

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

Representatives from San Jacinto College, 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.

Blood drive at Cokesbury

Cokesbury Methodist Church will hold a blood drive on Sunday, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The drive will be a replacement drive for longtime South Belt resident Beverly Crouch. A donor coach from St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital will be at the church at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call Rob Bradley at 281-974-9001 for reservations or just drop in.

PW Library sets events

The following events are scheduled for the week of Jan. 20 through Jan. 26 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Vietnamese storytime will take place Saturday, Jan. 22, with reading club beginning at 9 a.m., to be followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

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

For more information, call 281-484-2036.

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 the upcoming Powder Puff fundraiser and the athletic banquet will be discussed.

SBGSA registers

The South Belt Girls Softball Association will hold registration Thursday, Jan. 20, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Fees are \$80 with a \$5 sibling discount, \$55 buyout.

Late registration will be Saturday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The last registration date is Jan. 27. Late registration is \$85.

Tryouts are set for Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Jan. 23 - draw. Registrations is at El Franco Lee Park at the girls softball field.

For more information, visit the league's website at www.eteamz.com/southbeltgirls.

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 Municipal Utility District Building, 10755 Hall at Blackhawk.

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

For online registration and additional league information, visit the website www.southbelt.soccer.org.

KC spaghetti fundraiser set

The Knights of Columbus will hold a fundraising spaghetti dinner on Friday, Jan. 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke's Catholic Church Social Hall, located at 11011 Hall Road.

Dinners consist of all-you-can-eat spaghetti with KC 9201 pasta sauce, two homemade Italian meatballs, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread, and iced tea or lemonade. The cost is \$6 per person, eat in or take out. Children under 12, the cost is \$3 - eat in only.

Cokesbury ECDC hosts sale

Cokesbury Early Childhood Development Center will host a garage and bake sale Friday, Jan. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Clothing, toys and household items will be for sale.

The garage sale is located in the fellowship hall of Cokesbury Church at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

Beverly Hills Civic meets

Beverly Hills Civic Club will hold its quarterly meeting Monday, Jan. 31, at Beverly Hills Park from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Election of officers will be held. Positions include president/vice president and secretary/treasurer.

State Legislature faces multiple challenges

By James Bolen

Texas lawmakers reconvened Tuesday, Jan. 11, for the 82nd legislative session, facing several major obstacles to tackle over the next 140 days.

Gov. Rick Perry, who was recently sworn in to an unprecedented third term, will primarily control the agenda for the first 60 days before opening the floor to a myriad of topics ranging from education to redistricting.

While a possible \$27 billion shortfall looms overhead, Perry has made his first priorities to address the issues of immigration and property rights.

Despite Texas' current economic condition, the governor is optimistic, vowing not to dip into the state's \$9 billion rainy-day fund or to raise taxes.

"Texas sent us a real loud and real clear message this last Election Day," Perry said on the House floor on the opening day of the session. "We expect us to balance the budget without taking more money from employers and working

men. They want state government to be leaner and more efficient. ... As we did in 2003, we'll balance the budget this time by setting priorities and making tough choices, not by raising taxes."

The governor reassured the representatives - 38 of whom are freshmen - "Take a deep breath. Relax. It's all going to be all right."

According to Rep. Ken Legler, who represents much of the South Belt area, redistricting is at the forefront of the legislative agenda this session.

In 2003, several Democratic lawmakers fled the state to stall a controversial GOP plan to uniquely redraw the state's legislative boundaries "mid-decade." The Democrats ultimately relented, allowing the Republicans to gain an extra six seats the following election.

With the GOP now holding an even larger majority in both chambers, as well as the governorship, Republicans stand to again capitalize on the process.

Following the 2010 Census, Texas also stands to gain four Congressional seats.

Of the roughly 900 proposed bills, 170 deal with education, most notably in areas regarding financing. Already struggling school districts throughout the state are eagerly awaiting any possible changes to the current funding schematic as established by HB 1 in 2006.

Currently, the Pasadena Independent School District is projecting a loss of between \$20 million and \$21 million in funding per year over the next two years.

Proposed changes to HB 1 call for the closing of four state community colleges. These include Brazosport College, Frank Phillips College, Odessa College and Ranger College.

The legislation also recommends that San Jacinto College receive \$10 million less in employee health insurance funding per year.

Further, the bill makes no financial adjustments to compensate for San Jacinto's rapid

growth in recent years.

In the past year, San Jacinto's enrollment has increased by approximately 10 percent. The college, however, will receive no additional funding from the state if the current version of HB 1 passes.

"It will be almost impossible to not either drastically cut back on services or to raise tuition or increase taxes," said San Jacinto College Board President and *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger.

Monday, May 30, will mark the last day of the legislative session in both the state House and Senate.

Perry will have until Sunday, June 19, to sign or veto any bills passed during the regular legislative session.

Any bills passed without specific effective dates become law Monday, August 29.

South Belt cookoff gears up

While the 15th annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff is not scheduled for another five months, the event's new organizers are already making plans to ensure that this year's festivities go off without a hitch.

To take place at El Franco Lee Park from Thursday, May 12, to Saturday, May 14, the cookoff is the only fundraiser for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display, also to be held at the area park.

This will mark the first year that the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department will be responsible for organizing the yearly event. They are replacing the mother-daughter team of Linda and Shelley Arnone, who are stepping down after organizing the cookoff for the past nine years.

Foods to be judged this year include brisket, chili, beans, chicken, ribs and chef's choice.

Unlike in past years, the foods will be rated by outside judges with no affiliation to the cooking teams.

Also new this year, organizers said they plan to erect a fence around the event and charge guests a small admission fee.

The cookoff will also feature a silent auction. Space is limited, and past participants will have first dibs on cooking spots. Entry forms will be mailed to last year's cooking teams in the next two weeks, according to John Layton, who is spearheading this year's event.

Organizers are currently seeking additional committee members to help coordinate the cookoff, as well as local businesses to donate auction items or to sponsor a golf cart.

For more information, call Layton at 832-704-2293 or e-mail jlayton@live.com.

Action Ministries celebrates 20th

By Matt Griesmyer

On Dec. 16, 1990, South Belt residents Gordon and Pat Berg celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. The following Wednesday, Gordon quit his job to start what he felt he had been called to do: serving the needy people of his community.

Twenty years later, the ministry that he started with his own time, money and house is still going - and growing strong.

Action Ministries, now in its 20th year of existence, has been all about serving the community since the very beginning, when the Bergs were operating the ministry out of their own house. The term "community," however, has become slightly exaggerated with the scope of service locations ranging from people within their own neighborhood and city to nationally and even worldwide.

"We started with one grocery store donating goods to us, and it has grown tremendously since then," Gordon said. "Now several grocery stores, produce companies and food distributors contribute items to us. We have supplies like furniture, household goods, clothes, Christmas presents and Thanksgiving dinners. We also do disaster relief and even some overseas outreach to third-world countries."

While Action Ministries may have started with just Pat and Gordon Berg, the volunteer staff has grown immensely. Now, the Bergs receive help from several hundred people who expect nothing in return.

"We are an all-volunteer organization," Pat said. "Nobody receives a salary, including us. It has always been that way."

When Action Ministries first started out, Gordon was an industrial salesman and Pat worked for Baylor College of Medicine. Two days after the ministry started, Gordon quit his job and worked full time in the ministry. Pat remained with Baylor for another 15 years, but left that position five years ago. Now, both Bergs work full time with Action Ministries.

One of the hardships that the couple has faced in their journey occurred when they were first starting out.

"We talked to our friends to see how we might get help with what we were doing," Gordon said. "Someone said that they had an old van that they owned that was sitting in the middle of a field and that if we moved it, we could have it. When we saw it, though, it was in bad shape. The roof and the floor were so rusty, we could see sky di-

Continued on Page 3A

Bergs take action



For the past 20 years, Gordon and Pat Berg have run Action Ministries. What began as a two-person operation has now evolved into an army of several hundred volunteers. The Bergs will celebrate the organization's 20th anniversary at a banquet on Saturday, Jan. 22, at The Gardens. Various pictures showcasing the history of the group will be shown throughout the evening. Photo submitted

Moore students grow produce



First-graders in Brenda Hull's class at Moore Elementary School recently harvested and sold produce from their garden on campus. Produce sold included lettuce, broccoli and cabbage. Proceeds from the sale will go toward purchasing more seeds and gardening items. First-grade students pictured are, left to right, (front) Kathleen Nguyen, (back row) Zacheus Macias, Brooke Tran and Kierstin Meza. Photo submitted

County collects hazardous waste

Harris County will hold a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 22, at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road.

The event is open to all Harris County residents. The HazMobile is a mobile collection system that can accommodate household hazardous waste from approximately 100 households.

Waste will be collected on a first-come, first-served basis until the unit reaches capacity.

Containers must be 5 gallons or smaller.

Items accepted include: pesticides and fertilizers, household cleaners, paint-related materials, fuels and antifreeze, pool chemicals, glues and solvents, used oil and filters, batteries and thermometers.

Harris County offers the following tips on transporting HHW materials: Containers should be sealed and in their original packing, pack leaking containers in a larger non-leaking container, place containers upright in a box or plastic bin and pack newspaper around the containers to prevent breakage and place materials in one's trunk to avoid breathing fumes.

Electronics and tires will not be accepted.

Also not accepted will be business, medical or radioactive waste; dioxins; ammunition; explosives, compressed gas cylinders; smoke detec-

tors, appliances and household trash.

Residents living within the City of Houston limits who wish to recycle electronics may do so at the Westpark Consumer Recycling Center located at 5900 Westpark at Highway 59 South between Chimney Rock and Fountain View. Residents must bring a water bill or utility bill, along with a matching Texas driver's license or identification card, to show proof of Houston residency. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 713-837-0311.

Harris County officials recommend that residents living in areas not incorporated by the City of Houston who wish to recycle electronics visit www.earth911.com or www.texastakeback.org to locate the nearest electronics recycler.

County officials also recommend that residents wanting to recycle electronics visit the website of the manufacturer to see if they have a "door-to-door" recycling program. Dell, HP and other manufacturers have programs where they mail customers a box for their computers that can be mailed back to the company at no charge to the resident.

For information about the neighborhood collection event or on electronics recycling, call 281-560-6200 or visit www.CleanWaterways.org.

2010 highlights remembered

The year in review is continued from last week's edition. For a recap of events that happened through Oct. 21, 2010, see the Jan. 6 and Jan. 13 issues of the *Leader*.

Oct. 28

Longtime Freeway Manor resident Betty Lacroix, 78, died Friday, Oct. 22, when an explosive fire took place at her home in the 800 block of Shawnee near Welk around 10:30 p.m. Neighbors reported hearing a series of roughly four loud explosions as the house became engulfed in flames. The blasts were so intense they blew out the windows and doors of several neighboring homes. Upon hearing the explosions, nearby residents rushed to the house to try to help Lacroix and her husband, Collins Lacroix, 82, escape. While the woman's husband was able to be freed from the nearly levelled home, Lacroix herself was not as fortunate. Collins Lacroix was taken to an area hospital with severe burns. The couple had lived in the house for roughly 50 years and raised five children there. Firefighters said the fire was caused by a natural gas leak and that oxygen tanks accelerated the blaze.

Nov. 4

The results from the Nov. 2 general and special elections have been tallied. In the race for governor, Republican incumbent Rick Perry easily defeated Democrat and former Houston Mayor Bill White. Perry got 55.1 percent of the vote to White's 42.3 percent. In all, Perry received 2,733,657 statewide to White's 2,102,500. U.S. Rep. Pete Olson will maintain his District 22 seat, handily defeating Democratic challenger Kesha Rogers. Olson received 67.5 percent of the vote to Rogers' 29.8 percent, with Olson receiving 140,391 total votes to Rogers' 62,011. In the Texas House District 144 race, Republican incumbent Ken Legler easily defeated Democratic opponent Rick Molina. Legler received 59.4 percent of the vote to Molina's 38.3 percent. Legler received a total of 15,395 votes to Molina's 9,920. In one of the surprising outcomes of the election, Democratic incumbent Sylvia Garcia lost her position as Harris County Precinct 2 commissioner to political newcomer Jack Morman. Morman narrowly defeated Garcia, receiving 50.1 percent of the vote to Garcia's 49.9 percent.

Continued on Page 2A

Readers' Opinions

Friend shares driving incident

First of all let me say that I am not a self professed police officer of the world even though I was in law enforcement for over 30 years; but this is a call to all drivers to please, please pay attention while you are piloting a 3,200 pound weapon around. (Maybe the government should try to ban automobiles, too because they cause more deaths than guns, knives and arson combined, I am sure.)

On Sunday, Jan. 9 at approximately 12:45 p.m. while on Hughes Road coming from Beamer, I stopped for the flashing red traffic light at the intersection before you get to Sagemont Church and was passed by a black and white Toyota SUV exceeding the speed limit.

The driver made no attempt to break, not even a hesitation. (I do believe that it is still the law to stop for a flashing red traffic light!) I caught the vehicle at the Beltway. The driver HAD to stop at the light for the right turning traffic. I looked over and NOT to my surprise, she was talking on her cell phone.

I cannot say how many times I have almost been hit by vehicles not stopping for stop signs or rear-ended because someone wanted to push me through a light that was yellow or they were not paying attention for whatever reason. Is everyone in such a hurry to meet their maker that they have to drive like maniacs and take the rest of us along because they don't want to make the trip alone? Please slow down, pay attention and help us all stay alive to drive another day! Thank you.

Muecke on redistricting

I sent the following email to the Mayor and the city council members. It is very important that the lines for each district be drawn so they represent those people living in that area. Please contact the mayor and your council member and let him/her know exactly what your feelings are. Remember our government is "We the People."

To the Mayor and City Council, You are about to start the process of probably one of the most important tasks of representing the City of Houston; that

is redrawing the district lines. I have followed this procedure for not only the city but the state for many years.

An unfortunate fact is that the lines are usually redrawn to benefit the sitting elected officials or those that plan to run for elected office and not the people who reside in the area. Take for instant my district, District E which runs from the Kingwood area down the water canal that supplies water to the Southeast water treatment plant, then through the Edgebrook/Freeway Manor area, Southbelt and Clear Lake area. A distance of over 65 miles. No one person can properly represent an area this large. It was designed this way because of politics at that time. The Edgebrook/Freeway Manor area has nothing in common with the Kingwood and Clear Lake area; the income level and diversity is way to different. We need to have our needs addressed also.

I have heard on the news and read in the paper where the bickering has already started in council. Stop that right now and get down to business of representing the people. Forget about how you can make this an all black, white, Hispanic, Democrat or Republican leaning area. Yes some of you may end up living outside of your district and in fact may lose your elected position. Draw straight lines and let the chips fall where they may. The end result will be that the people will win. Do your job, represent the will of the people.

James E. Muecke

Library board thanks community

Dear Friends, We, the Board of Directors, of The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library, just want to say Thank you... for as you know: All the monies - and all your efforts - help support the library.

So thank you for all your help with the monthly book sales, also for all your other support throughout the past year.

And we would like to invite you to join us for the January 2011 Benefit Book Sale at our new Book Sale location.

This new location is across from the Library in the County Clerk's Office entrance. Just follow the arrows from the Library to the sale.

The book sale will be held Saturday,

January 29, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Looking forward to seeing you there... And remember to renew your 2011 membership at the sale.

Ed Jackson
President, Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library

Perry: Construction on Sabo Road

The following letter was sent to Councilman Sullivan's office by Helen Perry and she would like it to be shared with the community.

Councilman Sullivan, The recent issue of the South Belt-Ellington Leader featured an article regarding future construction on Sabo Road from Fuqua to Kingspoint. I live in the Sabo Townhouses, just south of Fuqua. Our part of Sabo gets the drainage from the proposed reconstruction area.

We already have ponding on Sabo in front of the townhouses to the point that traffic cannot get through when there is a hard rain. I am concerned that the construction and better drainage to the north will result in flooding in our townhomes as we have had in the past.

I am requesting that you look into the construction plans BEFORE work begins to assure your constituents that the flooding issue will be resolved, not that better drainage to the north results in more water on/in our property.

Regards, Helen Perry

Weld responds to immigration letter

Regarding the letter dated 12/16/10 from Roland Hernandez:

You guys always make things sound so simple and logical about immigration. You talk about closing the border and a "pathway to legitimacy", using all the buzzwords that you think attract conservatives.

What part of the term "ILLEGAL" do you not understand? We've heard all the arguments about jobs and "good law abiding people." The fact is that if someone is here and undocumented THEY ARE BREAKING OUR LAW. PERIOD. It doesn't matter if you don't believe the law is just. The law is what it is.

I submit that people here illegally do not get rewarded by a path to legality by just being here. They should go home, get in the legal line and follow the law. There are many people who are trying to do just that. Why should they be penalized for doing things legally?

You may ask "What about the innocent children of these people? It's not their fault..."and nauseam.. It's not the fault of conservatives, the Republicans, or any citizen of the U.S. It is the fault of the parents. They are responsible for their actions, and if it hurts their children, it is THEIR FAULT! Put the blame where it belongs.

Lastly, you state that "...it's time for Americans to stand up and join us and have their voice heard." I have a feeling you only mean this if we agree with you. If we believe otherwise, are branded as "racists and haters." Okay, I stand up and let my voice be heard. I bet a lot of others agree.

David R. Weld

Fundraiser set for PISD family after fire

I am asking if you might be able to post the information provided for a young man that works with me @Pasadena ISD Maintenance Department. His name is Chad Brook. On December 25, 2010, their home and all their belongings were lost in a horrible fire. They have lost everything except for the clothes that they were wearing and had no home insurance. Brooke is his wife and her dad is putting a fundraiser together to help raise funds for them.

The event will take place January 29th, 2011 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Location will be Na's On the Bluff @ 4416 Red Bluff Rd., Pasadena, TX 77503. BBQ plates will be sold for 7.00 dollars. They will also be having a raffle with the 1st prize to be a 47" LCD HD TV, and a 50/50 raffle on the day of the event.

Tickets for the BBQ and Raffle may be purchased in advance by contacting me at the office 713-740-0822 ext 46107. I will be happy to meet them or they can come by and pick them up. They may also come by Na's On the Bluff on 29th.

Thank you so much for your consideration in putting this in your newspaper anything you can do will greatly help!

Mary Lou Rodriguez

Death

Floyd Lecter Wood Sr.



Floyd Lecter Wood Sr., 83, of South Belt died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011. He was born Aug. 17, 1927, in Baltimore, Md., to Lecter and Lessie Wood.

Wood was drafted into the U.S. Army from October 1952 to October 1957, as an M.P. He worked for Bethlehem Steel in Sparrows Point, Md., for 36 years.

When Wood retired, he moved his family to Houston where he played golf and worked as a marshal at the Pasadena Municipal Golf Course. He was involved with square dancing and worked at casino parties.

Wood is survived by his wife of 43 years, Carolyn; seven children: Buddy Wood, Billy Wood, Bob Wood, David Norton, Cindy Norton Bloom, Wayne Norton Sr., Laura Norton Palermo; 14 grandchildren; 14 and one expected great-grandchildren; three brothers: Claude Wood, Kenneth Wood and Peyton Wood; and two sisters, Sybil Lovelace and Ruby Dillow.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, and the funeral service celebrating Wood's life will be at 10 a.m. Friday, both at Niday Funeral Home 12440 Beamer Road.

Brook Speech, Debate excels at Foster HS

The Clear Brook debate team returned from a recent individual qualifying tournament at Foster High School in Richmond with the addition of not only state qualifying points for the upcoming TFA State meet in March but also an additional four trophies to add to their trophy case and a number of other accolades.

Spearheading the wins from the weekend was the CX debate team of Kelly Hogg and Eric Stone who placed first of all entered teams.

Following Hogg and Stone was Saurabh Limaye, who placed third in LD debate.

Hogg also placed third in foreign extemporaneous speaking.

Additional placeholders

for the weekend included Adriel Rivera who placed eighth in impromptu speaking, and Raveena Bhalara and Hunter Bodiford who placed seventh and fifth, respectively, in domestic extemporaneous speaking.

Additional students who advanced to levels that helped them to either achieve or get closer to their state qualification status include the team of Dinusha Wijesinghe and Nathan Tamburello, who were quarterfinalists in public forum debate and Rishi Suresh who advanced to the octofinal round of LD debate.

As the weekend drew to a close late Saturday evening, the team was able to board the bus with three additional state qualifiers to add to their

impressive list of six.

As of that evening, Clear Brook will be sending a total of nine students to the Texas Forensics Association state tournament in Flower Mound, Texas, on March 10. These students include LD competitors Bhalara, Limaye and Suresh, the CX team of Stone and Hogg, the public forum team of Wijesinghe and Tamburello, extemporaneous speaker Bodiford and student congress representative Jessica Cetrone.

The team continues its march toward the state meet with upcoming tournaments in which they are confident they will be adding three to five more qualifiers before they leave Friendswood on March 10.



Clear Brook High School Speech & Debate Team members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Hunter Bodiford, Adriel Rivera, Dinusha Wijesinghe, Rishi Suresh, (back row) Raveena Bhalara, Nathan Tamburello, Eric Stone, Kelly Hogg and Saurabh Limaye. Photo submitted

Dobie plans 20-year reunion

The Dobie High School Class of 1991 will hold its 20-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Treviso Restaurant & Ballroom, 6550 Bertner Ave. in Houston. For information and/or ticket sales, visit <http://www.jfdobie91reunion.com/> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/dobieclassof91reunion>.

Thompson 8th-grade dance set

The Thompson Eighth-Grade Dance will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Hobby Hilton.

Tickets for the dance are \$30, and students can purchase them during lunch. Students will also be allowed to make installment payments, if necessary; the first payment of \$15 is due by Feb. 4, and the last payment of \$15 is due by March 11.

For more information, call Anna Flores at 281-221-5602.

Super Script R
PHARMACY

11200 Fuqua Ste. 400
Next to I-Hop

\$3.00 OFF

NEW PRESCRIPTION

Hours:
M-F 9-6 p.m.
Sat. 9-1 p.m.

Phone: 281-464-3311
Fax: 281-464-3362

Leader remembers 2010 highlights

Continued from Page 1A ing 50.9 percent of the vote to her 49.1 percent. In all, Morman received 66,057 total votes to Garcia's 63,747.

In the special City of Houston election, the controversial Proposition 1 to create a dedicated pay-as-you-go fund for drainage and streets narrowly passed, receiving 51 percent of the vote. A total of 173,687 people cast their vote in favor of it, while 166,615 people voted against it. Also controversial, Proposition 3 asked if the city should continue to use red light cameras to enforce state or local laws relating to traffic safety. Houston voters decided to discontinue the program, with 53.2 percent voting against it and only 46.8 percent voting in favor of it. In all, 186,322 people voted against the program and 164,235 voted to maintain it. Houston voters also voted against Proposition 2 that asked if the city charter should be amended to provide that the required period of residency to file for the office of district council member be reduced from 12 months to 6 months preceding the Election Day for the general election in November 2011. A total of 203,250 people (63.1 percent) voted against the proposition, while 118,983 people (36.9 per-

cent) voted for it.

Nov. 11
The Pasadena Independent School District was named one of the top 100 workplaces in the Houston area, the only public school district to be selected to the list. The district was also cited as a special award recipient for employee training, judged to be the best of the top 100 companies. An abundance of teacher workshops and technology training opportunities were cited as reasons for the award. PISD was ranked No. 18 among 26 companies named to the large companies list. Another 34 firms were named on the midsize companies list and 40 more on the small companies list. Surveys used to qualify companies for the list were conducted by WorkplaceDynamics, a Pennsylvania-based research firm.

Nov. 18
After a few construction delays, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department celebrated the grand opening of its new station at 10510 Scarsdale with an open house Saturday, Nov. 13. Funded by a Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District bond that voters approved in March 2007, the station cost roughly \$2 million to construct and occupies approximately 9,500 square feet. The facility was

the third in the area for the department, along with two located on Hughes Road and serves as its main station and first large-scale disaster headquarters.

Nov. 25
Jeffery Holmes died in a motorcycle accident that took place in the 9400 block of Alameda Genoa on Sunday, Nov. 21. According to police, Holmes, 50, was traveling east on Alameda Genoa on a maroon Harley Davidson motorcycle when he struck a curb and then a mailbox. He then lost control of the motorcycle and rolled several times. Holmes was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital, where he died.

After organizing the annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff for nine years, the mother-daughter team of Linda and Shelley Arnone officially stepped down. The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department would be responsible for organizing the yearly event, which is currently the sole fundraiser for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at El Franco Lee Park.

Dean Jerome Wood, 50, the man charged with the Aug. 20 sexual assault that left 92-year-old South Belt resident Flora Ryan dead at her apartment in the 1300 block of Redford, had his

charges upgraded to murder.

Dec. 2

One man died and another was injured when their sport utility vehicle rolled over after hitting a pickup truck at 1550 Dixie Farm Road near Abrago about 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27. The driver of the SUV, 27-year-old Christopher Watkins of Webster, died at the scene, while his 31-year-old passenger was taken to Ben Taub General Hospital in serious condition. According to police, Watkins was traveling west on Dixie Farm Road when he attempted to pass a Nissan Frontier. Watkins reportedly struck the pickup and lost control of his vehicle, which then rolled over, throwing both him and his passenger from the SUV. The pickup driver was not injured.

It was announced that Houston City Councilman Mike Sullivan would no longer oversee the city's redistricting process. Sullivan was notified of the decision Thursday, Dec. 2, by Houston Mayor Annise Parker. The mayor said the redistricting process would be managed by all of the City Council rather than the Special Ethics and Council Governance Committee on Redistricting and Term Limits, which Sullivan chaired.

The decision stemmed in large part to a disagreement between Sullivan and Parker over her choice of candidate for port commissioner. Sullivan had reportedly given Parker an assurance he would back Dean Corgey, Parker's candidate for port commissioner. However, after consulting with other conservative leaders, the councilmember withdrew his support for the candidate. Sullivan said he was told by the mayor that she could no longer trust him due to the vote.

Dec. 9

A South Belt woman was arrested for drug possession Thursday, Dec. 2, following a tip from an alert resident. Sgt. Zerick Guinn and Deputy Margaret Magana from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to the incident at roughly 11:30 a.m. at an apartment complex in the 12300 block of Beamer where a resident reported seeing multiple individuals using drugs in a car parked in the complex parking lot. Upon making contact with the suspects, the officers detected a strong smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle, prompting them to search the car. The search yielded not only a small amount of marijuana, but also 0.5 gram of a rock-like substance that tested positive for cocaine. One of the individuals in the car, Susan Johns, admitted to possessing

the contraband. Johns, 47, was subsequently arrested on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Dec. 16

Deputies Aaron Baldwin and Roland Rivera from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to a call Wednesday, Dec. 8, at roughly 10:30 p.m. where an alarm had gone off at a computer repair store in the 12300 block of Scarsdale. When the deputies arrived, they noticed the front door of the business had been broken in. Upon entering the business, the deputies discovered a male suspect still in the store, who then broke through the building's back door and fled on foot. The deputies, joined by Deputy Jason Curry, gave chase through the surrounding neighborhood. The suspect, Gregory Shanks, was caught roughly 20 minutes later hiding at a residence on Poplarwood with bags of money that had been taken from the store's safe. Shanks, 48, was subsequently arrested and charged with burglary of a business.

The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon Team won first place overall and first place in Super Quiz at the district meet Dec. 9-10 with a score of 48,196. On the seven multiple-choice objective tests, the team achieved the highest score not only in Texas, but in the nation. This was the first time since 2001 that any team outside of California had achieved the highest score on a test. Top overall scorer on Dobie's team was

Jeremy Morris, who finished with a score of 8,497, and first overall in the honors category. Other highlights included Jessica Huynh, who scored 8,146, and Ed Gonzalez, who scored 8,147. Other team members, Tad Walters, Eddie Nunez, Quinn Velasquez, Katey Miille, Julian Hernandez, Mark Admani, Paul Sabal, Ottmar Montes and Cesar Romero, won several medals and made crucial contributions to Dobie's stellar performance. The team would move on to Regionals, to be held at Clear Brook High School Jan. 28-29.

Dec. 23

The 28th annual South Belt-Ellington Leader Christmas program was a huge success, with many in the community generously donating food, toys and cash to ensure that more than 60 needy families in the area had a happy holiday. The number of families participating in the 2010 program rose sharply, as past programs helped approximately 35 families each year. Schools participating in the drive included Melillo Middle School, Beverly Hills Intermediate and South Belt, Frazier and Moore elementary. Other organizations that took part in the program included University Cheer Air Force, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program, Action Ministries and the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office. Several members of the community also selflessly volunteered their time and spent hours sorting and stacking items.

SJC South fine arts department sets spring 2011 arts schedule

The San Jacinto College South campus fine arts department will kick off its spring 2011 arts event schedule with a faculty recital on Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theater.

This semester's lineup of arts events include a guest artist exhibit, several musical ensemble performances, flamenco festival, and spring dance concert among many others.

All events are located in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center, located on the South campus at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston.

For more information and reservations for fine arts events, please call 281-484-1900 ext. 3563.

The spring 2011 events schedule is as follows:

- Faculty recital - Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre.
- Feast of Sweeties - Feb.

4, 5, 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Atrium.

- Guest artist exhibit - Feb. 10 through Mar. 11 in the Continuous-Studio Theatre.
- Cabaret - Mar. 9, 10, 11, 12, 8 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre; Mar. 13, 2 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre.
- Performance class recital - Mar. 29, 2:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre.
- Visual Communications Exhibit - Mar. 24 through Apr. 29, Continuous in the FAB Gallery.
- Variety Show - Apr. 8, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre.
- Flamenco Festival - Apr. 14, 15, 16, 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.
- Percussion ensemble - Apr. 15, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre.
- Jazz band - Apr. 18, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre.
- Performance classical

recital - Apr. 19, 2:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre.

- Guitar ensemble - Apr. 26, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre.
- Rumors - Apr. 29, 30, 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre.
- Fine arts open house - Apr. 30, 2 to 6 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.
- Rumors - May 1, 2 p.m. in the Studio Theatre.
- Flute ensemble - May 3, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre.
- Rumors - May 5, 6, 7, 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre.
- Spring dance concert - May 5, 6, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre.
- For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150, visit www.sanjac.edu, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SanJacintoCollege.

Stuchbery Spelling Bee champions named



Stuchbery Elementary School's annual spelling bee was held at on Jan. 12. Brian Hoang (left) earned the spot of Spelling Bee Champion, and Irene Kim earned first runner-up. Hoang will compete in the Pasadena Independent School District Elementary Spelling Bee on Feb. 8.

Photo submitted

INVENT YOURSELF.

With over 140 degrees and certificates, there's really no limit to who you can become. Not only are our classes more affordable than most four-year universities, we also offer financial aid and scholarships to help you pay for college. For information or to enroll, visit sanjac.edu or call 281.998.6150.

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE
Your Goals. Your College.

South Belt Spelling Bee winners announced



South Belt Elementary recently conducted its second annual campus spelling bee. One representative from each third- and fourth-grade classroom competed for the opportunity to be named the campus spelling bee champion. At left: After 10 rounds of competition, Briana Munoz (right) from Rachel Garcia's fourth-grade class was named champion, and Kobe Thompson (left) from M.B. Burnett's third-grade class was named first runner-up. Munoz will compete in the Pasadena Independent School District Spelling Bee in early February.



Participants in the South Belt Elementary Spelling Bee are, left to right, (front row) Reid Ball, Noah Gonzales, (middle row) Precious Oguamanam, Angela Vu, Dominique Peralta, Reina Ramnarine, (back row) Etna Bosso, Briana Munoz, Camille Smith, Kobe Thompson and Tristan Hillman. Photos submitted

SJCS breaks ground for new student success center

Board members, administrators, community members, and elected officials were on hand recently for a groundbreaking ceremony at San Jacinto College South for the new student success center building.

"This building is physical evidence of the college's commitment to student success. It is designed from the perspective of the students and will facilitate the achievement of their goals," said Dr. Maureen Murphy, president of San Jacinto College South. "President Obama has challenged all community colleges to increase the number of graduates by 50 percent by 2020, so we have a mission ahead of us."

Dr. Brook Zemel, vice president of student development at San Jacinto College added, "To bring all these services together under one area will be such a benefit to our students. It's great; all of this is going to be a reality," he said.

The construction is part of a \$295 million bond measure that voters within the San Jacinto College district approved in May 2008. The new student success center building at the South campus will be the first of two such campus centers being built at

the North and South campuses. The centralized campus location will provide students easy access to student and career resources.

"The offices that are involved in these processes are currently spread over two buildings. The new building will bring enrollment services, testing, educational planning and advising, disability services, international services, career and employment services, financial aid, and the business office together under one roof," said Dean of Student Development, Joanna Zimmermann. "Co-locating the services will help improve efficiency and communication between these offices which will result in a better experience for our students."

Student and campus orientation leader, Natalie Cantu, also believes that students will benefit from having a centralized location specified for these services. "Right now everything is spread out, so sometimes these offices can be hard to find, especially if you're a new student," noted Cantu. "With some of these being in the student center right now, there are a lot of distractions if there are student life events going on, and

when you're talking to your counselor or getting any type of advising, you want to be able to concentrate on what they're helping you with."

The new two-story building, set to be open for the spring 2012 semester, will house a new computer lab, a multipurpose room and an extended career and transfer library.

The computer lab will have personnel on hand to assist students with completing enrollment and financial aid applications, as well as online registration and running degree audits.

The multipurpose room will serve as a space for hosting workshops, campus events, orientations and presentations.

The new career and transfer library will also be an improved space where students can begin exploring career resources in their desired field of interest.

A new electronic messaging system will also be installed in the building so that information on campus events and deadlines can be displayed throughout the building for students to see.



San Jacinto College employees and community members recently attended a groundbreaking for the new student success center at San Jacinto College South. Pictured are left to right, Dean Barnes, Morris Architects; Dr. Brook Zemel, vice president of student development, San Jacinto College; Floyd Meyers, mayor, City of Webster; Joanna Zimmermann, dean of student development, San Jacinto College South; Earl Godfrey dean of enrollment services, San Jacinto College South; John Moon Jr., member, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; Dan Mims, vice chair, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; Marie Flickinger, chair, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; Dr. Maureen Murphy, president, San Jacinto College South; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor, San Jacinto College; C. Wayne Slovacsek, member, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; Brad Hance, chair, San Jacinto College Foundation Board of Directors; Bill Truitt, Morris Architects; Tom Reid, mayor, City of Pearland; Robert Elliott, JE Dunn Construction Company. Photo by Andrea Vasquez, San Jacinto College marketing department

Action Ministries celebrates...

Continued from Page 1A
rectly above us from inside the car. We got it out of the field though and fixed it up with donations, and ended up driving it for three years. After we were finished with it, we donated it to another ministry who then drove it for another year and a half before it finally stopped working."

Though Action Ministries has had troubles, the Bergs choose not to focus on them and instead rely on their faith. One nay-sayer whom the Bergs encountered even told them that he "didn't know whether to pray for them or commit them." The Bergs, however, are still going strong.

"The ministry would not have survived if it was not a calling from God," Gordon said.

It is true that things were hard in the beginning and through the years, but when talking to the Bergs, it is hard to get them to say that. They struggle to find anything that they can really put a finger on that has been a true detriment to their work.

When asked for stories that affirm the ministry, however, it is hard for them to pick any one story. The Bergs show their passion and dedication through the numerous stories that have helped them become even more deeply rooted in their faith and ministry.

"We like to concentrate on the positives, not the negatives," Gordon said.

The Bergs are very clear on the services they offer and how they pertain to the community.

"We are giving a hand up,

not a hand out," Gordon said. "We help those who help themselves and want to do things to help themselves. We have volunteers on our staff who were once recipients and want to do the same thing that was once done for them."

Action Ministries has been recognized for its efforts, not only by the numerous thank-you notes given by those who have received from the ministry, but also by the nine awards given to Gordon as president and co-founder of the ministry, and stories featured on five main news networks and numerous newspaper articles that have been written over the years.

When speaking about how Action Ministries has been recognized, the Bergs always make a point to recognize how they have been helped.

"The people of the South Belt community are very generous in time, talent and money," Pat said. "Whatever we have a need for, (the community) has been there for us. This year's Christmas toy drive was extremely successful thanks to the donations we received. We were able to give toys to several thousand kids."

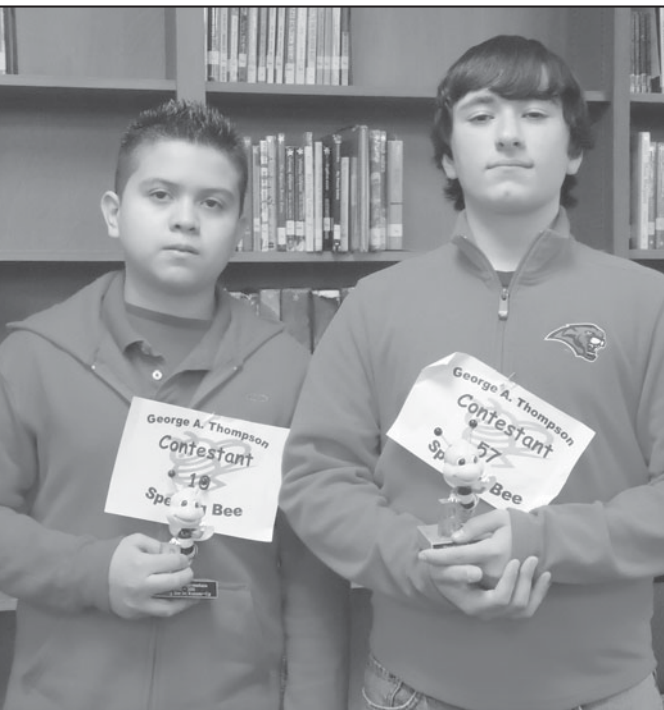
"Also, Dobie has been a big help too," Gordon said. "When the tsunami hit Indonesia, Dobie High School students partnered with us and were able to give a sizeable donation plus food to the affected area. Thanks to their help, we were able to send 3.5 million meals to the impacted areas within 72 hours."

Throughout the past 20 years, the Bergs and Action Ministries have been a continuous source of assistance for those who are in need. How much longer will they be doing it, though?

"The future is in God's hands," Gordon said. "There have been times when we thought we were done, but then we get donations and keep on going. We might even end up passing the reins on to someone else, but the ministry will live on as long as God wants it to. We are just the face of the ministry, but the volunteers are the body."

The Bergs will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Action Ministries at a banquet on Saturday, Jan. 22 at The Gardens on the corner of Beamer Road and Hughes Road. Throughout the evening various pictures showcasing the history of the organization and the numerous lives that it has touched will be on display.

Thompson Spelling Bee champions named



The Thompson Intermediate Spelling Bee had 61 fierce contestants. Each round was entertaining, as only a small percentage of the students were eliminated each round. A huge crowd of teachers, staff, parents and grandparents was on hand rooting the contestants on. In the final round, eighth-grader Samson Tamijani (right) took the championship trophy with the winning word "nostalgia." Seventh-grader Luis Correa (left) came in as runner-up but gave Tamijani a real run for his money. Afterward, all contestants were treated to a reception to honor their outstanding performances. It was a memorable spelling bee for all. Tamijani will compete in Pasadena ISD's District Spelling Bee. Photo submitted

Comprehensive Esophageal Disease Center open house set

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital will hold Houston's first Comprehensive Esophageal Disease Center open house Thursday, Jan. 27. The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the hospital, located at 11800 Astoria Blvd., second floor, outpatient services building.

will include Erin Aspreco, CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast; Kyle Price, COO of Memorial Hermann Southeast; Dr. Farzaneh Banki, assistant professor of cardiothoracic and vascular surgery at the University of Texas Medical School Houston; and Dr. Michel Kafrouni, co-director, Esophageal Disease Center.

The state-of-the-art Esophageal Disease Center provides diagnoses and treatments that are uniquely tailored to each patient. Patients with conditions that affect the upper GI tract, such as gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), often face a long and difficult road before receiving a diagnosis. Often, they must undergo tests at different facilities, wait a long time to find out the results, wait for a diagnosis and then begin treatment.

Carnival
The Most Popular Cruise Line in the World!

Dec. 4, 2011: Western Caribbean - Carnival Magic
Montego Bay, Jamaica ~ Grand Cayman ~ Cozumel
Interior \$510, Balcony \$890 plus Pt. Chgs. \$159 & Tax \$50.17
Dec. 11, 2011: Eastern Caribbean
Key West, FL ~ Freeport & Nassau, Bahamas
Interior \$580, Balcony \$960 plus Pt. Chgs. \$159 & Tax \$59.69

Deposit: \$50 per person. All prices subject to availability at the time of reservation.

Festival Cruises & Tours 832-647-1909

GARNER VISION CENTER

Family Owned & Operated
"We Specialize in Old-fashioned Service"

- Treatment of Eye Diseases
- Laser Surgery Consultations
- Contact Lenses
- Eyewear

Dr. B.J. Garner
Therapeutic Optometrist
Optometric Glaucoma Specialist

Melinda McClure,
Optometry Tech

Laura Garner,
Registered Optician

— Serving the South Belt Area for 34 Years —
11408 Hughes Rd. 281-484-2020

Van Slyke tabbed to lead San Jac police department

Jeffrey Van Slyke, Ed.D., has been named police chief at San Jacinto College. He brings with him more than 20 years of higher education public safety experience.

As chief, Van Slyke will oversee a San Jacinto College police force of 21 full-time officers who monitor all three SJC campuses, its nine extension centers and the college administration office. Van Slyke is the seventh police chief in the history of the department.

"I was attracted to San Jacinto College because of the strong commitment to academic success and student development," said Van Slyke, who began his new position on Jan. 3. "I was truly impressed by the enthusiasm of the entire administrative team, and I look forward to working with them in serving as chief of police."

Van Slyke comes to San Jacinto College after spending two years as the director of public safety at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. While at Georgetown, Van Slyke oversaw the daily operations of the campus police department and served on the senior management team for the Department of University Safety.

Prior to his time at Georgetown, he served as the director of police and campus safety at the University of Mississippi (2005 to 2008), chief of police at the University of Texas at Austin (1999 to 2005), associate director of public safety at

University of Iowa (1996 to 1999), and as the chief of police at the University of North Carolina at Asheville (1989 to 1996).

"We are extremely fortunate to have someone with Jeff's wealth of knowledge and experience at the helm of the San Jacinto College police department," said Ken Lynn, vice chancellor for fiscal affairs. "He has demonstrated a commitment to public safety in higher education and exceptional leadership skills which make him the right choice for our police chief."

In the next few months, Van Slyke plans to meet with students, faculty, staff, and officers to gain perspectives and input related to public safety at San Jacinto College. "I often remind people that they are citizens on patrol," noted Van Slyke. "Public safety is a shared responsibility. I hope to implement proactive processes that will nurture the campus community's understanding of their responsibilities, as well as improve the business continuity of services provided by the San Jacinto College Police Department."

A native of Syracuse, N.Y., Van Slyke attended Auburn University on a track/cross country scholarship with plans to pursue an educational degree and a career as a physical education teacher and track coach. However, a car accident during his freshman year of college, in which he broke his leg in 15 places, led him to a degree in

criminal justice and eventually a career in public service.

"My first experience working in higher education was as the manager of parking services at Auburn University, and it truly influenced me to pursue this profession," added Van Slyke. "Higher education public safety has been a very rewarding career path."

Van Slyke holds a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from Auburn University, and a Master of Public Affairs from Western Carolina University.

In December of 2007, he received his Doctor of Education in higher education administration from the University of Texas at Austin, after successfully defending his dissertation, *Police Ethics Training: Preferred Modes of Teaching in Higher Education Law Enforcement*.

Van Slyke is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., and received specialized training from the U.S. Secret Service to assist with the protective detail for President Bush's daughter, who attended the University of Texas.

"I truly look forward to making a difference in the San Jacinto College community," said Van Slyke.

Van Slyke and his wife, Renee, have three children. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends and attending church, as well as running, biking, golf and baseball.

Advance Auto Parts

MONSTER JAM

JAN. 8 & 22 • FEB. 5
RELIANT STADIUM
Sat. 7:00 PM

KIDS' SEATS JUST \$5!
(Ages 2-12 only. Service, facility, and handling fees may apply.)

Buy tickets at **ticketmaster** Retail Locations,
Reliant Stadium Box Office or call 1-800-745-3000.

© 2010 Feld Motor Sports, Inc. **MONSTERJAM.COM**

Competitors shown are subject to change.

Crisis Pregnancy Center holds banquet

Beltway 8 South Crisis Pregnancy Center will present its Love for Life Annual Gala Banquet and Silent Auction Friday, Feb. 11.

The evening will feature singer and keynote speaker Rebecca St. James. The Australian-born St. James is a Grammy Award winner, author, and multiple Dove Award recipient, who counts her lead acting role in the November 2009 film release *Sarah's Choice*.

Through her research for the film, St. James has become a

ferent national voice for life. She will share her music as well as her thoughts in support of the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

The event will be at Grace Community Church Venue, 14505 Gulf Freeway in Houston, from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Visit www.LifelineCPC.org for more information and reservations. All proceeds benefit the Beltway 8 South Crisis Pregnancy Center serving South Belt, Pearland, Ellington and Clear Lake women in unplanned pregnancies.

Perla Negra Hall • 832-267-7602
 For All Special Occasions
 9960 Kleckley Ste. B • Across from Almeda Mall
\$500 Off Fri. with Ad

FARMERS FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS
 Jeffrey M. Barry
 Insurance and Financial Services Representative
 12621 Featherwood Dr., Ste 115
 Houston, TX 77034
281-464-3383
 Offering: Mutual Funds, Variable Universal Life, Variable Annuities, IRAs, 401(k)s
 Securities offered through Farmers Financial Solutions, LLC, Member FINRA & SIPC

Largest selection of wigs in Texas!
 FEATURING **ESTETICA DESIGNS**
 WIGS & EXTENSIONS
 The Right BRA, The Right Form! by JODEE
 Caring Fitters Trained & Certified to Help With All Your After Breast Surgery Needs.
 Great selection of Mastectomy Swimsuits
Becky's
 125 E. Galveston Street
 League City
 281-332-6407

Flood problems? You can go home again... Let Farmers® help.

At Farmers, we know that you insure your home to get things back to normal if something unexpected happens. That's why you'll love the friendly, thorough service you get from a Farmers agent. Call me and get a quote on the insurance that helps get you back where you belong.

Michael W. Jewell, CLU
 12929 Gulf Freeway
 Suite 112 (Fuqua Exit)
 281-481-2121
farmers.com

GET \$50 CASH NOW!

Just come to Liberty Tax, let us do your taxes and we'll hand you \$50 cash on the spot.

11235 Fuqua St. (145 & Fuqua W) Houston, TX 77089 (713)944-8800

9721 Broadway St. 109 Pearland, TX 77584 (281)412-3808

2625 Hwy. 35 Bypass Alvin, TX 77511 (281)824-8550

1-866-871-1040 • www.libertytax.com

Over The Back Fence by Jan

HAPPY 50TH TO KYLE!
 A Happy 50th Birthday is sent to Kyle Brown on Jan. 21, from his father, Robert C. Brown, wife Wendy, children Amber, Ryan and Kristen, and grandchildren, Chase and Brent, as well as lots of friends.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR REBECCA
 Happy birthday wishes are sent to Dobbie grad Rebecca (Heeth) Irvine on Jan. 23 from her parents, Richard and Nancy Heeth of Kirkwood.

MIKE SENT BIRTHDAY WISHES
 Mike Williams celebrates his birthday Jan. 20. Best wishes are sent for a special day from his co-workers at Central Ace Hardware, family and friends at the Leader.

MARY ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
 Mary Clark enjoys her birthday Thursday, Jan. 20. Birthday greetings are sent to Mary from her husband, Chris, other family members and her friends at the Leader.

FLICKINGERS CELEBRATE 49 YEARS
 Marie and David Flickinger mark their 49th wedding anniversary on Jan. 20. Best wishes for a wonderful day are sent to the couple from their family, friends and the staff at the Leader.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff mem-

bers of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 20 through Jan. 26.

Atkinson Elementary
 A birthday greeting is sent to Katy Glass Jan. 20. Nanette Presley has a birthday Jan. 26.

Burnett Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for Marjorie Locke and Xuan Pham who share a birthday Jan. 25.

Frazier Elementary
 Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to Janielle Wiley Jan. 26.

Laura Bush Elementary
 On Jan. 22, birthday wishes are sent to Luis Pasos.

Meador Elementary
 A double birthday is celebrated by Maria Hernandez and Connie Birmingham Jan. 21.

South Belt Elementary
 The day for a birthday cake for Rosa Ayala is Jan. 22. Marking a birthday Jan. 23 is Cora Bigwood.

Morris Middle School
 Celebrating a birthday Jan. 21 is Angeline Escamilla. On Jan. 22, blow out the birthday candles for Emma Villatoro-Melendez.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 The day for a cake for Kathy Clark is

Jan. 25.
Thompson Intermediate
 Enjoying a birthday Jan. 23 is Sharon Curry.

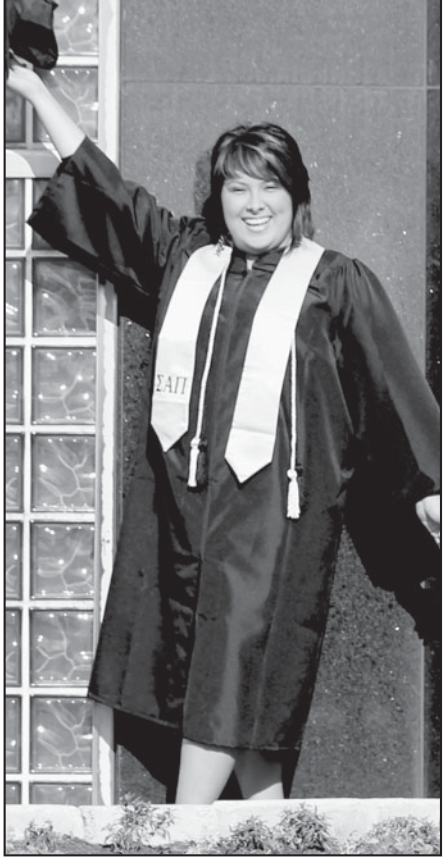
Challenger
 A special birthday wish is sent to Lisa Cunningham on Jan. 21.

Dobbie High
 Blow out the birthday candles for Maggie Fullen Jan. 21. Linda Puckett and Patricia Waloven are wished a happy birthday Jan. 22. Kristi Lumbley enjoys a birthday Jan. 23. The day for a birthday surprise for Judith Johnson is Jan. 24.

LAUREAT PSI CHAPTER MEETS
 Laurat Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its January meeting in the home of Patricia Cox with Pam Harvey as co-hostess. There were 11 members present, and three absent. The chapter discussed its Dueling Dominos Social set for Jan. 22 at the Endeavor in Clear Lake. The chapter will entertain Xi Chi Rho at that time. Following the business meeting, Cox presented the program, and Carroll McCullough won the raffle.

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

Perez graduates



Jacquelyn Rene Perez graduated Dec. 18, 2010, from the University of Houston-Clear Lake with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a Bachelor of Science in sociology. Her parents, John Paul and Becky Perez, have lived in the South Belt area for 24 years. Jacquelyn is a 2006 J. Frank Dobie High School graduate. She has begun her master's program in psychology at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Slovacek named Trustee Emeritus at SJC

Mr. C. Wayne Slovacek, who has served on the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees for 39 consecutive years, has been bestowed the title of Trustee Emeritus.

Slovacek, respected and beloved in the Deer Park and Pasadena communities for his civic involvement and volunteer efforts, retired from service to the college he loves as friends, relatives and community members paid tribute at a recent board meeting.

Rep. Ken Legler, R-Texas

144th District, attended to present Slovacek with a resolution thanking him for his service to the college and community.

After announcing his plans to retire in September, Slovacek said, "This is a bitter-sweet decision and a hard decision to make after so many years and so many fond memories. But, there comes a time when you must accept the fact that you just cannot continue doing everything you want to do."

During his tenure he was an integral part of numerous expansions and major upgrades, including construction of the college's North and South campuses, additions of the high-tech Interactive Learning Centers at all three campuses, and the college's current major capital improvement campaign that

includes new allied health facilities and student success centers at each campus.

At the North campus, the student center is named in his honor.

"We hate to lose him, but we understand that there comes a time when you have to do what's best for you and your family," said Larry Wilson, assistant secretary for the SJC board of trustees. "We appreciate the impact Wayne has had on our community and are honored to



name him Trustee Emeritus. He will be missed on our board and at the college."

During his time on the board of trustees, Slovacek served as board chair and on numerous committees. He was also a founding member of the San Jacinto College Foundation Board of Directors. He chaired the foundation golf tournament for 15 years, and through this event, more than \$1 million has been raised for student scholarships and programs to support teaching and learning.

Slovacek worked for Union Equity Co-Operative Exchange for 44 years in many capacities, and served as the company's vice president of port operations until his retirement in 1988. He and his wife, the late Marja Slovacek, were married for 59 years. Together they raised one son, Joseph, one daughter, Diana, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Frazier Wise Owl Club members



Students pictured are in Frazier Elementary's Wise Owl Club. They were caught being helpful. Club members are, left to right, (front row) Jazzlynn Aguilar, Christina Suarez, Daniel Lazcano, Jacob Murray, (back row) Alessandra Bellini, Bailey Jacobs, Katia Lopez, Alex Quiroz and Gabriel Reed.

Remember When

30 years ago (1981)
 Approximately 40 residents attended the first open meeting of the South Belt Crime Watch Association meeting.

25 years ago (1986)
 Dale Atkinson, personnel services consultant for the Texas Association of School Boards, told the Pasadena board of trustees that the district was paying "flatly above average" and that teacher salaries were among the highest in the state.

15 years ago (1996)
 Dwayne Myles, a Beverly Hills eighth-grader, was playing at the beginning of a second period P.E. class and ran and jumped up to touch the rim of a basketball goal. He was laughing about touching the rim then collapsed and died.

Pearland residents living near Yost Road presented City Council with a petition signed by 400 persons who opposed connecting Yost with Scars-

dale.

10 years ago (2001)
 At one of the more festive banquets the chamber had sponsored, Terry Felton, manager of Almeda Mall, turned the president's gavel over to Johnny Carmona of Sam's Club.

5 years ago (2006)
 CCISD trustees were studying growth in the area to prepare for additional school facilities. The district had experienced its enrollment increasing by about 1,000 students per year, but a study by MetroStudy suggested the area would serve 52,000 students by the year 2020.

Moore Elementary Principal Pat Granger was named the PISD Region IV Elementary Principal of the Year.

Sageglen resident Brandon Guillory, 22, was killed in a one-vehicle accident on Beltway 8 near the Genoa Red Bluff toll plaza. Guillory lost control of his truck and struck a wooden light pole.

Seven former South Belt residents ran the 2006 Aramco Houston Half Marathon in honor of the

Photo submitted

Scarsdale Dental Smiles
 10904 Scarsdale Blvd., #100 • Houston, TX 77089 • 281.464.9440
 Braces • Teeth Whitening • Children's Dentistry

Affordable & Quality Dental Care

Payment Plans Available: Medicaid, CHIP & Insurance Accepted

\$20.00 exam, x-rays & consultation

20% off your first treatment

Barmore INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.
 Serving The Houston Area Since 1952

- Personal Auto
- Homeowner
- Renters
- Flood
- Wind
- Risk Management
- Workers Compensation
- Employee Benefits
- Commercial Property
- General Liability
- Contract Bonds
- Commercial Auto
- Professional Liability

Business and Personal Insurance Specialists

Barmore Insurance Agency offers comprehensive product lines for all of your insurance needs through these major companies.

Authorized Agent for: BlueCross BlueShield of Texas, CNA, THE HARTFORD, UnitedHealthcare, CENTRAL INSURANCE COMPANIES, TRAVELERS, ZURICH, ENCOMPASS INSURANCE, TexasMutual Insurance Company

Your Risk is our Specialty
 713-209-2800 • 1-800-376-3169
 8511 S. Sam Houston Pkwy E • Houston, TX 77075
insurance@barmore.com • www.barmore.com

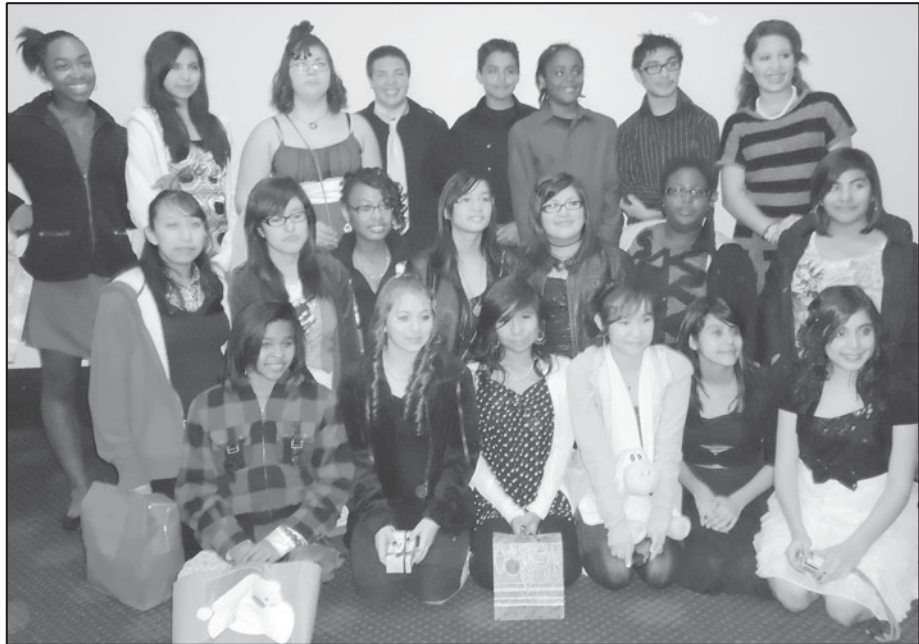
Here comes the bride...

Let South Belt Graphics & Printing take care of all your printing needs for your special day.

- Invitations • Envelopes •
- Napkins • Matchbooks •
- Thank You Cards •

11555 Beamer 281-484-4337

Dance team sees Burn the Floor



On Dec. 17, 2010, the Thompson Dance Team saw Broadway Across America's *Burn the Floor* at the Hobby Center for their holiday trip. This is the second year Thompson has a dance team, and dancers are under the direction of Katina Kirk. Students are selected at the end of their seventh-grade year to join the dance team. Team members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Sasha McCoy, Leandra Hernandez, Celeste Briones, Jenny Tran, Karla Martinez, Amalia Perla, (middle row) Maricruz Olivares, Isamar Martinez, Kasey Fouts, Chelsea Tajonera, Tiffany Garcia, Madisen Minter, Dulce Morales, (back row) Cherish Cooper, Ashly Gonzalez, Anna Goodman, Mason Miller, Arthur Pedroza (from Bondy), Cameron Guy, Julian Coronado and Desiree Johnson. Photo submitted

HCMGA sets February events

Green Thumb Gardening Series
Dr. Carol Brouwer, Harris County extension agent, will present a lecture titled *Vegetable Gardening*, on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park (on the lake side), 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. These lectures are free and open to the public.

For information, visit the website at <http://harris-tx.tamu.edu/hort/greenthumb.htm>.

Master Gardener Lecture Series
On Wednesday, Feb. 16, Heidi Sheesley, owner of Treesearch Farms, will give a preview of the fruit and citrus trees that will be offered at the upcoming Master Gardener Plant Sale to be held on Feb. 26 at the Pasadena Fair Grounds.

The preview will be held at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park. This lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information visit the website at <http://harris-tx.tamu.edu/hort>.

Open Garden Day
The public is invited to tour the working and demonstration gardens maintained by the Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 on

Monday, Feb. 21, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff in Houston.

Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer gardening questions during this free event. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

For more information visit the website at <http://harris-tx.tamu.edu/hort>.

Spring Sale and Educational Workshops
The Harris County Master Gardener Spring Sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A plant sale preview will begin at 8 a.m., and education workshops at 10 a.m. at Campbell Hall at the Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff Road in Pasadena.

The sale will feature tropical fruit trees and fruit trees for home orchards, tomatoes, peppers, citrus, berries and grapes. The sale has the largest selection of tomatoes and peppers in the area. Plant varieties are developed specifically for this region and most are not available at local nurseries or garden centers.

For more information, visit the website at <http://hcmgap2.tamu.edu>.

Dobie seniors honored



Dobie High School held its Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony on Jan. 12. Students maintaining an A average in their regular classes and a B average in their Pre-AP and AP classes throughout the year received awards. Pictured, left to right, Aaron Ebbinghaus, Kaitlyn McMurrugh and Daniel Alaniz are three of the 10 seniors who received Academic Excellence for four years in a row. All three are also members of the National Honor Society and the J. Frank Dobie Band. Alaniz and Ebbinghaus were two of the 12 seniors recently chosen as AP Student Leaders. Photo submitted

Dobie students meet Freedom Writers



Dobie High School Song Writing Project members met three of the Freedom Writers at the GEAR UP State Conference in Corpus Christi. The SWP members traveled to the conference to educate other Texas GEAR UP educators about what the Song Writing Project is, its benefits, and how it has impacted their lives. While there, the SWP members were able to hear the Freedom Writers speak, ask questions, and even play a little guitar. Pictured are, left to right, Alex Gonzalez, Sharaud Moore (Freedom Writer), Maria Reyes (Freedom Writer), Maurice Robinson, Tony Becerra (Freedom Writer) and Lorenzo Rivera. Photo submitted

San Jac Central campus schedules spring events

The visual and performing arts department at San Jacinto College Central will present its spring 2011 lineup of budget-friendly entertainment, featuring a variety of musical and theater events.

College students and community members may choose from an array of free musical performances, including a visit from the Houston Symphony cellist, Brinton Smith, on Jan. 24, and an all-day jazz festival on March 26.

The theater department will also present two major productions, *Evil Dead: The Musical* and *Dirty Work at the Crossroads*.

The following are upcoming arts events this semester at SJC Central:

- *Evil Dead: The Musical* - Powell Arena Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24, 25, 26; 7:30 p.m. March 3, 4, 5.
- *Dirty Work at the Cross-*

roads - Dinner in Slocomb Auditorium, play in Powell Arena Theatre, 7:30 p.m. (play only) March 30, 31; 6:30 p.m. (dinner) and 7:30 p.m. (play) April 1, 2; 1:30 p.m. (dinner) and 2:30 p.m. (play) April 3.

Musical performances, listed below, are located at Corbin Recital Hall inside the Monte Blue Music Building.

- Vocal Masterclass with Todd Queen - 1:30 to 3 p.m. Jan. 21.
- Houston Area Opera Auditions - noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 22.
- Houston Symphony Celloist, Brinton Smith - 2:30 p.m. Jan. 24.
- Pasadena Philharmonic Society Chamber concert - 2:30 p.m. Jan. 30.
- AURA from the University of Houston - Motion - 3 p.m. Feb. 20.
- EXPO concert - 7 p.m. Feb. 22.
- Noel Wilkins Scholarship concert - 2:30 p.m. Feb. 27.
- Bartok Recital - 7 p.m. March 1.
- Orpheus - 7 p.m. March 7.
- Concert Band concert - 7 p.m. March 8.
- Spring Choral concert - 7 p.m. March 10.
- Piano Proficiency Lecture and Master Class - 1:30 to 5 p.m. March 11.
- Woodwind Ensemble concert - 7 p.m. March 23.
- Jazz concert - 7 p.m. March 24.
- GCIC Jazz Festival - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (all day) March 26.
- String recital - 7 p.m. March 28.
- Orchestra concert - 4 p.m. March 30.
- Brass recital - 7 p.m. March 31.
- Young Pianist competi-

tion - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 2.

- Student Voice recital - 7 p.m. April 7.
- Brass choir - 7 p.m. April 12.
- Student recital, woodwind - 7 p.m. April 13.
- Martha Braswell recital - 7 p.m. April 14.
- Steel Drum Band concert - 7 p.m. April 18.
- Faculty recital - 7 p.m. April 20.
- Orchestra/Modern Music Ensemble - 7 p.m. April 25.
- Orpheus concert - 7 p.m. April 26.
- Chamber Music Modern Ensemble - 7 p.m. April 27.
- Jazz concert - 7 p.m. April 28.
- Vocal Masterclass - 3 to 7 p.m. April 29.
- Vocal concert - 7 p.m. April 30.
- Woodwind concert - 7 p.m. May 2.
- Concert Band concert - 7 p.m. May 3.
- Faculty recital - 7 p.m. May 4.
- SJCC Choral concert - 7 p.m. May 5.
- Pre-College Spring recital - 4:30 p.m. May 16.

The San Jacinto College Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. For concert confirmation, call 281-476-1832.

tion - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 2.

Over 11 Years Experience
Instant R.A.L. Available
FREE e-file (with tax prep)

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
\$20 OFF
Good until 1/26/11

THE TAX SERVICE
12039 Beamer Road • 281-464-0200

Additional audition set for Damn Yankees at PLT

An additional audition for *Damn Yankees*, a musical comedy by Abbott, Wallop, Adler and Ross, will be held in the rehearsal hall at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road, on Saturday, Jan. 22, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Performance dates of the show are weekends March 18 through April 10.

Those auditioning will be expected to sing at auditions using their own recorded music or a cappella; there will be no accompanist available.

Bring a resume - head shots are appreciated but not required.

Contact the director, David Blystone, at dblystone1@sbcglobal.net with questions. Judie Valentine, the musical director, can also be contacted at garbov@aol.com, or Greg Brown, the choreographer, at gregbrown526@hotmail.com.

For more information, visit the website at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.

Two major characters are required:

Applegate - The devil, who is very cunning and conniving. Age: 30+. Range: baritone (good high range).

Piano offered to elementary, middle school students

The San Jacinto College Central campus is accepting applications for the pre-college music program.

Offered Jan. 24 through May 9, on Mondays, the program delivers class lessons in piano for elementary and middle school students, under the direction of Thomas

Joe Hardy - A young baseball player of 21. Joe Boyd's alter ego. Range: baritone (low B-flat - high F) Also seeking: Five speaking and singing ballplayers, 17 years and older; and five speaking ballplayers, 17 years and older.

Wells. Session cost is \$300. The SJC Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway.

For more information, contact Dr. Martha Braswell at 281-476-1501, ext. 1603, or email martha.braswell@sjcd.edu, or contact Geneva Fort at 281-476-1832.

Lions Club meets Jan. 25

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

Wedding, engagement policies

Wedding writeups must be run in the newspaper, not submitted, in the time outlined: From wedding date to six weeks - photo and full article; six weeks to three months - photo and limited information; after three months from wedding date - will not be run. Engagement and wedding announcements are published free of charge on a first come, first served basis. Information must be submitted by Friday to be considered for the next issue.

Advertise in the Leader!
Call 281-481-5656

FREE REGISTRATION - GOOD THRU FEB 3
NEW ENROLLMENTS ONLY • WWW.MSJANETS.COM

Child Care & Learning Center
Ms. Janet's Children of the Future

Monday - Friday 6 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

6 wks - 23 mos. \$110 a week
2 yrs. old \$100 a week
3 yrs. old & up \$90 a week

Large Play Room, Breakfast/Snack, Hot Lunches, Dance, Library & Computer Room

Ms. Janet's is providing pick-up service from WEBER & PASADENA SCHOOLS including MELILLO & MORRIS middle schools and South Belt Elementary.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CALL

281-484-2376 281-464-2366

11590 HUGHES RD. @ BW8 12490 SCARSDALE BLVD.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Catholic Community of **ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST**
Rev. James Burkart, Pastor
Rev. Thomas Puthusserl, Parochial Vicar
11011 Hall Rd. Houston, TX 77089
(between Beamer & Blackhawk)
www.stlukesatholic.com

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	Vigil	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	7:30, 9:15, 11:15 a.m.	
Sunday	1:00 p.m. Misa en Espanol	
Monday, Wednesday, Friday		9:00 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday		7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated
Thursday 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.

Parish Office 281-481-6816 Faith Formation 281-481-4251
Youth Ministry 281-481-4735
St. Luke's offers ministries for ALL-families, men, women, youth, children, young adults, single, divorced, separated, widowed.

This Week's Message:
Is the Bible a Problem?
Kirkwood South Christian Church
Where God Makes Lives Better
10811 Kirkfair (At Beamer)
KSCchurch.org
281-481-0004 or 713-444-0044
Sunday School - 9 a.m.
Worship for Everyone - 10 a.m.

Listen to our Minister's messages at www.KSCchurch.org

"HABITAT" HAPPENS!
Youth Events on Fridays - 6:30 p.m.

New Covenant Christian Church
10603 Blackhawk
281-484-4230
Bill & Cheryl Hines, Pastors
We've Enlarged Our Day Care Facilities
Register Now! 281-481-2003

WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

Sunday	Early Service • 7:45 a.m.	Prayer Meeting • 7:00 p.m.
	Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.	Mid-Week Service • 7:45 p.m.
	Worship Service • 10:45 a.m.	

Nursery Available at all Services

Traditional Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 & 11 a.m.
The Fountain (Contemporary) 5 p.m.

Cokesbury United Methodist Church
281-484-9243 • 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

Attend the Church of Your Choice

Rediscover Church
12815 Fuqua St.
Houston, TX 77034
281-481-3222

You Are Welcome
www.christchurchhouston.com

Bush recognized by March of Dimes

At right, Laura Bush Elementary third-grade student Donaldson Harper was presented the award for Top Fundraiser for March of Dimes Reading Champions. He raised \$242 and has been the top fundraiser in the Pasadena Independent School District since 2008. Pictured, left to right, are fourth-grade teacher and mother Sandra Harper, Susan Ramirez from the March of Dimes and coordinator for Reading Champions, Bush librarian Pam Bennett, Harper, grandfather Donaldson Harper III, and third-grade dual language teachers Rubi Contreras and Raquel Ortega.



Third-grade dual language students from Rubi Contreras and Raquel Ortega's classes at Bush represent a small portion of the students who participated in this year's March of Dimes Reading Champions. The school was recently presented the first-place Award for Student Participation (based on enrollment) for the Pasadena Independent School District from March of Dimes Reading Champions. Thanks to the 34 percent of Bush students who read this year, the school gained the recognition for the second year in a row. Shown are, left to right, (front row) David Torres, Danny Nguyen,

Marco Deleon, Julio Rubio, Chyna Akins, Gerardo Perez, Johnny To, Donaldson Harper, (second row) Yair Garcia, Jayleen Alvarez, Jessica Vu, Sebastian Montilla, Chloe King, Jacqui Bonifaccini, Katia Mejia, Azucena Estrada, Brianna Chandler, (third row) Geovanny Gonzalez, Jonathan Roque, Jorlette Bernardz, Eily Reinoso, Zaria Ross, Carlos DeAlba, Zion Pineda, Juan Garcia, Tiffany Aguilera, (back row) Raylene Martinez, Jose Sanchez, Viktorie Garcia, Darla Murillo, Carlos Rodriguez, Italy Bossett, Cindy Nguyen, Taylor Levias, Alleecia Evans, Cesar Barcenas and Daniela Fraga.

Dobie food drive a success

J. Frank Dobie students and teachers recently collected more than 10,000 items to benefit the Salvation Army Food Bank. Top right: Left to right, Samantha Coyle, Daisy Dinh, Mai Hoangle, Jeremy Lacamu, Jacob Lacamu, Brianna Horton, Malcolm Jackson stand in front of food drive donations. Bottom right: Eleventh-grade students, Hibba Diab, Jasmine Walker, Emily Averitt-Cleveland, Khanh Phan, Elizabeth Duong, Tri Nguyen, Paul Tran, Samantha Coyle, Daisy Dinh and Vy Pham, sort and box donated items.

Directly below: Stefanie McKinney (GEAR UP coordinator), Maj. Edward Alzano (Salvation Army), Coach Joe Horton (teacher) and Dobie Principal Steve Jamail help with the food drive.



Jackson begins 82nd Legislative Session

State Sen. Mike Jackson, South Belt's state senator, joined his colleagues in the Texas Senate recently as the 82nd Legislature kicked off in Austin.



constituents and encourage them to contact me with their thoughts on any legislative matter," said Jackson.

Jackson may be reached by regular mail at PO Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711; by phone in Austin at (512) 463-0111; or by e-mail at mike.jackson@senate.state.tx.us.

The senator can also be contacted through his district office by regular mail at 2225 CR 90, Suite 107, Pearland, TX 77584; or by phone at 281-485-3117.

Free Estimates!!

Colbert/Ball TAX SERVICE
TAX SERVICE OF THE FUTURE

Habla Español!

10080 Kleckley Drive • Houston, TX 77075
(Across from Almeda Mall)
713-944-6410
Additional location in Fiesta on Edgebrook

Offering 24 Hour Refund Loans!

Mention this ad to receive 15% off!!

Grand Opening

Great Hands Massage

Body Massage • One Hour \$40
Foot Massage • One Hour \$20

10904 Scarsdale Blvd. • Houston, TX 77089

281-464-9103

WE ARE HIRING!

SJC South Spotlight event set for Jan. 27

San Jacinto College South will highlight several technical programs at a Spotlight event on Thursday, Jan. 27.

Students and professionals will get in-depth information on the automotive collision repair, engineering design graphics, cosmetology and air conditioning technology programs. Faculty, staff and students will be on hand to give presentations, answer questions and give tours of technology classrooms and teaching facilities.

Presenters will also give demonstrations using techniques and equipment that are used in the classroom. By giving attendees a hands-on introduction to these technical programs, Spotlight events enable attendees to see real-life aspects of the industry they are looking into. It also allows employers within the community to get a first-hand look at in-depth technical training opportunities provided by San Jacinto College.

According to the Texas Workforce Commission, by obtaining a certification, the average engineering design graphics position can earn more than \$50,000 a year; automotive collision repair can earn an average \$39,800;

air conditioning technology positions can expect \$38,500; and cosmetology positions can easily earn upwards from \$30,000.

The program certifications at San Jacinto College are designed to give students the most advanced learning and training opportunities within a concentrated semester time-frame, which gives students a head start and higher earning potential once they enter their industry.

The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Kaleidoscope Room inside the Interactive Learning Center on the South campus, located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston.

The Spotlight event is hosted by the center for student development.

"I anticipate a lot of hard work and tough budget decisions this session," said Jackson. "But I plan to work with my colleagues to pass a balanced budget without raising taxes. I also look forward to guiding legislation through the Senate Economic Development Committee."

Jackson was appointed chair of the committee in July by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

Jackson was re-elected to a four-year term on Nov. 4, 2008, and was sworn in last session by Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson.

As in the past, Jackson called on his constituents to communicate with him. "Especially during session, I depend on feedback from my

South Belt Graphics & Printing

Order Your Graduation Invitations Now!

281-484-4337

Need Healing?

Specific prayer for your needs:
Addictions, divorce, physical healing...
We are here to pray for you.

Tuesday nights 7pm at Life Church.
9900 Almeda Genoa • Houston

Life's Little Blessings Daycare
713-910-0800

life
CHURCH

Remember to support our South Belt Patrol Sergeant

Zerick GUINN

in 2012

www.zerickguinn.com

"Protecting & Serving Pct. 2 Citizens since 1996"

Pol. Ad. Pd. by Zerick Guinn

We ♥ Our Seniors!

2 can dine for \$12.99

Valid from noon-9 p.m.

Two Can dine for \$12.99!

Includes:
• Soup or Salad
• Senior Entree • Shared Dessert
Choice of tea, coffee or soft drink
Exp. Feb. 10, 2011

Denny's New Value Menu!

I-45 at Fuqua 281-922-5552

• Open 24 Hrs!

Denny's New Value Menu!
\$2, \$4, \$6, \$8
16 items to choose from!

Did you miss the start of classes at San Jacinto College?

You can TAKE 2 with classes that begin on Feb 14. Enroll today!

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

Your Goals. Your College.

www.sanjac.edu/take-two

281.998.6150

Connect with us on

EOI

SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

High school soccer season off to fast start: Dobie boys make early statement

Lady Horns play to tie; Brook girls have tough go

Less than a week into the high school soccer season, the Dobie varsity boys' team has already made a strong statement. The Longhorns capped a 4-0 start to the young season with a shootout victory over host Pearland to win the Oilers' own tournament Jan. 15 at The Rig. The two teams went scoreless through regula-

tion and a pair of 10-minute overtime sessions to force the shootout. The shootout went 11 players deep, with Dobie's Jose Gonzalez making the final goal for a 3-2 shootout win. Pedro Mares and Carlos Ibarra also scored goals for the Longhorns. In the end, junior goalkeeper Jose Balvameda, beginning his third season in

the varsity nets, made one more save than his Pearland counterpart for the victory. Pearland, which is one of the favorites to win the District 24-5A title this season after leaving the 22-5A ranks through realignment, is considered one of the Houston area's top teams. In 2010, Dobie entered the regular season ranked eighth in the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches preseason poll. This season, that distinction belongs to Pearland. For now, Dobie has made

a statement with a win over a great team. "We played a good game and had several chances to score, but we all know how soccer games go," Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra said. "Our offense created

some good chances, and the defense played well and shut down a good Pearland team. It was a great way to open the season with our second win of that tournament."



Elsewhere in the first week of action, some of the other high school programs showed mixed results. Brook girls start slow

The Clear Brook varsity girls' team went 1-2 at The Woodlands annual tournament. In the opener Jan. 13, Clear Brook and Tomball played to a scoreless tie in regulation before Tomball won the game in a shootout. Clear Brook bounced back to defeat Kempner 1-0 Jan. 14, but then lost 1-0 to St. Agnes Jan. 15.

It wasn't a terrific start for a Clear Brook team that advanced to the Region III tournament a season ago, but there's little question the competition was stiff

At left, Dobie's Monika Rivera (3) works against Goose Creek Memorial's Jennifer Cordova (15) during first-half action of the two teams' scoreless tie Jan. 15, at Newcomb Field. GaryWPhotos.com

Locals enjoy big hoops night

There were smiles all around for the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity girls' basketball teams as the final horns closed out action Jan. 18. The Clear Brook teams found themselves back in the mix for a possible playoff berth after taking down Pearland. The Lady Wolverines, which finished the first half of District 24-5A play with a loss to Clear Lake, climbed back in the race for the playoffs with an easy 57-40 victory at Pearland Jan. 18.

It was a remarkable reversal of fortunes for Brook this time around. When the two teams met Dec. 14 to open the 24-5A race, the Lady Wolverines raced out to a big halftime edge before a second-half collapse allowed Pearland to take the win. This time, Clear Brook turned the tables behind a 20-point night from Chelsea Ngo. The Lady Wolverines

still have plenty of work to do, including taking down Dickinson in a big home game Jan. 21 in Wolverines' gymnasium, but at least Brook has given itself a chance. Clear Springs (8-0) and Clear Lake (7-1) have distanced themselves from the rest of the pack. Brook (4-4), meanwhile, is tied for third place with both Pearland and Clear Lake. Dickinson is sixth at 3-5.

As for the Wolverines' boys, four players scored in double figures as Clear Brook downed Pearland 58-57, using a 21-13 surge in the fourth quarter. The win essentially saved the Wolverines' season for now. At 2-4 with one more game on the road against Dickinson to go in the first half of league play, Brook still trails four other teams in the playoff race, and each

AMERICAN TRANSMISSION CENTERS
10703 Fuqua (I-45 & Fuqua) • Houston, TX 77089
713-944-7212

- 15% OFF General Auto Repair
- 20% OFF Transmission Repair
- FREE Towing
- FREE Diagnostic Check
- FREE External Check

USA KARATE
New facility - better programs! Great prices!
Sign Up For After School Care
Come Join the Fun!
We will pick up at South Belt Elementary
11101 RESOURCE PKWY. (Behind Sonic)
281-484-9006

Friendswood Driving School
126 S. Friendswood Dr. • 281-996-9404
Class Only \$150 or Class & Driving \$350
For more information, go to www.friendswooddriving.net

Adult Education 2010 Schedule

Start Dates	Class Times	Days
Jan. 18 - Feb. 8	4-6 p.m.	
Jan. 31 - Feb. 21	6-8 p.m.	
Feb. 9 - Mar. 24	4-6 p.m.	

Cost is \$365 in full or \$385 in two payments

FOX AND HOUND SINGING COMPETITION
FOX ICON
OVER \$1000 IN PRIZES
CONTACT THE RESTAURANT FOR DETAILS
FOX AND HOUND AT FUQUA
12802 GULF FRWY
HOUSTON, TX 77089
281-481-0068

Youth sports sign-ups hit final stages

Time is running out on South Belt area youth who would like to compete in one of the area's variety of spring leagues. SBGSA set to sign up

Officials in the South Belt Girls Softball Association will host one more regular registration date, Thursday, Jan. 20, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park.

The fee during regular registration is \$80 per player, with a \$5 discount per additional child given after the first. There is a \$55 buy-out fee.

There will be one late registration date, Saturday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the league facility.

The late registration will coincide with player tryouts, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Late registration fees are \$85 per player. The same additional sibling and buyout fees will apply.

Youth baseball late fees

There will be a pair of

late registration sessions for those wishing to play in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League. The dates include Saturday, Jan. 22, and Saturday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Tryouts will also be held on both dates during the same time periods.

Late fees for those in the 3- and 4-year-old divisions will be \$125, and the fee is \$165 for those in the age 5 through 14 divisions. Players in the junior division (ages 15-16) will have the benefit of a late registration session Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the league facility. Tryouts will also be held in conjunction with the late sign-up.

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).

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.

DIXIE DELI
364A FM 1959 (Between I-45 & Hwy 3) 281-484-3083
Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
DAILY SPECIAL - \$4.49
6" PO-BOY, CHIPS & DRINK

Almeda Car Wash & Lube
CAR WASH SPECIAL
50% off wash packages Reg. \$14.99 & up, with coupon \$7.50 & up
713-518-1683
10126 Almeda Genoa Rd. Mon-Sat 8 am-7 pm Sun 9 am-6 pm
Gift Certificates Available

PapaGayos Mexican Cantina
10943 SCARSDALE 281-922-1477
OPEN: Sun. - Thurs. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Happy Hour All Day Sunday during NFL season
Kids Eat FREE on Tuesday, 10 & under, Limit 2 with 2 Adult Entrees

99¢ Appetizers Daily 3-7p.m. @ Bar Only
We Can Cater Your Special Event!
Gift Certificates Available!
\$15.99 Fajitas for Two All Day Monday & Tuesday

HAPPY HOUR 3 - 7 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY
Visit Our Website www.papagayosgrill.com

Roy Shiflett Realtors
281-481-3733
Celebrating "41" years!
Buying or Selling? Call the Experts!
Be one of our 1,000's of satisfied customers!

★ SAGEMEADOW - NEW LISTING - Beautiful 4-2-2, Great Location, Backs Up to Jogging Trail. Lrg. Open Den W/2-Story Fireplace, Ceramic Tile and Berber Carpet. Master Bath With Garden Tub and Separate Shower. Extra Side Parking Perfect for Boat or RV. \$139,900. Call Tami, 713-628-4157.

★ NEW LISTING - SCARSDALE - Nice 3-2-2, Motivated Seller. Approximately 1,360 Sq. Ft., Never Flooded, Priced for Quick Sale, \$84,500. Call Judy, 281-703-6309.

★ CLEAR BROOK CROSSING - 4 Bedroom, 2,121 Sq. Ft., 1 Story. New Carpet, Fresh Paint, Tile in Wet Areas. Both Formals, Open Floor Plan, Close to Weber Elementary. Reduced, \$149,900. Call Tami, 713-628-4157.

★ SAGEMONT PARK - Terrific 4 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Both Formals, Upd. Flooring (Wood & Tile), Lrg. Den W/FP, Master Bdrm. W/Jacuzzi, Call to Sell! \$115,000. Call Judy, 281-703-6309.

★ DEER PARK - Cul-de-sac, 3 Bdrms, Down + 1 Bdrm. (21x15) Upstairs W/Private Bath (or Garmroom). Extra Parking, Tech Shield, Seller Considering All Offers. Reduced for Quick Sale, \$217,500. Call Tami, 713-628-4157.

★ SAGEGLEN - Approx. 2,225 Sq. Ft., 3 Bedrooms W/Loft Area, Den W/Fireplace, Wet Bar, Large Bedrooms. Great Deal! Low Taxes! \$119,900. Call Tami, 713-628-4157.

A FAMILY OWNED COMPANY YOU CAN TRUST

TSP Tax Service Professionals
Giving our clients excellent service in tax preparation. Serving the South Belt area since 1994. If your taxes are simple or complex, come to us for personal service and the Biggest Refund Allowed by the IRS.

REFUNDS in 24-48 Hours! with bank approval

\$25 OFF for new clients

• Free Electronic Filing • Free Checking • Free Direct Deposit

11005-A Fuqua at Sabo (Next to Wing Stop)
713-910-8828

Toni Muse Is At The TOP!!

RE/MAX Top Realty
Direct 832-200-5648
Cell 281-389-6519

KIRKMONT - \$99,000
This 3-2-2 Shows Very Nicely, Has Lots of Tile, Over 1,400 Sq. Ft. and Features a Covered Patio! Home Sits on a Cul-de-sac on Sagecanyon.

Thinking of buying or selling....
Think Toni 281-389-6519!
CHECK OUT MY WEBSITE! ToniMuse.Net
Remax Hall of Fame Member, Moving Families For 30 Years!

ASIAN BUFFET
FEATURING CHINESE FOOD

- MORE VARIETY OF FOOD (OVER 100 ITEMS)
- PROFESSIONAL SUSHI CHEF ON STAFF
- A VARIETY OF SEAFOOD DISHES
- TWO NEW BUFFET LINES (7 BUFFET LINES TOTAL)

MONGOLIAN GRILL
• RIBEYE • CRAWFISH • STEAK • BLUE CRAB • BBQ RIBS

11261 FUQUA STREET HOUSTON, TX 77089
TEL.: (713) 378-6886 FAX: (713) 378-6887

OPEN HOURS
Sun. - Thurs. 11:00am-10:00pm
Fri. & Sat. 11:00am-10:30pm

Bottomless Soft Drinks \$1.59

SPECIALS
\$4.99 Lunch Mon. - Sat. 11am - 4pm
\$6.99 Dinner

WE SERVE OYSTER RIGHT NOW

Kwik Kar Ocean CAR WASH
LUBE & SERVICE
11210 Scarsdale 281-484-KWIK(5945)
Mon-Sat 8am-7pm • Sun 9am-5pm
www.kwikkaronline.com

FREE Full Service Car Wash With Full Service Oil Change \$12 Value!

Car Wash Club Unlimited Washes for 30 Days (Ocean Wash Package) Includes vacuum & wash \$39.99 per vehicle

\$2 OFF Package Wash Receive \$2 Off Any One of the Following Package Wash! Choose From:
• Ocean Breeze reg \$16.99
• Blue Ocean reg \$21.99
• Ocean Signature reg \$26.99
24 Hour Rain Check Add \$1 for Trucks, Vans, SUVs & Limos Expires 2/15/11 Not valid with any other offer

PENNZOIL SENIOR SPECIAL TUES. \$3 OFF*
LADIES SPECIAL WED. \$3 OFF*
Not valid with any other offer

Wolverines, Horns release varsity baseball schedules

With the start of high school baseball workouts set to begin Friday, Jan. 28, teams from the area have released their respective 2011 schedules.

The Dobie Longhorns, trying to get back to the playoffs after missing out a season ago, will again open the regular season against the Friendswood Mustangs.

A season ago, the Longhorns started with a tough-luck 1-0 loss to the Mustangs.

This season, the two teams will begin the season Monday, Feb. 21, at Dobie High School. The first pitch

is set for 4 p.m. Dobie will play in the Humble, Pasadena and Round Rock tournaments this season as part of non-district play.

Because there are just five teams in the District 22-5A alignment this season, the district schedule will include three rounds of play for a total of 15 games.

Head coach Miguel Torres will begin his second season at the helm of the Longhorns with a couple of question marks.

At the head of the list is pitching, as the Longhorns lost much of its starting ro-

tation from a season ago. At Clear Brook, Gene Flores is set to begin his first season as head coach of the Wolverines.

Coming off back-to-back area round appearances, the Wolverines appear to have more than enough pitching with Keaton Miller, Ryan Vrugink and Andrew Phu all set to return to the

mound. Vrugink and Matt Heidt will also return to the infield, but will have some other spots to fill after 2010 graduation losses.

The Wolverines fell behind 7-0 to Morton Ranch in the 2010 season opener before coming back to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh inning. Morton Ranch then scored two runs

in the top of the eighth inning, eventually winning 9-8.

This season, the Wolverines will begin the schedule at Morton Ranch on Monday, Feb. 21.

The Wolverines will once again play in the La Porte, Clear Creek and Spring tournaments before beginning 24-5A action.

Clear Brook High School

Varsity Baseball Schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 7	La Porte scrimmage	4 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Conroe scrimmage	4 p.m.
Feb. 15	at Cy-Falls tri-scrimmage	5 p.m.
Feb. 18	PNG/Sterling scrimmage	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Morton Ranch (season opener)	6 p.m.
Feb. 24-26	at La Porte tournament	TBA
March 1	at Port Neches-Groves	6 p.m.
March 3-5	Clear Creek ISD tournament	TBA
March 8	Baytown Lee	6 p.m.
March 10-12	at Spring ISD tournament	TBA
March 15	*Alvin	7 p.m.
March 17	*at Clear Creek	7 p.m.
March 19	*at Clear Springs	1 p.m.
March 22	*Brazoswood	7 p.m.
March 25	*Clear Lake	7 p.m.
March 29	*Pearland	7 p.m.
April 1	*at Dickinson	7 p.m.
April 5	*at Alvin	7 p.m.
April 8	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
April 12	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
April 15	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
April 19	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
April 21	*at Pearland	7 p.m.
April 29	*Dickinson	7 p.m.

* Denotes District 24-5A games

Dobie High School

Varsity Baseball Schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 8	at Milby scrimmage (Mason Park)	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Baytown Sterling scrimmage	4 p.m.
Feb. 15	at Alvin scrimmage	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Clear Creek scrimmage (Dobie)	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Friendswood (Dobie-season opener)	4 p.m.
Feb. 24-26	at Humble tournament	TBA
Feb. 28	Dickinson (Dobie)	4 p.m.
March 3-5	at Pasadena ISD tournament	TBA
March 8	*Pasadena (Maguire)	4 p.m.
March 10-12	at Round Rock tournament	TBA
March 15	*at Memorial	noon
March 17	*Sam Rayburn (Maguire)	noon
March 21	*South Houston (Maguire)	6 p.m.
March 25	*at Deer Park	7 p.m.
March 29	*Pasadena (Maguire)	7 p.m.
April 1	*Memorial (Dobie)	4 p.m.
April 5	*Sam Rayburn (Maguire)	7 p.m.
April 8	*at South Houston	4 p.m.
April 12	*Deer Park (Dobie)	4 p.m.
April 15	*Pasadena (Maguire)	4 p.m.
April 19	*at Memorial	4 p.m.
April 21	*Sam Rayburn (Maguire)	4 p.m.
April 26	*South Houston (Dobie)	4 p.m.
April 29	*at Deer Park	7 p.m.

* Denotes District 22-5A games

Lions' 7th Light third at San Jac tourney



The Thompson Intermediate seventh-grade Light boys' basketball team placed third at the San Jacinto Invitational after winning three of four games in the event. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jaylon Bolden, Malik Peters, Kaelon Woods,

Samuel Hart, (middle row) Tyson Thompson, Javon Johnson, Tyler Giron, coach Gary Russell, (back row) Chandler Tisby, Kenneth Gibson, Jason Lester and Kameron Dolford.

Submitted photo

PISD Intermediate Basketball Girls' Standings

7 Light	W	L	7 Dark	W	L
Beverly Hills	6	0	Beverly Hills	5	1
Bondy	5	1	Bondy	5	1
Queens	4	2	Park View	4	2
Southmore	4	2	Queens	4	2
Miller	3	3	San Jacinto	4	2
San Jacinto	3	3	Miller	3	3
Thompson	2	4	Southmore	2	4
Park View	2	4	Thompson	1	5
South Houston	1	5	Jackson	1	5
Jackson	0	6	S. Houston	1	5

Game Scores 7 Light

Southmore 17, Miller 10
Park View 26, South Houston 3
San Jacinto 25, Thompson 19
Beverly Hills 38, Jackson 2
Bondy 23, Queens 18

Game Scores 7 Dark

Miller 24, Southmore 19
South Houston 16, Park View 15
San Jacinto 22, Thompson 7
Beverly Hills 40, Jackson 15
Bondy 19, Queens 13

8 Light W L 8 Dark W L

Thompson	6	0	Bondy	6	0
Miller	5	1	Beverly Hills	5	1
Bondy	5	1	Queens	4	2
Beverly Hills	4	2	Southmore	4	2
Queens	3	3	Miller	4	2
San Jacinto	2	4	Park View	3	3
Southmore	2	4	Thompson	2	4
Park View	2	4	San Jacinto	2	4
Jackson	1	5	Jackson	1	5
South Houston	0	6	S. Houston	0	6

Game Scores 8 Light

Miller 41, Southmore 19
Park View 45, South Houston 26
Thompson 34, San Jacinto 19
Beverly Hills 44, Jackson 21
Bondy 40, Queens 12

Game Scores 8 Dark

Miller 25, Southmore 17
Park View 21, South Houston 7
San Jacinto 19, Thompson 13
Beverly Hills 42, Jackson 14
Bondy 28, Queens 15

PISD Intermediate Basketball Boys' Standings

7 Light	W	L	7 Dark	W	L
Beverly Hills	6	0	Thompson	6	0
Thompson	6	0	Southmore	5	1
Southmore	4	2	Queens	5	1
Queens	4	2	Beverly Hills	5	1
Park View	4	2	Jackson	3	3
San Jacinto	3	3	Bondy	2	4
Miller	2	4	S. Houston	1	5
S. Houston	1	5	Miller	1	5
Bondy	0	6	San Jacinto	1	5
Jackson	0	6	Park View	1	5

Game Scores 7 Light

Thompson 47, San Jacinto 39 (OT)
Park View 43, South Houston 39
Southmore 54, Miller 28
Queens 45, Bondy 21
Beverly Hills 59, Jackson 5

Game Scores 7 Dark

Thompson 34, San Jacinto 14
Park View 22, South Houston 21
Southmore 45, Miller 26
Queens 32, Bondy 23
Beverly Hills 53, Jackson 9

8 Light W L 8 Dark W L

Thompson	6	0	Thompson	6	0
Park View	5	1	Miller	5	1
Beverly Hills	4	2	Beverly Hills	4	2
San Jacinto	4	2	S. Houston	4	2
South Houston	4	2	Queens	3	3
Bondy	3	3	San Jacinto	3	3
Jackson	2	4	Bondy	3	3
Miller	1	5	Park View	1	5
Southmore	1	5	Southmore	1	5
Queens	0	6	Jackson	0	6

Game Scores 8 Light

Thompson 45, San Jacinto 42
Park View 36, South Houston 33
Southmore 45, Miller 41
Bondy 49, Queens 35
Jackson 44, Beverly Hills 40

Game Scores 8 Dark

Thompson 36, San Jacinto 31
South Houston 34, Park View 20
Miller 54, Southmore 34
Bondy 49, Queens 44 (OT)
Beverly Hills 49, Jackson 17

Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL 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

Monday, Jan. 24

Thompson 8th Dark boys vs. Bev. Hills, Dobie, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light boys vs. Bev. Hills, Dobie, 6:15
Thompson 7th Dark boys at Beverly Hills, 5:00
Thompson 7th Light boys at Beverly Hills, 6:15
Thompson 7th Dark girls host Beverly Hills, 5:00
Thompson 7th Light girls host Beverly Hills, 6:15
Thompson 8th Dark girls host Beverly Hills, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light girls host Beverly Hills, 6:15

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Brook varsity boys at Alvin, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys vs. South Houston, Phillips, 6:00
Brook varsity girls host Alvin, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls vs. South Houston, Phillips, 7:30
Brook JV boys at Alvin, 5:30
Brook JV girls host Alvin, 5:30
Dobie JV girls at South Houston, 5:00
Dobie JV boys host South Houston, 6:00
Dobie sophomore boys host South Houston, 4:30
Brook sophomore boys at Alvin, 5:30
Brook freshman A boys at Alvin, 4:00
Dobie freshman A girls at South Houston, 3:30
Brook freshman A girls host Alvin, 4:00
Dobie freshman A boys host South Houston, 6:00
Brook freshman B boys at Alvin, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys host South Houston, 4:30

Thursday, Jan. 27

Beverly Hills 7th boys at Dark tourn., S. Houston, TBA
Thompson 7th boys at Dark tourn., S. Houston, TBA
Beverly Hills 8th boys at Dark tourn., San Jacinto, TBA
Thompson 8th boys at Dark tourn., San Jacinto, TBA
Beverly Hills 7th girls at Dark tourn., Park View, TBA
Thompson 7th girls at Dark tourn., Park View, TBA
Beverly Hills 8th girls at Dark tourn., Thompson, TBA
Thompson 8th girls host Dark tourn., Thompson, TBA

Friday, Jan. 28

Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys at Deer Park, 7:30
Brook varsity girls at Clear Creek, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls host Deer Park, 7:30
Brook JV boys host Clear Creek, 5:30
Brook JV girls at Clear Creek, 5:30
Dobie JV girls host Deer Park, 6:00
Dobie JV boys at Deer Park, 6:00
Dobie sophomore boys host Deer Park, 4:30
Brook sophomore boys host Clear Creek, 5:30
Brook freshman A boys host Clear Creek, 4:00
Dobie freshman A girls host Deer Park, 4:30
Brook freshman A girls at Clear Creek, 4:00
Dobie freshman A boys host Deer Park, 6:00
Brook freshman B boys host Clear Creek, 4:00
Dobie freshman B girls host Deer Park, 6:00
Dobie freshman B boys host Deer Park, 4:30
Beverly Hills 7th boys at Dark tourn., S. Houston, TBA
Thompson 7th boys at Dark tourn., S. Houston, TBA
Beverly Hills 8th boys at Dark tourn., San Jacinto, TBA
Thompson 8th boys at Dark tourn., San Jacinto, TBA
Beverly Hills 7th girls at Dark tourn., Park View, TBA
Thompson 7th girls at Dark tourn., Park View, TBA
Beverly Hills 8th girls at Dark tourn., Thompson, TBA
Thompson 8th girls host Dark tourn., Thompson, TBA

Saturday, Jan. 29

Beverly Hills 8th boys at Dark tourn., Phillips, TBA
Thompson 8th boys at Dark tourn., Phillips, TBA
Beverly Hills 8th boys at Dark tourn., San Jacinto, TBA
Thompson 8th boys at Dark tourn., San Jacinto, TBA
Beverly Hills 7th girls at Dark tourn., Park View, TBA
Thompson 7th girls at Dark tourn., Park View, TBA
Beverly Hills 8th girls at Dark tourn., Thompson, TBA
Thompson 8th girls host Dark tourn., Thompson, TBA

SOCCER 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, Brook, 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



Christa Walker helped Clear Brook's girls to a victory in the 200-yard medley relay against La Porte, joining teammates Kayla Cotter, Abby Monteith and Mady

Walker in the event. The Lady Wolverines out-pointed La Porte 236-50, while the boys scored a 160-131 victory.

Teams prepare for district meet

Brook swimmers dominate LP

The Clear Brook High School swimming and diving teams have been working diligently to prepare for the District 24-5A meet, and head coach Amanda Newton was eager to see how the groups would perform in their nondistrict meet against La Porte.

However, she didn't have to wait long to find out just how ready her teams are for the upcoming big events.

The Lady Wolverines began a dominating performance against La Porte with a victory in the 200-yard medley relay and never looked back.

The Brook girls ended up with a lopsided 236-50 victory over the Bulldogs.

Contributing with first-place finishes for the Lady Wolverines were Brie Braaten (200-freestyle, 4:00-freestyle, 50-freestyle and 100-freestyle), Kayla

Cotter (200-medley relay foursome), Danielle Dolifka (400-freestyle and 100-breaststroke), Taylor Karnilaw (200-freestyle, 400-freestyle, 200-freestyle and 500-freestyle), Abby Monteith (200-medley relay foursome, 200-freestyle and 100-backstroke), Monica Pruet (200-freestyle, 200-individual medley and 100-flystroke), Ana Robb (1-meter diving), Christa Walker (200-medley relay foursome) and Mady Walker (200-medley relay foursome).

The Brook boys' team had a more difficult time of it, but managed to swim past the La Porte boys 160-131.

Leading the scoring for the boys with first-place finishes were Jacob Arend (200-freestyle relay), Nick Clemmer (200-freestyle

relay), Vashaad Fincher (200-freestyle relay and 400-freestyle relay and 100-flystroke), Patrick LaBrode (400-freestyle relay, 200-freestyle relay and 500-freestyle), Chris Lunney (200-freestyle relay, 400-freestyle relay, 50-freestyle and 100-freestyle) and Brandon Steinkuhler (400-freestyle relay, 200-individual medley and 100-breaststroke).

Newton was clearly pleased with the performance of both Wolverine teams.

"I was really impressed with the swims this week considering how hard they have been training," Newton said. "Some of the (impressive) times really surprised me." At the 24-5A meet, longtime power Clear Lake will be the heavy favorite, but Newton expects plenty of surprises from her team.

High school baseball workouts to start Jan. 28 across state



High school baseball programs statewide may begin after-school practices Friday, Jan. 28, officially marking the countdown to the regular season. Above, Dobie's Al Gonzalez figures to be in the Longhorns' lineup as a middle infielder after spending at least parts of the past two seasons at the varsity level. The Longhorns will open



the regular season Monday, Feb. 21, at Longhorn Field against the Friendswood Mustangs. Above, first-year Clear Brook head coach Gene Flores (left) takes over as the team prepares for the Feb. 22 road opener at Morton Ranch. Wolverines' returnees include Ryan Vrugink (19) and Robert Suchma.

San Jac VB's Dibbern signs



San Jacinto College women's volleyball player Amanda Dibbern (right) has signed a national letter of intent to continue her education and playing career at Baylor University in Waco. Over two seasons at San Jacinto College, Dibbern put together some dynamic numbers while leading the team to back-to-back national tournament appearances. In 2010, San Jacinto placed second. Dibbern, an outside hitter, was among the leaders in kills per set at 3.51. At left is San Jacinto College head coach Sharon Nelson. Photo by Amanda Vasquez, SJC marketing

Softball workouts start Jan. 21; scrimmages up next

After-school high school softball workouts may get under way Jan. 21, and it won't be long at all before South Belt area programs at Dobie and Clear Brook dive into scrimmage action.

Both Dobie and Clear Brook are coming off successful seasons that ended with appearances in the area round.

Dobie varsity still solid
The 2011 season may produce a few more challenges as the Lady Longhorns and Lady Wolverines will have to overcome heavy graduation losses, but neither team will settle for less than the playoffs.

Junior pitcher Shannon O'Connor, who started the majority of Dobie's games in the circle in 2010, will again be counted on heavily.

At catcher, the Lady

Longhorns will turn to Ariel Morgan, and she will provide much of the team's offensive punch along with Faith Roberts, the team's lone starting infielder (first base) back in the mix.

Dobie should be solid in the outfield with a pair of all-district players, Amie Gallant and Kellen Gomez returning to the field for their senior seasons.

Shelby O'Brien, an all-district performer in the designated hitter spot, will also likely add a good bit of punch to the lineup.

There are a couple of areas in which head coach Robin Rackley will have to find first-time starters, including at third base, shortstop and second base. Outfield and pitching depth will be important as well.

The Lady Longhorns will open scrimmage action

Wednesday, Feb. 2, against Alvin at the Pasadena ISD sports complex.

There will be a few more scrimmages after that, and Dobie begins the regular season Monday, Feb. 14, at the PISD complex against Kingwood.

Brook faces makeover
After a strong playoff push over the past several years, Clear Brook head coach Ashley Pillow now faces a bit of a rebuilding job at Clear Brook.

The loss of as many as seven starters, including a pair of pitchers, a catcher, three infielders and an outfielder from last season, means changes are ahead.

The list of returnees includes Alexa Anzaldua, Erin Begle, Sami Reis, Meghan Reyes, Jordan Stewart Taylor Nickell and Katie

Bischof. Beyond those players, Pillow will restock the varsity unit using first-time performers.

With powers such as defending state champion Pearland, Clear Creek, Alvin, Brazoswood and others residing in the district, the road to the playoffs might be a little bumpier this season.

However, Pillow will no doubt remind her players that a playoff legacy has been developed, and a drop-off won't be taken lightly. It all starts as Clear Brook scrimmages Dulles at home on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

The Lady Wolverines will then have several other scrimmage games before the regular season arrives.

Brook will host the Friendswood Mustangs Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Varsity Softball Particulars

Clear Brook Wolverines
2010 season: Won the District 24-5A title, then defeated Fort Bend Travis in the bidistrict round before losing a pair of one-run games to Deer Park in the area round. Lost as many as seven starters to graduation following the season. Jordan Stewart, Meghan Reyes and Taylor Nickell among team's top returnees.

Dobie Longhorns
2010 season: Finished second in the 22-5A race, then beat North Shore in the bidistrict round before losing to Elkins in the area playoffs. Shannon O'Connor, Ariel Morgan, Kellen Gomez, Shelby O'Brien, Faith Roberts and Amie Gallant among top returnees.



Senior third baseman Meghan Reyes is one of the few returnees for the Clear Brook varsity girls' softball team, which retains high hopes despite an infusion of youth.



Senior Faith Roberts will return as an anchor in Dobie's lineup after a power-packed junior season that included a number of extra-base hits. Defensively, Roberts is expected to be the starter at first base.

Dobie High School Varsity softball schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 2	Alvin scrimmage (PISD)	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Alvin scrimmage	TBA
Feb. 8	Clear Creek scrimm. (PISD)	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	at El Franco Lee scrimmage	TBA
(Season Opener)		
Feb. 14	Kingwood (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 17-19	at Bryan tourn.	TBA
Feb. 22	at Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 24-26	at Clear Creek tourn.	TBA
March 1	at Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
March 3-5	at HSSL tourn.	TBA
March 8	Baytown Sterling (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
March 11	at La Porte	6:30 p.m.
March 19	Katy Taylor (PISD)	11:30 a.m.
March 22	*Pasadena (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
March 25	*Memorial (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
March 29	*Sam Rayburn (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
April 1	*South Houston (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
April 5	*at Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
April 8	*Pasadena (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
April 12	*Memorial (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
April 15	*Sam Rayburn (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
April 19	*South Houston (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
April 21	*Deer Park (PISD)	6:30 p.m.

All Dobie home games at PISD Complex

Brook High School Varsity softball schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 1	Dulles scrimmage	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Pasadena Mem. scrimm.	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Manvel scrimmage	5:30 p.m.
(Season Opener)		
Feb. 15	Friendswood	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 17-19	at Bryan tourn.	TBA
Feb. 22	Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 24-26	at Clear Creek tourn.	TBA
March 1	St. Agnes	6 p.m.
March 3-5	at Manvel tourn.	TBA
March 8	*Pearland	6:30 p.m.
March 11	*at Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
March 15	*at Alvin	6:30 p.m.
March 18	*Clear Creek	11:30 a.m.
March 22	*at Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
March 25	*at Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
March 29	*Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
April 1	*at Pearland	6:30 p.m.
April 5	*Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
April 8	*Alvin	6:30 p.m.
April 12	*at Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
April 15	*at Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
April 19	*Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
April 21	*at Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.

* District 24-5A games

Dobie, Brook football programs vie at Touchdown Club lunch

Four of the five Pasadena ISD high school football teams have been named finalists for the Houston Touchdown Club's 2010-2011 Sportsmanship Award in the Class 5A Division.

Dobie, Memorial, Pasadena and South Houston were named among 16 Houston-area finalists in the Class 5A division.

All the finalists will be honored at the High School Sportsmanship Luncheon

on Jan. 27 at the JW Marriott in the Galleria area.

Awards will be presented to the first-, second- and third-place teams in each of three divisions - 5A, 4A and 3A/private schools.

Also nominated in the 5A division were Channelview, Clear Brook, Clear Lake, Cy Woods, Deer Park, Dickinson, Aldine Eisenhower, Kingwood, Klein, Lamar, Mayde Creek and Houston Memorial.

Dobie took second place in competition for the award a year ago when three teams were named without any division designation.

Selections are based upon feedback from area football referees.

The speaker at the luncheon will be Brad McCoy, the father of quarterback Colt McCoy of the Cleveland Browns, formerly of the University of Texas football program.

CALENDAR

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 114. 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.
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. 21
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena,

1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.
SATURDAY, JAN. 22
6 p.m.
Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.
SUNDAY, JAN. 23
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, JAN. 24
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
9 a.m.
Friends of Parker Williams Library - Meetings are held at the Parker Williams Branch Library on the fourth Monday of each month at 9 a.m. except for January, April, July and October, when they are held at 7 p.m. to accommodate members who work during

the day. There will be no meeting in December.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.
6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles Club - 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.
TUESDAY, JAN. 25
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.
American Begonia Society - Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxum Bank in League City. For more information, call

281-946-4237 or 281-471-5048.
1 p.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main. 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.
7 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.
Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call Golden Malone at 281-438-7243.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
Continued on Page 4B

C&D Burger Shoppe

Our Burgers are the Original "Old Fashioned" Hamburgers.

Celebrating Our 30th Year

Over 3 Million Sold

Special

WITH COUPON

Hamburger, Fries and Med. Drink

\$4.99

281-481-8606 • 10606 Fuqua We Accept

THINK MONEY THINK THE CLASSIFIEDS buy... you'll save money! sell... you'll make money!

Call Today 281-481-5656

REAL ESTATE

Leader Reader Ads

25 Words - \$8 • 3 Weeks \$22

Business - 25 Words - \$10 • 3 Weeks \$27

Leader Reader Ads

25 Words - \$8 • 3 Weeks \$22

Business - 25 Words - \$10 • 3 Weeks \$27

Need Help Finding Your Dream Home?

Let the Leader Classifieds Be Your Guide!



South Belt-Ellington Leader

Leader Reader Ads

Personal: 25 Words - \$8 • 3 Weeks \$22

Business: 25 Words - \$10 • 3 Weeks \$27

no changes, no refunds

Deadline: Noon Tuesday

Ads Are Not Taken Over The Phone

Make checks payable to:
South Belt-Ellington Leader
11555 Beamer Road, Houston, TX 77089

After Hours: Use mail slot in front of building facing Beamer.

281-481-5656

Visit us online at www.southbeltleader.com



Sandra & Laura Yandell, LLC "The Sold Team"

IF YOU ARE SERIOUS ABOUT BUYING OR SELLING A HOME...

CALL:

"THE SOLD TEAM!"

281-464-SOLD (7653)

Re/Max Top Realty

BEHIND ON PAYMENTS? WANT TO AVOID FORECLOSURE? CALL ABOUT OPTIONS!

OVER 3000 HOMES SOLD - LET'S MAKE YOURS NEXT!

★ **SAGEMONT** - 4 Bedroom, Large Kitchen and Entertainment Areas, Huge Cul-de-sac Lot, Updated, Eager Seller! Reduced! \$109,000! #HUR

★ **BELLA VITA** - Stunning 4-3-2 in Gated Over 55 Community. Formal Dining, Study W/French Doors, Fabulous Den W/ FP, Looks Like a Model Home! #LAGO

★ **PEARLAND** - Reduced! Stunning Custom Estate Home. 3-3-3 W/Fabulous Pool, Two Master Bedrooms, Oversized Lot, Gorgeous! #PINE

★ **SAGEMEADOW** - Lovely 4-2-2, Formal Dining, New Carpet, Decorator Paint, Den W/FP, Covered Patio! #MOS

★ **SAGEMEADOW** - Great Deal Price! 3-2-2, Ceramic Tile, Fresh Paint, \$99,000! Wow! #RCH

★ **SAGEMEADOW** - Fabulous 2, Ceramic Tile, New Carpet, Decorator Paint, Formal Dining, Looks Great! #BUD

★ **SILVERLAKE** - Fabulous 3-2-2 W/Study, Wood Laminate, Ceramic Tile, Fresh Paint, Covered Patio, Cul-de-sac Lot! #AVE

HOME FOR SALE • 281-484-1111

Clearwood Crossing, Large 4 Bdr., 3.5 Bth., 2 Gar., Both Formals, Quiet Cul-de-sac Facing Park, Almost New, Close to Schools and Frwy. Lots of Amenities. Possible Owner Finance.

HOME FOR SALE • 281-484-1111

Spacious 4.2.2. Executive Perry Home, quiet Cul-de-Sac w/Cathedral ceilings, both formals. High grade carpet, new A/C, fresh paint. Custom wood cabinets in study, granite counter tops & ceramic tile in kitchen. Detached garage & covered patio. Close to school & parks, PISD. Built 1984. Approx. 2600 sq. ft. Owner financing available.

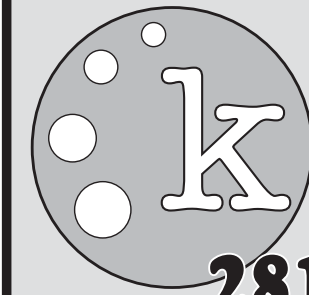
★ Looking to sell or lease your home? Let us help you! ★

Come by the South Belt-Ellington Leader office and place an ad in our weekly Real Estate section!

11555 Beamer

281-481-5656

karmalennon designs



- interior decoration, home staging and art consulting
- residential & commercial
- formally trained with degree
- practicing artist for over 20 years

281-309-7375

SERVICE

Advertise in The Leader!

Place an ad in The Leader's Services Section and your business is sure to be booming in no time!

Call the Leader today!
281-481-5656

COMPUTER REPAIR & WEB SITES

- Personal Web Sites • E-mail Accounts • Webmail Accounts
- Your Own Blog • Web Hosting • Domain Names • Logo Design
- Computer Recycling • Computer Repair
- Virus Attacks • Software Problems • Data Recovery
- Hardware Upgrades • Microsoft Certified

elliott@13floornetwork.com • 281-772-6927

★★★★★★★★★★★★

For additional SERVICE advertisers, see Page 5B

★★★★★★★★★★★★

AUTOMOTIVE

FOR SALE: '84 BLAZER 4X4, not running, & '93 GMC Safari van, needs transmission work. Fix or use for parts. Both vehicles for \$1,500 as is OBO. Please call 832-526-7269 or email jnr520@sbcglobal.net for photos. TF

upgrades, increase memory, wireless setup & home networking. Complete scan for viruses & cleanup, \$35. Hablamos Español. 713-987-9189. 1-27

Southbelt-Data-Systems - Hard Drive Data Recovery - Linux Installation. 10909 Sabo, Suite 120, 281-922-4160. E-mail: sds@walkerlaw.com. TF

GARAGE SALE

10030 SCARSDALE BLVD Fri, Jan. 21, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Cokesbury Early Childhood Development Center is hosting their 2nd Annual Garage Sale and Bake Sale. We will have clothing, toys, and household items for sale. The garage sale is located in the Fellowship Hall of Cokesbury Church. 1-20

HEALTH

HAVE YOU BEEN INJURED on the job or in an automobile accident? The company doctor or insurance company doctor is not your doctor. He works for the company. In Texas you get to choose your doctor. Call me, Dr. Michael Stokes for your free consultation. 281-481-1623. I will work for you. I have been relieving back

CHILD CARE

CHILD CARE IN MY HOME. School age children M-F. Transportation to and from school. State registered, 25 yrs. exp. 713-941-3032. 1-20

COMPUTER

YOUR FRIENDLY Neighborhood Computer Guy. New hard drive,

PERSONAL

THANK YOU ST. JUDE, worker of miracles, for answering my prayers. R.M.D. 1-20

HELP WANTED

DRIVERS: Dedicated runs w/dedicated customer! CDL-A w/X End, TWIC card & 1 yr. exp. req. Great benefits! 1-866-823-0344. 1-20

MISCELLANEOUS

FURNITURE SALE: china hutch, formal table, king size bedroom set, couch, desk, T.V., kitchen table with 6 chairs, antique bed. 2309 San Conero, off Scarpsdale. Take a left on Bogey Way until street ends. 1-20

SCOUT TROOP 1900 needs boys seeking high adventure to join the Boy Scout Troop in our neighborhood. Parents, enlist your boys in Boy Scouts for strength and purpose. Meets Tuesdays, 6 p.m. at Dayspring Chapel on 10909 Sabo Rd., Ste. 218-225, Houston, 77089. Contact Douglas Hamilton on 713-418-0248. 1-20

LOST & FOUND

FOUND: Cocker spaniel in Sagemeadow. Call 281-922-1497. 1-20

REAL ESTATE

FOR LEASE: 3-2-2, fenced backyard, clean/painted, in Sagement. \$1,000/mo., 1st & last, \$200 deposit. 832-226-7648. 1-20

FOR SALE: Remodeled 3-1-5, 1,522 sq. ft., custom cabinets with granite, new A/C, new carpet, fresh interior and exterior paint. \$109,000, motivated seller! Open house Sun., Jan. 23, 1-4 p.m. Call Miguel, 281-914-7765, Agent. 1-20

FOR SALE: SPORTSMAN'S Paradise. Port Bolivar, 2 lots, second row from Gulf. 50x140 total. Near N. Jetty. \$25,000. 281-807-1938 or 409-939-7061. 2-3

SERVICE

VALENCIA SERVICES: "Variety of Services Right in your Neighborhood" 281-948-3836. UTR Realtor (foreclosures, new homes, leases, FSBOs); one-stop apartment locating; videography (weddings, depositions/CLVS); notary public; translations; paralegal services for attorneys (CLA), courthouse filings; administrative services-typing, resumes, attorney referrals; live music (corporate events, restaurants, clubs). 1-20

PATENTED ANTI-AGING & energy complex. Immune system booster. Guaranteed weight loss program. Patent-pending energy mix without caffeine. Tim 310-303-9656. TF

Turn those unwanted items in your garage and closets into cash. Bring ads into the Leader office by Tuesday or use the mail slot by the front door. 11555 Beamer 281-481-5656



THINK MONEY
THINK THE CLASSIFIEDS

buy... you'll save money!
sell... you'll make money!

Call Today 281-481-5656

South Belt Graphics & Printing

No Job Too Small!

Now printing small-quantity orders!

Call For Information

281-484-4337

LAWN & GARDEN

DON'S MOWING & LANDSCAPE

Residential, Commercial Landscape Your New Home or Give Your Home a New Look

Pressure Washing • Fertilize Lawn Trim Trees • Complete Lawn Service

DEPENDABLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE • FREE ESTIMATES

Call Don **281-484-5516**

Advertise Your Business in The Leader!

DAN'S TREE SERVICE

FREE ESTIMATES • INSURED

CALL TODAY!!

TREE REMOVAL • STUMP REMOVAL • FIRE WOOD/ BARBEQUE WOOD • TREE TRIMMING • TOPPING • HAUL OFF • PRUNING • SHAPING
832-768-6292 • 281-922-4787

CALENDAR

Continued from Page 3B

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26

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

9:30 a.m. Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information.

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. Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BATP is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

THURSDAY, JAN. 27

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.

7 p.m. 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.

7 p.m. Pasadena Gulf Coast Art Society - Monthly meetings held the last Thursday of each month in the Community Room at Pasadena Town Square Mall.

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.

Visit us online @ www.southbeltleader.com

SERVICE

Hayden Cooling & Heating, Inc.
 281-481-3914

FREE
 • Estimates on Equipment
 • Second Opinions

Carrier
 Turn to the Experts™
 TACL B4351C

12 MONTHS Interest Free!
 *ask about \$1500 federal tax credit!
 W.A.C.

FACTORY REBATE UP TO \$1,200

\$25 OFF YOUR FIRST SERVICE CALL
 One coupon per household. Not valid with any other offer.

ABACUS
 Plumbing Company
 281-489-7200
 YOU CAN COUNT ON US
 Owned & Operated by Alan O'Neill
 MPL#20628

NO GAMES, NO GIMMICKS. JUST HONEST RELIABLE SERVICE!

AIR-MASTERS
 AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

Sales & Service ALL WORK GUARANTEED
 281-484-8986

• Financing Available
 • Radio Dispatched
 TACL #B00567SE

FURNACE OR A/C CHECK-UP \$39.95
 Will Tell You What Is Wrong With Your System If Anything.
NO SERVICE CALL CHARGE!
 Residential Only
WE SERVICE ALL MAKES WE GIVE A FREE 2ND OPINION ON NEW EQUIPMENT

South Belt AIR & HEAT INC.
 Serving your neighborhood since 1982.
Call for Heating Inspection
Free Estimates on New Equipment
American Standard
 HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

100% FINANCING TO QUALIFIED BUYERS
 281-484-1818 4403 F.M.2351
GET IT TODAY!

Marcus Gonzales Construction
 Home Repair & Remodeling
 10207 Kirkwren Dr.
 Custom Cabinets Installed
 Pgr. 713-786-5910
 Ph. 281-464-9037

Call Now! Great Prices!

TEXAS TOP
 Roofing & Siding

5 Year Labor Warranty
 Kevin Dalley
 '76 Dobie Grad

• Vinyl
 • Hardi Board Siding

ELK
 Premium Roofing
 www.elkcorp.com

281-481-9683
 REPLACEMENT & STORM WINDOWS

COOL AID SERVICES

\$45 Heating Inspection

713-649-2665
 www.coolaidservices.com
 33 Years South Belt Resident TACL B 28564E

CAVAZOS PLUMBING
 Serving & Saving Your Community for 18 Years
 Roland Cavazos
 281-685-4805 • 281-692-1684
 MPL #18439

JOE'S
 Appliance Repair
 (Former WARDS employee)
 All Major Brands
 25 Years Experience
 281-585-5693

KW Painting
 • Interior/Exterior Painting
 • Environmental Friendly Paint
 • Sheetrock Repair and Texturing
 • Minor Carpentry
 • Cabinet Refinishing
 • Pressure Washing
 • Hardly Plank Installation
 • Fencing
 References Available
 Free Estimates
 281-773-3991 • 281-481-0428

WILL-CO PLUMBING
 MPL-19638
 Commercial • Industrial • Residential
 Sewer & Drain Cleaning, Emergency Water Leak Repairs,
 Toilet Repair or Replacement, Garbage Disposal Installation,
 Backflow Certification & Repair, Gas Testing,
 Water Heater Repair or Replacement
281-412-5990
 Where There's A Will, There's A Way

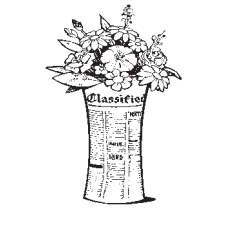
LEWIS CONSTRUCTION
 www.YourCompleteHomeCare.com
 713-944-5257
 Quality Work - Dependable
 Free Estimates - References

Painting Interior & Exterior
 Additions - Kitchens
 Bathrooms - Garages
 Siding All Types - Floors
 Conversions - Patios - Fences
 Concrete - Carpentry Work
 Owner: Myron Lewis

Termite & Pest Control
 • Roaches • Rats • Mice • Spiders
 • Ants • Fleas
 • Termites • Silverfish
 Any season in Houston is bug season.
 Residential • Commercial

TERMITE SPECIALIST ANY SEASON
 PEST & TERMITE CONTROL
 281-484-6740
 Family Owned and Operated Since 1984

Morgan's Janitor Service
 Complete Building Maintenance
 Floor Stripping & Waxing
 One Time Jobs or Contracts
 Insured and Bonded
281/481-1850 or 281/485-4341
 Member South Belt-Ellington Chamber



Airstream
 Air Conditioning & Heating
Heating & Cooling Specials
 Call for a free estimate
 Lic.TACL23730E
 www.airstream-acservice.com
 Call 281-481-6308

Triple M Plumbing
 Master License # 8069
281-484-4777
 Melvin D. Glover III
 Cell 281-455-1175

J&M SERVICE CO.
 A Complete Service Company Since 1983
 Specializing in Bath & Kitchen Remodels

★ CERAMIC TILE ★ TUB & SHOWER CONVERSIONS
 ★ WOOD FLOORS ★ MEET ADA STANDARDS
 ★ GRANITE ★ CULTURED MARBLE ★ SAFETY GRIP BARS
 ★ PLUMBING ★ COMPLETE REMODELS

281-481-1022
281-235-8073
 REFERENCES AND PROOF OF INSURANCE ON REQUEST
 Free Estimates

STERLING ELECTRICAL SERVICES
 Providing All Your Commercial & Residential Electrical Needs
713-591-4751
 sterlingelectrician.com
 24 HOUR SERVICE • LICENSED & INSURED
 TECL #27247
Houston, Sagemont and the World!

ELECTRIC
 REPAIRS & INSTALLATIONS
 • Free Estimates
 • Senior Citizen Disc.
 • No Service Charge
 • Res. Comm.
 • Master Electrician
 • Insured
 • TECL#21246
281-484-8542
 LOW PRICES HIGH QUALITY
 We accept most major credit cards.
SAGEMONT ELECTRIC SVCS.

ELLIOTT'S REMODELING
 A Full Service General Contractor
EXTERIOR / INTERIOR
 • ROOFING • CUSTOM BATH / KITCHENS • SIDING
 • SHEETROCK WORK • FENCES • ROOM ADDITIONS
 • ALL TYPE FLOORING • CONCRETE • PAINTING
 • INTEGRITY • COMMUNICATION • QUALITY
 REFERENCES • 30+ YRS. EXP.
281-487-2234 • 713-817-5505

Willie's Concrete Works
 Driveways • Patios • Sidewalks • Repairs
 Additions • Pool Fill-ins • Etc.
WE ARE INSURED
 Office 281-484-7712
 www.houstonconcrete.us
 We also do hauling.

G & F APPLIANCE REPAIR
 We service all major home appliances. Our Professional Technicians will provide you with service you can trust.

281-650-4777
 SAME DAY SERVICE

Primary Plumbing Service
 RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
 Complete Plumbing • Repair Service • Jet Out Sewers
713-643-7228
 All Major Credit Cards Accepted ML 17449
 Se Habla Español

★★★★★
 See
Additional SERVICE
 Ads on
 Page 4B
 ★★★★★

JIM GREEN REMODELING
 Residential & Commercial
 Kitchens • Bathrooms • Room Additions • Fireplace Mantels
 Cabinets, Etc. • Theater Rooms • Doors • Trim • All Types
 Serving South Belt for 30 Years
281-642-4340 Free Estimates

Greater Houston Remodeling and Handy Man Service
 • Room Additions • Concrete Drives
 • Decks • Patios • Kitchen & Bath
 • Home Maintenance • Floorings
 • Hardy Board •
All "Honey Do's" list
 Call John: 281-630-0011 34 Yrs Exp.

Lighthouse Electric
 713-530-0833
 Located in the South Belt area
 J.R. Gibbs, Owner TECL# 19197

SOUTH BELT SERVICE CO.
 Will Beat Most Estimates
 Jim Elder • 281-484-2685
 E-mail: sbeltservices@swbell.net

• PAINTING • INT./EXT. • PLUMBING • SEAMLESS GUTTERS
 • SHEET ROCK • ROTTEN WOOD/DOORS • HARDI BOARD
BATHROOM REMODELING WATER DAMAGE REPAIR

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Let the **Leader** help you with your advertising!
Call Today!
281-481-5656

BOOKKEEPING
Cynthia L. Veters, CPA
 Individual-Corporate-Partnership & Estates
 • All Tax Preparations
 • Financial Statement Preparation
 • Monthly Accounting Services
 • Individual & Business Tax Planning
 • Payroll & Other Related Services
281-481-4184

EXPERT Appliance ★ Best Service ★ Best Price
Repair & Servicing • All Brands • 35 Years Sears Exp.
281-286-0906

BROWN'S PAINTING SERVICE
 Small Jobs Preferred
Free Estimates
 Gary Brown 281-488-3361

A & M DRYWALL
 • Sheetrock • Painting • Demolition • Tile • Fences
 Call for a Free Estimate 281-642-2939
 Alvaro Bravo

Clear Brook, Dobie basketball teams earn important wins



Dobie senior guard Dominique Simon had a big second half en route to a 15-point game against Memorial as the Longhorns stayed unbeaten in 22-5A action with a 64-48 victory over Memorial Jan. 18.

Continued from Page 1B
 have already beaten the Wolverines in the first half of play.
 With eight games to be played in the regular season, the math is easy to understand regarding Clear Brook's possible bounce back to a playoff seed.
 Simply put, the Wolverines must somehow make up two games on Clear Lake or Brazoswood as it appears those three teams will be battling the rest of the way for the final two playoff seeds.
 Stranger things have happened, but with the teams at the bottom of the victory standings thus far hav-

ing put up very little upset potential, Clear Brook will likely need to do things the hard way — beat the teams in front of them to make up the ground.
 Wolverines' head coach Jason Pillow has acknowledged that his team is going to have to get on a roll to have a chance at getting back in the playoff mix.
 But Pillow believes in his team despite the overall strength of the 24-5A ranks. Clear Springs and Clear Creek were playoff teams a season ago and are playing as good or better than in 2010.
 Then there's Brazoswood, a team that is enjoy-

ing its finest season in quite some time.
 Led by former Texas Tech University star Will Flemons, the Bucs of Brazoswood have had a hot start to the district race despite the absence of star player Kinney Mouton.
 Clear Brook has to travel to Brazoswood in the second half of district but will catch Clear Springs, Clear Lake and Clear Creek at home in the second half of 24-5A action.
JFD boys handle business
 Pulling together a team at the right time, the Dobie varsity boys' basketball team has taken care of business through the first week

of the schedule.
 Against Pasadena Jan. 14, the Longhorns got double-figure scoring from three different players in an easy 83-53 victory over the Eagles.
 Jonathan Vargas led the way with 18 points, and Taylor Holland added 17. Devonte Rennie came through with 11 points in the Longhorns' rout.
 "It is nice to be 2-0 in district so far, but there is still a long way to go," Dobie head coach Kevin Cross acknowledged.
 "In our first two games, we were able to create a lot of turnovers with our press defenses, and that was the key to the victories.
 "Against Pasadena, we shot the ball really well against their 2-3 zone in the first quarter, and our half-court trap created some fast break opportunities that we converted to baskets."
 Darnell McCall and Edward Peabody had five

steals apiece, and Dominique Simon ran the team great and had seven assists to lead the team.
 The Longhorns took another step in the district race against Memorial Jan. 18 as Simon's 15 points paced the team to a 64-48 victory.
 Vargas added 13 and Holland had 10 more as the Longhorns joined South Houston at 2-0 atop the District 22-5A standings.
 Now comes the tough part of the schedule. The Longhorns will face Sam Rayburn, South Houston and Deer Park, the other three preseason playoff favorites along with Dobie, in succession.
Dobie girls now 3-1
 It hasn't always been pretty; the Dobie varsity girls are now in a second-place tie with Sam Rayburn as the first half of district play winds down.
 The Lady Longhorns crushed Pasadena Jan. 14 and then downed Memorial

48-44 Jan. 18 as Shanequa Gaston scored 18 points to go with 10 from Chelsea Rodriguez.
 Deer Park, which easily defeated Dobie in a first-round meeting, is on top of the District 22-5A standings at 4-0.
 With Sam Rayburn also

at 3-1, the Lady Longhorns will likely have to defeat the Lady Texans Jan. 21 on the road to maintain hopes of winning the 22-5A crown.
 The surprise during the first half of district play might be South Houston, which is 0-4 after enjoying a strong preseason.



The Clear Brook varsity boys' program is back in the playoff mix after downing the Pearland Oilers 58-57 at home Jan. 18. Senior forward Spencer Bowman (32) has had back-to-back 11-point outings for the Wolverines, who take on Dickinson on the road Friday, Jan. 21.

Photos by John Bechtle

Jan. 18 basketball results

- Brook boys 58, Pearland 57
- Dobie boys 64, Memorial 48
- Dobie girls 48, Memorial 44
- Brook girls 57, Pearland 40

Jan. 14 basketball results

- Lake boys 66, Brook 60
- Dobie girls 62, Pasadena 32
- Lake girls 64, Brook 44
- Dobie boys 83, Pasadena 53

District 22-5A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball

(As of Jan. 19)

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	4	0
Dobie	3	1
Sam Rayburn	3	1
Memorial	2	2
South Houston	0	4
Pasadena	0	4

District 22-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Jan. 19)

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

District 24-5A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball

(As of Jan. 19)

Teams	W	L
Clear Springs	8	0
Clear Lake	7	1
Clear Creek	4	4
Clear Brook	4	4
Pearland	4	4
Dickinson	3	5
Brazoswood	1	7
Alvin	1	7

District 24-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Jan. 19)

Teams	W	L
Clear Creek	6	0
Clear Springs	5	1
Brazoswood	4	2
Clear Lake	4	2
Clear Brook	2	4
Pearland	1	5
Dickinson	1	5
Alvin	0	6

High school soccer season is under way; Dobie boys have title

Continued from Page 1B
Brook boys fall at DP
 Deer Park's Zane Gonzalez scored a second-half goal as the Deer held off Clear Brook's varsity boys' team 1-0 in the season opener for both teams Jan. 17 at Abshire Stadium.
Dobie girls tie GCM
 Dobie and Goose Creek Memorial played to a scoreless tie in the season opener for both teams Jan. 15 at Newcomb Field.
 No, the Lady Longhorns did not find the net with a goal, but they did a great job on defense against a Goose Creek squad that is expected to do great things in the Class 4A ranks this season.
 Dobie head coach Kristina Butler is in her first season as head coach. Her team has played just one game to this point, but she knows what to expect from many of the players after having guided the junior varsity team in 2010.
 So far, Butler has been pleased with the play of

many, including some returnees and even a few first-time varsity players.
 "I would say some newcomers who are holding strong in the back (defense) are Brittany Hernandez and Kendall Sifuentes," Butler said. "Kendall is a transfer from Killen, and Brittany did not play her freshman year."
 "Monika Rivera and Karen Treto are our team captains who are keeping the team together and working hard."
 Since the Pearland Independent School District did not host a tournament for this season, the Lady Longhorns will next play in the Port Neches-Groves tournament Jan. 20-22.
 Teams such as Bastrop, Little Cypress-Mauriceville and Victoria Memorial are in Dobie's pool, and Butler expects the Lady Longhorns to rise to the occasion.
Dobie boys are champs
 With four wins to open the season at the Pearland

tournament, including the championship, Dobie's varsity boys' team is off to a hot start.
 Prior to facing the Pearland Oilers in the title match, the Longhorns were impressive in three pool play victories.
 The team opened the event with a 3-0 victory over Pearland Dawson Jan. 13 at The Rig.
 Ibarra scored two goals, and Jonathan Palms also found the net for the Longhorns.
 Defensively, the Longhorns made things easy for Balvaneda in the shutout.
 "We played a bit sluggish the first half but had a nice pass from Ibarra to Palma for the first goal," Saavedra said. "The defense didn't play well in the first half. Maybe it was first-game nerves."
 After a break in the action, Saavedra clearly was pleased with what he watched from the sidelines.
 "In the second half, we played much better, and Pedro

Mares fed a nice pass to Ibarra for a 2-0 lead," Saavedra said. "Ibarra got his second goal on a nice shot to make the final 3-0. Palma and Ibarra, both sophomores, played their best game of the season."
 On Jan. 14 against Baytown Sterling, the Longhorns had a tougher time but still came away with a 1-0 win.
 Gonzalez scored the game's lone goal on an assist by Raul Bustos, and Balvaneda had to save just

one shot as the defense stepped up again.
 "We played good enough to win," Saavedra simply said. "It was a sloppy game. We had a ton of chances to make this an easy win, but in the end we won the game, and we'll take it."
 The Longhorns then downed Sharpstown 3-1 to make the final as Gonzalez scored a pair of goals to go with another from Palma.
 "It was a very physical game against Sharpstown," Saavedra said.

"We played up to the challenge and took a 1-0 lead 20 minutes into the game on a rebound shot that the Sharpstown goalie could not handle from Carlos Ibarra. Jose was there for the easy clean-up goal."
 Sharpstown scored a goal before halftime to tie the game at 1-1, but the Longhorns controlled the second half to take the win.
 "We took control of the game by scoring twice and limiting their offense to one shot on goal," Saavedra

said.
 "Raul Bustos crossed the ball to the box, and Gonzalez was there to finish and bring us a 2-1 lead with 15 minutes left in the game," Saavedra said.
 "Ten minutes later, Palma took a good aim at the far post and the ball bounces in for a 3-1 final. Our defense played well."
 After that win, the Longhorns thought they had given their fans plenty to be excited about. But more came in the championship game

victory over Pearland.
 Next up, the Longhorns will play in the Pasadena ISD tournament, with two games being played at The Rig in Pearland.
 On Jan. 20, Dobie opens play against Tomball at 10 a.m., at The Rig. On Jan. 21, the Longhorns will play a 4 p.m. game at The Rig against Cypress-Ridge.
 Dobie closes out bracket play by hosting La Porte Jan. 22, at 10 a.m., at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena.

Shootout win gives Dobie boys Pearland soccer crown



With a shootout victory over host Pearland at the Pearland/Friendswood Invitational, the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team won the tournament title for the second time. Members of the team include, left to right, (front row) Raul Bustos, Hector Saldivar, Omar Arreguin, Alejandro Melisio, Edwin Padilla, Patricio Cedillo, Carlos Rivas,

Jose Alvarado, (back row) Alvin Saldana, Jonathan Palma, Jose Gonzalez, Douglas Leighton, Leo Gallegos, Christian Saldana, Jose Armenta, Jose Balvaneda, Pedro Mares, Carlos Ibarra and head coach Jesse Saavedra.



The season is just one game deep for the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team, but sophomore Brittany Hernandez has already shown some promise during her first season at the varsity level.

GaryWPhotos.com

Own, Operate, DDB & Associates PLLC

Searsdale Dental Smiles

10904 Scarsdale Blvd., #100 • Houston, TX 77089 • 281.464.9440

Braces • Teeth Whitening • Children's Dentistry

Payment Plans Available

Medicaid, CHIP & Insurance Accepted

Affordable & Quality Dental Care

\$20.00

exam, x-rays & consultation

20%

off your first treatment

In the Food Town Shopping Center

Las Haciendas

MEXICAN BAR & GRILL

Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

FREE DINNER

Buy 1 Dinner & 2 Beverages, Get One of Equal or Lesser Value FREE

(Max Value \$7) With Coupon.
Dine in Only after 4 p.m.
Not valid with Lunch Specials. Expires 2-3-11

HAPPY HOUR 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
FREE Mini Buffet 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

3 Great Restaurants
South Belt • 281-484-6888
12933 Gulf Freeway
Nasa • 281-557-3500
1020 Nasa Road 1 @ 45
STAFFORD • 281-240-3060
12821 Southwest Frwy.

Lunch Specials

from \$4.99

Gift Cards • Party Rooms
Catering • Daily Specials

www.lashaciendasgrill.com