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Heavy trash scheduled

Tree waste will be picked up Thursday, Jan 21, for city of Houston residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 28. For more information, call 3-1-1.

Valentine Love Lines

Valentine Love Lines to be printed in the Feb. 11 edition of the *Leader* are available for \$8 for 25 words. Ads must be received by noon Tuesday, Feb. 9. Messages can be paid for in person, or a check and message may be mailed to the South Belt-Ellington Leader, 11555 Beamer, Houston, TX 77089. They may also be left in one of the mail slots on either side of the front glass doors of the office. For a decorative ad with artwork, call the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 for rates.

Kirkwood South to meet

Kirkwood South Committee will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Judge Jo Ann Delgado's courtroom located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

Softball registration set

The South Belt Girls Softball Association's spring registration will be at El Franco Lee Park Thursday, Jan. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tryouts are Jan. 30, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 281-485-7630.

Cokesbury helps Haiti

Cokesbury United Methodist Church, in partnership with Christian Alliance and the United Methodist Committee on Relief, are currently accepting donations for supplies and funds to be sent to earthquake victims in Haiti. Donations will be accepted through Saturday, Jan. 30, at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

See story on Page 5A for more information or visit the church's Web site at www.cokes buryunitedmethodistchurch.com.

Melillo holds health fair

The physical education department at Melillo Middle School will sponsor a communitywide health/fitness fair at the school on Friday, Jan. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. The health fair, open to both adults and children, will provide basic health screenings, fitness information and participation activities.

A variety of informational booths will be available to help the community be aware of many health- and fitness-related services and providers located in the area. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

K of C free throw contest set

The Knights of Columbus' annual free throw contest will be held in the Dobie gym Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call Chris Sorensen at 832-512-8371.

LSA open house Jan. 24

Lutheran South Academy will hold an informative open house and tour Jan. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. for prospective students and their parents. LSA is a college preparatory Christian school serving prekindergarten through 12th grade. For information, call 281-617-5626.

Book signing at library

Burton Chapman will do a presentation and book signing for Telephone Road, Texas: A History and Guide to Southeast Houston from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Parker Williams Library. For information, call 281-484-2036. Telephone Road, Texas features histories of Hobby Airport, Galveston-Houston, Santa Rosa Theater, Gulfgate Mall, interim NASA buildings, Gold Star Recording Studio, the Jimmie Menutis Club, and other southeast Houston people and places.

Scarsdale Civic meets

Scarsdale Civic Association will hold its annual meeting and election of officers Monday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Scarsdale Club House loacted at 12127 Teaneck Drive.

BH Civic Club to meet

Beverly Hills Civic Club will meet Monday, Jan. 25, at 6:45 p.m. at Beverly Hills Park. Officers will be elected, and concerns can be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

Garage sale at Cokesbury

Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd., will hold a garage sale Friday, Jan. 29, from 8:30 a.m to noon.

Dobie band parents meet

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will meet Monday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All band parents are urged to attend.

Thompson helps Haiti

Beginning Monday, Jan. 25, Thompson Intermediate will collect money for the American Red Cross to aid Haitian earthquake victims. A meeting will be held Jan. 22 at 7:30 a.m. in science teacher Carol Waters' class room to make posters for the event.

Two state-assisted apartments proposed

Two separate developers have pre-applied to the state for tax credits to assist in building government-subsidized apartment complexes in the South Belt area.

The move comes fresh on the heels of a successful community effort of stopping one of the two developments, the 148-unit Dixie Gardens on Dixie Farm Road, from being constructed just last September. The second proposed complex, Tarrington

Court Apartments, would be located in the 8800

block of Beltway 8, roughly a half mile northeast of the intersection at Interstate 45. While both developers have said the complexes would be designed for the elderly, it was unclear at press time if only seniors would be al-

lowed to reside on the premises.

the developments would cater to low-income residents in general under the guise of strictly În a required notification letter to the local Su-

A concern of many in the community is that

per Neighborhood Council, J. Steve Ford, manager of Tarrington Court Development LLC, said 90 percent of the units would be for tenants making less than 50 percent of the area's median income. For a family of one, this is an approximate income level of \$22,350. For a family of two, this equals \$25,500. For a family of three, this income level is \$28,700, and the approximate income level for a family of four is \$31,900.

The remaining units would be for tenants making less than 60 percent of the area's median income. For a family of one, this is an approximate income level of \$26,820. For a family of two, this equals \$30,600. For a family of three, this income level is \$34,440, and the approximate income level for a family of four is \$38,280.

The 146-unit Tarrington Court Apartments would be composed of 96 one-bedroom units ranging from \$490 to \$609 and 50 two-bedroom units ranging from \$570 to \$714.

Many community members, as well as local elected officials, have fought vigorously the last several years to prevent the construction of lowincome apartment complexes in the area, as they traditionally put an extra strain on law-enforcement agencies and school districts. Also of concern is the high concentration of existing lowincome apartment complexes already in the area. There are currently eight government-subsidized apartment complexes between Almeda Mall and Dixie Farm Road.

State law mandates that public hearings be held to receive community input on both of the proposed developments. Information regarding the dates, times and locations of these hearings must be made available at least 30 days in ad-

At a public hearing held last April for the proposed Dixie Gardens apartments, roughly 35 South Belt residents showed to voice their opposition to the development. A group of College Place residents submitted a petition with 435 signatures from people against the project. This is particularly impressive as the subdivision has

At that time, Sen. Mike Jackson, Rep. John Davis and Houston City Councilman Mike Sullivan all wrote letters to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, opposing the

If awarded state incentives, the Tarrington Court Apartments would be ready for occupancy by approximately December 2011. No target completion date was immediately available for the Dixie Gardens complex.

Stars indicate exsisting state-funded apartments Additional complexes may exist

The above map shows the high concentration of existing low-income apartment complexes already in the South Belt area. Star No. 1 is the Kensington Place Apartments at 715 FM 1959; Star No. 2 is the Clearwood Villas at 9465 Clearwood; Star No. 3 is the Sweetwater Point Apartments at 7909 S. Sam Houston Parkway E.; Star No. 4 is the Longboat Key Apartments at 10181 Windmill Lakes; Star No. 5 is the Almeda Park Apartments at 10950 Tanner Park; Star No. 6 is Highland Meadow Village at 10910 Highland Meadow; and Star No. 7 is Regency Park Apartments at Beltway 8 and Southdown Trace Trail. An eighth existing complex, Windshire Apartments, is located in the 4500 block of South Shaver, just off the map.

City of Houston collects yard trimmings starting April 5

The City of Houston has established April 5 as the startup date for the collection of yard trimmings in compostable bags.

City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department crews will pick up bagged yard trimmings placed at the curb only in city-approved compostable bags. Yard trimmings placed in the garbage cart or in any other type of container or bag will not be collected.
On Sept. 2, 2009, City Council approved the

revisions to Chapter 39 of the City of Houston's Code of Ordinances pertaining to the collection of yard trimmings.

By diverting this material from area landfills, the city anticipates saving at least \$1.5 million annually while preserving the environment and valuable landfill space.

The Solid Waste Management Department

will use avoided landfill costs to add more Hous-

tonians to the Automated Recycling Program.

The City of Houston is reminding residents that they can "let it lay or take it away." Houstonians can choose the free alternative to bagging their leaves and lawn clippings by using a mulching mower for "grasscycling" or making their own personal compost pile. Work done by lawn care professionals can be left on the lawn or should be taken away by the contractor.

Approved compostable bags are available at numerous retailers throughout the city. These bags can be identified by a logo on the box specifying "City Approved," and "City of Houston Biodegradable/Compostable Bag.

Visit the City of Houston's Solid Waste Management Department Web site at www.houstonsolidwaste.org to find a current list of retailers and more information regarding the compostable

Elam benefit a success!



success, raising nearly \$50,000. Roughly 550 people showed up to support the 1985 Dobie graduate and football star in his effort to raise money for further treatment. In a moment of generosity, 1983 Dobie graduate and former student athletic trainer Ken Simmons (left) purchased Elam's autographed Texas A&M football jersey for \$4,000, then returned it to him. Simmons is shown above presenting the jersey to Elam's wife, Jeanine, Sadly, event organizer Hugh Lazenberry was unable to attend the event due to a sudden illness

Fitzhenry named football coach | Deputies fight burglary, drugs



Derek Fitzhenry (center) gained Pasadena Independent School District board approval Jan. 19 and was formally introduced as Dobie's new head football coach/campus athletic coordinator. Fitzhenry, who most recently led the Giddings High School program, stopped by the Leader office for a chat. He is flanked by PISD athletic director Mike Stephens (left) and Leader sports editor John Bechtle. To read more about Fitzhenry and his hiring, see Pages 1B and 3B. Photo by Marie Flickinger

The past few weeks have found deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office making arrests for crimes ranging from burglary of a habitation to drug possession.

Deputy Jason Curry was patrolling the 11600 block of Sagedowne at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, when he stopped a vehicle for running a stop

Upon approaching the vehicle, Curry detected a strong marijuana odor. A subsequent search of the vehicle confirmed the deputy's suspicions as he discovered 3.37 ounces of the contraband.

The driver of the vehicle, Jessica Makuaole, 19, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. On Monday, Jan. 4. Deputy Lance Willis was

patrolling the 10800 block of Blackhawk when he spotted a vehicle, driven by Tarvin Spencer, run over a curb. Willis pulled the vehicle over and smelled

a strong odor of marijuana, prompting him to search the vehicle. While the deputy did not find any marijuana,

he did discover a small baggie containing two green tablets that were discovered to be Ecstasy. Spencer, 18, was arrested and charged with possession of a narcotic.

Deputy Phillip Askew was patrolling the area around Bishop Park at 12:40 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, when he noticed a vehicle at the park after op-

Askew determined the car, driven by Anthony Johnson, had been reported stolen out of

Johnson, 27, was arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Parnelli Jones, Robert Sanchez and James May, along with Precinct 2 Sgt. Zerick Guinn, were able to apprehend a burglary suspect, following a short pursuit.

A resident in the 10300 block of Chelsea Brook called police at 8:40 a.m. to report that a would-be burglar had kicked in his door, but had fled the scene after noticing the homeowner.

Upon arriving at the scene, Guinn was told by the resident that the suspect had fled northwest on Kirkville in a green Cadillac. Guinn quickly spotted the car and engaged the driver Ruben Hernandez, in a high-speed chase. Sanchez joined Guinn in the chase, and Hernandez iumped from his vehicle a few blocks away or Camber Brook and began to run on foot.

Guinn and Sanchez continued to pursue Hernandez, as he ran across the Dobie campus. Hernandez ran to the back of the school grounds by the baseball fields, where he was met by Jones who was able to apprehend him.

Hernandez, 29, was arrested and charged with burglary of a habitation. Records show he has an extensive criminal history, with past arrests for burglary, burglary of a motor vehicle and DWI.

Tailgate theft A Beverly Hills resident notified the Leader Tuesday, Jan. 19, that someone had taken the tailgate from his truck the previous day from his

residence in the 10200 block of Carthage. The resident said he had seen someone also looking at one of his neighbor's trucks earlier in the evening, but was unsure if the incidents were

related. He said he wanted to take the opportunity to tell neighbors to watch out for one another and

In a joint effort Wednesday, Jan. 20, Deputies keep an eye on each other's property.

Readers' Opinions

Muecke receives AARP response

A year ago I sent this same letter to AARP and received no response. So I resent it now, and here is the reply I received. I thought you might be interested in why your paying a tax twice. Dear Mr. Muecke:

Thank you for contacting AARP about taxation of Social Security benefits. We understand your concerns about the current level of federal income tax on Social Security benefits.

I want to give you some background on this issue and let you know what the prospects are for the tax to be removed or reduced. The taxation of benefits was enacted in 1983 as part of a comprehensive package of changes to strengthen Social Security financially. At that time, everyone who participated in the Social Security program, either paying in or drawing out, was asked to do their part, to pay in more or to give back a little.

Under the new law, the contributions of each sector-current workers, employers, and former workers (beneficiaries)were designed to help prevent an immediate Social Security crisis and to ensure adequate funding for current and future benefits. And the measures were successful, restoring solvency and ensuring sufficient balances in the Trust Fund for at least six decades.

For the beneficiaries (people already receiving Social Security payments in 1983), a policy was developed so that only those with more adequate incomes would contribute, since those with less could not be expected to make further contributions. The policy chosen was to designate a portion of Social Security benefits as taxable income, but only for those people whose overall incomes were above a certain level.

The 1983 law taxed individuals with a modified "Adjusted Gross Income" (AGI) above \$25,000 (and couples with an AGI over \$32,000). It counted up to 50% of their Social Security benefits as taxable. This does not mean the benefits are taxed at a 50% rate. It means that half (50%) of the benefits received must be added to one's "income subject to tax" under whatever tax rate the person or

Then in 1993, when Medicare needed increased funding, the portion of benefits required to be added to "income subject to tax" was raised to 85% for higher-income retirees.The revenue from that change was dedicated to Medicare to help it remain solvent. Under the 1993 provision, individuals with a modified AGI over \$34,000 and couples with an AGI over \$44,000 are to include up to 85% of Social Security benefits in taxable income. This was in line with the tax treatment given private contributory pension benefits, such as the pensions people receive from large companies.

AARP opposed the 1993 legislation increasing the percentage of benefits subject to federal income tax because it penalized people who saved for retirement and therefore had interest income other than Social Security. In addition, the legislation was scheduled to become effective so quickly that it did not give people time to prepare for the tax increase in their retirement planning.

As the economy improved in the 1990s, more payroll taxes flowed into Social Security and Medicare. Then, Members of Congress introduced legis-lation to reduce or remove the tax on

Social Security benefits, but no measure came to a vote. In the last several years, major deficit-spending and tax cuts have been voted by the Congress. The resulting large national debt, coupled with the ongoing economic crisis and the increasing need to strengthen Social Security's long-term solvency for a growing elderly population, puts serious pressure on our national finances.

Adding in the futurecost-challenges that Medicare faces means it is unlikely Congress will consider reducing or elimi nating the tax on Social Security benefits. This may not be good news for you personally. Yet contributing to both these programs' solvency is important to us

For this reason, AARP is committed to ensuring that the Social Security and Medicare programs will continue to be financially strong for future decades and future generations. You may wish to fol-low our activities on Social Security in the AARP Bulletin, our legislative update that all members regularly receive. With access to a computer, at home or at your local library, we invite you to keep up with Social Security news on AARP's website at www.aarp.org.

Again, thank you for getting in touch with us. I regret that the information about taxation of Social Security is not more encouraging. Nevertheless, if there are other services or issues we can assist you with in the future, please don't hesitate to ask.

Elams send thank you to community

We want to send a HUGE thank-you to our community, and beyond, for the tremendous out-pouring of support and participation in the benefit last Sunday for John. It was over-whelming!

Hugh Lazenberry, John Evans, and Chris Hererra had an idea; and with much help from publicity, donations of food and auction items, music and WORK.... the reality was SUCCESS!!!!

We appreciate all that was done for our family. Your continued prayer support in the days ahead is important to us. The Flame

John and Mary Ella David, Kimberley and Brad

Lee unhappy with new street signs

In September I attended the Kirkwood South Maintenance Committee meeting. Among the reports given was the announcement by the president of the Kirkwood South Committee that new street signs were to be installed. The new signs were to replace the green signs that were installed when Kirkwood South was developed. My recollection of the president's announcement is that the new signs were to be installed at a cost of about \$30,000. The signs were said to be read more easily, especially at night. I welcomed the announcement since the original green signs were very worn and hard to read.

I am very disappointed with the signs that have been installed. They are unreadable at night. The contrast between the orange background and the white letters makes the signs unreadable. I wonder if there was a lack of communication with the vendor. Are we stuck with the

Library events scheduled

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale: After school craft time for children is Thursday, Jan. 21, at 4 p.m. Free tickets are required.

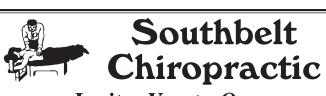
Jump start New Year's resolutions by joining the Southbelt Slimdown and learn to develop a meal plan for healthy living on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for more information. At 3:30 p.m., Burton Chapman will discuss the History of Telephone Road.

Investigate ancestries and family histories when the genealogy discussion group meets Monday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. The Friends of the Parker Williams Library will meet at 7 p.m. to discuss ways to support the Parker Williams Library.

Looking for a job? Workforce Solutions hosts free job search seminars on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. The next session, *Interviewing*, will be held Jan. 27.

Movie Madness will be Thursday, Jan. 28, at 4 p.m. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for

Family storytime is Tuesday at 7 p.m. Preschooler storytime is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is Thursday at 10 and 11:15 a.m.



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Emergency service for seniors in plight due to cold weather

vice Program, conducted by Southeast Area Ministries is and other urgent needs. assisting persons 55 and older who are confronted with food needs and other forms of hardship related to the extreme winter weather.

Through this program, SeAM helps seniors obtain food, utility, rent, medical, clothing and transportation assistance. "Due to age, disability, unemployment and underemployment, seniors quickly find themselves in situations," commented Daer Platt, director of SeAM operations. Severe winter weather be-

omes an added problem for those seniors who have limited, if any, funds for increased heating costs.

High heating bills may, in turn, make it more difficult gency aid are asked to bring

In 2009, SeAM provided

emergency assistance community navigation/referral to 4,908 persons age 55 and older.

Over the past 24 months, SeAM has experienced a 51.7 percent increase in seniors requesting aid due to crisis and hardship.

"This unprecedented in-

crease directly relates to job loss and other major consequences of the overall economy," Platt added. Located at 2102 Houston Blvd. in the city of South Houston, SeAM serves per-

sons in ZIP Codes 77017,

77034, 77061, 77075, 77087, 77089, 77504 and 77587. Individuals needing emer-

Security numbers for all members of the household who have them, and proof of ment or recent bill.

for utility bills, persons must present a disconnect notice and have been processed by Harris County Social Servic-

"A growing number of seniors have experienced cuts in their available income, so we find that they need greater assistance meeting day-to-day needs," said Donna Jordan, president of SeAM's board of trustees "Harsh weather like we have been having is particularly difficult for seniors living on a fixed income who do not have flexibility in their spending," Jordan empha-

Schliesing retires after 25 years



After 25 years in the Pasadena Independent School District Food Service Department, Linda Schliesing is retiring. She has been the cafeteria manager at Meador Elementary for the past eight years. Pictured are, left to right, Schliesing and Meador's Assistant Principal Beverly Bolton. Photo submitted

Sullivan Council Committee appointments announced

reappointed Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan chair of the city's Water Resource Management Committee, and asked him to chair the city's Ethics and Council

Governance Committee. Sullivan chaired the WRM under Mayor Bill White the last two years. The ECG appointment is new for Sulli-

"I have had a great interest in issues related to water quality, supply and distribution since my time on the Region H Water Planning Group," said Sullivan. "My efforts going forward will continue to be to improve the water quality of Lake Houston as well as the watershed that feeds into it."

"We also have the Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer Project under way, which will increase Lake Houston's water supply to 400 MGD so we can meet future water de-

That project came through 2009. At a projected cost in excess of \$250 million, it is easily one of the largest single civic projects in recent history," concluded Sullivan.

The Ethics and Council Governance Committee has been relatively dormant over the last two years. "I asked Mayor Parker if she wanted me to chair this committee, stated Sullivan, "so we could tighten up lobbyist registration and reporting and to use the newest technology possible so the information will be accessible to the public in an easy-to-use format. She has given me that committee.

"Mayor Parker shares my passion for government to be open and transparent," he continued.

Another topic of impor-tance to both Parker and Sullivan is attendance at commit-tee meetings. "It's no secret that some council members fluff their resume' by having their names added to committees, but rarely attend or participate. That's a council governance issue that I will certainly bring before my committee.

Sullivan will also serve as a member of the following

Public Safety and Home-Security; Budget and Fiscal Affairs; Transportation, Infrastructure & Avia-

Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)

Parker tion: Neighborhood Protec- International Business Initia tion and Quality of Life; and tives

Atkinson bee winners named

Atkinson Elementary recently held its school spelling bee. Atkinson Elementary Librarian Dana DiMarco (center) is shown with Michelle Fuentes (left) as the spelling bee champion for the school and Jacquelyn Pena (right) as runner-up. Fuentes will compete at the district level in February.

Thompson staff celebrates January birthdays



Several Thompson Intermediate Lion staff members celebrate birthdays during the month of January. Pictured are, left to right, Joyce Koska, Felicia Petit and Laura Tuttle. Others not pictured include Gracia Macias, Ashley Chaddock, Debbie Scheffer, Dolores Bakdounes and Jimel Lott.

Other

Total

PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND **BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

For the Year Ended August 31, 2009

	General Fund	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Fund	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$131,318,145	\$ 29,761,444	\$ 501,715	\$ 8,965,733	\$ 170,547,037
State program revenues	233,732,434	17,438,566		10,098,808	261,269,808
Federal program revenues	3,204,591			52,792,935	55,997,526
Total revenues	368,255,170	47,200,010	501,715	71,857,476	487,814,371
Expenditures					
Current:					
Instruction	223,337,714			30,761,975	254,099,689
Instruction resources and media services	5,995,986			95,508	6,091,494
Curriculum and instructional staff development	5,259,133			3,215,277	8,474,410
Instructional leadership	2,828,752			1,739,747	4,568,499
School leadership	27,791,249			1,026,255	28,817,504
Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	11,697,028			3,307,085	15,004,113
Social work services	157,253			35,098	192,351
Health services	4,099,067			173,021	4,272,088
Student transportation	11,842,992			143,029	11,986,021
Food services	28,025			24,451,549	24,479,574
Extracurricular activities	5,681,601			641,761	6,323,362
General administration	8,652,055			163,807	8,815,862
Plant maintenance and operations	49,753,688			2,851,774	52,605,462
Security and monitoring services	3,812,134			518,679	4,330,813
Data processing services	6,727,619				6,727,619
Community services	534,211			173,786	707,997
Debt service:					
Principal on long-term debt	1,190,000	13,635,707			14,825,707
Interest on long-term debt	52,469	22,689,905			22,742,374
Capital outlay:	,	, ,			, ,
Facilities acquisition and construction Intergovernmental:	1,655,382		34,170,944		35,826,326
Payments to Juvenile Justice Alt. Ed. Prgm.	53,189				53,189
Other intergovernmental charges	876,443				876,443
Total Expenditures	372,025,990	36,325,612	34,170,944	69,298,351	511,820,897
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(3,770,820)	10,874,398	(33,669,229)	2,559,125	(24,006,526)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Sale of real or personal property	545				545
Total other financing sources and uses	545		-		545
-					
Net change in fund balances	(3,770,275)	10,874,398	(33,669,229)	2,559,125	(24,005,981)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	75,986,310	24,254,766	48,140,327	3,910,132	152,291,535

\$ 72,216,035 \$ 35,129,164 \$ 14,471,098 \$ 6,469,257 \$ 128,285,554

South Belt Elementary spelling bee winners named

hosted its campus spelling bee. Ten students from the third and fourth grades participated for the title of South Belt Elementary Spelling Bee Champion. Marvin Villatoro from Estella Montoya-Riley's fourth-grade class won the spelling bee, and Briana Munoz from Kelly Lohse's third-grade class was the runner-up. Villatoro will compete in the Pasadena Independent School District Elementary Spelling Bee on Feb. 8. At right, runner-up Munoz (left) and champion Villatoro display their trophies.





Villatoro, Sean Dempsey, (middle row) Principal Candy How- Smith and Jason Valdez.

South Belt Elementary spelling bee participants pictured are, ard, Jazmine Garcia, Clarissa Arredondo, Melody Perry, Lance left to right, (front row) Joseph Castillo, Briana Munoz, Marvin Tanner, Peer Facilitator Madelyn Winnek, (back row) Camille

Republican Whip Eric Can-tor, R-Va., appointed Olson role in directing the Repub-

PLT presents Exit the Body



Exit the Body, by Fred Carmichael and directed \$14 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. by Janet Sharpley, opens Friday, Jan. 29, and Reservations can be made online at www.pasade runs weekends through Feb. 14 at Pasadena Little nalittletheatre.org or by calling 713-941-1758. Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, and Thursday, Feb. 11, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are

Cast members pictured are, left to right, Renea Runnels, South Belt resident Marla Miller, Joel Rodriguez and Samantha Salazar.

New laws reform property appraisal process

purposes, create an expedited arbitration process, and re-

quire substantial evidence to

increase an appraisal after a

successful appeal.

These changes will im-

prove the fairness and accu-

racy of the appraisal process

and increase the oversight of appraisal districts to ensure they are following uniform appraisal practices and pro-

Gov. Rick Perry recently will provide greater protection comparable sale for appraisal highlighted several new laws that took effect Jan. 1, 2010, which institute important reforms to the appraisal process Perry said.

to help property taxpayers. In addition to cutting taxes for 40.000 small businesses Tommy Williams are among and leaving billions of dollars in the Rainy Day Fund this the appraisal process, and in-last session, the new laws also clude provisions that impose

implemented measures that limits on what is considered a

for property owners by add-ing transparency and fairness

to the appraisal process, Gov.

John Otto and SB 771 by Sen.

several bills that will improve

HB 8 and 3612 by Rep.

Bridge Club, a comedy by P. 30s, are needed. J. Barry, will be held Sunday, Auditions

Auditions set at PLT Auditions for The Octette 60s, and one man, age 20s to

Jan. 31, and Monday, Feb. 1, of cold reading from the at 7 p.m. at Pasadena Little script. Contact the director Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa at lamere5@verizon.net with

For character descriptions Woods, and performance dates are weekends, March 19 through April 4, 2010.

the Web site at www.pasade

cedures. HB 1038 by Rep. standards in the future. Both Ken Paxton ensures appraisof these measures will in ers continue to consider all crease transparency and accomparable properties when countability in the appraisal appraising a home, including those recently sold at foreclo-For a list of all Texas laws sure or that have decreased in

that went into effect on Ian 2010, visit www.legis Additional measures to state.tx.us.

cess include the passage of Propositions 2 and 3 by Texas

that residential property is appraised only based on its

use as a homestead (instead

of being appraised based on a

hypothetical alternate use).
Proposition 3 will a

low the Legislature to adopt uniform statewide appraisa

Proposition 2 will ensure

voters in November

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sistant whip on the House bright new leadership." ernment and fiscal discipline cipline and limited govern-Republican Whip Team. In "It is an honor to be part back to Washington. I look ment. San Jacinto College hosts kickoff meetings for innovative educational partnerships

Rep. Pete Olson joins Whip Team

announced that he will join Pete has demonstrated him- empower Americans with effort."

lican Conference, and as we

begin the second session of

San Jacinto College re- lege cently hosted kickoff meet-ings for two innovative programs in which the college about student success and will partner with area col- will create aligned currileges and secondary schools cula so that students will be to better prepare students for prepared for the next level

to serve as assistant whip.

Cantor said, "I am pleased

The two interrelated pro- once they leave high school," grams are Houston Pathways
Initiative (HPI), and the K-16
Research

sity of Houston-Clear Lake, cation. Community Colschool districts.

tion between SJC and all of the Gaps plan. The initiative the secondary schools in the San Jacinto College district Channelview, Clear Creek.

funded by Houston Endow-Williamson, SJC vice chancellor of instructional programs and services. "Howevment, Inc., and HCC is ap-

pointed as the fiscal agent.
Through the initiative, educators will develop and share a database that tracks still some gaps. These particularly and the statements of the statement of the state students' academic progress across institutional levels, from pre-kindergarten through elementary, middle and high

"The grant initiative will ture."

The data to make decisions

The K-16 Bridge (Builduse data to make decisions ing a Bridge to Postsecondary Education) is an award-winning program that stresses the importance of college attenand for postsecondary work The HPI grant will help

the House Republican Whip self to be a valuable voice a strong economy based on Team for the 111th Congress. in our conference. The Whip common sense reforms that Whip Team, led by Cantor, ensure a limited, yet effective, government," said Olson. "Under the leadership of John Boehner and Eric Cana unified Republican caucus

to appoint Congressman Pete the 111th Congress, I plan tor, Republicans are bringing of unified Republican caucus Olson to the position of as- to draw extensively on Pete's the principles of limited gov- that advocates for fiscal dis-

creating a college-ready cul- high school graduation ceremony that recognizes every graduating senior as being bound for a post-secondary experience vice, technical training, or a two-year or four-year college dance once students complete experience," commented Pam their secondary education. Campbell, coordinator of the Research indicates that Texas K-16 Bridge Program and di-Research indicates that trails most other states in pre- rector of dual enrollment at paring and sending students San Jacinto College South. This is a community and a problem. Studies show that several California school disseveral California lege, Texas Higher Education coordinate college readiness tricts that have implemented also believe that HPI and the Coordinating Board, as well and success plans with strateas the Pasadena, Deer Park gies for persistence and timely reduced high school drop-and Galena Park independent graduation included in the out rates, have increased the graduation included in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Closing in college, and have reduced post-secondary path. successful in their chosen For information about San

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most new jobs that will be HPI is a partnership in available to students in the on to post-secondary educawhich San Jacinto College 21st century require some tion, and the Bridge program family issue, not just a school will work with the Univer- form of postsecondary edu- is designed to address the issue. We think San Jac is the

Dream, an initiative designed

to increase academic success

Initiative is based on the successful Cal-PASS program

currently in use in the state

of California. Cal-PASS links

primary, secondary and postsecondary institutions on a re-

gional basis in order to track

students from one segment to

the next. The program engag-

es faculty across segments in

instructional conversation to

ensure students are prepared

"We are making progress

," commented Dr. Laurel

to advance to the next level.

in the area of improving high

school graduation rates and

preparing students for col-

nerships are designed to help

We've really pushed to get students to college, now we

The Houston Pathways

for at-risk students.

The Bridge is a collaboraordinating Board's Closing will also enhance the existing work of Achieving the

Deer Park, Galena Park, La Porte, Pasadena and Sheldon independent school districts. "The two programs are tightly connected," remarked Dr. Catherine O'Brien, who serves as San Jacinto College's dean of teaching and learning and is heading up

coordination of the HPI program for the college. "Houston Pathways is going to create a 'college-ready culture' by working with faculty to better prepare students for college. The Bridge is going to create a 'college-going culture' to help students to understand that everyone needs to go to college."

The \$1.58 million HPI is

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NEW ARRIVAL BEFORE CHRISTMAS Lexi Rose Smith was born Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. Proud parents are Darryl and Linda Smith,

and grandparents are Darryl and Lupe Smith, all of South Belt. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JAVIER!**

Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Javier Figueroa** who turned 42 years old Tuesday, Jan. 19, from his family, Deseray, Javi Anthony and Diana.

AUDREY CELEBRATES 1ST BIRTHDAY Big happy first birthday wishes are sent to Audrey Elaine Martinez on Jan. 23 from the Martinez family, Alex, Erica, Alex II and

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR REBECCA

Happy birthday wishes are sent to Dobie grad Rebecca (Heeth) Irvine on Jan. 23 from her parents, Richard and Nancy **leeth** of Kirkwood

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR CLAUDIA Claudia Cubos celebrates her birthday Saturday, Jan. 23. She is sent birthday wish

es from her family, friends and co-workers at the South Belt-Ellington Leader. LAILA CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY Dr. Laila Hassan celebrates her birthdav Wednesday, Jan. 27. Best wishes are sent

office staff and the Leader staff. **GRIFFINS CELEBRATE 48 YEARS** Bobby and Kenneth Griffin mark their 48th wedding anniversary Wednesday, Jan. 27. Their family, friends and the staff at the Leader wish them a wonderful anniversary.

for a wonderful day from her family, friends,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DAVID

to see one of the soldiers the school has been sup-

porting this year, when Spc. Andrew Waller was

able to visit classrooms recently. Students and

teachers have sent cards, banners, goodies and

well wishes to soldiers all year. Waller stopped

by to visit with students and thank them on

behalf of his brigade for all the support. He is the

son of Stuchbery's Assistant Principal Carolyn

Waller. Pictured is one of Stuchbery's fourth-grade

30 years ago (1980) The fifth-grade pod of

Burnett Elementary school

sigh of relief after three con-

stopped. No flooding inside

Club issued a resolution re-

garding their dissatisfaction

of the handling of complaints received by Storer Cable.

mentary remained outside for more than an hour while po-

lice checked for a bomb after

the school received a phone call stating that a bomb had

been placed in the school.

No bomb was found, and the

children finished the regular

Spring registration at San Jacinto College South was

expected to reach more than 1,200.

25 years ago (1985)

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at 11555 Beam-

er Road where the new of-

fices of the *South Belt Leader* and South Belt Graphics and

Printing would be located. Additional offices in the

building would be leased to M & M Graphics, Tebco Co.

and the South Belt-Ellington

Chamber of Commerce. Con-

struction was expected to be

A quarter-mile jogging trail at Sagemeadow Park

was nearing completion. The

\$12,710 trail was designed by

the county and paid for by the

complete by mid-April.

school day.

Students at Stuchbery Ele-

South Belters breathed a by June 1986.

The Sagemeadow Civic plete by midyear.

was damaged by fire.

homes was reported.

Birthday greetings are sent to David **Flickinger**, president of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, Wednesday, Jan. 27. David is wished a great birthday by his parents, Marie and David; brother Fred and wife Leslie: nieces Kimberly and Courtney and husband Chris; and the staff

NICOLE CELEBRATES HER 21ST!

Nicole Wingo Scarberry celebrates her 21st birthday Wednesday, Jan. 27. Best wishes for a wonderful day are sent from husband Austin, daughter Jade and all her family and friends. Nicole and Austin are

both Dobie grads. **SCHOOL DAZE** The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School

District celebrate birthdays Jan. 21 through Jan. 27. Atkinson Elementary

Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to Nanette Presley Jan. 26.

Burnett Elementary

On Jan. 23, Cynthia Coronado has a birthday. Sharing a birthday Jan. 25 are Mariorie Locke and Xuan Pham. Marv Elbert enjoys a birthday Jan. 27.

Frazier Elementary

Marking a birthday Jan. 21 is Luz Virguez. Janielle Wiley is sent birthday greetings Jan. 26. On Jan. 27, Shanette Eldridge marks a birthday. Meador Elementary

Special birthday wishes are sent to Maria Gonzalez Jan. 21.

Moore Elementary

Waller visits, thanks Stuchbery

Students at Stuchbery Elementary were excited classes with Waller. Pictured are, left to right,

Remember When

sion was set to be under way dollar suit against 22 com-

tinuous days of rain finally from the Gulf Freeway to Old Conklin by South Belt and description of a person who

tional lanes for Beamer Road

between Scarsdale Boulevard

and the South Bend subdivi-

The completion of Fuqua

Galveston Road was under

way and expected to be com-

20 years ago (1990) Pasadena

School District expelled 11

Thompson Elementary stu-

dents for the sale, distribution

and use of LSD on school

district property.

Dobie High senior Jeremy

Craft and sophomore Zach

Burton earned spots on the

University Interscholastic League All-State Choir.

ronmental Protection Agency

spoke to about 400 residents

at a public meeting about the

15 years ago (1995)

The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon team

was headed to state finals af-

ter winning regionals in La

of two top vote-getters in the

race to replace longtime San

Jacinto regent Charles Ray

ers along with the South

Belt-Ellington Chamber of

Commerce met with the city

of Houston deputy director

of public works to protest the

proposed installation of a 36

inch water line down Scars-

Dobie High School junior

Heather Ogilvie was fourth drains and widening the side-runner-up in the Miss Teen walks from the Gulf Freeway

dale Boulevard

South Belt business own-

Marie Flickinger was one

Brio site.

Ogden.

Officials with the Envi-

Independent

Texas USA Pageant

10 years ago (2000)

panies to recoup cleaning up costs of a 10-acre site on

the boundaries of Dixie Farm

Road on the east, Highway

35 on the west, FM 518 on the South and Blackhawk/

5 years ago (2005)

leader Doc Severinsen visited

San Jacinto College South

campus' music department.

Professional trumpet players

were able to play Severin-

sen's trumpet, Destino, at the

Harris County officials were working out final plans

for two South Belt roadway

connections. Blackhawk was

to be extended from Scars-dale to Dixie Farm Road, and

Scarsdale, westward to connect with Yost Road.

Ministries, assisted victims of the Dec. 26, 2004, tsunami

in Indonesia by collecting and

shipping food to that country.

1 year ago (2009)

member Mike Sullivan host-

ed a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion

of road repair work done on

Edgebrook. The 22-month

City of Houston project in-

on the street, installing new

volved repairing all four lanes

Houston City Council-

invitation-only event.

Beamer on the north.

EPA filed a multimillion-

(first row) Christian Cano, Kaylyn Miller, Jordan

Perez, Alyssa Wilson, Waller, Ashlyn Hoffman,

Bruce Wood, Emily Perez, Matthew Willhoite,

(second row) Angelique Bustamante, Brooke Nabi,

Kaylee Segura, Andrew Logan, Alexis Trevino,

Fred Escobedo, John Tortorice, (back row) Laura

Bryan, Donisha Lawson, DeMacio Johnson, Trai

City Council approved an someone in the area. Upon

Former *Tonight Show* band ader Doc Severinsen visited man, 34, was charged with

The Rev. Gordon Berg and Fuqua and lost control of the wife Pat, founders of Action sport utility vehicle, police

by a felon.

\$80,000 traffic study within searching the vehicle, the

to Highway 3. Harris County Precinct 2

Constable deputies Dwayne

Pacifico and Jason Curry

stopped a driver at Scarsdale

and Beamer who matched the

had brandished a handgun at

deputies found \$15,000 in counterfeit \$50 bills and \$100

bills. The deputies also found

a .38 caliber pistol in the car.

Suspects, Gerald Freeman

and John Waldon, were both

possession of counterfeit

money. Waldon, 38, was charged with possession of

counterfeit money and pos-

session of an illegal weapon

Almendarez was killed in a

single-vehicle accident in the

12500 block of the Gulf Free-

way. Almendarez, 25, was

southbound on the freeway in

a Cadillac Escalade at about

11:40 p.m. when he exited at

and partially ejected Almen-

darez. He was taken to Ben

Taub General Hospital, where

he was pronounced dead. A

female passenger riding with

Almendarez was not injured.

A police chase, in which a

oman allegedly stole a dep-

uty constable's squad car,

began on Beltway 8 near

Blackhawk and ended on

I-10 near Wayside, with the

driver crashing into three other vehicles and critically

injuring two teenagers.

said. It hit a curb, rolle

South Belt resident Usebio

Scott, Cameron Dorsey and Aidan Halmai.

The day for a birthday cake for Connie Birmingham is Jan. 21

South Belt Elementary Blow out the birthday candles for Rosa Ayala on Jan. 22. Cora Bigwood enjoys a birthday Jan. 23. Birthday greetings are

sent to Kelly Lohse Jan. 27 Melillo Middle School

Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Julie Lanham Jan. 22. On Jan. 27, Shanette Eldridge has a birthday Morris Middle School

Angeline Escamilla celebrates a birthday Jan. 21. Birthday wishes are sent to Emma Villatoro-Melendez Jan. 22. Beverly Hills Intermediate

Lisa Anders is wished a happy birthday

Thompson Intermediate Special birthday greetings are sent to **Jimel Lott** Jan. 24.

Challenger
Blow out the birthday candles for Lisa
Cunningham Jan. 21. Celebrating a birthday Jan. 25 is Kathy Clark. Dobie High

Double birthday greetings are sent to John Markert and Patricia Waloven Jan. 22. Enjoying a birthday Jan. 23 is **Kristi Lumbley**. On Jan. 27, a birthday is celebrated by **Todd Geries**.

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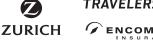
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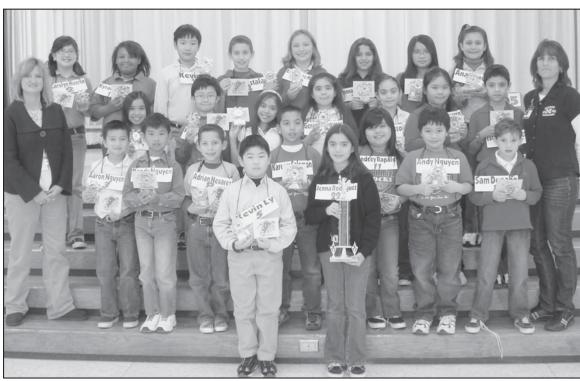
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Moore **Elementary** holds annual spelling bee

Moore Elementary School recently held its annual spelling bee. Pictured at right are, left to right, Moore Elementary Spelling Bee winner and fourth-grader Jenna Rodriguez and Principal Jill Lacamu. Pictured below are the spelling bee participants.





Moore Elementary Spelling Bee participants are, left to right, Jill Lacamu, (third row) Sydney Tran, Patrick Tran, Krystal (first row) Kevin Ly, runner-up, spelling bee winner Jenna Rodriguez, (second row) Peer Facilitator Beth Anne Mullen, Aaron Nguyen, Randy Nguyen, Adrian Nevarez, Kareem Salomon, Lindsey Rapalo, Andy Nguyen, Sam Donaho, Principal

Moreno, Genesis Contreras, Elizabeth Jasso, Michelle Nguyen, Esteban Sanchez (fourth row) Carolyn Huerta, Kyrah Prince, Kevin Le, Alex Estala, Bailey Anne Mullen, Brianna Rodriguez, Ngoc Nguyen and Ana Gracia

Precinct 8, Baileys donate funds to San Jac Foundation

Constable Bill Bailey, along with his wife, Janis, and members of the Precinct 8 8-Team, attended the San enhancing the level of stu-Jacinto College Board of dent achievement and excel-Trustees December meeting to present a check for proceeds raised from the 25th Anniversary Gumbo Gala.

Members of the 8-Team presented a check for \$33,488 to the foundation's Milton O. Stanley Jr. Endowed Scholarship. The Baileys also made a personal donation of \$16,520, bringing the total donation to more than \$50,000, representing one of the largest individual gifts made to the San Jacinto College Founda-tion scholarship program.

The Baileys established the Milton O. Stanley Jr. Endowed Scholarship in 2005 as a tribute to their son. To date, the fund is more than \$100,000.

Employees of the Pct. 8 constable's office served approximately 1,500 bowls of gumbo at the fundraising

event held in September.
This year's scholarship recipients were Braddrick Price, Julie Wren and Jose

Lions Club meets Jan. 26

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway.

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vate funds to benefit the peo-ple of east Harris County,

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Bill and Janis Bailey, along with members of the Harris County Precinct 8 8-Team, presented a check to the San Jacinto College Foundation from funds raised at the 25th Anniversary Gumbo Gala. Pictured are, left to right, Tom Watson, board member; Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Bill Bailey; Susan Arscott, San Jacinto College Foundation director; Wayne Webb, San Jacinto College Foundation board chair; Phil Sandlin, Harris County Precinct 8 chief deputy; Gary Connella, Harris County Precinct 8 Warrants Division and Janis Photo by Amanda L. Booren

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The Sixth annual Linua Loquette and charter public, private and charter schools within Harris and will be held on Saturday, Jan.

Fort Bend counties. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida De Las Americas.

This free, citywide con-ference will feature a panel of experts who will address topics including why college is important, how to manage the admissions process from SAT preparation to applications, how to take advantage of financial aid and how to make the most of the college

Houston area high school students, their families and educators are all welcome to

The cornerstones of these opics will be employment, technology and wellness. For the adults in these students' lives, information on digital

In addition, \$15,000 LLSF

are already on the road to success thanks in part to the Linda Lorelle Scholarship Fund's yearly college preparatory conference.

When they first entered the George R. Brown Convention Center in 2007 eager to attend the CPC, Bustos and Ukazu could not imagine how far it would take them.

Today, Bustos is majoring in international business at the University of Texas at Austin's McCombs School of Business, the sixth-ranked

BBA in the country. Ukazu was offered a full scholarship to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the fourth-ranked university, and is majoring in engineering

Wellness Program breakfast set Jan. 27

ness Program - Real Case NASA Parkway. Studies will be presented by Bay Area Houston Economic breakfast and expo with a panel discussion on Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. at the NASA Hilton com is preferred.

the health care committee of companies will explain the as possible. value of a wellness program Partnership during a power to employer and employee.

There is no cost for atten dance, but advanced RSVP to barbara@bayareahouston.

place position among nation-Though the unemploy-

ment rate is as high as 10 per-Linda Lorelle scholars Jose Bustos and Ann Ukazu cent, the highest in 30 years, unemployment rates for high are among the thousands of Houston area students who school graduates are soaring even higher. According to the Wall

Street Journal, as the minimum wage increased to \$7.25, jobless numbers for teens rose 25.9 percent. Therefore, a college de-

gree is not an option; it is a necessity. Students should know that college is not a dream but an absolute.

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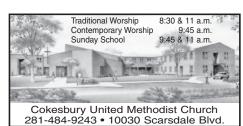
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Dobie Debate team honored with reception



in the Rosemary Rayburn Room in the Dobie High School library. A wooden 100 Club plaque representing the National Forensic League (NFL) was presented to the team by Principal Steve Jamail in honor of the team achieving 100 seals and memberships during the year. This accomplishment signifies the Dobie team placement in the top 10 percent of NFL chapters nationwide. Members attending the reception were, left to right, (front row) David Vo, Kiara Harris, Amanda Nguyen, Beverly LeMaire, Yen Le, (second row) Stephanie Vu, Shelly Tran, Jessica Vasquez, (third row) Coach Trish Boudra, Shohreh Abedinzadeh, San Nguyen, Stephanie Nguyen, Brenda Nguyen, Kim

Anthony, Eddie Nunez, Bao Le, Kalina Tran, Shekeyla Caldwell, Lindsey Eikenburg, Michael Tran, Brian Tran, Alexandra Zayas, Salim Naser, Zaheer Kamal, Edward Garza and Jamail. Other members of the 2009-2010 squad not pictured are: Sholeh Abedinzadeh, Destiny Bellamy, Thomas Buenrostro, Sarah Eapen, Johnny Flemings Jacqueline Galvan, Rey Gomez, Julio Gonzales, Theresa Greene, Melissa Gutierrez Rachel Hernandez, Claudia Martinez, Allison McClintock, Nesa Mohebpour, Jana Nguyen, Khanh Phuong Nguyen, Linh Nguyen, Andy Peng, Robert Pham, Kevir Phan, Dony Phung, Kevin Rodriguez, Jacob Schaafs, Alex Soto, Amber Stone, Long To, Erandi Trevino, Taylor Valley, Harry Vasquez and Coach Luis Garza.

Demoss wins rodeo art gold



Alden Demoss of Clear Brook High School received a gold medal for her artwork, Southern Baking, in the 2010 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest. Participants submitted an original project based on Western culture, history or heritage. The contest has more than 300,000 entries each year. Demoss' artwork, along with the artwork of fellow Clear Creek and Friendswood independent school districts will be on display at the Rodeo Art Exhibition at the Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake, located at 2000 NASA Parkway in Nassau Bay through Jan. 28. Demoss is a junior at Brook, and Alicia Moore is her art teacher. Submitted photo

Dobie Region Band students named



Nineteen Dobie High School Band members were recently selected through an audition process to earn a spot in the TMEA Region 19 Region Bands. The bands performed at a clinic and concert at Pasadena High School on Jan. 16. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Cheyenne Peer, Brown, Edgar Lemus and Joel Arhelger.

Jason Giang, Dylan Guzman, Caitlyn Francis,

Submitted photo Jason Giang, Dylan Guzman, Caitlyn Francis,

(second row) Carlos Gonzalez, Jacob Lozano, Manuel Reyna, April Henderson, Caitie Wright, Vernerson Villanueva, Ashley Wrenn, Jordan Johnson, Edgardo Rodriguez, (back row) Brandon Wright, David Arcemant, Chris Lopez, Gena

Tremont

graduates from

UHCL

Chad Christopher Tremont graduated Dec. 12

2009, from the University of Houston-Clear Lake

with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He is the son of Beverly Swaim of South Belt and

David Tremont of Clear Lake. Tremont is a 2003 Dobie High School graduate. In addition to his

bachelor's, he also received his EMT certification and plans to participate in volunteer work. He is

also an active member of the Adolescent & Young Adult Workgroup at M.D. Anderson Cancer

Center. Tremont plans to do cancer research

while continuing his studies in preparation for

Cokesbury sends mobile medical unit to aid Haiti

and hygiene items which are

so desperately needed," said Akkola. "We are asking the

community to gather any gently used crutches, wheel-

so we can send them along

Cokesbury United Meth- have a rare opportunity to cloth, bar of soap, toothpaste with Christian Alliance and United Methodist Committee on Relief plan to send much needed supplies to the earthquake victims of Haiti.

The congregation Cokesbury has funded and built a mobile medical unit that will be dispatched to the area the first week of February. The metal container is completely outfitted with medical exam and dental sta-tions as well as office and

storage space.
Prior to shipment to Haiti, the medical unit will be filled with medicines and supplies to be dispensed by physicians and aid workers on site.

Patti Akkola, Cokesbury's coordinator for this project, says, "Because we are already sending the medical unit, we

to the injured in Haiti. We are also hoping that our neighbors will help us with large and small prepared health Large health kits should include: a hand towel, wash cloth, bar of soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, six band-aids, Q-Tips, comb, brush, deodor-

able razor and shaving cream packed into a clear two-gallon zip-top bag. Small health kits should include: A hand towel, wash

ant, fingernail file, dispos-

send other items along. Our toothbrush, six band-aids, focus is on basic medical comb and fingernail file box zip-top bag.

Financial assistance is welcome and will go directly to the relief efforts. Checks

chairs, walkers and the like may be made payable to Cokesbury UMC with "Haiti Relief" on the memo line.

Donated items will be

accepted through Saturday, Jan. 30, at Cokesbury UMC, located at 10033 Scarsdale

Cokesbury invites the community to view the mobile medical unit from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 30. Children are welcome, and Cokesbury volunteers will be present to talk to children about helping others.

Dedication ceremonies for the mobile medical unit will be held during the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services

on Sunday, Jan. 31. For more information, visit www.cokesburyunited methodistchurch.com. your homeschool

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26 through 28.
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For more information, call fame) two friends. Dr. Jerry Ivins, artistic producer, said 281-542-2039, or email jerry ivins@sjcd.

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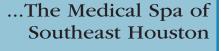
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Dobie tabs former 3A Giddings coach to lead football program

permanent campus athletic coordinator/head football coach has delivered Derek Fitzhenry, who had held the dual roles for the previous six years at Class 3A Giddings High School.

Just the seventh head ed by a run to the coach in Dobie's history semifinals in 2008. job of rejuvenating a Longhorns' football program that has fallen on hard times in 3A ranks. recent years.

gional quarterfinals in have leaned heavily on the 2004, the Longhorns have run. been absent from the playhad just one winning record during that span.

But Fitzhenry brings a winning tradition with him. He has ties to the Houston

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The Giddings Buffaloes s six seasons, highlighted by a run to the regional

was twice named coach of the year in the District 25-

A ranks.
As for his style of play, tzhenry's previous teams

Lady Longhorns seize 22-5A advantage Since reaching the re- Fitzhenry's previous teams

His eldest son, Brock, offs. The varsity team has currently a redshirt fresh-Texas at receiver, was a quarterback. Over that time, Brock Fitzhenry rushed for

Dobie has three solid Fitzhenry and his staff will running back candidates in be reloading a defense that advanced to the Class 3A the mix for 2010 but also will graduate several stand-playoffs in each of Fitzhen- has one of the area's most outs in June. promising passers.

Quarterback Blake Jackwards, the team's top tack-ler, will return. Tackle son, the 22-5A newcomer ler, will return. that dates back to 1969, Fitz-henry has been given the Giddings was 67-19, and he remaining, so it should be back. of the year, has two years Ashante Joseph will also be

Linebacker Juston Ed-

The program will begin to take shape soon, but it termine how Fitzhenry will nator for three seasons.

Keon Onwuchuruba. Line- role only late last week and backer losses will include gained Pasadena Indepen- Charles Washington. Brandon Broussard and dent School District board Sink was the Longhorns' Garrett Leland, while Joe approval Jan. 19. He met interim head coach for the Scott, Shamon Freeman and the Dobie coaching staff final four regular season Maurice Poullard are among the secondary losses. and some of the players Jan. 20.

interesting to see how Fitz- Along the defensive front, may take a couple of weeks rework the coaching staff.

ven Cross, Carey Sink and

Sink was the Longhorns' games in 2009 and during the search. Sink has been So it's too early to de- the team's defensive coordi-

sistant coach and delivered in a big way during his six-year tenure as head coach/ of a bead junior varsity basketball SBHLL seeking late

registration increase

No late fees charged

Whether it be the recesing more than one player. sion, poor weather on signup days or simply a battle against select leagues, registration numbers are down in the Sagemont-Beverly

But league officials are far from panicked. Instead, registration has been extended to include Saturday, Jan. 23, and Sunday, Jan. bie is 8-0, but just one game 24, at the league facility at ahead of Deer Park. At this El Franco Lee Park (see notice, Page 3B).

SBHLL president Amy Smith says there will be "Are we happy to be 8-0? no late fees for those who Sure we are," Brown said. have yet to make a decision. dates. "But at the same time we The fee is \$110 per child, "It know there is plenty of bas- and there are available dis-Continued on Page 6B counts for families register-

leagues have been forced to go head-to-head with select programs that charge players fees to register for tour-

no different, but the public leagues remain popular, especially because of the cost value. Smith said 398 players

have registered leaguewide to this point, but just 34 in 12-year-old division. She is confident the numbers will increase a great deal after the Jan. 23-24 "It's going to be a great

year for our league," Smith

man at the University of three-time all-state pick at

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With the passing of each game, the road map to the varsity basketball playoffs the quarter was essentially below the distribution of the passing of each game, the road map to the varsity basketball playoffs the quarter was essentially below the game that and got a statement win," when it was certainly needed.

We knew they are the passing of each game that had been tight at the start of bobie head coach Shane ed.

Rodriguez, wearing a statement win, when it was certainly needed. becomes a little more clear.

Thus far, what has become clear is that both the some help reaching the postseason.

If the playoffs started now, each of the aforementioned programs would need sone help to get in. Not so for the Dobie girls, however, as the team is currently on a roll.

JFD girls now 8-0

Life is far from lonely at the top, where the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team seems to be enjoying

Thanks to back-to-back road wins over Deer Park and La Porte - both in convincing fashion - Dobie is in control of its own destiny while pursuing the program's first district title since the 2006-2007 school

Coming into the season. Deer Park and La Porte were viewed as the likely front-runners in 22-5A. The tweet mentioning such must have never made its way to

After dispatching Deer Park Jan. 12, Dobie traveled to La Porte Jan. 15 with a chance to close out the first half of district unbeaten but to also send a message of its

Done deal. Chelsea Rodriguez had eight points as After inadvertently leaving her usual No. 14 jersey behind, Dobie guard Chelsea the Lady Longhorns used Rodriguez donned No. 33 for the Lady Longhorns' game against La Porte Jan. 15. a 17-4 run to close out the After sinking four 3-pointers and scoring 17 points in Dobie's win, perhaps Rodri-

over with Dobie holding a 41-23 halftime lead. Dobie led 55-33 after

boys' and girls' teams at three quarters and backed Clear Brook, in addition to off the throttle. The 69-the Dobie boys, may need 47 final score came with a "La Porte was so ready

were going to be up and we had to be ready. La Porte is so aggressive and plays so hard, but we made our runs when we had to and stayed on the backboards for some

second chance points." In short, Dobie likely for us. They were gunning played its finest game of possessions as Dobie closed for us, and we went out there the season to date, at a time out the first half on a roll.

Rodriguez, wearing a spare jersey after leaving Porte never got closer that her familiar No. 14 behind prior to the trip, was lights

Rodriguez made four 3-pointers en route to 17 shots came on back-to-back

The two teams essentially played to a standstill Hills Little League. in the second half, but La

After hammering last-place Pasadena Jan. 19, Dopoint, it's a two-team race for the top spot, and Dobie holds the upper hand.

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guez will consider making a permanent change. Soccer teams continue tourney success Atrocious weather has

plagued the opening two weeks of the high school soccer season, hasn't stopped local coaches from keeping a bright outlook moving forward.

Heading into the final weekend of tournament play Jan. 20-22, the varsity boys' and girls' teams at Clear Brook and Dobie have played exceptionally well. Each of the teams have winning records.

In the final weekend of tournaments, the Dobie boys are headed to the Round Rock invitational, while the Lady Longhorns will play in the Georgetown

The Clear Brook girls will stay home for the weekend, and the boys will playa home game against North Shore Ian 22 before the District 24-5A schedule begins.

The Clear Brook teams open district competition against the Clear Creek Wildcats Jan. 26. The varwill play at Clear Creek, while the varsity and JV Continued on Page 6B



Longhorns' 3-0 win Jan. 15 during the Pearland tournament at The Rig. The Lady Longhorns are playing well with one more tournament appearance remaining prior teams on the boys' side will to the start of district play. The team is at the Georgetown Invitational Jan. 21-23.

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sity and junior varsity girls Dobie's Chelsea Williams (2) defends against an Oak Ridge player during the Lady

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Tuesday, Jan. 26

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Friday, Jan. 29 Dobie varsity boys at Memorial, 7:30

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Saturday, Jan. 30

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SOCCER

Thursday, Jan. 21
Dobie varsity girls at Georgetown tournament, 8 p.m. Dobie JV boys vs. Strake Jesuit, Atascocita, 7:00

Friday, Jan. 22

Clear Brook varsity boys host North Shore, 5:00 Dobie varsity boys vs. Austin, Round Rock, noon Dobie varsity boys vs. McNeil, Round Rock, 8 p.m. Dobie varsity girls at Georgetown tourn., 2:00 Dobie JV boys vs. Channelview, Atascocita, 6:00 Brook JV boys at The Woodlands tourn., TBA Brook sophomore boys at Brazoswood tourn., TBA

Saturday, Jan. 23

Dobie varsity boys vs. Temple, Round Rock, 10 a.m. Dobie varsity girls at Georgetown tourn., 9 a.m. Dobie JV boys vs. Kingwood Park, Atascocita, 11 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 25

Dobie JV girls (B) at Brazosport, 5:00

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Clear Brook varsity girls at Clear Creek, 7:00 Clear Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek, 7:00 Clear Brook JV girls at Clear Creek, 5:00 Clear Brook JV boys host Clear Creek, 5:00

Thursday, Jan. 28 Clear Brook sophomore boys host Clear Springs, 5:30

Friday, Jan. 29

Clear Brook varsity girls host Dickinson, 7:00 Dobie varsity girls vs. Memorial, Newcomb, 5:00 Clear Brook varsity boys at Dickinson. 7:00 Dobie JV girls vs. Memorial, Auxiliary, 7:00 Clear Brook JV girls host Dickinson, 5:00 Clear Brook JV boys at Dickinson, 5:00

Saturday, Jan. 30

Dobie varsity boys vs. Memorial, Newcomb, 2:00 Dobie JV boys vs. Memorial, Newcomb, noon

> **TENNIS** Friday, Jan. 22

Dobie varsity at Pearland invite, TBA Saturday, Jan. 23

Dobie varsity at Pearland invite, TBA



coach). Begle will begin her senior season at Brook in a few weeks.



Clear Brook varsity softball player Bridgette Begle (seated center) will continue her education Clear Brook varsity softball player Michelle Svehla (seated center) will head to Blinn College in and playing career at Blinn College in Brenham after signing a letter of intent with the Bucs. Brenham this fall after completing her senior year as a Lady Wolverine. Those with Svehla at the Those with Begle at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Brian Begle (father), Eileen signing included, left to right, (seated) Jim Svehla (father), Paula Svehla (mother), (back row) Rick Begle (mother), (back row) Rick Church (Blinn head coach) and Jami Ingram (Blinn assistant Church (Blinn head coach) and Jami Ingram (Blinn assistant coach). Svehla is entering her fourth season as a varsity player.

Reloaded Coyote softball set to test JUCO waters

College softball roster is set to take the field as the Coyotes open the regular season March 5-6 at the Galveston Whitecaps tournament.

There are a few sophomore returnees in place as the first pitch approaches, but head coach Kelly Saenz will be relying on as many as 14 first-year players to contribute heavily

Sophomore pitcher Jessica Davis is back along with the left side of the infield, including shortstop Rae Cassell and third baseman

Courtney Oliphant. Infielder Destany Blanchard also saw quite a bit of time as a freshman, and sophomore outfielder Megan Knippa was a starter before suffering a season-ending injury early in the

2009 campaign.
There's also sophomore Jean Fusilier, one of the team's top power threats at the plate.

Other than those players, Saenz's 2009 freshman recruits will be asked to de-

liver quickly.
Saenz's biggest task will be filling the void left by pitcher Kelsey McClain, who rewrote many of the program's records over two ears before leaving for McNeese State University.

Also gone is Courtney Pettit, who led the Coyotes in several offensive categories. Pettit is now attending the University of Houston-

Nicole Andrade, a 2009 Dobie High School graduate, is among those looking to earn a regular role.

Both an infielder and outfielder at Dobie, Andrade will occupy a utility role this season for the Coyotes.

Saenz, who led the Coyotes to their first national tournament appearance in 2008, will rely on a great deal of youth this season.

Date

wound up winning the re-gional tournament and at-

This season, the Coyotes are looking to do great things. It all starts Feb. 5 at Galveston as the Coyotes aim for a great start.

Time

San Jacinto College 2010 spring schedule

Opponent

Date	Opponent	111110
Feb. 5-6	at Galveston tournament	TBA
Feb. 12	Grayson (2)	4/6 p.m.
Feb. 19-20	at McLennan tournament	TBA
Feb. 24	Temple (2)	3/5 p.m.
Feb. 26-27	at Temple tournament	TBA
March 5-7	at Region 14 tournament	TBA
March 10	Lone Star-Port Arthur	TBA
March 13	Coastal Bend	TBA
March 17-20	at Coastal Arizona tourn.	TBA
March 24	*at Blinn	TBA
March 26	*Angelina	4/6 p.m.
March 31	*Alvin	TBA
April 7	*Galveston	TBA
April 9	*at Coastal Bend	TBA
April 14	*at Lamar Star-Port Arthur	TBA
April 16	*at Galveston	4/6 p.m.
April 17	*at Alvin	TBA
April 21	*Blinn	TBA
April 24	*at Angelina	3/5 p.m.
April 29 -		
May 2	at Region 14 tournament	TBA
May 20-22	at NJCAA World Series	TBA
* – denotes I	Region 14 games	

Clear Brook football's Ellison named to Space City Classic

two-time, all-district varsity football player, will repre-

Ellison, who gained at Delmar Stadium. more than 2.600 yards over

Clear Brook High School his final two seasons, has Red team versus the White senior Brandon Ellison, a been selected to play in the team. Ellison is a member

Space City Classic sent the Wolverines once area event featuring dozens Pearland. more before heading off to of high school seniors, will

of the White team, The classic. a Houston- also includes Ian Gray of

There are no Dobie be held Saturday, March 13, Longhorn players currently scheduled to compete in the The game will feature the game.

Lady Lions' hoops battles Southmore

girls' basketball season began Jan. 13 as the Thompson Lady Lions played at Southmore

At the end of the day, Southmore gained the upper hand with three wins in the series, but the Lady Lions gave it their all.

In seventh-grade action, the Lady Lions dropped a low-scoring affair, 11-8.

In the game, Thompson jumped out to an early lead only to see Southmore tie the game.

Neither team was able to get much going offensively as both teams played tough

In the final seconds, a potential game-tying 3-point try barely missed going in the basket, and the locals fell to 3-3 this season.

Kristin Scholwinski led the Lions with four points, and Valeria Colunga and

Kiara Hart, Patrice Jackson, Sasha McCoy and Valerie Colunga played tough defense in the game and played a huge role in keeping the game close.

Thompson's seventhgrade Light team gained the lone win in the series, taking down Southmore 51-34 to remain tied for first place with Bondy at 6-0.

Trying to stay unbeaten against Southmore, the Light team was ready for the Bulldogs.

After a slow first quarter, but turned up the pressure in the second quarter.

In that great second quarter, the Lady Lions turned on their defensive pressure and raised their intensity to increase their lead to double digits.

quarter, the Lady Lions had to 3-3 after losing 47-32

The final push for positioning in the intermediate Patrice Jackson had two blown the game wide open. A furious rally by Southmore cut the lead to nine points, but it was too much of an uphill climb, as the Lions clamped down and took back control of the game

winning 51-34. Banking in her first 3pointer of the season was just one of the many baskets by Emily Wolfe, as she scored a season high of 35 points.

Monica Ploucha was a force in the middle who couldn't be stopped on her way to nine points. Jessica Jones had four points, the Lions led by two points and Carli Blue added two points.

Playing stellar defense was Wolfe, Ploucha, Blue, Oasis Wilson, Jackie Bishof and Jones.

In eighth-grade action,

the Lady Lions' Light team fell to 2-4 with a 42-30 loss, By the end of the third and the Dark team slipped

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Schools

Girls' Hoops Standings (After Jan. 13 games) **Eighth Grade Light**

Blinn College softball program signs Clear Brook's Begle, Svehla

Team	\mathbf{W}	L	
Miller	6	0	
San Jacinto	6	0	
Beverly Hills	4	2	
Bondy	4	2 2 4 4 4	
Southmore	4		
Thompson	2		
South Houston	2		
Queens	2		
Jackson	0	6	
Park View	0	6	

Scores Jan. 13

San Jacinto 31, Beverly Hills 30 Southmore 42, Thompson 30 South Houston 27, Jackson 13 Miller 41, Bondy 24 Oueens 46, Park View 21

Fighth Grade Dark

Eighth Grade Dark			
Team	\mathbf{W}	L	
Southmore	6	0	
San Jacinto	6	0	
Bondy	5	1	
Miller	4	2	
Beverly Hills	4	2	
Thompson	3	3	
Queens	3	3	
South Houston	2	4	
Jackson	0	6	
Park View	0	6	

Scores Jan. 13

San Jacinto 26, Beverly Hills 20 Southmore 47, Thompson 32 South Houston 20, Jackson 10 Bondy 39, Miller 22 Queens 34, Park View 7

Seventh Grade Light

Team	\mathbf{W}	I
Thompson	6	0
Bondy	6	0
Beverly Hills	5	1
Park View	4	2
Miller	3	3
Southmore	2	4
Queens	2	4
San Jacinto	1	5
South Houston	1	5
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Scores Jan. 13 Beverly Hills 42, San Jacinto 28

Thompson 51, Southmore 34 South Houston 28, Jackson 7 Park View 39, Oueens 26 Bondy 26, Miller 21

Seventh Grade Dark

Team	\mathbf{W}	L	
Bondy	6	0	
Beverly Hills	6	0	
Southmore	4	2	
Park View	4	2	
Miller	3	3	
Thompson	3	3	
San Jacinto	2	4	
Queens	1	5	
South Houston	1	5	
Jackson	0	6	
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Scores Jan. 13

Bondy 23, Miller 7 Southmore 11, Thompson 8 South Houston 31, Jackson 20 Beverly Hills 19, San Jacinto 16 Park View 24, Queens 11

Boys' Hoops Standings (After Jan. 13 games) **Eighth Grade Light**

Team	\mathbf{W}	\mathbf{L}	
Queens	6	0	
Beverly Hills	5	1	
Park View	4	2	
Southmore	4	2	
Thompson	3	3	
San Jacinto	3	3	
Bondy	3	3	
South Houston	2	4	
Jackson	0	6	
Miller	0	6	

Scores Jan. 13

Beverly Hills 27, San Jacinto 21 Southmore 48, Thompson 39 Queens 38, Park View 33 Bondy 54, Miller 28

Eighth Grade Dark

Team	\mathbf{W}	\mathbf{L}
Bondy	6	0
Beverly Hills	6	0
Queens	5	1
Thompson	4	2
South Houston	3	3
San Jacinto	2	4
Southmore	2	4
Park View	1	5
Jackson	1	5
Miller	0	6

Scores Jan. 13

South Houston 36, Jackson 20 Bondy 48, Miller 21 Southmore 29 Park View 25 Beverly Hills 24, San Jacinto 23 (OT)

Seventh Grade Light

		0
Team	\mathbf{W}	\mathbf{L}
Park View	6	0
Thompson	5	1
San Jacinto	4	2
South Houston	4	2
Beverly Hills	4	2
Miller	2	4
Southmore	2	4
Bondy	2	4
Jackson	1	5
Queens	0	6

Scores Jan. 13

Beverly Hills 34, San Jacinto 29 Park View 42, Queens 6 Thompson 42, Southmore 20 Bondy 50, Miller 35 South Houston 45, Jackson 29

Seventh Grade Dark

Team		W	\mathbf{L}
South Houston		6	0
Thompson		5	1
Beverly Hills		5	1
Bondy		3	3
San Jacinto		3	3
Southmore		3	3
Miller		3	3
Queens		2	4
Park View		0	6
Jackson		0	6
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Scores Jan. 13 Beverly Hills 38, San Jacinto 34

Thompson 37, Southmore 15 Queens 39, Park View 12 Miller 32, Bondy 20 South Houston 48, Jackson 9

Derek Fitzhenry – Dobie varsity football coach

Former head coaching job: Giddings High School 2003 to 2009

Record at Giddings: 67-19 (.779), playoffs all six years

Family: Wife, Angele; children, Brock (21), Spencer (16), Kade (10)

Education: DeKalb High School, Louisiana Tech University, Texas A&M at Prairie View (master's-administration)

Assistant coaching jobs: Odessa Permian (2000-2002), Cy-Springs (1997-99), Jersey Village (1992-96), Humble (1991-92)

Dobie names new coach

Continued from Page 1B taping duties for the program in recent years.

Fitzhenry, who plans to be on the Dobie campus Fitzhenry plans to utilize, full-time by Monday, Ĵan. 25, is keeping an open mind about all issues at the mo-

"Obviously, I think the that's what fit the personnel Dobie job is a great job to have, and I am extremely excited to be here and to have an opportunity to lead

of business is to meet with the players and staff members, then go from there."

he will take a wait-and-see approach. "We ran the ball quite

a bit at Giddings because

for the players," he said. "I can say that we are going to be physical, and as

far as our style of offense this program forward," Fitz- or defense, we have to take henry said. "My first order a look at our personnel and

Sports news, notes

SBGSA delivers sign-up dates

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has set dates for its 2010 spring season registration. The dates include Thursday, Jan. 21 (6 to 8 p.m.), and Saturday, Jan. 23 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Tryouts will then be held Saturday, Jan. 30 (9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.). For more information, direct e-mail to southbeltgirlssoftball@live.com or visit the league Web site at www.eteamz.com/southbeltgirls.

Dolphins' FB info session

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host an information session Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Almeda Mall in the atrium. The session is open to football players and those in the cheer/drill programs.

Anyone interested in obtaining information for the 2010 season is encouraged to attend. A waiting list for those interested in joining any of the programs will be available at this time. For more information about the Dolphins or the BAFL youth league, visit www.bayarea

Rising Stars track registration

The Rising Stars Track Club will host its first registration for the upcoming spring/summer season Saturday, Jan. 23, at Dobie High School from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration will continue each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Dobie through mid-March. Practice days are Fridays from 4:30 p.m. until dark, Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.

For more information about the team and its program, call Coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248 or Fran Herndon at 281-335-1878.

SBGSA opening ceremonies

The South Belt Girls Softball Association will host opening ceremonies Saturday, March 6, in the community. The festivities will begin with a parade at 9 a.m. Opening ceremonies will begin around 10:45 a.m., with a carnival and scrimmage games set to begin at noon. Available concessions will include barbecued turkey legs, sandwiches, sausage on a stick, funnel cakes, kettle korn and more. There will be games, a rock wall and inflatables for all ages. League officials invite the community to join in for a day of fun. SBGSA will also accept vendors for the event, to be held at El Franco Lee Park. Call Yvette Rodriguez at 832-528-6391 for more details about setting up a vendor booth.

SBHLL tryout dates

Players who have registered to play in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League during the upcoming spring season must attend one of several available tryout sessions. The sessions include Saturday, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 24, from 2 to 5 p.m. Players are asked to bring a bat and a glove to the tryout. The league will provide equipment, including helmets, if necessary. The tryouts will be held at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park. For more information, visit www.eteamz.com/sbhll

Colt 45 select baseball tryouts

The Proway Colt 45 select baseball organization will host registration for children ages 7 to 14 Saturday, Jan. 23, at Frankie Carter Randolph Park, located at 515 FM 2351 in Friendswood. The session will begin at 10 a.m. For more information, call Colt 45s representative Charlie Prahm at 281-948-0200.

SBYSC on-line sign up

South Belt Youth Soccer Club officials are still accepting on-line registration for players wishing to compete in the upcoming 2010 season. Those interested may visit www.southbeltsoccer.org for details. determine what works best for them. Our job is to develop fine young men and to win football games. That will be our goal.

Fitzhenry did say coaching staff moves are likely. Any time a new head coach is hired, it's common for change to occur. It simply comes with the territory.

"When there is a head coaching change, then staff changes are usually a part of the game," he said. "Again, that's an area that I have to look at, but I would imagine changes will be made.

area coaches. He understands that Do-

short order. A five-year playoff ab-

sence is long enough, and Fitzhenry knows the community wants more.

success, and that's certainly what we are aiming for, Fitzhenry said. "I'm excited to be a part

help these young athletes develop.' The Fitzhenrys, includ-

youngest son, is 10. Fitzhenry said the rest true, the high school soft-of the family isn't likely to ball season is going to be

have them here with me today, but my wife wants to be able to find a job here first," Fitzhenry said.

"It's important to us to keep the family together. The kids will come when Mom comes. doesn't want to leave his younger brother behind, either, so we'll just have to take our time and let things settle down.

for the program."

Mike Stephens, Pasadena Independent School District's athletic director and a former Dobie head coach, is pleased to have Fitzhenry on board.

to be great for Dobie



Because he has had assistant coaching jobs in the Houston area, Fitzhenry is well acquainted with many of the southeast Houston

bie has struggled in recent years and that winning needs to be a priority in

"I know Dobie's reputation has been one of great

of the Dobie family and to build relationships with the other head coaches. With that said, my job is to put a winner on the field and to

ing Derek Fitzhenry's wife, Angele, also have a 16-year old son, Spencer, an all-district defensive back at Giddings a season ago. Kade Fitzhenry, the couple's

move to the area until his wife finds a job locally. The same goes for the children.

"Obviously, I'd love to

Spencer

As for whether or not Dobie will go through spring football workouts or elect to utilize an extra week of practice in late summer. Fitzhenry has also yet to make that decision. In all fairness, he's only been in town a few

"We'll get all of those things worked out," Fitzhenry said. "It'll take some time, but we'll make all of the decisions that are best

"We had a great numproven winner. He's going



many sports.

Feb. 29.

Members of the Clear Brook High School varsity girls' basketball program did ney Lindsey, Chelsi Price, Ariel Callis, Kelly Holt (Christus director of diagnostic their part in recognizing breast cancer awareness, raising funds to support further research at Christus St. John Hospital. Those at the presentation prior to a Lady Johnson, Kia Love, Adelyn Ezeh, Chelsea Ngo, (back row) Robert Coghlan (Christian Christian Christia Wolverines' game included, left to right, Michelle Edwards, Kiara Redmon, Court- tus director of medical surgical, oncology nursing unit).

As busy as the local two seasons, are looking to is Feb. 16 at Pearland. sports scene has become make it three in a row this with the high school baskethall and soccer seasons in Head coach Ashlev Pilfull swing, things are about low is set to lead a group of to go overboard for fans of

High school softball after-school workouts are eli- the first round of the playgible to begin Feb. 22, and offs last season against Fort Bend Austin. the baseball after-school workouts may commence But the team expects to

the high school track and field season, and there is something for everyone. If recent history holds trying to find the best combinations

Add to that the start of

great for the players at both Clear Brook and Dobie. The Lady Wolverines. having advanced to the

The Lady Wolverines will scrimmage against Manvel, among others, during the preseason. The season opener for Clear Brook

Dobie is another varsity softball team looking to make a deep run.

The Lady Longhorns put veteran players that includes together a memorable 2009 several college signees. run, going to the regional Clear Brook was upset in quarterfinals against Clear

Creek before slipping. Head coach Robin Rackgo much further this season including five who signed with starters back at as many

as seven positions, although head coach Ashley Pillow is have produced at a high levexperimenting with various defensive alignments while

3, and several other scrimmage games will follow.

Dobie opens the regular



ber of terrific applicants,"

Stephens said. "Derek is a Clear Brook seniors Bridgette Begle (left) and Stephanie Gonzalez will be expected to lead the way for an experienced Lady Wolverines' softball team. Begle (Blinn) and Gonzalez (UT-Arlington) have signed collegiate letters of intent.

a complete list of services offered.

tion, or just drop in.

ley has to replace several key players from that team college scholarship offers. But the Lady Longhorns

Spring athletics season ready to explode across area

el for many years, and 2010 should be no different. The Lady Longhorns will scrimmage at Alvin Feb.

season Feb. 15 at King-



of several key players returning to the Lady Longhorns' varsity softball lineup this Photos by John Be

Clear Brook and Dobie will both be part of the same three tournament fields - at Bryan, Clear Creek and Fort Bend.

Things will be just as interesting on the baseball diamond.

Clear Brook, edging into the playoffs last sea-son, defeated Dulles in the first round before falling to eventual Region III champion Pearland in the area

Head coach Russell Ferrell, entering his 12th season, has several veterans returning across the field after sophomores and freshmen all-district performers. played key roles in 2009.

At Dobie, the Longhorns will be led by head coach Miguel Torres, who had been the varsity assistant before Roy Grant resigned last summer. Torres and new varsity

assistant Shaun Stanton face a big task in trying to get the Longhorns back to the playoffs. In 2009, the Longhorns

bidistrict round with the help of a senior-dominated lineup ing staff will need to be re-

loaded after the loss of two The staff must also ad-

field and outfield. Since pitching is the key in baseball, Clear Brook may start the season a little

ahead of Dobie.

The Wolverines are going to rely heavily on junior starter Ryan Vrrugink, an experienced starter.

The Longhorns, mean

while, will look to a host of played Channelview in the pitchers who have very little varsity experience.

will open the Dobie scrimmage season Feb 8 The Longhorns' pitch- against Channelview at Do-

> In 2009 Channelview knocked Dobie out of the

playoffs in the first round.

THURSDAY, JAN. 21

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 informa

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the

First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787. 5:30 p.m. Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter

social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and lan-guage 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 6:30 p.m.

St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring – St. Luke's

offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road.

For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe_pavlicek@ 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. 22

1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

Free Line Dance Class - The Friendswood Senior Citizen

Program offers free line dancing classes. The class is held at the activity building, located at 416 Morningside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. Previous experience not required. For more information, call 281-482-8441 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. 23

6 p.m.

Meets to square dance at the Westminster Frontier Squares -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. 24

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. 25

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fugua 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.

> Civil Air Patrol Meeting - Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for m Friends of Parker Williams Library - The annual meeting with the election of officers for the year will be held at the Parker Williams Branch Library at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the library on the fourth Monday of each month at 9 a.m. except for January,

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1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for informa

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 April, July and October, when they

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

Free Exercise Class - Basic low impact aerobic classes on

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

6 p.m

6:30 p.m

April, July and October, when they are held at 7 p.m. to accommo date members who work during the day. There will be no meeting

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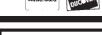
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Brook girls in trouble

games, but right now the Clear Brook varsity girls' be in. team is in danger of missing the playoffs for the second straight year.

Back-to-back losses to Clear Creek (Jan. 15) and the C Dickinson (Jan. 19) have ered. left the team at 3-5 in the standings with six games

A this point, Clear Creek, Clear Lake and Clear Springs are playing well enough to earn the top three playoff seeds. Each of those teams has already defeated Clear Brook in the first half of 24-5A action.

The real bummer? Dick-Lady Gators a series sweep over Clear Brook.

Thus, if Clear Brook and

Clear Brook's only shot at making the postseason is best shot because we are in to pull what would be considered an upset over Lake, Creek or Springs in the final Things certainly could three weeks. It's not a posi-change over the final six tion first-year head coach tion first-year head coach Blair Redmon had hoped to

> Brook boys gain win Needing a win to regain

District 24-5A boys' race, the Clear Brook boys deliv-

Hosting Dickinson Jan. 19, the Wolverines simply punished Dickinson 81-61, closing out the win early.

While the Wolverines still trail Clear Springs, Clear Lake and Clear Creek in the standings, they have to be ready to play. If you pulled even with Dickinson

Darren Smith led the way against Dickinson as inson's 48-43 victory Jan. he pumped in 22 points. 19 at Dickinson gave the Fred Richardson added 18 points, and Eric Gibson had

Clear Brook started fast, Dickinson finish in a tie for leading 23-14 after a quar-

a playoff spot, then Dickin- ter, then pushed the edge to 36-25 at halftime. Defensively, the Wolverines played very well as Dedrick Archie, Dickinson's leading scorer, had just 12 points.

> With the win, the Wolverines have kept themsleves in the mix for a playoff berth. But the schedule won't get any easier.

Clear Brook will play at Brazoswood Jan. 22 and some momentum in the then host Clear Lake Jan. 26 to close out the first half of the district schedule. On Jan. 29, Clear Brook will face first-place Galveston

"There aren't any giveaways in this district," Clear Brook coach Jason Pillow

"Every night you have aren't, then you are going to get beat. From top to bottom, this has to be one of the toughest districts around

JFD boys rebound

On the heels of a 70-44 defeat against La Porte Jan. 15 that left the team at 1-3 in the District 22-5A stand-



First-year Clear Brook varsity girls' head coach Blair Redmon knows her team, currently 3-5 in the District 24-5A standings, has an uphill climb to get back into playoff contention.

ings, the Dobie varsity boys' the Eagles 74-40 as Jonateam needed a bounce-back than Urrutia had 17 points

win over Pasadena Jan. 19. and Sefita Kefu added 10

The locals got it, pounding more. The Longhorns now

22) and Pearland (Jan. 26)

to finish the first half of

Despite a look of concern, Dobie varsity girls' basketball coach Shane Brown (left) and varsity assistant Alex Bowman (seated) had very little to be concerned about Dobie's easy 69-47 win over La Porte Jan. 15 on the road came as the result of a big offensive night from several players, but it was the Lady Longhorns' defense that ing first-half action. Offensively, Rodriguez led Dobie with 17 points, including four half to build an 18-point lead at La Porte. Dobie, battling to take over first place,

stifled La Porte for much of the night. On this play, the Lady Bulldogs Nathasha Glover (32) and Sirrah Harris (24) find little working room as Dobie defenders

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PISD Cup trimmed Hampered by weather

during each of the three days, the first-ever Pasadena Independent School District Cup for boys' soccer teams was still a success.

Tournament organizers had planned to utilize the grass fields at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena as well as shutout of the season." those at Dobie and Memorial high schools.

But after rain pelted the area Jan. 14, many of the games had to be shifted to the turf field at Newcomb Field in Pasadena. Some Jose Balvaneda, took care games were shortened, and of the rest. some were not played at

playing Houston Lamar to a the ball to go into the net. scoreless tie in terrible con-

ditions Jan. 15 at Dobie.

"We played well in the opener against Klein Forest," Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra said.

"It was a good start to the tournament for us. We created numerous chances in the second half and couldn't get another goal, but our defense delivered its third

Junior Josue Gonzalez Raul Jimenez added another goal to make it 3-0 at halftime. From there, the defense, including goalkeeper

The Dobie/Lamar game up winning the champion- nizers to get back on schedtwo games, downing Klein and a stiff wind, the two over for the Longhorns Forest 3-0 Jan. 14 and then teams simply could not get

remained scoreless throughout the 30 minutes.

> back in the first half, due to a questionable foul in the box, and we had several good shots which the Lamar keeper saved in the second

the final shot of the game by scored twice and senior Iosue Gonzalez bounced off the right post with seconds left in the game.

not want to get into the back of the net for us."

With the 1-0-1 record,

the Redskins, but the game different against Lamar,' Saavedra said.

"Again, the defense limit-'We had a goal called ed Lamar in the second half to one shot to our eight. The defense earned its fourth shutout. Irving Garza came back from injury to help the defense.

"However, we still had a final chance to win when in our pool with all games a final chance to win when in our pool with all games canceled on the last day." canceled on the last day," Saavedra said.

"It just was not meant to be on this weekend. Clear "It was just one of those Creek beat Lamar and Klein days where the ball just did Forest to advance and leave us two points short."

Lady Horns at Pearland

Just miles away in Pearwas shortened to 30 min- Dobie did not advance to land, the Dobie Lady Long-Sam Rayburn wound nutes in order to allow orga- the trophy round. Dobie's fi- horns and numerous other nal game set for Jan. 16 was teams battled the poor conship, and Dobie played just ule. Playing in a steady rain canceled. The weekend was ditions at The Rig and other

> "I felt if we could have gotten a full game in the the event with a 2-0 loss The Longhorns out-shot outcome would have been to Clear Creek Jan. 14 but

Dobie boys at Round Rock

JFD vs. R.R. Austin, Jan. 22, noon JFD vs. R.R. McNeil, Jan. 22, 8 p.m. JFD vs. Temple, Jan. 23, 10 a.m.

Dobie girls at Georgetown JFD vs. Arling. Lamar, Jan. 21, 8 p.m. JFD vs. Waco, Jan. 22, 2 p.m.

PISD Cup in Pasadena, the the long run. clement weather.

have lost a game in each of best once again this season. their first two tournaments but have been going against have another great season, some great teams.

Mullan is simply doing her this season," Mullan said. best to get the team ready to compete for a 22-5A title.

Mullan believes the com-

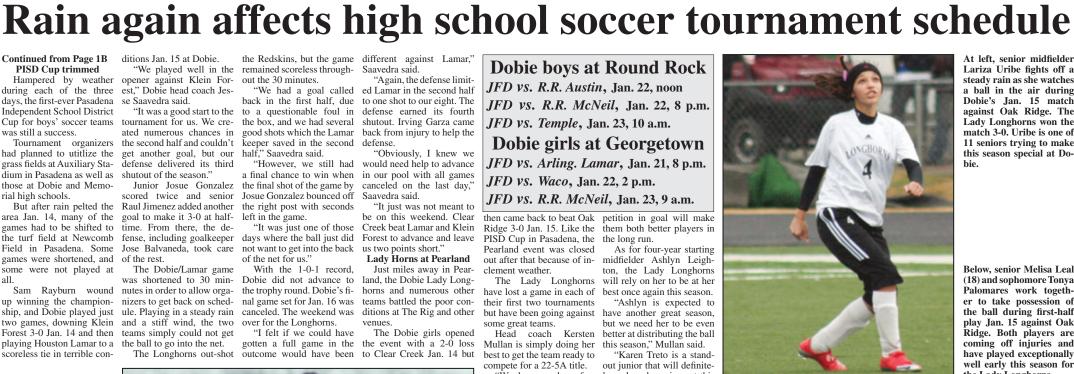
JFD vs. R.R. McNeil, Jan. 23, 9 a.m. then came back to beat Oak petition in goal will make Ridge 3-0 Jan. 15. Like the them both better players in

out after that because of in- midfielder Ashlyn Leighton, the Lady Longhorns The Lady Longhorns will rely on her to be at her

"Ashlyn is expected to but we need her to be even Head coach Kersten better at distributing the ball

> "Karen Treto is a standout junior that will definite-

back, and has already shut down some of the best players we have seen this season," Mullan said.



Below, senior Melisa Leal (18) and sophomore Tonya Palomares work together to take possession of the ball during first-half y Jan. 15 against Oak Ridge. Both players are

coming off injuries and

have played exceptionally

well early this season for

At left, senior midfielder

Lariza Uribe fights off a

steady rain as she watches

a ball in the air during

Lady Longhorns won the

match 3-0. Uribe is one of

11 seniors trying to make

this season special at Do-



At right, Dobie junior forward Josue Gonzalez (Longhorns' jersey) battles against a Houston Lamar defender Jan. 15 in action at Dobie. The two teams played a 30-minute game in a in a scoreless tie. Gonzalez had two goals as the Longhorns opened play in the first-ever Pasadena Independent School District Cup with a 3-0 win over Klein Forest

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