0	5	Jackson	0	5

Game Scores 8 Light

- Thompson 57, Jackson 52
- San Jacinto 47, Bondy 40
- Park View 34, Southmore 33
- South Houston 52, Queens 42
- Beverly Hills 47, Miller 36

Game Scores 8 Dark

- Thompson 58, Jackson 20
- San Jacinto 34, Bondy 32
- Southmore 43, Park View 23
- Queens 49, South Houston 30
- Beverly Hills 38, Miller 36

San Jacinto College Softball 2011 Spring Season Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Grade
1	Alexis Estrada	P	Fr.
2	Nicole Andrade	Utility	Soph.
3	Candyce Carter	OF	Fresh.
4	Rainn Guerrero	C	Fresh.
5	Landyn Myers	OF	Soph.
7	Jaclyn Bechtle	Inf.	Fr.
8	Bethany Armstrong	OF	Soph.
9	Kacy Hobbs	C	Soph.
10	Jessica Beltran	Inf.	Soph.
11	Courtney Shaw	Inf.	Fr.
12	Shannon Millman	P	Fr.
14	Evan Babin	Inf.	Soph.
15	Megan Matejka	C	Soph.
16	Ariel Brayer	OF	Fr.
17	Jessica Hempfling	Utility	Fr.
21	Jamie Henry	P	Fr.
22	Shelby Parham	Inf.	Soph.
24	Laura Martinez	P	Soph.
29	Cassie Smith	Inf.	Fr.

Head coach – Kelly Saenz

Assistant coach – Dionna Lopez

San Jacinto College softball finalizes spring schedule, roster

The San Jacinto College women's softball team is preparing for the 2011 season after last year's team made a stirring run at the regional tournament.

In 2010, the Coyotes hovered around the .500 mark during the regular season but managed to grab

the No. 8 seed at the regional tournament. There, the Coyotes pushed top seed Navarro to the limit before dropping a 15-inning game in the opener.

From there, San Jacinto fought its way back through the loser's bracket before eventually claiming third

place. Now, several key players from 2010, including infielder/outfielder Nicole Andrade, catcher Megan Matejka, pitcher Laura Martinez and outfielder Landyn Myers return, giving the team a strong base on which to build.

Head coach Kelly Saenz has also welcomed a strong recruiting class, anchored by 2010 Class 5A state tournament most valuable player Jaclyn Bechtle of Pearland, pitcher Shannon Millman of Pasadena Memorial and Jessica Hempfling from Clear Creek High School. San Jacinto will open the

regular season Saturday, Jan. 29 in Louisiana in a doubleheader against LSU-Eunice.

The team's first set of home games is Wednesday, Feb. 9, against McLennan.

The Coyotes will begin Region XIV action against Blinn College Friday, March 11, at home.

The Region XIV tournament is set for May 5-8, and the junior college world series will be played May 19-21, in St. George, Utah.

For more information about the San Jacinto College programs, visit www.sanjacathletics.com.



San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz has reloaded her team's roster for the 2011 spring season after leading the Coyotes to a third-place finish in last season's Region XIV tournament.

Sports news, notes

SBGSA hosts registration

The South Belt Girls Softball Association will host registration for the spring season on three occasions this month. The dates include Saturday, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday, Jan. 18, and Thursday, Jan. 20, from 6 to 8:30 both nights. The fee is \$80 per player, with a \$5 discount issued to families with more than one player beginning with the second player. All sign-up dates will be held at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park. League try-outs and the draft will be held later this month.

Sign-up held at SBHLL facility

Officials in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will host one more regular registration date for the upcoming 2011 spring season. The league has also announced the formation of a junior T-ball division for boys and girls ages 3 to 4. The junior T-ball league will be of the instructional variety, with no umpires involved. Coaches will umpire the games. The final regular registration date is Saturday, Jan. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. All of the sessions will be held at US Spring Training, located at 10330 Blackhawk Blvd. Registration fee is \$100 per player from the 3- and 4-year-olds, and \$140 per player from those ages 5 to 14. There will be a \$10 discount applied for those families with more than one player registering. For more information, visit the SBHLL website at www.eteamz.com/sbhll. Players must turn 3 years of age on or prior to April 30, 2011, in order to be eligible to compete. The following are the new player divisions for the 2011 season: Jr. T-Ball (ages 3-4); T-Ball (ages 5-6); A (formerly machine pitch, ages 7-8); AA (formerly peewee, age 9-10); AAA (formerly minors, ages 9-11) and Majors (ages 10-12).

SBAST to celebrate 40th

In association with its 40th anniversary celebration coming next spring, South Belt Area Swim Team officials are inviting former swimmers and parents to submit photos and success stories to be considered for inclusion in the special event. Team officials are promoting how the SBAST has and will continue to develop successful individuals in and out of the water while encouraging community involvement. More information on how to get involved in the event will be forthcoming in future *Leader* editions.

Dobie softball clinic Jan. 29

The Dobie High School softball coaching staff will host the 2011 Lady Longhorn Softball Clinic Saturday, Jan. 29, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the high school. Girls ages 6 to 14 are eligible to attend the clinic, which will include instruction in all phases of the game, such as pitching, hitting, baserunning, fielding, bunting and more. Players may register prior to the start of the camp for \$25 per player, which will include a camp T-shirt. Registration on the day of the event is \$30. For more information or to obtain a camp entry form, direct e-mail to Dobie head coach Robin Rackley at rackley@pasadenaisd.org.

SBHLL board meets Jan. 19

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League Board of Directors will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the courthouse annex located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. The meeting is open to all league members and interested parties.

Youth soccer to register players

Youth wishing to play in the South Belt Youth Soccer Club this spring may take advantage of just one on-site session, but players may also register online for competition. Games within the league will begin in March and will be contested on Sundays for a total of eight weeks. The on-site registration date is Saturday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemeadow MUD Building, located at 10755 Hall Road at the Blackhawk intersection. The fee is \$80 for players in the U-5 through U-8 divisions, \$85 for those in the U-9 and U-10 divisions and \$90 for those in the 11 and older divisions. League officials will accept credit cards, checks and money orders as forms of payment. No cash will be accepted. The registration fee includes a uniform (shirt, shorts and socks). Those who register online will receive a discounted fee option. A \$10 late fee will be assessed to those who register after Feb. 1, 2011. For online registration information or to learn more about the league, visit www.southbeltsoccer.org.

Brook football players make all-state academic

Eight Clear Brook High School varsity football players were honored by the Texas High School Football Coaches Association as academic all-state representatives. Those players from the Wolverines' 2010 squad included:

Nick Alfano	Austin Butler	Matt Heidt
Dante Jones	Colin Schneider	Derek Tran
Hikaru Takekawa	Aaron Yelovich	

CB's Dittrich lands all-star role



Clear Brook High School's Alicia Dittrich will represent the Lady Wolverines at the 2011 Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association's all-star series Feb. 5 at Pearland High School. Dittrich was a four-year member of the varsity team during her career at Clear Brook, helping the team to the playoffs each season. Dittrich has signed to continue her education and playing career at Central Arkansas University this fall. She is recovering from off-season hand surgery but will participate in the all-star series.

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Spring 2011 Registration
Baseball & Teeball -- Ages 4 to 18
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No Fundraisers. No added Fees.
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Games at Bay Area Dad's Club
(Hwy 3 near Clear Lake City Blvd).
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Registration Dates	Level	Fee
9/05 - 12/06	Mini-TeeBall	\$ 90
9/04 - 8/05	TeeBall	\$ 110
9/03 - 8/04	Coach Pitch	\$ 130
9/02 - 8/03	Machine Pitch 1	\$ 150
9/01 - 8/02	Machine Pitch 2	\$ 150
9/00 - 8/01	Freshman	\$ 170
9/98 - 8/00	Sophomore	\$ 170
9/96 - 8/98	Junior	\$ 180
5/92 - 8/96	Senior	\$ 200



Register at Star Fire Grill
(Bay Area Blvd at Space Center Blvd)

Wed Jan 12 6 pm to 8 pm
Sat/Sun Jan 15 & 16 Noon to 3 pm

Late Registration Jan 17 til teams are full.
Players registering on time have option to be with players from Spring 2010 team.
www.BayAreaTexasBaseball.com
FDonaghe@aol.com or 281-486-9331

San Jacinto College 2011 spring softball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 29	at LSU-Eunice (2)	1/3 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Galveston tournament	
	vs. Temple	10 a.m.
	vs. Western Texas	2 p.m.
Feb. 5	vs. McLennan	8 a.m.
	vs. Ranger	noon
	vs. Seminole	4 p.m.
Feb. 9	McLennan (2)	3/5 p.m.
Feb. 11	Grayson (2)	5/7 p.m.
Feb. 18-19	at McLennan tournament	TBA
Feb. 25-26	at Temple tournament	
Feb. 25	vs. Crowder	9 a.m.
	vs. Butler	11:15 a.m.
	vs. Midland	3:45 p.m.
Feb. 26	vs. Lake Michigan	9 a.m.
	vs. Temple	11:15 a.m.
March 4-6	at NFCA Leadoff Classic (Panama City, Fla.)	TBA
March 11	*Blinn (2)	4/6 p.m.
March 12	*at Galveston (2)	noon
March 14	Chipola College (2)	4/6 p.m.
March 16	Southeast C.C. (2)	2/4 p.m.
March 17	Gulf Coast C.C. (2)	2/4 p.m.
March 23	LSU-Eunice (2)	4/6 p.m.
March 25	*at Angelina (2)	3/5 p.m.
March 26	*at Coastal Bend (2)	2/4 p.m.
March 30	*Alvin (2)	4/6 p.m.
April 1	*Lamar State (2)	4/6 p.m.
April 6	*Angelina (2)	4/6 p.m.
April 9	*at Alvin (2)	noon/2
April 13	*Galveston (2)	4/6 p.m.
April 16	*Coastal Bend (2)	3/5 p.m.
April 20	*at Blinn (2)	4/6 p.m.
April 27	*at Lamar State (2)	1/3 p.m.
May 5-8	at Region XIV tourn.	TBA
May 19-21	at World Series (St. George, Utah)	

South Belt Youth Soccer Club It's time for SPRING Soccer Registration!

Registration for Boys and Girls ages 4 to 18 years old is being held on:
Saturday, January 22nd
at the Sagemeadow MUD Bldg. from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

New players registering must bring original and copy of birth certificate at time of registration.
For additional information and online registration, go to www.southbeltsoccer.org

SBYSC is a non-profit, all volunteer organization run by parents for the kids.
FREE Registration for any player who brings in a team sponsor

Registration fees are as follows:

Ages as of 7/31/2010	Walk-in	Online
U5-U8 (4,5,6,7)	\$80	\$65
U9 & U10 (8,9)	\$85	\$70
U11 & Older (10 to 18)	\$90	\$75

Late fee of \$10 will be assessed after Feb. 1st, 2011.



CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 13

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

9:30 a.m.

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Fellowship of Friends, 144 Park Avenue in League City. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others to the interdenominational meeting.

11:30 a.m.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets on the second Thursday of each month at MIMI's Cafe in the Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway Street, #1600. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

Noon

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.

6:30 p.m.

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

by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

8:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, JAN. 14

7 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

AARP-South Belt Chapter - The American Association of Retired Persons meets the second Friday of each month at the community center at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road.

Noon

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 15

6 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

Bay Area Bluegrass Association - Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, May and December are exceptions. The stage show begins at 7 p.m., but pickers are welcome to bring their instruments and come earlier. Admission is free. The show is held at the Johnny Arolto Civic

Center, 300 Walker in League City. For more information, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.

SUNDAY, JAN. 16

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.

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6 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

New Directions Singles Club - The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social

support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information. Civil Air Patrol Meeting - Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.

7 p.m.

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

7:30 p.m.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. - Meets the third week of each month at the Clear Lake Park Building, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Guests are welcome. Presenters for the educational program explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting, and field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All persons with an interest in these topics are welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For more information, visit www.clgms.org.

TUESDAY, JAN. 18

7 a.m.

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11 a.m.

The Bay Area Military Officers' Wives - hold monthly luncheon meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at Bay Oaks Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Active duty or retired officers' wives are eligible. For information, call Patt Simon at 832-221-2696 or Wendy Peters at 281-333-3115.

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LOST & FOUND

REWARD FOR LOST DOG: Springer Spaniel, black & white. Family pet, needs medications. Please call 281-481-2843 to assist in returning home. God bless. 1-13

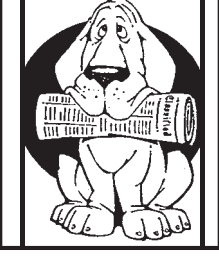
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CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, JAN. 18
1 p.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include diorama, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.
1:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Due to Sagemont Recreation Center closing for remodeling, TOPS will meet at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.
Pearland Area Republican Women's Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431. 7 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.
The Compassionate Friends - TCF meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Friendswood United Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Drive, behind the sanctuary in the Education Building - 2nd floor. TCF is a non-denominational, self-help organization offering friendship, emotional support and understanding to bereaved parents after the death of a child of any age. Grandparents and adult siblings are welcome as well. For information, call Nita at 713-412-4883 or Nancy at 713-941-2583.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room 1st floor. Bring a friend or neighbor and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to help make neighborhoods safer. For more information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525. 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
10 a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 - Free monthly gardening educational programs meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The programs are at 10 a.m. at Clear Lake Park in the meeting room located at 5001 Nasa Parkway, Seabrook (on the south side of the lake). The programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 281-991-8437 or visit the Web site at www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu.
11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.
7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BAPT is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.
THURSDAY, JAN. 20
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.
6:30 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.
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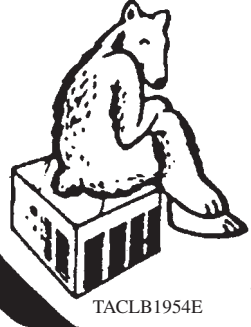
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2011 high school soccer to start nondistrict play; Brook, Dobie teams excited

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JFD transition ongoing

Not only is Butler adjusting on the fly as the Lady Longhorns' first-year head coach, but she's doing so with a slew of newcomers at the varsity level. The end of the 2010 season also signaled the departure of a total of 13 players. There are several talented veterans back in the mix, and Butler has already seen things go very smoothly early on. "The coaching transition has been smoother than I

expected," Butler said. "I think some of that is because I was already an assistant here at Dobie, and because coach (Kerstan) Mullan (former head coach) always supported me and my coaching philosophy. "It was definitely hard to see her actually leave the state, but these young ladies are resilient and have done a good job of making the best of the situation they are in." Looking ahead, Butler has high hopes despite the

loss of so many seniors from last year's team. She understands that in high school soccer the names and jersey numbers change frequently, but traditions never pass. "We lost 13 varsity players from last year, but we are left with a new group that is really working hard to get as a team. "My staff and I are striving to protect the Dobie tradition, especially the Dobie girls' soccer tradition." The Lady Longhorns

will face a difficult stretch of games to open the season. Goose Creek Memorial, Dobie's opening opponent, is ranked in the Class 4A, Region III poll by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches. "We start off our pre-season games against Goose Creek Memorial, which is a very tough 4A team," Butler said. "We will also be attending the Port Neches Groves and Georgetown tournaments, and we will

definitely be challenged as a team in both of those tournaments." In the end, the goal for the Dobie girls is the same as it is for most teams. The Lady Longhorns plan to use a tough slate of nondistrict games to prepare for 22-5A play, where Deer Park is the preseason favorite to win the top seed. "I believe the tough schedule will help us straighten out any areas that we need to improve as a team," Butler said. "I also think that we will surprise some teams this year. "Our expectations are to be competitive in every single game and to improve as the year goes on. "I hope that at the end of the season we will be playing our best soccer yet. Our nondistrict schedule will hopefully make us tougher both mentally and physically, and we will carry those improved traits into district."

Dobie boys excited
Beginning his fifth season as the Dobie varsity boys' coach, Jesse Saavedra hopes to see his squad make a big run this season. Judging by some of the teams' early returns in scrimmage action, the Longhorns just may give their coach his wish. The Longhorns went against Clear Creek in its first scrimmage, securing a 5-2 victory. Omar Arreguin, a three-year letterman, scored a pair of goals, and the locals also got goals from Jose Gonzalez, Carlos Ibarra and Jonathan Palma, three other returnees from a season ago. "It wasn't bad for our first scrimmage game of

the season," Saavedra said. "The guys played well in the first half. Omar (Arreguin) scored two goals in the first 10 minutes of the game. Jose Gonzalez and Pedro Mares also had shots on frame. "We had a good offensive performance early on. Creek scored on a miscommunication between our keeper, Jose Balvaneda, and defender Leo Gallegos. "Creek scored again on an off-side trap that didn't work and resulted in a one-on-one against Jose for another goal." In the second half, Dobie increased its intensity and put the win away. "We started strong in the second half and created several early opportunities for goals," Saavedra said. "Finally, Pedro Mares beat his defender and was fouled inside the box by the goalkeeper for our first penalty kick of the scrimmage season."

Jose Gonzales made the goal for a 3-2 lead. With less than 10 minutes left, Carlos Ibarra scored and Jonathan Palma finished off the win with a goal. "Our defense played much better in the second half and did not allow a shot on frame to keep Creek from scoring in the second half," Saavedra said. Dobie's junior varsity team also took on Clear Creek, playing the Wildcats to a scoreless tie. On Jan. 7 at Kingwood Park, Alvin Saldana scored Dobie's lone goal in a 1-0 victory. Saavedra was impressed. "It was a big test against the Class 4A state runner-up from last year," Saavedra

said. "Kingwood Park looks good and probably has a good chance to make another run this year. Saldana scored 25 minutes into the game off a rebound shot from Carlos Ibarra to give the Longhorns the margin they would need to win. "Again, the offense played well, and we had several chances in the first and second halves to extend the lead," Saavedra said. "We'll take a 1-0 win if that's what it has to be. Early on, the defense has adjusted and is starting to really play well. We did not allow a goal for our first shutout. "Kingwood Park didn't take a shot at our goal in the second half. Defenders Jose Alvarado and Edwin Padilla played well in the back along with Pedro Mares."

Dobie's junior varsity team had an easy time against Kingwood Park, rolling to a 4-0 victory. On Jan. 8 in the annual varsity versus alumni games, Gonzalez and Arreguin scored two goals each to lead the current team to a 4-0 win. "Offensively, we are getting better and the kids really understand their roles," Saavedra said. "We share the ball well up front and have executed the offense well. Arreguin, Gonzalez, Palma and Ibarra present a very effective offense for us this year. "So far, our offense is making it easy for our defense to have time to develop." In the scrimmages, the Dobie varsity team netted 10 goals and surrendered just three. Heading into the regular season with a three-match stretch at the Pearlman tournament Jan. 13-15, Saavedra is so far liking what he sees. "Things look promising so far, but scrimmages are nothing more than a time to try new things because they do not count in the standings," Saavedra said.

Brook boys set goals
It's too early to tell just which teams will emerge atop a District 24-5A alignment that figures to be as tough as ever. The University Interscholastic League realignment removed Galveston Ball from the mix but added Pearlman and Dickinson. Of course, there's still Clear Lake lurking, and Clear Springs is excited about its chances this season. Pearlman could be one of the top teams in the region as well, so Clear Brook has its work cut out for it this season. But Stromeyer, who was once a player for the Wolverines going against the likes of Clear Lake and Clear Creek, is ready for the challenge. The Wolverines lost one of their top scorers, Mark Gendi, after last season, but the team still has quite a bit of talent. Stromeyer simply wants to put his team in the best position to win and let the chips fall where they may. "I am really excited about our upcoming season," said Stromeyer, who took over for Rick Sickmiller, who retired after last season. "I have a great group of guys, and they are all hard-workers. None of my guys have experienced a play-off win. That's my goal for them, to enjoy getting into the area round and beyond."

There's no question there are any number of teams who may make a big statement in District 24-5A. In fact, every night of the district chase figures to provide a big share of tough matchups. However, the Wolverines are unfazed and ready to play. "I have high expectations because we have a lot of talent from top to bottom, and the players work well together," Stromeyer said. "I have always told them that my job is not to teach them to play soccer, but to teach them to play soccer together as a team. They are starting to do that." Stromeyer added that he jokingly told his players in a recent practice that there were three primary goals

for the season. The first priority is to beat Clear Lake. The second goal is to win the 24-5A title, and the third is to advance deeply into the playoffs. All joking aside, those are exactly what the Wolverines will be focused on this season. For himself, Stromeyer simply wants to hover on the sideline and allow his players to achieve their goals. He's proud to be the head coach of the Clear Brook Wolverines' varsity boys' soccer team. Even though I have had this job since the spring, I still feel honored to be coaching the program I once played for," he said.

Brook girls reload
Second-year head coach Jeff Brewer has had to re-load the Lady Wolverines' roster after the graduation of several top players in 2010, but he believes the team will fare just fine. "We are excited about the upcoming season, and we got the opportunity to play last weekend against Kingwood, Seven Lakes and Deer Park. "We have some first-year varsity players on the team this year, so the girls are getting used to playing together. "It's important for us to use these tournaments as a guide for the season, for us to see what areas we need to address and what really works for us. In the end, Brewer expects the Lady Wolverines to maximize their potential just as they did a season ago in making the Region III tournament for the first time in school history. "The girls have worked hard, and we expect great things this season," Brewer said. "Our district is once again going to have some great talent, and we hope to be ready for it."

Dobie High School Varsity girls soccer schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 15	at Goose Creek Memorial	noon
Jan. 21	at PNG tournament	TBA
Jan. 22	at PNG tournament	TBA
Jan. 20	Tomball (Newcomb)	10 a.m.
Jan. 27	at Arlington Lamar	8 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Waco	noon
Jan. 29	at Pflugerville	8 p.m.
Feb. 2	La Porte (Newcomb)	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	Beaumont Westbrook (New.)	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Bay. Sterling (Stallworth)	5 p.m.
Feb. 12	*Pasadena (Newcomb)	noon
Feb. 15	*Memorial (Newcomb)	5 p.m.
Feb. 19	*Sam Rayburn (Newcomb)	2 p.m.
Feb. 22	*South Houston (Newcomb)	5 p.m.
Feb. 26	*Deer Park (Newcomb)	10 a.m.
Feb. 28	*Pasadena (Auxiliary)	4 p.m.
March 4	*Memorial (Auxiliary)	5 p.m.
March 8	*Sam Rayburn (Newcomb)	7 p.m.
March 12	*South Houston (Newcomb)	noon
March 23	*Deer Park (Abshire)	7 p.m.

Dobie High School Varsity boys soccer schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 13	at Pearland Dawson	3 p.m.
Jan. 14	Houston Sterling	1 p.m.
Jan. 15	Sharpstown (at Friendswood)	10 a.m.
Jan. 20	Tomball (Newcomb)	10 a.m.
Jan. 21	Cy-Ridge (Newcomb)	4 p.m.
Jan. 22	La Porte (Newcomb)	10 a.m.
Jan. 27	at R.R. Stoney Point	8 a.m.
Jan. 28	at Pflugerville Connally	4 p.m.
Jan. 29	at Harker Heights	10 a.m.
Feb. 4	at Huntsville	4 p.m.
Feb. 8	at North Shore (GPISD)	7 p.m.
Feb. 12	*Pasadena (Newcomb)	10 a.m.
Feb. 14	*Memorial (Newcomb)	5 p.m.
Feb. 19	*Sam Rayburn (Newcomb)	noon
Feb. 21	*South Houston (Newcomb)	7 p.m.
Feb. 25	*at Deer Park (Abshire)	7 p.m.
Feb. 28	*Pasadena (Newcomb)	4 p.m.
March 4	*Memorial (Newcomb)	5 p.m.
March 8	*Sam Rayburn (Newcomb)	5 p.m.
March 12	*South Houston (Newcomb)	10 a.m.
March 23	*Deer Park (Newcomb)	7 p.m.



The Dobie varsity boys soccer team is ready for another strong run this season after advancing to the area playoff round a season ago. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Raul Bustos, Pedro Mares, Angel Tejada, Patricio Cedillo, Alejandro Melisio, (middle row) Hector Saldivar, Carlos Ibarra, Jona-

than Palma, Alvin Saldana, Carlos Rivas, Edwin Padilla, Jose Balvaneda, (back row) assistant coach Aaron Matthews, Jose Gonzalez, Douglas Leighton, Omar Arreguin, Leonardo Gallegos, Jose Alvarado, Jose Armenta and head coach Jesse Saavedra. Submitted photo



Dobie's varsity girls' soccer team is preparing for what promises to be another strong season. Overall, the Lady Longhorns have advanced to the playoffs in six of the past seven seasons, including four in a row. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Gabby Silva, Monika Rivera, Karen Treto, (second row)

Tanya Palomares, Alyssa Williams, Kayla Williams, Tanisha Hernandez, (third row) Yumara Suarez, Marlen Narvaez, Maggie Silva, Kendall Sifuentes, (fourth row) Britanny Hernandez, Niky Vigil, Jackie Baade, (back row) Kat Gutierrez, Sharon Sammiguell, Jassmen Cirlos and Kayla Dokhani.

Brook High School Varsity boys' soccer schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 17	at Deer Park (Abshire)	7 p.m.
Jan. 21	Jersey Village	6 p.m.
Jan. 25	at C.E. King	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	South Houston	7 p.m.
Feb. 1	*Alvin	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	*at Clear Creek (Veteran's)	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	*at Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Feb. 11	*Brazoswood (Veteran's)	5 p.m.
Feb. 15	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Feb. 18	*Pearland	7 p.m.
Feb. 22	*at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Feb. 25	*at Alvin	7 p.m.
March 1	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
March 4	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
March 8	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
March 11	*Clear Lake	7 p.m.
March 15	*at Pearland	7 p.m.
March 22	*Dickinson	7 p.m.

Brook High School Varsity girls' soccer schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 13	at Clements (Woodlands)	1 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Tomball (Woodlands)	1 p.m.
Jan. 15	Cy-Creek (Woodlands)	11 a.m.
Jan. 20	at Klein (Katy)	4 p.m.
Jan. 21	at I-10 (Katy) Shootout	TBA
Jan. 22	at I-10 (Katy) Shootout	TBA
Jan. 25	Friendswood	7 p.m.
Feb. 1	*at Alvin	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Feb. 11	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Feb. 15	*Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Feb. 18	*at Pearland	7 p.m.
Feb. 22	*Dickinson	7 p.m.
Feb. 25	*Alvin	7 p.m.
March 1	*at Clear Creek	7 p.m.
March 4	*at Clear Springs	7 p.m.
March 8	*Brazoswood	7 p.m.
March 11	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
March 15	*Pearland	7 p.m.
March 22	*at Dickinson	7 p.m.

Jan. 13 matchups

Brook girls vs. Clements
at The Woodlands Classic, 1 p.m.
Dobie boys vs. Dawson
at The Rig, Pearland, 3 p.m.

Jan. 14 matchups

Brook girls vs. Tomball
at The Woodlands Classic, 1 p.m.
Dobie boys vs. Houston Sterling
at The Rig, Pearland, 1 p.m.

Jan. 15 matchups

Brook girls vs. Cy-Creek
at The Woodlands Classic, 11 a.m.
Dobie boys vs. Dawson
at The Rig, Pearland, 3 p.m.
Dobie girls vs. G.C. Memorial
at Veteran's Stadium, Pasadena, noon

Jan. 17 matchups

Brook boys vs. Deer Park
at Abshire Stadium, Deer Park, 7 p.m.