

Tree waste pickup set

Tree waste only will be picked up Thursday, Jan. 27, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

Dobie band sells BBQ

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will host its annual barbecue and silent auction fundraiser on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Plates will consist of a chopped beef sandwich, chips and a drink. Desserts will be on sale for a nominal fee. Entertainment will be provided by the Dobie bands.

Silent auction items will be available for bidding. Tickets are on sale for \$7 each and can be purchased from any band student. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Project Grad holds dance

The Dobie Project Graduation 2011 Committee is selling tickets to the Feb. 11 Valentine Dance during all lunches at Frazier Elementary for \$10 a ticket.

Included in the ticket price will be chances to win some great door prizes, good music and fun. All proceeds from this dance will go toward the June 3 Project Graduation event at Dobie.

SBGSA late registration

The last date for late registration for the spring season of the South Belt Girls Softball Association is Thursday, Jan. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Late registration fees are \$85 with a \$5 sibling discount, buyout is \$55.

Registration will be held at El Franco Lee Park at the girls' softball field, concession stand. For more information, visit the league's website at www.eteamz.com/southbeltgirls.

K of C fundraiser set

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

Dinners consist of all-you-can-eat spaghetti with KC 9201 pasta sauce, two homemade Italian meatballs, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread, and iced tea or lemonade.

The cost is \$6 per person, eat in or take out. Under 12, the cost is \$3 - eat in only.

Beverly Hills Civic meets

Beverly Hills Civic Club will hold its quarterly meeting Monday, Jan. 31, at Beverly Hills Park from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Election of officers will be held. Positions include president/vice president and secretary/treasurer.

Auxiliary hosts jewelry sale

Memorial Hermann Southeast Volunteer Auxiliary will sponsor its annual Valentine's Day Jewelry Sale Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 1 and 2, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third floor North Tower of the Hospital (outpatient entrance).

Purchases can be made from a great selection of fine jewelry, sterling silver, gold, diamonds, fashion handbags and fragrances. On-the-spot watch repairs, battery changes and band replacements will also be available.

A portion of the proceeds go to the auxiliary for scholarships, projects in the hospital, and donation to United Way and other charities.

GAT 8th-grade dance set

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

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

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

AARP offers tax help

AARP will be at the Parker Williams Branch Library to give income tax assistance on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Feb. 4.

This assistance is free and available on a first come, first served basis. The program runs through April 15.

Financial aid night Feb. 1

Dobie High School will host a Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m., in the auditorium. All junior and senior parents are invited.

Freshman parent night set

Dobie will host an informational parent meeting for families with students entering ninth grade in the 2011-2012 school year. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the school cafeteria.

A meeting for parents with students interested in Pre-AP or advanced classes will begin at 6 p.m., and a general meeting for all parents with incoming freshman will begin at 7 p.m. Freshman principals and counselors will be on hand to answer questions following the presentation.

Proposed subdivision causes controversy

By James Bolen

The proposed construction of a new South Belt subdivision is causing much controversy.

If approved for development, The Preserve at Clear Creek would be located in the South Belt portion of Harris County in Pearland, east of

Pearland Parkway, just west of the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision (see schematic below).

Delaying construction is the fact that the new neighborhood is to be built along the yet-unfinished Hughes Road.

Easy access for emergency vehicles, school

buses and other traffic is a top concern for City of Pearland officials, who would have to sign off on the deal.

At a public hearing held in Pearland on Monday, Jan. 17, both City Council members and residents alike voiced their opposition to the project, citing the lack of an existing thoroughfare through the area.

Contrary to remarks made at the meeting, plans to extend the portion of Hughes Road within the Harris County limits are well under way.

Construction bids for this stretch of the road went out on Wednesday, Dec. 1, and were received by Monday, Jan. 24, according to Harris County Precinct 1 Project Coordinator Larry Allen.

In all, 11 bids were received. At press time, county officials were in the process of verifying the low-bid contractor's bonds and legal status before presenting the offer to commissioner's court for approval.

The process is expected to take roughly one week, Allen said.

Records indicate Harris County is responsible for extending Hughes Road 300 feet beyond Melillo Middle School (the Pearland city limits), while the City of Pearland is responsible for the extension west of Pearland Parkway (referred to as Barry Rose on this side).

While technically located in the City of Pearland, the stretch of road between these two areas

is to be finished by the developer, according to Harris County officials.

To be developed by Beazer Homes, the proposed project would occupy roughly 130 acres and consist of 285 houses. Beazer has already developed The Lakes of Highland Glen, Spring Meadow and Jamison Landing - all within Pearland.

An agreement made with Harris County calls for Beazer to contribute roughly \$250,000 in beautification and landscaping projects in the adjacent areas.

Future plans call for the developer to add on to the existing hike-and-bike trail located at Blackhawk and Hall Road.

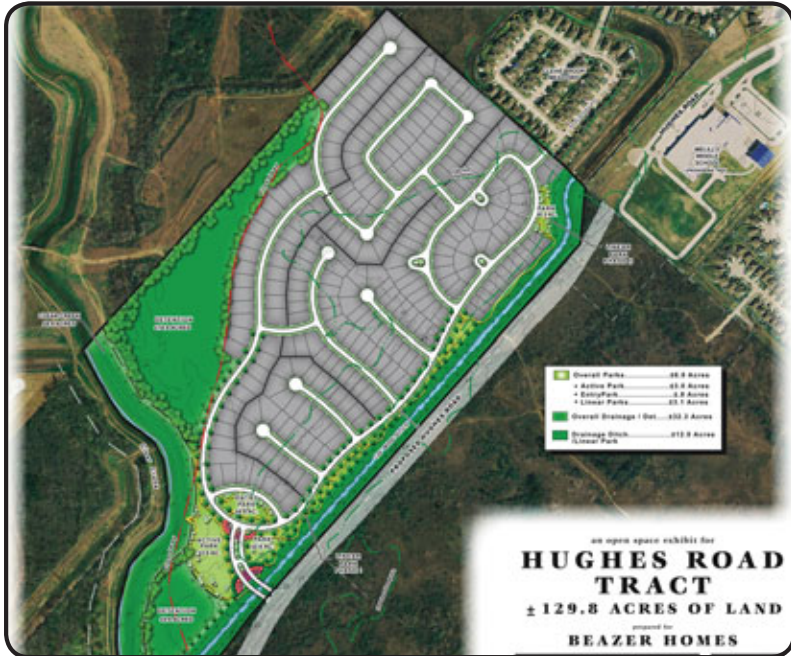
The agreement requires Harris County to provide two sections of road entering the subdivision from the east that are to be separated by medians.

The county is also to provide a bridge on both the north and south sections that includes a pedestrian walkway and rail and to redirect the walking path along the ditch to under the bridge.

Harris County will be required to provide turf seeding to the medians and setbacks and install new handicap ramps at the Riverstone Ranch Drive intersection.

City of Pearland officials are scheduled to reconvene Monday, Feb. 14, to further review the proposed development.

New subdivision planned



A proposed South Belt subdivision is causing some controversy. Opponents of The Preserve at Clear Creek are concerned about it being built along the yet-unfinished Hughes Road, possibly hindering traffic in the area.

Mayor to address banquet

Houston Mayor Annise Parker will be the guest of honor at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 27th annual reception and banquet on Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Golfcrest Country Club.

Titled *Houston - Commerce Center to the World*, the event will be dedicated to Houston icons, both past and present.

Unlike most other chambers of commerce, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber is fully funded by

its members and receives no monetary assistance from local municipalities. Despite this challenge, the group has overcome nearly insurmountable odds and accomplished much throughout the community over the past 27 years.

A mixer and reception will begin at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the chamber at 281-481-5516.

Flores, Morris selected as All-State Ensembles



Two Dobie students were selected to the TMEA All-State Ensembles during band auditions held at Alvin High School on Jan. 8. Erik Flores on contra-bass clarinet and Chans Morris on Bb clarinet will represent Dobie High School and the Pasadena Independent School District at the Texas Music Educators Convention in San Antonio Feb. 9-12. This honor is reserved for less than 1 percent of high school musicians in the state of Texas.

Local police seek suspects

The Houston Police Department is investigating a fatal shooting that took place at 8600 Theta around 10:15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Ernesto Saldizar, an 18-year-old from North Houston, suffered multiple gunshot wounds to the head and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police and Houston Fire Department personnel initially responded to a report of an unconscious man inside a parked car at an apartment complex at the above location.

At press time, there was no known motive.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to call HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-8477 (TIPS).

The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office is seeking the public's assistance in identify-

ing a suspect who was involved in a hit-and-run accident that sent a deputy to the hospital.

Deputy Robert Sanchez was patrolling the 12400 block of Beamer Friday, Jan. 21, at roughly 6:30 a.m. when he was struck by a driver, who then fled the scene into the Sageglen subdivision.

Sanchez was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital with back and neck injuries, while three other deputies scoured the area unsuccessfully searching for the suspect.

The suspect's vehicle is described as being a small maroon or red car with possible damage to the front right side.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to call the constable's office at 713-477-2766.

Open house to be held at MHSE for Esophageal Disease Center

On Jan. 27, Memorial Hermann Southeast will hold an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. for the most advanced diagnostic and treatment technology center for reflux and other esophageal diseases in Houston, the Esophageal Disease Center. "Up to a third of the general adult population suffers from gastroesophageal reflux disease symptoms at one point of their life," said Dr. Michel Kafrouni, co-director, of the center.

Dr. Farzaneh Banki, assistant professor of cardiothoracic and vascular surgery at University of Texas Medical School Houston, said, "If left untreated, GERD can lead to serious conditions such as esophageal cancer."

It is one of the first hospital-based centers of its kind in the Houston area. "The new Esophageal Disease Center reflects our hospital's commitment to providing high quality medical care in

the southeast Houston community," said Banki, offering accurate diagnosis and treatments that are uniquely tailored to each patient.

Kafrouni said, "The Esophageal Disease Center at Memorial Hermann Southeast hospital is a comprehensive center that will provide top of the line preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic care for patients with GERD and all esophageal diseases and their complications."

The public is invited to attend. Erin Asprey, CEO, and Kyle Price, COO of Memorial Hermann Southeast will be in attendance, along with other community leaders and affiliated physicians.

The new center is located at 11800 Astoria Blvd., second floor outpatient services building. Complimentary valet parking will be available, and light refreshments will be served.

Two area churches lose pastors

Two local churches recently announced they are undergoing a change of leadership.

After serving as pastor at Kirkwood South Christian Church for the past six years, the Rev. David Fraser will leave his post at the end of February.

Born outside of London, England, Fraser was educated at Exeter and Oxford universities. He was ordained a minister in England in 1964 and worked as pastor until 1973.

Fraser first visited the United States in 1967 as a visiting pastor at First Baptist Church in Bountiful, Utah, and developed a fondness for the country.

The pastor worked as a U.K.-based management consultant from 1973 until 1994, when he moved to Houston permanently. He met his wife, Kathy, the following year.

Fraser worked as a financial manager for various companies until 2004, when he began his position as full-time pastor of Kirkwood South. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in April 2009.

The pastor cited his wife's failing health as his



David Fraser

reason for leaving the church.

The Rev. William "Bill" Newcomb recently left his position as senior pastor at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, where he has served since June 2009.

Newcomb will be transferring to Pattison United Methodist Church in Pattison, Texas.

Originally from Athens, Texas, Newcomb attended the University of North Texas, where he earned a degree in economics before deciding to devote his life to the church.

Following school, Newcomb moved to Houston and served as pastor at Gethsemane United Methodist Church.

While at Gethsemane, Newcomb merged the church with Canterbury United Methodist Church and then again with St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

While Fraser's replacement has yet to be announced, Newcomb was replaced by the Rev. Mark M. Pedersen, who delivered his first sermon Sunday, Jan. 16.



Bill Newcomb

Martinez named HFD captain



Kevin Martinez

Kevin Martinez took over as captain of the "C" shift of the Houston Fire Department's Station 70 on Beamer Thursday, Jan. 20.

A 1986 graduate of Dobie High School, Martinez is a 17-year veteran of the department. He previously attended Frazier Elementary and Thompson Intermediate and was a member of the Sagemont Cowboys. Following high school, Martinez attended Texas A&M University, where he graduated in 1991.

Martinez is the son of South Belt resident Bee Martinez and the late Rick Martinez.

The new captain has two sons, Ethan and Vaughn Martinez. Martinez's sister, Lara, is married to Phillip Maffei, and they are also South Belt residents.

Photo submitted

Readers' Opinions

Morales expresses thanks to Frazier

I would like to express my sincere thanks and to compliment the wonderful staff at Frazier Elementary School. They should be rewarded for their kindness and selflessness. I won't go into specifics but due to unforeseen circumstances, my home went from a household of 2 to a household of 5. Well as you can imagine that takes a big toll on finances and being a single mother with a one income household we were really affected by this change. Don't get me wrong, I am not complaining, I welcomed in my new household members - 2 of them being my grandchildren. One of my grandchildren began attending Frazier Elementary where she is excelling in her new school.

Unfortunately, due to limited finances during the holiday season I didn't see getting the grandchildren or my son who attends Dobie a whole lot but I knew I would provide for them. I always have. I refused to ask for assistance when there are so many people that are unemployed and/or losing all their possessions. I have always been that way, if I am able and fortunate enough to have employment then I am responsible for myself and mine.

To make a long story short, Frazier knew of our predicament because of the paperwork required when I enrolled my granddaughter, the faculty and specifically Ms. Blue and Ms. Parmer opened up their hearts and blessed us. I have never received such sincere caring and generosity before from staff at a school as I received from the staff at Frazier Elementary. This school is awesome!!!

I want to say a sincere thank you to the staff of Frazier who opened up their hearts to one little family . . . my family during this difficult period of adjustment but made such a huge impact.

I am asking if you can print my story because now days the only time you hear feedback is when someone is complaining. I would like the southbelt area to

know what an awesome school we have in our district.

And thank you *South Belt Leader* for an awesome newspaper. I read it every week to keep updated on our community. Thank you,
Judy Morales

Johansen questions Perry, GOP motives

Here in the Houston area, some Republican neighbors are Tea Partiers with bumper stickers calling for Texas to secede from the United States. With a Republican governor permanently campaigning and calling for secession, I wonder what their plans are for jewels in the Texas crown that survive on public funds, such as NASA/Johnson Space Center and Medical Center.

Rick Perry, GOP leadership and the Tea Partiers are taking Texas on a Race to the Bottom. In nearly all measures, including high paying jobs requiring a solid education, Texas is near or at the bottom, and Perry and friends are intent to create a Russian-like economy to compete for more low level jobs.

Perry and the Tea Party seem pleased that the Texas economy is broken, providing them a rationale to trash public education, a variety of health programs and our once affordable public colleges. Instead they should guide Texas to a prosperous future built on a foundation of quality education, college-educated workforce and high-tech industries.

Houston is extremely proud of the Medical Center and NASA, but the Republicans are intent on dismantling important programs in order to please the Tea Party fringe. Thoughtful people need to question the motives and actions of those calling for drastic cuts in Texas and federal programs and learn about the connection of funds to truly important programs. For instance, check out where our now famous TIRR Memorial Hermann gets its funding.

Sincerely,
Peter Johansen



Sheriff deputies investigate crash

Five vehicles were involved in a traffic accident on the southbound side of Beamer just north of Astoria Wednesday, Jan. 26, at roughly 8:30 a.m. The driver in rear was ticketed for causing the other four cars to hit each other. No one was seriously injured. Deputies from the Harris County Sheriff's office are shown to the left investigating the crash.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Brook Debate earns awards at Tiger Classic

A small contingent of the Wolverine Debate Team attended Katy High School's 10th annual Tiger Classic the weekend of Jan. 14-15 as they continued to accumulate needed points toward Texas Forensics Association state qualification.

The team pared down their entries over the weekend with a solid focus on extemporaneous speaking and Lincoln Douglas debate and achieved 100 percent success.

The students who attended - Hunter Bodiford, Raveena Bhalara, Eric Chaney, Neil Patel and Rishi Suresh - all returned to Clear Brook with their goals achieved.

Bodiford, already more than triple qualified in domes-

tic extemporaneous speaking, has added LD debate to his impressive resume - now being qualified in both events for the team's state meet in March.

Following Bodiford was Bhalara who, like Bodiford, was also previously qualified in an event - LD debate - but at Katy she added domestic extemporaneous speaking to her list of accomplishments.

Fellow teammate Eric Chaney achieved his first qualification of the season in foreign extemporaneous speaking and is still working toward his LD qualification, which he is looking forward to conquering in the next few weeks.

Also, Patel achieved his

first qualification of the season in LD debate.

Rounding out the weekend's successes was Suresh, who also has two qualifications under his belt - LD debate and his newest, foreign extemporaneous speaking, which he achieved at Katy High School.

This most recent list of successes for the team has resulted in a total of 11 students who will be attending the TFA State Meet in March. Although this number is an impressive yearly result for the team, equally impressive is the total of 16 individual state qualifications, as several members will be attending the state meet as dual- or triple-qualified event competitors.



Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate Team members displaying trophies from the Katy High School Tiger Classic are, left to right, Raveena Bhalara, Rishi Suresh, Eric Chaney, Neil Patel and Hunter Bodiford.

Deferral provisions provide tax relief for homeowners

With the Monday, Jan. 31, deadline for paying 2010 property taxes without penalty or interest rapidly approaching, some homeowners may be able to postpone or "defer" tax payments.

Moreover, property owners who are 65 years of age or older and those who qualify as disabled can also choose to pay their tax bills in four installments. The first installment of at least 25 percent of the total 2010 tax bill is also due by Jan. 31, 2011. Qualified taxpayers who choose this option MUST indicate in their first payment that they have selected to use the installment plan.

Texas law permits a homeowner who is 65 or older or a disabled person to defer payment of current and delinquent property taxes on that person's residence homestead until he or she no longer owns or occupies the home as a residence.

For purposes of this law, a person is considered disabled if he or she is under a disability for purposes of payment of disability insurance benefits under Social Security.

In some cases, the deferral will also extend to the surviving spouse of a person who claims a deferral, if the spouse is 55 or older and the property is the residence homestead of both spouses at the time the spouse who qualified for the deferral dies.

"Property taxes continue to accrue during the deferral period, and all unpaid taxes are assessed interest at the rate of 8 percent per year," said Jim Robinson, the Harris County Appraisal District's

chief appraiser. "However, once an over-65 or disability deferral is granted, additional charges can't be levied for delinquent tax penalty and interest, and the property cannot be foreclosed upon for unpaid taxes during the deferral period."

"The downside of a deferral is that rather than eliminating property taxes, it merely postpones when the taxes must be paid," the chief appraiser added.

"Individuals who plan to leave their home to heirs or sell it need to remember that the taxes and interest eventually must be paid. Also, those who have a mortgage on their home should check with the mortgage company to make certain the deferral doesn't violate the terms of the deed of trust securing the mortgage on the property," Robinson added.

In addition to an over-65 deferral, a limited form of deferral may be available to a smaller group of homeowners, whose appraised value increased by more than 5 percent from 2009 to 2010, excluding any improvements made to the home. Under this provision, taxes must be paid before delinquency on any increase in value up to 5 per-

cent. Taxes on the remaining amount of increase may then be deferred on terms similar to those for the over-65 or disability deferrals.

Robinson suggested that before attempting to apply for a deferral, homeowners should first contact the taxing units (county, school district, MUD, etc.) in which their property is located to determine how much tax can be legally deferred. He also recommended that caution be used if the home has a mortgage since the deed of trust may permit the mortgage company to foreclose if all taxes aren't paid on time.

Application for the 5 percent deferral for 2010 must be made no later than Jan. 31, 2011. Homeowners who qualify for an over-65 or disabled person's deferral may claim the deferral at any time by filing a deferral affidavit form with the appraisal district. If a delinquent tax suit is already pending, a copy of the affidavit must be filed with the court.

For additional information, contact the Harris County Appraisal District's information center at 713-957-7800 or visit the district's offices at 13013 Northwest Freeway in Houston.

Dobie, Memorial receive awards

Two Pasadena Independent School District high schools - Dobie and Memorial - have been presented with 2010 College Readiness Awards by the Texas ACT Council.

The award recognizes increases in ACT composite scores over a five-year period. Schools receiving the award

must also maintain or increase the number of students taking the ACT Assessment.

The Texas ACT Council is composed of secondary and post-secondary educators who advise ACT, Inc., on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges.

Yard waste bags cause concern

By Matt Griesmyer

On Sept. 2, 2009, the City of Houston passed an ordinance that made disposing of yard waste in a "green" manner compulsory. Residents had to spend money on new compostable yard waste bags, compost the yard waste, or grass-cycle - leave yard trimmings where they lie to naturally decompose.

South Belt resident James Muecke received a sample of the new bags and found them to be unsatisfactory.

"Well, (my compostable bags) stayed in the garage from August until December, when I had need to try them," said Muecke. "The first bag that I took off the roll immediately tore at the seam. So I took two more and double bagged; this increases your cost."

The bags that Muecke received were given away to residents at a Clear Lake town hall meeting with District E City Councilman Mike Sullivan.

Muecke took action after having used the bags by contacting the director of heavy trash, Harry Hayes. Hayes forwarded his concern to the president of BIObagUSA, Dave Williams.

Muecke received a call from Williams regarding his complaint to address the issues with his product.

According to Muecke, Williams had said that his company sells the bags which are sold all over the country and he had misjudged the climate and humidity of Houston but had a new product that would potentially overcome the existing problems.

"We have lengthened and thickened the bag in an effort to have the bag perform better in the Houston climate," said Mark Williams, vice president of market development.

Dave Williams sent Muecke several sample boxes of the new product for field testing, and they appear to be working well.

"I was able to fill the bag that the company sent me to test all the way to the top and put a good tie on it," said Muecke.

According to Mark Williams, the new bags have shipped and should be available for the spring.

For more information about the different biodegradable bags, visit the compostable bags website for the City of Houston at www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/compostablebags.html.

LEGAL NOTICE

PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Exhibit C-3

For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

Data Control Codes	Other				Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Fund	Governmental Funds	
Revenues					
5700 Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 115,821,197	\$ 31,534,785	\$ 65,372	\$ 8,533,452	\$ 155,954,806
5800 State program revenues	244,433,229	13,166,542		8,839,918	266,439,689
5900 Federal program revenues	10,063,120			90,540,480	100,603,600
5020 Total revenues	370,317,546	44,701,327	65,372	107,913,850	522,998,095
Expenditures					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	206,931,932			62,040,812	268,972,744
0012 Instruction resources and media services	5,270,929			518,592	5,789,521
0013 Curriculum and staff development	4,758,046			4,069,473	8,827,519
0021 Instructional leadership	3,709,289			1,253,024	4,962,313
0023 School leadership	28,097,497			1,212,156	29,309,653
0031 Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	11,678,636			6,815,791	18,494,427
0032 Social work services	161,417			148	161,565
0033 Health services	4,102,175			130,460	4,232,635
0034 Student transportation	11,003,150			868,937	11,872,087
0035 Food services	27,203			27,708,807	27,736,010
0036 Extracurricular activities	5,828,450			813,785	6,642,235
0041 General administration	8,954,931			153,116	9,108,047
0051 Plant maintenance and operations	46,087,468			178,131	46,265,599
0052 Security and monitoring services	3,843,695			554,933	4,398,628
0053 Data processing services	6,965,059				6,965,059
0061 Community services	198,407			285,336	483,743
Debt service:					
0071 Principal on long-term debt	280,000	17,795,000			18,075,000
0072 Interest on long-term debt	28,231	16,549,983			16,578,214
0073 Bond issuance costs and fees		1,201,050			1,201,050
Capital outlay:					
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction	5,366,203		9,752,566		15,118,769
Intergovernmental:					
0095 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs	340,200				340,200
0099 Other intergovernmental charges	1,136,522				1,136,522
6030 Total Expenditures	354,769,440	35,546,033	9,752,566	106,603,501	506,671,540
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	15,548,106	9,155,294	(9,687,194)	1,310,349	16,326,555
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
7901 Refunding bonds issued		56,385,000			56,385,000
7912 Sale of real or personal property	1,921				1,921
7915 Transfers in			500,000		500,000
7916 Premium or discount on issuance of bonds		4,999,667			4,999,667
8911 Transfers out	(500,000)				(500,000)
8949 Payment to Bond Refunding Escrow Agent		(60,834,274)		(14,887)	(60,849,161)
7080 Total other financing sources and uses	(498,079)	550,393	500,000	(14,887)	537,427
1200 Net change in fund balances	15,050,027	9,705,687	(9,187,194)	1,295,462	16,863,982
0100 Fund Balance - Beginning	72,216,035	35,129,164	14,471,098	6,469,257	128,285,554
3000 Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 87,266,062	\$ 44,834,851	\$ 5,283,904	\$ 7,764,719	\$ 145,149,536

See Notes to the Financial Statements.

Dobie 20-year reunion set

The Dobie High School Class of 1991 will hold its 20-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Trevisio Restaurant & Ballroom, 6550 Bertner Ave. in Houston.

For information and/or ticket sales, visit <http://www.jfdobie91reunion.com/> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/doobieclassof91reunion>.

PW Library sets events

The following events are scheduled for the week of Jan. 27 through Feb. 2 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

The Vietnamese Lunar New Year Festival will be celebrated Saturday, Jan. 29.

A family-friendly film will be presented at Movie Madness on Monday, Jan. 31, at 4 p.m. Call the library for exact title.

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

Dobie offers student tours to Europe

Dobie High School teachers Allison Bowers and Lakeitha Kirven will sponsor trip to Europe for the summer of 2012.

Bowers will take a 15-day tour to London, Paris, Louvre, Swiss Alps, Florence, Rome and Assisi. To find out more information, e-mail her at EuropeLeisure2012@hotmail.com or Abinnicker@pasadenaisd.org.

Kirven will be take an 11-day tour to Paris, Milan, Florence and Rome. For more information, e-mail her at Lkirven@pasadenaisd.org.

Prices are reasonable, and a discount is given to those who enroll by Feb. 28, 2012. Only inquire about trip if student is between the age of 14-19 and currently attend J. Frank Dobie High School.

Bowers and Kirven will host a second parent meeting at a later date for those who are interested in experiencing this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Death

Derek Eugene McDonald



Derek Eugene McDonald, 37, of Sagemont, died on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011.

He is survived by his children, Rachel McDonald, Lance McDonald, Pierce Schwertner-McDonald and Christina McDonald; mother of Rachel and Lance, Hope Harris; wife Jennifer Cropsey-McDonald and her children, Izzy and Ozzy Castillo; mother Marla McDonald; father John Delacorda; paternal grandmother Dorthy McDonald; maternal grandparents Bill and Judy McDonald; and numerous family members and friends.

Chapel services were held Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at Grand View Funeral Home.

Interment followed the service at Grand View Memorial Park.

Online memorial tributes may be placed at www.grandviewfunerals.com.

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Stuchbery announces second nine-weeks rolls

Stuchbery Elementary recently released its honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls for the second nine-weeks grading period of the 2010-2011 school year. Students earning status are:

Honor roll
First grade
 Anthony Benavides, Ricky Cao, Jaran Darjean, Jaran Darjean, Julius Davis, Julius Davis, Isaiiah Fernandez, Jordan Gonzales, Scotlynn Hamilton and Khalil Henry.

Second grade
 Mary Baez, Aliyah Barreiro, Ty Blankenship, Anthony Castro, Mark Chaves, Karina Del Villar, Vinh Diep, Abby Duron, Drake Escobedo, Bruno Gandara and Braden Gant.

Third grade
 Gema Alaniz, Anilu Arrieta, Eihan Butler, Alejandro Castaneda, Alonso Dosal, Marcus Doss, Gabriella Garcia, Hannah Gonzales, Marcus Hernandez, Stephanie Horton, Katelyn Huynh and Nicholas Keel.

Fourth grade
 Lauren Brown, Sara Cortez, Stephanie Do, Emily Estrada, Daija Green, Brian Hoang, Ivy Hua, Jose Montiel, Miah Muniz and Michaela

Makayla Karkasky, Thao Lam, Bonny Le, Tony Le, Alejandro Melendez and Izabella Mojica.

Merit roll
First grade
 Catalina Canet, Colton Chahayed, Sebastian Cruz, Thomas Cypert, Denise Davis, Gerardo Flores, Izaac Garcia, Celest Garcia, Zinaya Gonzales and Elissa Lopez.

Second grade
 Rhaevyn Citizen, Justin Garcia, Carolina Gonzalez, Marlynn Hensley, Mikayla Lagos, Mauricio Lopez, Rhannon Morris, Andrew Nguyen and Madelyn Spray.

Third grade
 Adam Escobedo, Jasmine Jimenez, Kayla Lawson, Samantha Lopez, Giovanni Luna, Sarah Marquez, Selest Martinez, Trevor Morris, Allison Nera, Leonardo Perez, Elexus Romero, Nicholas Salinas and Peter Spigner.

Fourth grade
 Belen Avina, Hellen Cruz, Natalia Esparza, Ahtziry Espinoza Ramos, Brittny Garcia, Katelyn Martinez, Wesley Ndag, Sebastian Nino, Christopher Oreallana, Sebastian Pena, Jorge Rodriguez, Paola Rodriguez and Sofia Tamez.

Perfect attendance
First grade
 Montserrat Alba, Abraham Amaro, Kelly Amaya, Jazmyne Backman, Shinnell Ball-Ford, Anthony Benavides, Jai'ariyus Boston, Jamil Campbell, Kaitlynn Cantu and Ricky Cao.

Second grade
 Anthony Castro, Sebastian Cruz, Thomas Cypert, Julius Davis, Denise Davis, Ethan Deem, Keegan DeSantiago, Omar Espinoza, Izaac Garcia, David Gay and Jaqueline Gonzales.

Third grade
 Jordan Gonzales, Zinaya Gonzales, Makiethia Johnson, Rhellin Lewis, Kiyah Linsey, Kimberly Lizardo, Brandon Lopez, Elissa Lopez, Alan Lucero-Flores and Alexandru Marinescu.

Fourth grade
 Annette Tran, Trinity Tucker, Ashley Tzintzun, Jesse Valdez, Tre Villanueva, Cyra'e Washington, Alyssia Williams, Faith Williams, Jaric

Perfect attendance
Kindergarten
 Alize Alvarez, Michael Arambula, Derrian Bennett, Jor'dun Boston, Ami Bui, Christopher Cantu, Kayle Christie, Deandré Cooper, Eron Delgado, Sarah Cruz, Raul Diaz, Anaiaha Flowers and Christina Garza.

First grade
 Ashton Fox, Ariana Gonzales, Briana Ibarra, Hunter Killingsworth, Bianca Kinder, Madison London-Carter, Adrian Longoria, Sheila McGee, Marcus Millender, Xavier Ortiz, Thu Pham, Esperanza Regalado and Ezequiel Rivera.

Second grade
 Phil Rivera, Ivan Sanchez, Kenndy Sistrunk, Jalon Thomas, Jalen Thomas, Kimberly Tovar, Jasmine Tran, Vianca Valencia, Cardin Vo, Cornellus Whitmill and Jency Woodley.

Perfect attendance
Second grade
 Heidi Alfaro, Mya Amador, Hailey Avant, Mary Baez, Randy Bui, Khadryan Caldwell, Mark Chavez, Keira Chavis, Emily Cortez, Vinh Diip, Karen Estrada, Noah Galicia, Braden Gant, David Garcia, Gabriel Granados and Francisco Hernandez.

Third grade
 Anilu Arrieta, Alexa Benitez, Roy Bessent, Ethan Butler, Alejandro Castaneda, Elissa Castillo, Kevin Christie, Alonso Dosal, Carlos Escobar, Adam Escobedo, Granyeli Feliciano, Stephanie Garcia, Carlos Garcia and Aaron Gonzalez.

Fourth grade
 Alexis Alvarez, Christopher Amador, Ashley Amaro, Rudy Arrieta, Tristan Avant, Alex Bosques, Brian Bui, Jacob Colunga, Andrea Contreras, Stephanie Do, Nyah Earl, Emily Estrada, Makayla Fox, Valerie Garcia, Dulce Garcia, Daija Green, Luis Guerrero and Anthony Haynes.

Perfect attendance
Second grade
 Tonya Hernandez, Deaira Jackson, Ambreon Jones, Thao Lam, Bonny Le, Tonya Le, Mauricio Lopez, Christian Mariscal, Joshua Martinez, Marissa McAnally, Kemauri Millender, Izabella Mojica and Alyssa Montes.

Third grade
 Janelle Mooney, Veronica Mora, Rhiannon Morris, Andrew Nguyen, Tri Nguyen, Bryan Ramirez, Jordan Reed, Jason Reyna, Zovian Riggs, Emily Salinas, Isaiiah Sempkowski and Keegan Seymour.

Fourth grade
 Benjamin Roy, Presly Ruiz, Duraius Tarpley-Gotcher, Christopher Thomas, Nathaniel Torres, Shyla Torres, Brianna Villalondo, Ezequiel Villarreal, Zanae Zavala and Angel Zelaya.

Perfect attendance
Second grade
 Elizabeth Abeja, Yenais Aguilar, Lizbeth Armenta, Gulsoma Aziz, Fattima Charles, Caleb Dhaemers, Isaac Garcia, Jocelyn Garcia and Marianna Murchison.

Third grade
 Daniel Arellano, Clarissa Centeno, Kayley Daniels, Jasmine Gonzalez, Jesus Martinez, Isaac Melendez, Brianna Sanmiguel, Catherine Silvacruz and Vanessa Vazquez.

Fourth grade
 Julian Olmeda, Izayah Perez, Orran Rainey, Aaron Ramirez, Isai Rodas, Dashlee Sanchez, Adrian Saracho, Jamarian Shepard, Italy Skillman, Sa Terria Small, Randy Soloya, Adriana Torres, Alexis Tran, Lee Vela, Julian Venzor and Kayla Wilson.

BHI Spelling Bee champions named



Beverly Hills Intermediate recently held its annual spelling bee. Spelling bee winners are, left to right, Catherine Thai, runner-up; and David Ho, champion – winning word was *rural*. Also pictured is Marsha Benjamin, English teacher of both students. The next step for Ho is the Pasadena Independent School District Spelling Bee on Feb. 15 at the administration building. Photo submitted

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Genoa releases second 9-weeks honor, merit rolls

Genoa Elementary School recently released its honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

Honor roll
First grade
 Isabel Aguilo, Jailyn Araujo, Fatima Arif, Alexis Arredondo, Fatima Avina, Daniela Balderas, Hailey Channel, Torrell Davis, Rachel Del Angel, Ana Delacera, Miguel Escamilla, Alexis Escobar and Daniela Esparza.

Second grade
 Leonardo Frias, Victor Garcia, Michell Garza-Lopez, Adriana Gomez, Erik Hernandez, Selina Huang, Zylaeja Johnson, Raynisha Lavalais, Crimson Leonard, Hans Leza, Yessenia Lopez and David Mejorado.

Third grade
 Daniel Arellano, Clarissa Centeno, Kayley Daniels, Jasmine Gonzalez, Jesus Martinez, Isaac Melendez, Brianna Sanmiguel, Catherine Silvacruz and Vanessa Vazquez.

Fourth grade
 Benjamin Roy, Presly Ruiz, Duraius Tarpley-Gotcher, Christopher Thomas, Nathaniel Torres, Shyla Torres, Brianna Villalondo, Ezequiel Villarreal, Zanae Zavala and Angel Zelaya.

Perfect attendance
First grade
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Third grade
 Daniel Arellano, Clarissa Centeno, Kayley Daniels, Jasmine Gonzalez, Jesus Martinez, Isaac Melendez, Brianna Sanmiguel, Catherine Silvacruz and Vanessa Vazquez.

Fourth grade
 Benjamin Roy, Presly Ruiz, Duraius Tarpley-Gotcher, Christopher Thomas, Nathaniel Torres, Shyla Torres, Brianna Villalondo, Ezequiel Villarreal, Zanae Zavala and Angel Zelaya.

Perfect attendance
First grade
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Second grade
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Third grade
 Daniel Arellano, Clarissa Centeno, Kayley Daniels, Jasmine Gonzalez, Jesus Martinez, Isaac Melendez, Brianna Sanmiguel, Catherine Silvacruz and Vanessa Vazquez.

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Saiz spelling bee champion



Atkinson Elementary Spelling Bee was recently held at the school. Daniel Saiz of Tulu Sarkar's fourth-grade class was named the winner. He will represent Atkinson in the Pasadena Independent School District Spelling Bee.

Photo submitted

Over The Back Fence by Jan



TREY SENT BIRTHDAY WISHES

A special belated birthday wish is sent to Alfredo "Trey" Estrada, who celebrated his birthday Jan. 24, from mom Mercedes, stepdad Ray, sister Jackie and brothers Josh and Jacob. Trey is a fifth-grade student at Morris Middle School.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR ALEXIS

Belated happy birthday wishes are sent to Dobbie High School senior Alexis Huebner on Wednesday, Jan. 26, from her parents, Debbie and Johnny Huebner, grandmother Loida Trimble and all who love her.

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY OWEN!

Owen Michael Flowers turns 2 years old Thursday, Feb. 3, and will celebrate with a Toy Story-themed party at his grandparents' house. Best wishes are sent to Owen from big sister Kennedy; parents Stacey (Hayes) and Stephen Flowers of Dickinson; grandparents Jannie and Robert Scarberry of South Belt and Karen and Mike Flowers of Dickinson; uncles Tyler, Austin, Joey, Wesley and Travis; aunts Jenny, Nicole, Nyssa, Christine and Michelle; and cousins Brayden, Baylee, Jade and Sierra. Owen's mother is a 2005 graduate of J. Frank Dobbie High School.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR KARMA

Karma Sronce celebrates her birthday Wednesday, Feb. 2. Karma is sent birthday wishes from her family, friends and co-workers at the Leader.

LAILA CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Dr. Laila Hassan celebrates her birthday Thursday, Jan. 27. Best wishes are sent for a wonderful day from her family, friends, office staff and the Leader staff.

GRIFFINS CELEBRATE 49 YEARS

Bobby and Kenneth Griffin mark their 49th wedding anniversary Thursday, Jan. 27. Their family, friends and the staff at the Leader wish them a wonderful anniversary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DAVID

Birthday greetings are sent to David Flickinger, president of the South Belt-Ellington Leader, Thursday, 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; fiancée Ellie Garza, her daughter, Natalie, and grandson Kelvin; and the staff at the Leader.

ANGELA HAS A BIRTHDAY

Bobby and Kenneth Griffin send birthday wishes to daughter-in-law Angela Griffin, who enjoys a birthday Feb. 2.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 27 through Feb. 2.

Burnett Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for Pat McBride on Jan. 28. Feb. 1 is the day for a party for Donna Yates.

Frazier Elementary

Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to Shanette Eldridge Jan. 27.

Laura Bush Elementary

On Jan. 31, birthday wishes are sent to Melissa Medina.

Moore Elementary

Birthday greetings are sent to Brenda Hallaron Jan. 28. Emma Tsikis has a birthday Jan. 31. On Feb. 1, Tammy Munn enjoys a birthday.

South Belt Elementary

The day for a birthday cake for Kelly Lohse is Jan. 27. Marking a birthday Jan. 28 is Jennifer Perales.

Melillo Middle School

Jan. 27 is the day for a birthday party for Shanette Eldridge. Celebrating a birthday Jan. 29 is Bertha Sanchez. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Kelly Jurek Jan. 31. Marking a birthday Feb. 1 is Bonnie Schindler.

Morris Middle School

Elecia Audish celebrates a birthday Jan. 30. On Feb. 2, blow out the birthday candles for John Bennett.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

The day for a cake for Lisa Anders is Jan. 27. Birthday greetings are sent to Melissa Gonzalez Jan. 28. On Jan. 30, Donica Arnold enjoys a birthday. Maria Olvera has a birthday Jan. 31. The day for a cake for Cynthia Wright is Feb. 2.

Thompson Intermediate

Special birthday wishes are sent to Felicia Pettit Jan. 30. Enjoying a birthday Jan. 31 is Laura Tuttle.

Dobie High

Blow out the birthday candles for Todd Geries Jan. 27. Kristen Griffith enjoys a birthday Jan. 28. Steven Casteel and Elke Cerre are wished a happy birthday Jan. 30. The day for a birthday surprise for Leslie Rustin is Feb. 1.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

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

Melillo, Moore, South Shaver "GLO"



Melillo Middle School, in conjunction with Moore Elementary and South Shaver Elementary, took part in a holiday drive benefiting the Houston Hospice called "GLO" for a Cause in honor of longtime kindergarden teacher Gloria Araiza of South Shaver Elementary. Araiza lost her battle to cancer this past October. Faculty and students collected toiletry items and bags of candy for the drive.

They plan to continue to host this drive in the upcoming years. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Alma Chavez, Veronica Arguedas, Ilsa Garcia, Alicia Gaytan, Martha Hoppe, (back row) Veronica Gonzales, Lori Homerstad, Sarah Saum, Nancy Hernandez, Claudia Perez, Mayra Ozuna, Ricardo Tamez, Connie Smith, Jessica Gomez, Julia Romo and Armita Whelchel.

Photo submitted

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

Lions Club meets Feb. 8

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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Horticulture of Moody Gardens lecture Feb. 4

The University of Houston-Clear Lake will hold a mini-CLASP lecture on horticulture of Moody Gardens Friday, Feb. 4, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane.

Moody Gardens of the Future: The Canopy, Otter Pond and More to Come is the topic of the mini-CLASP lecture presented by Moody Gardens Exhibits Manager Donita Brannon.

Hosted by the university's Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs, this series is designed to provide learning opportunities for area seniors and others interested in learning.

All ages are welcome. Admission is free, but registration is requested for all daytime speaker series events.

For more information, e-mail clasp@uhcl.edu, call the university's Office of Alumni and Community Relations at 281-283-2019, or visit the CLASP website at http://www.uhcl.edu/clasp.

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Remember When

30 years ago (1981)
A concerted South Belt community effort brought a record number of voters to the Dobbie polling place. Their efforts put three South Belt area residents on the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees: John Elam, Rudy Schubert and Dr. B.J. Garner.

Dobbie High School assistant head varsity football coach Don Cole announced

his resignation. The athletic director of Pasadena ISD said it was too soon to name replacements for the three football coaches who resigned from the district, although interviews had begun.

Heavy voter turnout in the Pasadena school district was a key factor in the J.D. Bruce-Dr. William Davison victory in the San Jacinto College Board of Regents election.

25 years ago (1986)
The U.S. Justice Department was expected to rest its case, alleging discriminatory practices in Pasadena Independent School District.

Repair of the overpass bridge at Dixie Farm Road was expected to begin and was to be completed in time for rush hour traffic the following Monday morning.

The new officers for the PISD Board of Trustees were Harvey Turner, president; Vickie Morgan, vice president; John Elam, secretary; and Carmen Orozco, assistant secretary.

Vickie Morgan became the first woman in half a century elected to the PISD Board of Trustees by defeating 18-year incumbent Carl Schwartz, who was seeking his seventh term to the board.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Memorial Southeast Professional Building to be connected to Memorial Southeast Hospital, also under construction, took place.

20 years ago (1991)
Carmen Orozco was elected president of the Pasadena school board. Others elected were Denny Delafield as vice president,

Vickie Morgan as secretary and Harvey Turner as assistant secretary.

Le Duc Nguyen, a 54-year-old market owner, was shot to death by three robbers. The three men were captured and charged with aggravated robbery.

Sageleen resident Gordon Quisenberry drowned while attempting to rescue a woman who was also drowning in Galveston Bay. According to a Coast Guard spokesman, a 41-foot Cigarette boat cartwheeled at a high rate of speed in choppy water. Quisenberry left his boat in an attempt to save the woman and her companion. No one was wearing a life jacket.

15 years ago (1996)
The South Belt-Ellington Leader was getting ready to celebrate its 20th anniversary. Formerly known as the South Belt Press, the newspaper was founded in February 1976 by two housewives, Marie Flickinger and Bobby Griffin.

Clear Brook senior Andrea Bahlo took first place in the 100-yard backstroke at the state TISCA meet in Austin, after undergoing heart surgery only 11 days before the event.

10 years ago (2001)
Clear Creek Independent School District parents asked for the long-promised replacement for Weber Elementary.

The State Farm Insurance office of Skip Morse was robbed. The thieves escaped with a small amount of cash and a 23-year-old wedding ring from one of the two insurance reps who were in the office.

5 years ago (2006)
Neil West, longtime

South Belt resident, was recognized as the Citizen of the Year at the 22nd annual South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce banquet. West was praised by Harris County Commissioner El Franco Lee for his contributions to the community.

Houston police were investigating the death of J.C. Iziah Smith, 21, whose body was found in Turkey Creek. Smith, of the 11700 block of Algonquin, was found by three men who were riding four-wheeled vehicles near the 15100 block of the Gulf Freeway.

Richard McKay, head librarian at San Jacinto College's Parker Williams Library, initiated a project to preserve previous issues of the Leader on microfilm for posterity.

A stolen vehicle was recovered after a brief chase through Sagemont. Precinct 2 Deputy Constable Sgt. Zerick Guinn chased the vehicle on Sageburrow, and when it failed to negotiate a turn, it crashed into the yard of a residence. Two juvenile occupants fled on foot but were quickly captured.

1 year ago (2010)
In a surprising move, newly named Dobbie head football coach Derek Fitzhenry resigned from his post before even starting the position. According to Fitzhenry, his family wanted to remain in Giddings, where he will continue to coach.

John Elam died after a five-year battle with cancer. A 1985 Dobbie graduate, Elam was a standout football player who went on to play at Texas A&M University. Elam was diagnosed with a rare, unknown form of cancer in 2004.

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KUHF's Kennedy at Bay Area concert

Elaine Kennedy, KUHF Morning Show host, will appear as a special guest at the 2011 Major Works Concert presented by the Bay Area Chorus of Greater Houston.

Accompanied by a professional orchestra, the Bay Area Mixed Chorus and the Bay Area Women's Chorus will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door for adults, and \$12 for students and seniors 65+. Tickets may be purchased by visiting the "purchase tickets" section of the BAC website at www.bayareachorus.org, by calling the BAC hotline at 281-326-1286, or from any chorus member.

Kennedy and members of the chorus advisory board will be honored at a post-concert reception for performers and members of the audience.

Refreshments will be provided by Mediterraneo Market and Cafe, featuring flavors of the Mediterranean.

The BAC Mixed Chorus will perform a concert favorite, the *Schubert Mass in G*. In contrast, a rarely performed work, the *Rheinberger Mass in A*, will be presented by the BAC Women's Chorus.

Now in its 46th season, the Bay Area Chorus has grown to be a Houston-area choral institution. During the 16-year tenure of Musical Director Keith Dixon, the group has expanded to include a Women's and Mixed Chorus. Both have exhibited a high standard of musical excellence in performances throughout metropolitan Houston.

Additionally, the Bay Area Chorus has an extensive outreach program showcasing school, church, community and university choirs as guest performers.

The Bay Area Women's Chorus has been invited to perform at the state convention of the Texas Choral Directors Association in San Antonio on July 30, 2011.

The Curious Savage opens at PLT Jan. 28

The Curious Savage, the beloved comedy by John Patrick, opens at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen Genoa Road, on Friday, Jan. 28.

This family friendly show, directed by Misty Banks Thompson, runs weekends through Feb. 13. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Thursday, Feb. 10, with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.

On Thursday, Feb. 10, a special two-for-one show is offered. A \$14 ticket will admit two to this performance.

The Curious Savage is a funny and heartwarming story of Ethel Savage, who has inherited \$10 million from her late husband with which she intends to do many good things. Her greedy stepchildren commit her to the Cloisters, a sanatorium, and attempt to take the fortune for themselves. Mrs. Savage finds she has more in common with the patients at the Cloisters and wants to stay there. She winds up leading everyone on a merry chase.

Make reservations by calling 713-941-1758 or online at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. Credit cards will be accepted.



Pictured, left to right, Geoff Geiger, Janet Sharpley of Sagemont, and Steve Quimby appear in *The Curious Savage* by John Patrick which opens Jan. 28 at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen Genoa Road. This beloved comedy runs weekends through Feb. 13. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sundays. Photo by Avalon Photography

Cox, Malek marry Dec. 18

Allison Lee Cox and Darin William Malek were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at the Star Hill Ranch in Bee Cave, Texas, with the bride's uncle, the Rev. Jerry Cox, presiding. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

A reception followed the ceremony where the couple danced to *You are the Best Thing*, by Ray Lamontagne. The bride is the daughter of David and Angel Cox of The Woodlands.

The groom is the son of Gail and David Malek, residents of the Estates of Green Tee. He is the grandson of Don and Carol Lowry of South Belt and Ken and Verona Malek of Rockport, Texas, former South Belt residents.

Serving as matron of honor was Sarah Rhea, the bride's sister.

Ashton Cox, the bride's niece was the bridesmaid.

Serving as best man was Lonnie Malek, the groom's brother.

The groomsmen was Mitch Rhea, and ushers were David Cole, Sean Carpenter and Joe Tromanhauser.

The bride is a 2004 Sam Houston State University graduate with a degree in journalism and a minor in mass communication. She works with LJJ Associates as a marketing specialist director.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of Bay Area Christian School in League City. He attended Texas Tech University and graduated from the Houston Fire Department in 2005. He is a Houston fireman-paramedic at Station 49. He attended Sagemont Church.

After a honeymoon on the Riverwalk in San Antonio, the couple reside in Shenandoah, Texas.



Mr. and Mrs. Darin William Malek

Health Expo, free HIV testing at UHCL

The University of Houston-Clear Lake will hold a Health Expo and free HIV testing Wednesday, Feb. 2, from noon to 6 p.m. in the Bayou Building, Atrium I, Forest Room of the university at 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The health expo is free and will include a variety of campus and community health organizations and will provide health-related information, including free HIV testing offered by Legacy Community Health Services. HIV test results are available in 20 minutes.

For more information about this free event, contact the coordinator for Women's and LGBT Services Julie Smith at 281-283-2578 or e-mail smithj@uhcl.edu.

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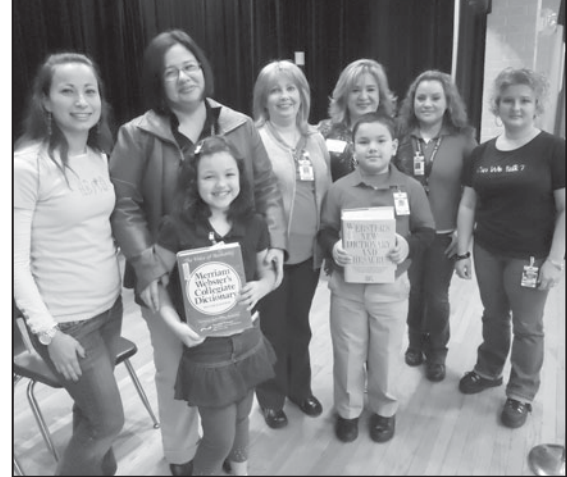
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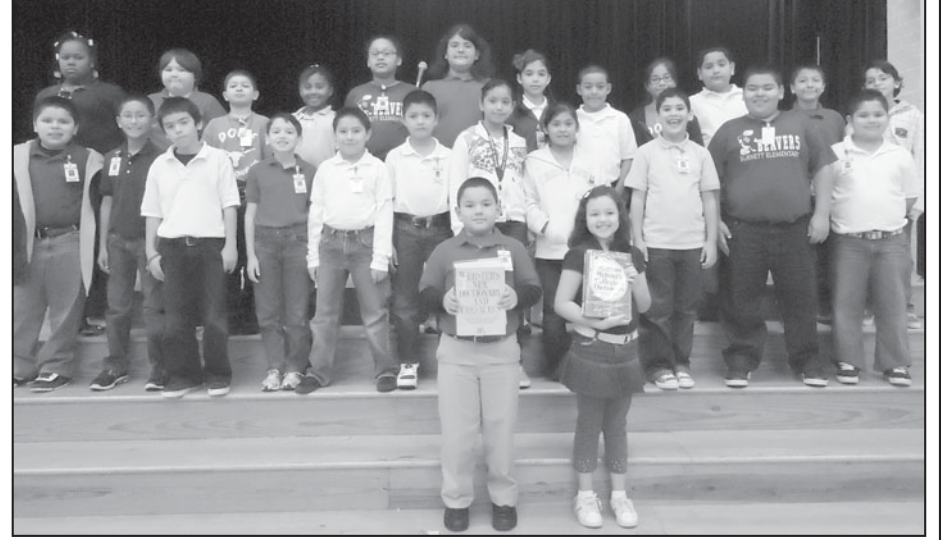
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Burnett Spelling Bee champs announced



Burnett Elementary held its annual spelling bee on Jan. 7. Several students in third and fourth grades participated throughout several rounds to see who would become the spelling bee champion. After 16 rounds of spelling words, third-grader Naomi Rodriguez was crowned the spelling bee champion for correctly spelling the word *herringbone*. She will move on to the Pasadena Independent School District competition in early February. At left: left to right, (front row) Champion Naomi Rodriguez, first runner-up Marco Velasquez, (back row) third-grade teacher Rebecca Wells, Brenda Rodriguez (Rodriguez's mother), Principal Cynthia Henderson, Yolanda Velasquez (Velasquez's mother), fourth-grade teacher Gloria Cruz, and spelling bee coordinator/counselor Shawn Fojtik.



Burnett spelling bee participants shown are, (front row) Marco Velasquez, Naomi Rodriguez, (second row) Sebastian Ramirez, Daniel Garza, Jesus Montes, Milow Lozano, Alex Rosalez, Andrew Garcia, Stephanie Umanzor, Jacquelyn Velasquez, Jaydon Garcia, Christian Medina, Justin Silva, (third row) Ayana Knights-Stanley, Joshua Phancoy, Michael Magid, Kianna Williams, Arianna Toran, Arlene Vega, Emily Solis, Caleb Exum, Bianca Perez, Eric Perez, Alan Contreras, Osvaldo Escamilla. Not pictured is Rijja Rasool.

Photos submitted

Memorial presents Crazy For You

The Memorial High School Fine Arts Department will present the Tony Award-winning musical *Crazy For You* over six dates beginning Jan. 28 in the school auditorium.

The show, which features the music of George and Ira Gershwin, won the 1992 Tony for Best Musical.

The classic song-and-dance production features exhilarating tap-dance numbers reminiscent of *42nd Street* and *Singin' in the Rain*.

Evening performances are scheduled for Jan 28-29 and Feb. 3-5. Curtain time each night is 7 p.m.

A special matinee performance is set for Jan. 30 at 2 p.m.

The script, written by Ken Ludwig, takes audiences through rejection and mistaken identity - and throws in a love story along the way.

Bobby, a city boy, dreams of making it big on Broadway, but his mother disagrees with his goals and wants him to remain in the family banking business. Business takes him to Nevada, where he meets Polly, a small-town girl who wants nothing to do with his big-city ways.

Gershwin hits include *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *I Got Rhythm*, *They Can't Take That Away From Me* and *Embraceable You*.

The Memorial High pro-

duction is under the direction of H. Russ Brown and choreographed by Peggy Hinajosa with musical direction by J. Paul Trahan.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

For additional information, contact Geema Moore at 713-740-0390.

CLASP Visions in Our Midst holds lecture on health care

The University of Houston-Clear Lake's CLASP *Visions in Our Midst* speaker series will present a lecture on health care Thursday, Feb. 3, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Bayou Building at the campus.

Health Care Reform: Rationing Health Care is the topic of this free lecture presented by University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston's Dr. Howard Brody. All ages are welcome.

For more information contact clasp@uhcl.edu, call 281-283-2019, or visit the CLASP website at <http://www.uhcl.edu/clasp>.

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Registration is open through Feb. 28, at various times and locations in the Bayou Building and Student Services and Classroom Building at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

To register online, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/fl>. Registration is also available by phone at 281-283-3033 or on-site.

For more information, e-mail Christine Paul, foreign languages program director, at cpaul@uhcl.edu.



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are, left to right, (front row) third-graders Bethany Otera, Luke Burton, Ariel Robles, Tasmeha Kazi, Angela Torres, (back row) fourth-graders Kameron Lane, Diocelina Chavez-Sanchez, Counselor Tara Merida, fourth-graders Gabriel Barrerae, Jackie Lucio, Corina Banda and John Hoang.

Meador releases 2nd 9-weeks rolls

Meador Elementary recently released its honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

First grade Honor roll

Hussiel Arias, Amya Dubose, Allan Gonzalez, Andrea Gonzalez, Christopher Goudeau, Damarcus Groves, Ariana Martin and Edwin Morena.

Kaili Ochoa, Colleen Powell, Trinity Reed, April Rodriguez, John Rodriguez, Kaley Saucedo and Devon Tran.

Merit roll

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Sameer Buksh, Alberto Campa, Giselle Cardona, Mark Cortez, Alexis Cuff, Mark D'Cruze, Desirey Delara and Desiree Fernandez.

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Third grade Honor roll

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Fourth grade Honor roll

Henri Bui, Priscilla Bui, Roberto Campa, Diocelina Chavez-Sanchez, Atziri Galarza, David Garcia, Paulina Garza, John Hoang, Rebecca Reyna, Hugo Rios and Jack Yu.

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Gabriel Barrerae, Joshua

Kay, Kennedy Nguyen, Gilianne Rangel, Roger Solis and Alyssa Walker.

LSAT testing at UHCL

LSAT testing will be available at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Sunday, Feb. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information, visit www.lsac.org or e-mail info@L.SAC.org



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Youth sports sign-ups nearing final stages

South Belt area youth looking to take part in any of the spring 2011 leagues are running out of time. The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League, the area's longtime youth baseball organization, will be accepting late registration Saturday, Jan. 29, at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park. Those looking to register for youth soccer may do so at www.southbeltsooccer.org. For more details on any of the available registration opportunities, see the listings on Page 2B.

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SH tops Dobie, nets 22-5A boys' lead

At right, Dobie point guard Dominique Simon pressures South Houston's Kenneth Marshall during the first half of the Trojans' 67-59 victory over the Longhorns, which gave the Trojans the outright lead in the 22-5A varsity boys basketball standings at 5-0, while Dobie fell to 4-1. Simon had 11 points in the first half as the Longhorns stayed close, but a series of scoring runs in the second half allowed South Houston to pull away late in the third quarter and throughout much of the fourth. In other area action, both the Clear Brook varsity boys and varsity girls' teams gained ground in their respective 24-5A races. The boys downed Alvin to move to 4-4, good enough for a fourth-place tie. The girls, meanwhile, topped Alvin to grab a share of third place. Dobie's varsity girls, however, lost to South Houston, falling to second place in 22-5A at 4-2. For more high school basketball action, see Page 6B.



Photo by John Bechtel

San Jacinto College softball to begin 2011 spring season

The San Jacinto College women's softball team will open the 2011 season Saturday, Jan. 29, with a double-header at LSU-Eunice, and Coyotes' head coach Kelly Saenz will be as anxious as anybody else in attendance to see where her team stands. After the addition of a couple of transfer players who weren't with the team in the fall, San Jacinto now has eight sophomores to go with 10 freshmen. Saenz knows what to expect from many of the sophomores, most of whom saw action a season ago during the team's 31-29 run. Yet then there are the 10 freshmen, and Saenz will be looking to get an immediate contribution from many of those as well. During the opening day two-game set against LSU-Eunice, Saenz and her staff, including pitching coach Dionna Lopez, might most be focused on the pitching circle. There, the Coyotes will welcome five newcomers, including transfer players Tori Cummings of Manvel High School and Michaela Adams, a Clear Creek High School graduate. Cummings and Adams will get early looks, as will left-hander Shannon Millman of Pasadena Memorial and Alexis Estrada, two pitchers who took most of the action in the fall. A fifth pitcher, Katie Vogt, is also ready to go after coming back from an injury. "We are going to try to get as many of those pitchers in action this first weekend as possible and see what they have," Saenz said. "Obviously we basically know what each of them are capable of, but this will be the first live action for them against another opponent in the spring, and that's always big." Ideally, Saenz would like to see at least a couple of those pitchers step to the forefront and give the team a solid base with which to work. From an offensive standpoint, Saenz will initially field a lineup of nine players with run-scoring in mind. Sophomores Nicole Andrade, Megan Matejka, Bethany Armstrong and

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High school soccer teams seek continuity

Just over two weeks into the high school soccer season, there are still quite a few teams seeking to uncover their true identity. In most cases, each team's situation is different. Take the Clear Brook varsity girls' team for instance. A year ago, the team made an inspiring run to the Region III tournament. With several key players back in the mix this season, it was natural to assume the team might pick up where it left off. However, injuries to some of those returnees early this season, combined with a tough-as-nails schedule, have left the Lady Wolverines sputtering out of the gate just a bit more slowly to this point.

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Clear Brook's Landon Sikes is off to a quick start this season after netting three goals for a hat trick in the Wolverines' victory over Jersey Village Jan. 21 at Clear Brook. The Wolverines, like many area teams, will soon find themselves involved in district play.

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

Friday, Jan. 28

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

Saturday, Jan. 29

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

Monday, Jan. 31

Thompson 8th Dark boys at Miller, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light boys at Miller, 6:15
Thompson 7th Dark boys at Miller, 5:00
Thompson 7th Light boys at Miller, 6:15
Thompson 8th Light girls host Miller, 5:00
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Thompson 7th Light girls host Miller, 5:00
Thompson 7th Dark girls host Miller, 6:15
Beverly Hills 8th Light girls host Park View, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Dark girls host Park View, 6:15
Beverly Hills 7th Light girls host Park View, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls host Park View, 6:15

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Brook varsity boys host Clear Springs, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys at Pasadena, 7:30
Brook varsity girls at Clear Springs, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls host Pasadena, 7:30
Brook JV boys host Clear Springs, 5:30
Brook JV girls at Clear Springs, 5:30
Dobie JV girls host Pasadena, 6:00
Dobie JV boys at Pasadena, 6:00
Dobie sophomore boys at Pasadena, 4:30
Brook sophomore boys host Clear Springs, 5:30
Brook freshman A boys host Clear Springs, 4:00
Dobie freshman A girls host Pasadena, 4:30
Brook freshman A girls at Clear Springs, 4:00
Dobie freshman A boys at Pasadena, 6:00
Brook freshman B boys host Clear Springs, 4:00
Dobie freshman B girls host Pasadena, 6:00
Dobie freshman B boys at Pasadena, 4:30
Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys at Park View, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Light boys at Park View, 6:15
Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys at Park View, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7th Light boys at Park View, 6:15

Friday, Feb. 4

Brook varsity boys at Brazoswood, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys host Memorial, 7:30
Brook varsity girls host Brazoswood, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls at Memorial, 7:30
Brook JV boys at Brazoswood, 5:30
Brook JV girls host Brazoswood, 5:30
Dobie JV girls at Memorial, 6:00
Dobie JV boys host Memorial, 6:00
Dobie sophomore boys host Memorial, 4:30
Brook sophomore boys at Brazoswood, 5:30
Brook freshman A boys at Brazoswood, 4:00
Dobie freshman A girls at Memorial, 4:30
Brook freshman A girls host Brazoswood, 4:00
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Dobie freshman B girls at Memorial, 6:00
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Thursday, Jan. 27

Dobie varsity boys at R.R. tourn vs. Stony Point, 8 a.m.
Dobie varsity boys at R.R. tourn. vs. Plugerville C., 4:00
Dobie varsity girls at Georgetown tourn. vs. Arling, Lamar, 8 a.m.
Dobie JV boys at Atascocita tourn. vs. Summer Creek, 7:00

Friday, Jan. 28

Dobie varsity boys at R.R. tourn. vs. Harker Heights, 10 a.m.
Dobie varsity girls at Georgetown tourn. vs. Waco, noon
Brook varsity boys host South Houston, 7:00
Dobie JV boys at Atascocita tourn., vs. Galena Park, 11 a.m.
Dobie JV boys at Atascocita tourn., vs. Montgomery, 3 p.m.
Brook JV boys host South Houston, 5:00

Saturday, Jan. 29

Dobie varsity girls at Georgetown tourn. vs. Plugerville, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

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

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Dobie varsity girls host La Porte, Newcomb, 7:00
Dobie JV girls host La Porte, Newcomb, 5:00

Friday, Feb. 4

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

TENNIS

Friday, Jan. 28

Dobie varsity at Humble ISD tourn., TBA

Saturday, Jan. 29

Dobie varsity at Humble ISD tourn., TBA

SJC softball team pairs vets, newcomers to open 2011

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Shelby Parham have already shown the ability to hit for power. Jessica Beltran, Kacy Hobbs, Landyn Myers and Evan Babin will be

counted on to set the table. As for the freshmen from an offensive standpoint, Jaclyn Bechtle is expected to provide extra-base power in the middle of the lineup.

"Usually we know what to expect entering a season, but this team is a little bit different in that we have sophomores to provide a good bit of offense and the

pitching will come from the freshmen," Saenz said. "Overall, we have a good group that gets along well as a team. That can go a long way. I think we are going to be a very good team on the field, but it may take a while to find the right combinations."

Saenz certainly will use the opening weekend to see what many of the 18 current players are capable of doing.

By the time the team plays in the Galveston tournament Feb. 4-5, the coaching staff hopes to have a clear feel for the capabilities of each of the players.

It's early in the season, and right now it's easy to see Saenz as an excited fan watching San Jacinto in action.

Like other Coyote fans, Saenz wants to see what the present and future of her program holds.



San Jacinto College's all-freshman pitching corps will include Shannon Millman (left), formerly of Pasadena Memorial High School, and Alexis Estrada. Three other pitchers are likely to see plenty of time early in the season as head coach Kelly Saenz waits to see who will emerge as the leaders.

BHI girls' basketball wins four

The Beverly Hills Intermediate girls' basketball program continued a strong season by topping the Southmore Bulldogs in each of the four games between the two teams Jan. 19.

Bears' 8th Light girls 35 Southmore 24
The Lady Bears' eighth-grade Light team won for the fifth time in seven games, getting past Southmore 35-24.

The locals came out quickly, scoring 14 points in the first quarter to take an 8-point lead and getting Southmore in quick foul trouble.

At the half, the Lady Bears were still in front at 21-17. Erica Romero and Morgan Chavis played great defense to shut down the Lady Bulldogs.

Beverly Hills continued to outscore the Lady Bulldogs and made needed free throws in the third and fourth quarters to win the game.

Leading scorers for the game were Malyn Nunez

with 12 points, hitting four 3-pointers, and Mikeala Gary and Mariah Escobar following with eight points each.

Bears' 8th Dark girls 42 Southmore 34

In the eighth-grade Dark game, Beverly Hills came away with a 42-34 victory to improve to 6-1 this season.

The Lady Bears were ready from the start, with great defense contributing to a 17-8 first-quarter lead.

Bella Villarreal was able to draw key fouls, going to the free throw line and keeping the Bulldogs in foul trouble the entire game.

At the half, the score was 26-17 in favor of the Lady Bears as the team was well on its way to a win.

Alyxus Workman did an outstanding job forcing Southmore to turn the ball over, giving it back to the Lady Bears for good scoring chances.

The Lady Bears played well in the third quarter, taking advantage of the holes in the Southmore defense

Lakers 7-8 basketball captures two wins

The South Belt Lakers, a 7-8-year-old youth basketball team in the Pasadena Recreation Department league, are now 2-1 this season after netting two wins Jan. 22.

Lakers 25 Mavericks 13

The Lakers opened the season against the Pasadena Mavericks and came out with a 25-13 win.

The locals led 7-2 after one quarter and 9-4 at halftime.

They continued to grow their lead to 15-6 by the end of the third period, and then closed out the win in the fourth quarter.

Scoring for the Lakers were Christian Cleckley and Robert Ernest with six points apiece, Marquice Scott with five, De'Mauri McDaniel with four and Kobe Ruiz and Dwayne Jones with two points each.

Leading the rebounding for the Lakers was Cleckley, Scott, Ruiz, McDaniel and Marco Sanchez.

The Lakers' top defenders were Jones, Ernest, Tavion Taylor, Draven Lopez,

Stacy LaGrone and Jayden Forges.

Lakers 33 Rockets 10

In the second game of the day, the Lakers went up against the Pasadena Rockets and cruised to a 33-10 win.

The Lakers pressured the Rockets early and built an 8-2 lead at the end of the first period.

They continued to pressure the Rockets and built their halftime lead to 18-6.

By the end of the third period, the Lakers' lead grew to 27-6 before they coasted to their final margin of victory.

The scoring was led by Cleckley, Ernest and Scott with eight points apiece.

McDaniel had four points, while Jones and Forges had two points apiece. Sanchez had a point.

The top rebounders were Ruiz, Cleckley, Sanchez and Scott. Defensively, the Lakers were led by Taylor, Lopez and LaGrone.

With the two big victories, the Lakers are now 2-1 this season.

Lions' boys hoops sweeps SH

South Houston actually led at halftime after a slow start from the Lions.

But with a better defensive effort and improved shot selection on the offensive end, the Lions rallied in the second half to stay in first place.

In the end, Ty Williams had 15 points to lead the way, and Chazz Williams added 11.

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Sophomore catcher Megan Matejka is one of the top returnees for the San Jacinto College team, which is looking to improve upon last season's 31-28 finish.

Rising Stars track sign up

The Rising Stars youth track and field club is now accepting registration each Saturday through the end of February.

Saturday, Jan. 29, is the first available registration date for the team, with all of the sessions taking place at Dobie High School.

Other dates will include Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26, each from noon to

2 p.m. Practices will also be held in conjunction with the registration sessions.

Other preseason practice sessions will include each Friday from 4:30 p.m. until dark and each Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m.

For more information about the Rising Stars' program, contact head coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248.

PISD Intermediate Basketball

Girls' Standings

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

Game Scores 7 Light

Beverly Hills 32, Southmore 16
Thompson 23, South Houston 9
Queens 33, Miller 26
San Jacinto 22, Park View 20
Bondy 39, Jackson 8

Game Scores 7 Dark

Beverly Hills 33, Southmore 15
Thompson 20, South Houston 19
Miller 21, Queens 9
San Jacinto 23, Park View 19
Bondy 40, Jackson 4

8 Light W L 8 Dark W L

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

Game Scores 8 Light

Beverly Hills 35, Southmore 24
Thompson 57, South Houston 6
Queens 31, Miller 28
Park View 26, San Jacinto 13
Bondy 21, Jackson 11

Game Scores 8 Dark

Beverly Hills 42, Southmore 34
Thompson 33, South Houston 8
Miller 31, Queens 19
Park View 30, San Jacinto 17
Bondy 38, Jackson 7

Sports news, notes

Dobie softball clinic Jan. 29

The Dobie High School softball coaching staff will host the 2011 Lady Longhorn Softball Clinic Saturday, Jan. 29, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the high school. Girls ages 6 to 14 are eligible to attend the clinic, which will include instruction in all phases of the game, such as pitching, hitting, baserunning, fielding, bunting and more.

Players may register prior to the start of the camp for \$25 per player, which will include a camp T-shirt. Registration on the day of the event is \$30. For more information or to obtain a camp entry form, direct e-mail to Dobie head coach Robin Rackley at rackley@pasadenaisd.org.

Dolphins info session Jan. 22

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host a Saturday, Jan. 29, barbecue sandwich fundraiser at Discount Tire, located at 10250 Alameda Genoa Road.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The combination plates are \$6 and will consist of a sandwich, chips and a drink.

Dobie baseball mandatory meeting

The Dobie Diamond Club, the Longhorns' baseball booster organization, will host a mandatory parent meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the athletics media room.

For more information, call club president Gloria Sanchez at 713-303-9157 or Lisa Manriquez at 713-516-7539.

Youth soccer online registering

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is now accepting online registration only for the upcoming spring season. Youth ages 4 to 18 are eligible to compete in the league. For more details or to register online, visit www.southbeltsoccer.org.

SBHLL late sign-up, tryouts

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League has one final late registration and tryout date available, Saturday, Jan. 29. The session will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park.

Those registering for the first time are asked to arrive as early as possible. Players ages 3 and 4 may register for \$125 per player, and those ages 5 to 14 may register for \$165. Forms of payment include cash, credit card or money order. No checks will be accepted. For more details, visit the league Web site at www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

SBHLL Jrs. to register Feb. 2

Players wishing to register in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's junior division for those ages 15 and 16 may do so Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park. For more details, visit www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

KoC free throw shooting contest

The Knights of Columbus will host its annual free throw shooting contest Saturday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to noon in the St. Luke's Church parking lot. Boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are eligible to compete, and the winners will have the chance to advance to other competitions. Complimentary hot dogs will be served to the contestants. For more information, call Chris Sorenson at 832-512-8371.

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Boys' Standings

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Bondy	1	6	S. Houston	1	6
Jackson	0	7	Park View	1	6

Game Scores 7 Light

Park View 51, San Jacinto 30
Queens 44, Miller 23
Beverly Hills 44, Southmore 25
Bondy 50, Jackson 6
Thompson 44, South Houston 37

Game Scores 7 Dark

San Jacinto 19, Park View 13
Queens 41, Miller 20
Beverly Hills 41, Southmore 20
Bondy 27, Jackson 25
Thompson 39, South Houston 25

8 Light W L 8 Dark W L

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One more tournament to go for some, local high school teams making headway

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Not long from now, it will be time for the district soccer races to begin at the high school level.

Dobie's varsity boys' and girls' teams will have a bit extra time on their hands with just six teams involved in the mix, but time is running short for teams across the state as preparations for the playoff races near.

So far, the varsity boys' and girls' teams from Dobie and Clear Brook are still trying to gain a strong foothold on the season.

The Dobie girls and Clear Brook boys are getting more and more comfortable with the systems tweaked by first-year coaches.

Meanwhile, the Clear Brook girls are getting some of their players healthy while trying to navigate a tough stretch in the schedule.

As for the Dobie boys, the team had a bit of a tougher go of it at the Pasadena ISD tournament, but the Longhorns are still playing good soccer.

Dobie boys win twice

Coming off the tournament championship at the Pearland event, Dobie's varsity boys team was trying to keep its momentum going at the Pasadena ISD tournament.

In the tournament opener, Dobie had to play a 10 a.m. contest against Tomball, ranked fifth in Region II by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches.

Dobie surrendered the first goal of the game early against the Cougars but then rebounded with a goal by Omar Arreguin on an assist by Jose Gonzalez.

In the second half, neither team could find the net as the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

"In the first half, we had some difficulties with their speed and height through the middle of the field," Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra said.

"Our defense broke and allowed a goal right down the middle for a 1-0 Tom-

ball lead. For the first time this year, we did not score first."

Saavedra was pleased with the way his team came out in the second 40 minutes and made some adjustments against a more physical Tomball team.

Dobie did not score but was still able to salvage a time against a solid team.

"In the second half, we adjusted and made them play more of a defensive front," Saavedra said.

"We were able to control the ball and had a few chances but could not get the ball to hit the back of the net."

Dobie went against Cypress Ridge Jan. 21 and was able to win the game 1-0 on a goal by Leo Gallegos. Arreguin pocketed the assist.

Playing against a team that won a bracket at last year's PISD Cup, the Longhorns were able to defeat a solid soccer team.

"In the second half with about 12 minutes left, we had a set pieces play, and Omar hit Leo for a header that hit the back of the net and just out of the reach of the Cy-Ridge goalkeeper," Saavedra said.

In the tournament finale for Dobie, the Longhorns crushed an overmatched La Porte team 8-0. Through seven games, the Longhorns are now 6-0-1.

Against La Porte, Arreguin had two goals and Carlos Ibarra, Gonzalez, Jonathan Palma and Jose Armenta also scored goals.

Raul Bustos delivered a pair of assists, and single assists were registered by Alejandro Melesio and Gonzalez.

"We took care of a weaker opponent and led 5-0 at halftime," Saavedra explained. "Nice goals were scored from Arreguin and Gonzalez."

"We also had great play from Bustos, a sophomore, who got us started in the scoring by making two great crosses that resulted in a 2-0 lead late in the first half.

Ibarra scored a pair of

goals in the second half, and Armenta finished off the scoring for Dobie's sixth win of the season.

"We did not earn enough points to make the final for the second year in a row but I am pleased with the team's play and progress up to this point in the season," Saavedra said.

Brook boys get win
First-year head coach Chris Stromeyer can relax a little bit.

After losing 1-0 in the season opener to a defensive-minded Deer Park team, the Wolverines have now won two straight

games.
On Jan. 21 on an extremely cold night, the Wolverines defeated Jersey Village 3-0 as Landon Sikes scored all three goals for a hat trick.

Clear Brook was clearly the better team, and in the game Sikes was simply the best player.

Daniel Laymon and Drew Pilola came through with goals as the Wolverines made it two straight victories, downing C.E. King Jan. 25 at Clear Brook.

Dobie girls improve
Slowly but surely, the Dobie varsity girls' team is rounding into form under the guidance of first-year coach Kristina Butler.

After the loss of as many as 10 seniors from the 2010 team, the Lady Longhorns are also working several first-time players into the mix, but so far, so good.

Dobie played more consistently at the Port Neches-Groves tournament.

"In pool play, we finished as the second seed," Butler said. "We defeated Little Cypress-Mauriceville and Port Arthur Memorial."

After a loss to Bastrop, the Lady Longhorns advanced as a No. 2 seed in bracket play.

"We ended up in the second seed bracket and finished second in our bracket," Butler said.

"We defeated Port Neches-Groves 2-1. Our goal scorers were Brittany Hernandez and Tanya Palomares, with an assist from Gabby Silva. We were defeated in the bracket final by Dickinson 3-0."

With the team set to play one more tournament at Georgetown, the Lady Longhorns are making a move forward. Butler is anxious to see how her team performs in a tournament field that should be just as tough as the previous two.

"We are headed to Georgetown and will be really challenged as a team," Butler predicted.

"Team captain Monika Rivera was injured and was unable to play in the PNG tournament. We are happy to welcome her back to help us out defensively in Georgetown."

"As long as we are improving with every game, I have no doubt that we will get to where we need to be by the time district arrives."

"We will see if we learned from our mistakes against Dickinson as we head to Georgetown."



Kendall Sifuentes and her Dobie Lady Longhorns played well at the Port Neches-Groves tournament, finishing second in their pool after a pair of wins. After a loss to Dickinson in the bracket round, the locals finished 2-2 at the event. GaryWPhotos.com



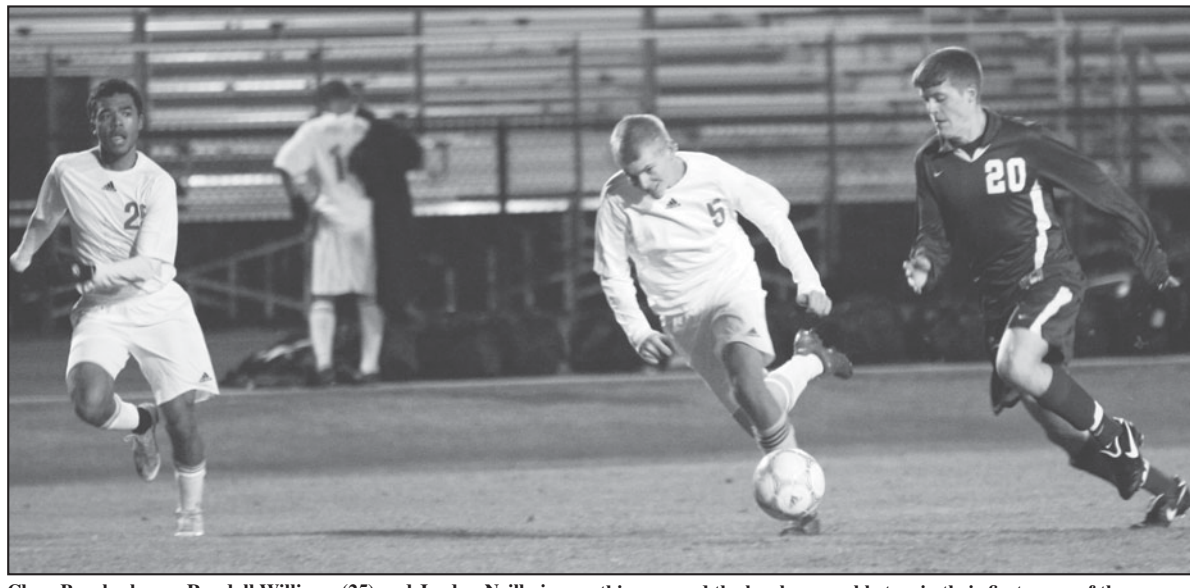
Leo Gallegos of Dobie (6) tries to move the ball forward against a Tomball defender as teammate Douglas Leighton (17) watches from behind the play. At right, teammate Pedro Mares ducks to avoid contact with the ball. Both teams scored a first-half goal but played to a 1-1 tie. Omar Arreguin scored Dobie's goal on an assist by Jose Gonzalez. Dobie is now 6-0-1 this season.



Dobie's Carlos Ibarra (14) wins control of the ball against Tomball's Will Collins during the Pasadena ISD tournament. The two teams finished in a 1-1 tie in head-to-head competition. From there, Dobie won two



Dobie's Jose Gonzalez (7) battles a Tomball defender for control of the ball during the first half of play between the two teams Jan. 20 at the Pasadena ISD tournament. The two teams scored a goal apiece in the first half and eventually wound up in a 1-1 tie. Tomball went on to win the tournament.



Clear Brook players Randall Williams (25) and Jordan Neill give chase against Jersey Village forward Geoffrey Calvert (20) during the Wolverines' 3-0 victory over the Falcons Jan. 21 at Clear Brook High School. The Brook duo was successful in slowing Calvert on this run, and the locals were able to win their first game of the season. Clear Brook's Landon Sikes scored a hat trick with three goals for the winners. The Wolverines will next play at C.E. King Jan. 25. Photos by John Bechtle

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 27

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

Noon

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

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

6:30 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

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

8:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, JAN. 28

7 a.m.

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

Noon

Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The

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

6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

8 p.m.

Pasadena Little Theatre - Opening night for Pasadena Little Theatre's *The Curious Savage* by John Patrick at 8 p.m. at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. The show runs through Feb. 13. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. One special priced Thursday show will be at 8 p.m. on Feb. 10. Misty Banks Thompson is the director. Reservations can be made online at pasadenalittletheatre.org or by calling 713-941-1758.

SATURDAY, JAN. 29

6 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, JAN. 30

2 p.m.

Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.

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MONDAY, JAN. 31

7 a.m.

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

9 a.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6 p.m.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-340-2354.

6:30 p.m.

New Directions Singles Club - The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information.

Civil Air Patrol Meeting - Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.

TUESDAY, FEB. 1

7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday,

from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

11:30 a.m.

Local NARFE Meeting - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.

1 p.m.

Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include diorama, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main. For information, call 713-472-0565.

1:30 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6:30 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Due to Sagemont Recreation Center closing for remodeling, TOPS will meet at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.

Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.

7 p.m.

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CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, FEB. 1
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the first Wednesday of each month in the third floor classrooms 3 and 4 of Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. For more information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400.

6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.

7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 3
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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

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

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

Diabetes Support Group - A support group for young adults with diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month at 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-756-8536 for more information.

7 p.m.
The Bay Area Writers League - Meets the first Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble at Bay Area Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway. Newcomers are welcome.

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.

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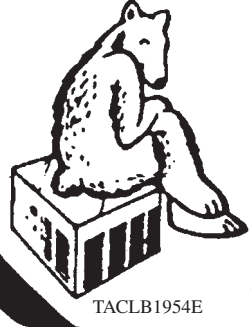
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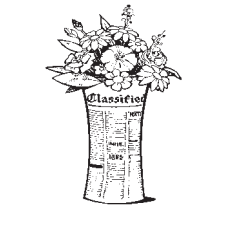
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As district basketball races tighten, local squads aim to remain in mix

In what proved to be a very big night in high school varsity basketball, the boys' and girls' teams at Clear Brook took a big step forward Jan. 25.

However, the boys' and girls' teams from Dobie did not, slipping a game off the pace of the leaders in 22-5A.

Brook boys on a streak

Once buried in a bit of a hole at 2-4 in the 24-5A standings, the Clear Brook varsity boys' team has now given itself a chance to make the playoffs.

It won't be easy as the Wolverines have to play each of the three teams in front of them as well as Clear Lake, but the Wolverines (5-4), are poised to make a move.

On Jan. 21, the Wolverines pounded Dickinson in a game they should have won. Ditto for the team's most recent game against Alvin, a 67-46 victory in which Chris Campbell led the way with 17 points.

Next up is back-to-back road games against first-place Clear Creek (8-0) and second-place Clear Springs (7-1).

Clear Creek beat the Wolverines at the final buzzer in

the first round of play, and Springs handled the Wolverines rather easily.

A win over either team will be huge for Brook in its pursuit of a playoff spot.

Clear Creek and Clear Springs have jumped out ahead of the other six teams in the district and will have to completely fall apart to miss the playoffs.

That leaves Brazoswood (5-3) battling Brook and Lake (both 4-4) for the remaining two playoff spots. Pearland, 3-5, also has dimming hopes.

As head coach Jason Pillow states, the Wolverines are back in the mix, and a win is a win at this point no matter the opponent.

"There is a three-team race for the remaining two spots, and Creek and Springs have done what they needed to do to put themselves in a good position," Pillow said.

Citing Clear Creek's stunning win in the first round, Pillow said, "We honestly feel as though we should have beaten Creek the first go-round. We had the game in our hands, and they hit a lucky shot at the buzzer to pull it away from us."

"But that is how basket-

ball goes. You have to play all 32 minutes of every game."

Because no other teams in the district have thus far been able to dent the records of Creek or Springs (Creek defeated Springs 64-44 in the first round), the Wolverines know they can make a big statement beginning Jan. 28 at home against the Creek Wildcats.

"Our kids are ready for the next six games," Pillow said. "We got the bad taste of the first round out of our mouths (three wins in seven tries). With three wins in a row, we do not want to take a step back now. We cannot afford a mental breakdown at this point."

Last season the Wolverines made a late-season push and actually went from a possible playoff miss all the way to second place in a short span.

Clear Lake, meanwhile, was left out of the playoffs for the first time in decades. This year's race, like last year's, appears to be headed down to the wire.

"It will be a challenge for sure, but our kids are battle-

tested and ready to give it their best," Pillow said.

"No matter what the outcome is, we know, as do the other teams in the district, that one good team will be left out of the playoffs this year. We just hope it is not us."

Dobie boys fall

In a battle of 22-5A unbeatens, the South Houston Trojans took sole possession of the varsity boys' race with a 67-59 victory over Dobie Jan. 25.

First-year head coach Patrick McCoy, who for the past several seasons was Pillow's varsity assistant at Clear Brook, has the Trojans believing in his system and believing in themselves.

The Dobie-South Houston matchup featured similar players on both sides with similar abilities. And, both teams employ similar styles of play on the court.

On this night, the Trojans simply executed better.

The game featured several runs. South Houston jumped out to a 15-7 lead only to see Dobie use a 12-2 run to move ahead 19-17 on the strength of 3-pointers

from Dominique Simon and Edward Peabody.

But the turning point in the game may have come just before halftime. Peabody was fouled and was due a 1-and-1 free throw opportunity.

After the play, a technical foul was whistled on South Houston. But Peabody missed his free throw, and Simon missed a pair. A minute or so later, the Trojans were whistled for another technical, but the Longhorns missed out again.

In short, the Longhorns missed five of seven free throws at the end of the half and misfired on 13 free throws for the entire game.

The game was still in the balance late in the third quarter before the Trojans hit a trio of 3-pointers, pushing the lead to 46-36 after three quarters.

Dobie trimmed the lead to four points on a pair of occasions, but each time, South Houston's Andres Molina (20 points) and Calvin Mitchell (14 points) had an answer.

"Missed opportunities

for us was the big key," Dobie head coach Kevin Cross said. "We had 13 missed free throws. That can't happen."

"Both teams played extremely hard, and that was what was expected. Both teams created a lot of turnovers, and that is what was expected. Missing 13 free throws is not expected."

Cross also acknowledged the Longhorns' slow starts to open the game and to begin the second half played a big part in the outcome.

"We started flat in the first three minutes of the first and third quarters," Cross said.

"We got behind but made runs to get back in the game. It was a very entertaining game."

Despite the defeat, the Longhorns are still sitting in second place alone at 4-1. Up next is a Jan. 28 road game at Deer Park to close out the first half of 22-5A play.

"We have Deer Park next, and we need to get a victory over there," Cross said.

"Our focus now is on the Deer. Our goal is to be 4-1 after the first round. That keeps us in the playoff hunt and still leaves us with a

possible district championship shot. One game at a time."

SoHo tops Dobie girls

One of the surprises early on in the District 22-5A girls' race was the 0-4 start of South Houston. Well, perhaps the Lady Trojans are back on course after a 57-50 victory over Dobie.

South Houston has now won two straight, but Dobie is now 3-2 despite a 20-point defeat of Sam Rayburn Jan. 21.

Deer Park, now at 6-0, is in danger of running away with the 22-5A race. In fact, if Dobie does not knock off the Deer Jan. 28 at home, the Lady Longhorns will almost assuredly be dethroned as 22-5A champions.

Needless to say, Dobie head coach Shane Brown is still seeking consistency from his team.

"We flat got whipped," Brown said of the loss to South Houston as Dobie junior Shanaqua Gaston led her team with 15 points.

"It's plain and simple; they came out and played harder than we did, were mentally tougher than us, and wanted it more than us."

A season ago, several of

the team's current players played big roles as the team won the 22-5A crown and advanced to the area playoff round. This season, despite nearly nightly double-digit scoring from Gaston, the Lady Longhorns have not been able to find their comfort zone.

With four games remaining and the 22-5A crown essentially in the balance, Dobie must step up now.

"One of two things will happen against Deer Park," Brown said. "One,

we'll bow up and give everything we've got against Deer Park the whole game and hopefully come out on top or, two, we'll roll over and call it a season."

"If we don't learn to have that sense of urgency, we'll be back in this same spot again."

Brown understands the tough words he has spoken, but his team was clearly expected to be in a better position at this point. The great thing is, there's time to recover.

Upcoming hoops games

Friday, Jan. 28

Brook boys host Clear Creek, 7 p.m.
 Dobie boys at Deer Park, 7:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, Feb. 1

Brook boys host Clear Springs, 7 p.m.
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The Longhorns' Darnell McCall (23) goes high in the air to cut off a passing lane as South Houston's Lacey Mose (left) looks to get the ball out ahead of Dobie's trapping defense. South Houston won the game to take over first place.

District 22-5A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball

(As of Jan. 26)

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	6	0
Dobie	4	2
Sam Rayburn	3	3
Memorial	3	3
South Houston	2	4
Pasadena	0	6

District 22-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Jan. 26)

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

District 24-5A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball

(As of Jan. 26)

Teams	W	L
Clear Springs	10	0
Clear Lake	9	1
Clear Creek	5	5
Clear Brook	5	5
Pearland	4	6
Dickinson	4	6
Alvin	2	8
Brazoswood	1	9

District 24-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Jan. 26)

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

Dobie guard Mauri Mark (11) and head coach Kevin Cross discuss an upcoming play during a timeout in the Longhorns' 67-59 loss to South Houston Jan. 25 at Dobie.

Photos by John Bechtle

Jan. 25 basketball results

Brook boys 67, Alvin 46
 South Houston boys 67, Dobie 59
 South Houston girls 57, Dobie 50
 Brook girls 59, Alvin 45

Jan. 21 basketball results

Brook boys 79, Dickinson 59
 Dobie girls 52, Sam Rayburn 32
 Dickinson girls 77, Brook 57
 Dobie boys 58, Sam Rayburn 41

Former South Belt resident Coleman on the right track at Central College

She may have exited from the South Belt area athletics scene, but it hasn't stopped Felicia Coleman from making a name for herself in women's track and field at the college level.

Coleman is a 2009 graduate of Johnston High School, a member of the largest enrollment (Class 4A) group in Iowa.

While there, she qualified for the state track and field meet in a variety of sprint and relay events during both her junior and senior seasons.

But Coleman hasn't forgotten her roots here in the South Belt area. She was a member of two outstanding track and field teams at Thompson Intermediate and attended Dobie High School through the 2006-2007 academic year.

Following her sophomore year, Coleman made a decision that has changed her life in more ways than one.

Having lived with her mother, Michelle Donato, and her brother, Ethan Gibson, Coleman decided to build a relationship with her father, Percy Coleman, who was living in Iowa.

She obviously had no clue what to expect but was willing to give things a try. Fast forward to now, and Coleman is still very pleased with her decision.

"I wanted to have a chance to have a relationship with my dad, and I was able to have that," Coleman said.

"Moving to Iowa when you have been living in a big place like Houston isn't always the easiest thing to



Felicia Coleman

do, but I decided I liked it here."

Through the transition, Coleman maintained solid grades and built a strong reputation at the high school level for her abilities on the track.

In order to qualify, a particular athletic program has to hold a grade point average of 3.1 or better. Coleman more than made her contribution at 3.4.

Coleman was also one of seven individuals from the track and field team to make the USATFA/USACCA all-Academic team.

On the track, Coleman also excelled, setting personal bests of 7.40 seconds in the 55-meter dash, 7.91 at 60 meters, 12.29 at 100 meters and 24.85 in the 200 meters.

Grabbing third in the 100-meter dash at the Iowa Conference championships and eventually helping the women's 4x400-meter relay team to nationals, Coleman earned Iowa Conference accolades.

To cap her season, Coleman was named the Most Valuable Freshman on the Central College Dutch (mascot) team.

"When I came here for a visit, I fell in love with it," Coleman said. "The facilities are top-notch and there are so many great people here. It's a smaller college atmosphere, and I needed that. It's been great so far."

At the collegiate level, many programs take part in both the indoor and outdoor seasons. Central College is no exception.

Studying to obtain a pharmacy degree and maintaining her edge on the track each and every day isn't easy, but Coleman knows her goals are within reach.

"We do train year-round, and it is tough," Coleman said. "But I use my education and track career as an

incentive to get where I want to go in life. I have the motivation to graduate and to get the most out of the college experience."

Meanwhile, Coleman's father resides about 45 minutes away from campus and is able to see his daughter compete at home meets and

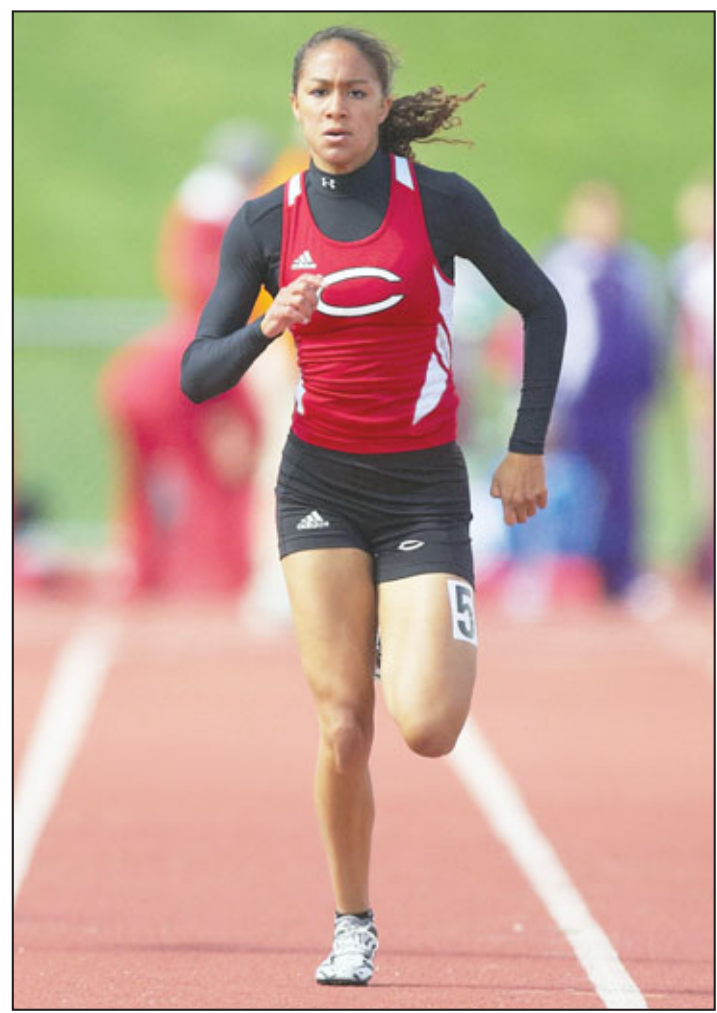
other events. Her mother and brother have moved to Baytown, but everyone keeps close tabs on one another on Facebook, by e-mail or on the telephone.

Coleman was willing to make a couple of drastic changes in her life a few years back, but it's all

worked out just fine for her.

For now, there's more work to be done in the classroom and on the track.

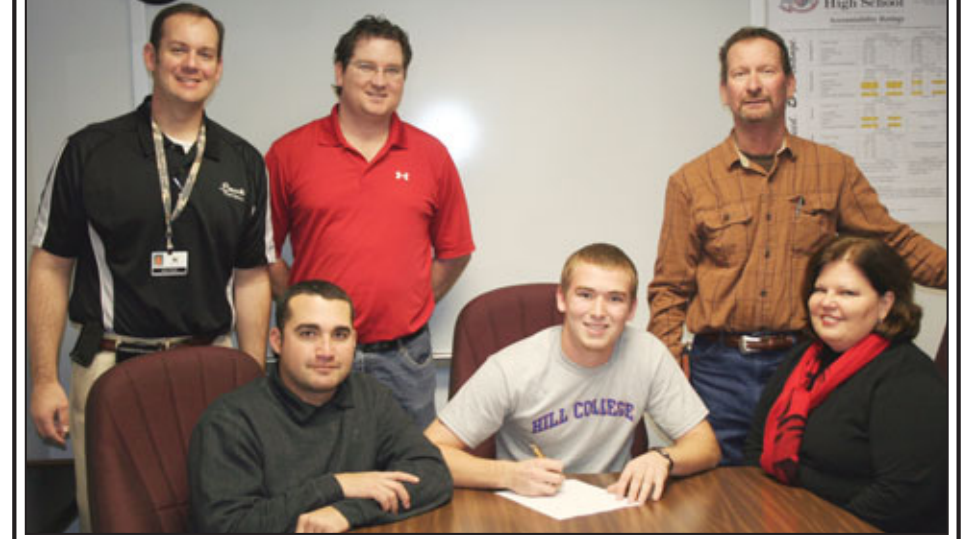
"I know I can post faster times," Coleman said. "I got a chance to make a big contribution in my freshman year and did. Hopefully, there's more to come."



As a freshman at Central College in Pella, Iowa, former South Belt area resident Felicia Coleman made quite a name for herself on the track. Now in her sophomore season, Coleman is aiming to improve even more.

Central College athletics

Brook's Miller chooses Hill College baseball



Clear Brook High School varsity baseball player Keaton Miller (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at Hill College in Hillsboro, Texas, after inking a letter on intent with the Rebels. Those with Miller at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Clear Brook varsity head coach Gene Flores, Debbie Miller (mother), (back row) Joey Thomas (Clear Brook associate principal), Jamie Presley (Westbrook Intermediate coach) and Don Miller (father).