

Heavy trash scheduled

Tree waste will be picked up Thursday, Jan. 28, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

Garage sale at Cokesbury

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

Valentine Love Lines

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

Band BBQ dinner Feb. 9

The Dobie Longhorn Band will hold a barbecue dinner, concert and silent auction Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dinners are \$12 and can be purchased from any band member through Feb. 1. A plate consists of sliced brisket and links, beans, potato salad and iced tea, dine in or take out. Each band and the Winter-guard competition squad will perform during dinner. Donations are being sought for auction items. For information about donations or to purchase tickets, e-mail cdenise630@yahoo.com. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Cokesbury helps Haiti

Cokesbury United Methodist Church, in partnership with Christian Alliance and the United Methodist Committee on Relief, are currently accepting donations for supplies and funds to be sent to earthquake victims in Haiti. Donations will be accepted at the church through Saturday, Jan. 30, when it will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to noon to prepare the Mobile Medical Unit for shipment to aid the victims. Cokesbury Methodist Church is located at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.cokesburyunitedmethodistchurch.com.

Library events scheduled

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale: Movie Madness will be Thursday, Jan. 28, at 4 p.m. Call 281-484-2036 for feature title.

The Friends of the Parker Williams Library will hold a used book sale Saturday, Jan. 30, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Investigate ancestries and family histories when the genealogy discussion group meets Monday, Feb. 1, at 2 p.m.

Starting Feb. 2, free income tax assistance is available every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the library for more information.

Play board games and more on game day, Thursday, Feb. 4, at 4 p.m.

A Black History Month Celebration will be held Saturday, Feb. 6, at 10:30 a.m., the Express Children's Theatre will present *Freedom Train*; at 1 p.m., an African-American genealogy workshop will be held; and at 3 p.m., the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. will present a step show.

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

Dobie band parents meet

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

Thompson holds fundraiser

Thompson Intermediate will collect money for the American Red Cross to aid Haitian earthquake victims through Jan. 29. Call the school at 713-740-0510 for more details.

Orchestra parents to meet

The Dobie High School Orchestra Booster Club will hold its next meeting Thursday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in the orchestra room. All orchestra parents are encouraged to attend.

Atkinson PTO scholarships

The Atkinson Elementary PTO will offer two \$500 scholarships to any graduating senior at Dobie High School who attended Atkinson at least two years, one being fifth grade. Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie High School. The application must be received by noon on Feb. 26, 2010, to be considered.

Voter registration ending

The deadline to register to vote in the 2010 primary elections is Monday, Feb. 1. The primary elections will take place Tuesday, March 2. To be eligible to vote in the elections, residents must have their completed voter registration applications delivered to any tax office branch before 4:45 p.m. on Feb. 1 or mailed with a U.S. Postal Service postmark date of no later than Feb. 1. State law requires citizens to be registered to vote 30 days prior to the election date. For more information, call 713-368-VOTE or visit www.hctax.net.

Proposed complexes to cater to seniors

By James Bolen

The developers of both of the proposed government-subsidized South Belt apartment complexes reported on in last week's *Leader* have come forward saying the properties will cater only to seniors, rather than low-income tenants in general.

The complexes in question are Dixie Gardens, to be located on Dixie Farm Road between the College Place subdivision and Lutheran South Academy, and Tarrington Court Apartments, to be located in the 8800 block of Beltway 8, roughly a half mile northeast of the intersection at Interstate 45.

Both developers have come under fire in recent years from community members who were opposed to the construction of low-income complexes in the area.

Dixie Gardens, a project spearheaded by Vernon and Elizabeth Young, applied for state assistance last year to aid in building an intergenerational facility at the same location, but withdrew its application after an outpouring of opposition from community members and elected officials alike.

Steve Ford, the developer of Tarrington Court Apartments, also drew the ire of many South Belters in 2008 when it was determined that the

proper public notification process was not followed.

Initially designed to accommodate seniors and families, the Dixie Gardens project has now been scaled down to roughly half of its original size and will tailor specifically to the elderly, according to Elizabeth Young.

The developer further noted no one under 35 years old will be allowed to reside in the complex, including spouses and caregivers.

Young is hoping to avoid the complications she encountered last year when applying for state assistance.

"I want to work with the neighbors," she said. "I want this to work for everybody."

Another change in this year's plan for Dixie Gardens is the removal of a street that would

have connected the complex to the College Place subdivision.

"The only entrance and exit will be on Dixie Farm Road," Young said.

A primary concern among community members is the high concentration of existing low-income apartment complexes already in the area. There are currently eight government-subsidized apartment complexes between Almeda Mall and Dixie Farm Road.

New state laws make it tougher for developers to construct subsidized housing projects in areas that have a higher concentration of similar units than the state average. Such endeavors now require the approval of city council if within a city or the approval of the county commissioner when located in an area that is unincorporated.

No Dobie head coach/AC yet

At press time, the Dobie High School search committee built to hire a permanent head coach/athletic coordinator had yet to deliver a name.

Derek Fitzhenry, who was hired and went as far as to meet with Longhorns' players before backing out, was clearly the No. 1 pick. More details on the Fitzhenry issue can be seen below and on Page 1B.

After the dust settled from that turn of events, the committee went back to the drawing board, interviewing possible successors (see story Pages 1B and 2B).

The committee is composed of Dobie principal Steve Jamail, as many as two assistant principals, district athletic director Mike Stephens and assistant athletic director Rodney Chant.

Dobie is seeking to find a permanent replacement for Bobby Cotton, who took a medical leave of absence at midseason in 2009 and subsequently resigned his dual post.

Carey Sink, the interim head coach during Cotton's absence, did interview for the permanent job.

With University Interscholastic League realignment coming Feb. 1, excitement about the 2010 season is building, and the committee is working diligently to find the right fit at Dobie.

For the latest on the Dobie coaching search, *Leader* readers may visit the newspaper Web site at www.southbeltleader.com. The site will include the up-to-date details surrounding the search.

Elam's cancer battle ends



John Elam

John Elam died Wednesday, Jan. 27, after a five-year battle with cancer.

A 1985 Dobie graduate, Elam was a standout football player and went on to play at Texas A&M University.

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In January 2008, three additional small tumors were found in his abdomen.

Elam's case has been examined by many doctors but is still classified as an unknown primary malignancy.

Recently, Elam's former teammates Hugh Lazzenberry, Chris Herrera and John Evans held a fundraiser in his honor, raising nearly \$50,000.

Elam was married to Jeanine Elam. He is the son of John and Mary Ella Elam. The senior Elam is a former board member of the Pasadena Independent School District and a current board member of the Sagemeadow Municipal Utility District. Elam's brothers, David and Brad, also played football at Dobie. The family are long-time members of Sagemont Church.

At his request, Elam's body was donated to science.

A memorial service will be announced in next week's *Leader* and will be posted online.

Fitzhenry snubs Longhorns



By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Just days after being confirmed as the future leader of Dobie High School football, Derek Fitzhenry (shown above) has left Dobie High School and Pasadena Independent School District officials feeling both angry and betrayed.

Fitzhenry, who gained district board

approval and was later introduced to the Dobie players Jan. 20, has had a change of heart and will remain as varsity head coach and campus athletic coordinator at Class 3A Giddings.

According to an article published on the *Austin American-Statesman's* Web site, www.statesman.com, Fitzhenry gathered with members of his family Sunday, Jan. 24, and ultimately decided to stay home.

The problem with that? He apparently elected not to contact Dobie High School principal Steve Jamail or district athletic director Mike Stephens regarding his decision.

Expected to arrive at Dobie the morning of Jan. 25, Fitzhenry simply did not show up. Instead, he returned Stephens' phone call at roughly mid-day, citing the desire of him and his family to remain in Giddings as his reason for backing out on Dobie.

Fitzhenry's family wanted him to stay in Giddings, as did members of that community and many of the school's football players. So he obliged.

According to the AAS story, Fitzhenry said, "It's been very tough to look at all of the things as far as a career move. But when you sit down and look at it, a career isn't just the A's (the school's Class 3A designation) and the money you make. It's the program you have."

Yet with Fitzhenry having delivered a bit of embarrassment along with his snub, Jamail has moved quickly to dispel some of the ideas that have surfaced regarding Fitzhenry's diss of Dobie.

Fitzhenry was not offered a salary nearing \$100,000, Continued on Page 1B

Close encounters of the avian kind



On Thursday, Jan. 21, there was a close encounter of the avian kind in the Beverly Hills subdivision near Fuqua Road and Blackhawk Boulevard.

Gibi Vargas, a resident of the South Belt area for 18 years, spotted a downed bird in the front yard of the house next to his. The bird seemed injured and did not take flight when approached.

The bird (shown above) was identified as a black vulture by the National Audubon Society's director of bird conservation, Greg Butcher.

"For some reason over the years, they have become more accustomed to hanging out with people," Butcher said. "They're a good thing because they mostly eat dead things, but they are a bad thing because they can be a nuisance."

According to Butcher, black vultures do not usually cause harm to people but they are a bother because they can hang around backyards eating pet food, or on top of cars picking at the rubber gaskets around doors and windows.

Recently all over the country in which they are prevalent, black vultures have been moving into suburban neighborhoods and are not necessarily as cautious of man as they once were. Butcher admitted that there was no explanation for this behavior.

Residents have been mistaking the black vultures as turkey vultures. While the species are very different, the treatment toward them is the same: ignore them.

Turkey vultures are most easily identified by their flight pattern. Turkey vultures do not flap as much while in flight; they mostly ride thermals - columns of hot air - and when flying directly toward or away from a person, the profile is a shallow "V" shape.

Black vultures flap more and have a flatter profile when flying. If an injured bird is seen, there are various wildlife rehabilitation centers throughout the country that can be contacted to collect and provide medical support for the animal.

Photo by Matt Griesmyer

Deputies combat assault, drugs

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have remained vigilant, making arrests for crimes ranging from aggravated assault to drug possession.

On Friday, Jan. 22, Deputy Lance Willis was dispatched at 11 p.m. to the intersection of Scarsdale and Bogey Way, where someone had reported two males had jumped in front of a car in an effort to make it stop.

Upon making contact with the men, Willis determined one, Corey Johnson, had an open warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

Johnson, 19, was subsequently arrested. The following day, Deputies Jason Curry and Dwayne Pacifico were dispatched to a bar in the 10900 block of Scarsdale, where a large fight had reportedly broken out.

As the deputies pulled up, they witnessed suspect Eladio Garza kicking a victim several times in the head. As Garza saw the deputies, he fled

on foot. Pacifico gave chase, but when he attempted to apprehend the suspect, Garza kicked and punched him several times, allowing him to break free.

Garza fled on foot before jumping into the passenger seat of a Chevy Suburban, which also fled the scene.

The deputies followed the vehicle as it sped west on Scarsdale before turning north on Beamer. The driver of the Suburban, Manuel Perez, turned the vehicle's headlights off and then turned onto Sagehill. The chase ended approximately two miles away in the 12100 block of Sagehill.

Garza, 25, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault.

Perez, 18, was arrested and charged with evading arrest.

Pacifico was taken to Memorial Hermann

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HPD, NPC closes derelict house

By Matt Griesmyer

On Friday, Jan. 22, three Thompson Intermediate students were caught wandering in an abandoned house located at 11002 Sageburrow. The next day, a division of the Houston Police Department boarded up the house so that no more trespassers could enter.

"The house has been vacant and deteriorating for some time," said a sergeant with HPD. "It's a dangerous situation; it's the neighborhood's responsibility to prevent these dangerous situations from happening."

The sergeant who caught the students wandering has requested anonymity because of undercover HPD involvement.

The house in question had been severely damaged since Hurricane Ike. Vandals had broken the windows and forced the back door open.

Pete DeLosSantos is the chief inspector for the Neighborhood Protection Corps, the division of the HPD that oversees enforcement of city codes and ordinances related to neighborhood housing.

DeLosSantos explained that the NPC looks for signs of dilapidated housing, after which it

sends notice to the owner and boards the house up, if necessary. After a 30-day waiting period the NPC does a "checkback" to see if any improvements have been done to the property to bring the habitation to code.

"I had already reported the house to Neighborhood Protection and got the ball rolling to secure the house," the sergeant said. "Catching the kids inside moved it to the top of the list."

NPC can get tip-offs to houses that are in disrepair or potentially in violation of city code and ordinances. After a report these houses get placed on a waiting list until an inspector can get to them.

DeLosSantos explained that if a habitation fits certain criteria (near elderly, children, schools or churches) then it gets sent over to a special project team that will go out and board it up ahead of schedule to minimize risk.

DeLosSantos said that if residents see signs of vagrant occupation, graffiti, alcohol bottles, drug use or forced entry, reports should be directed to the City of Houston general help line at 311. All reports directed toward that number will reach the proper channels and will be addressed.



This vacant house at 11002 Sageburrow was boarded up by city officials.

Readers' Opinions

Thompson releases third six-weeks honor roll list

Legler: thanks Massachusetts

To My Fellow Citizens,
The extraordinary election by the people in Massachusetts Tuesday, January 19, sent a message to all elected officials who believe that they know what is better for you! The people of these United States, and especially Texans, are not fools. We understand that it is our government not theirs. It is the fiduciary responsibility of all elected officials, myself included, to take every vote and every discussion in the open and with the understanding that you the citizen know better what you need than some out of touch person in D.C. That is why we in Texas have a citizen legislature who meets every other year and returns home to live under the laws that were passed.

God Bless the Great State of Texas and the people. Conservatism has never been dead just a little quiet, from the start of the American revolution first shot at Lexington to this shot of realism, American conservative values have been alive. As a life long Texan I would like to send a big thank you to the great people of Massachusetts.

Ken Legler
Texas State Representative
HD 144

Omoniyi: Nigeria should not be on list

When I read the news about a new list of countries whose individuals would undergo "enhanced screenings," I was glad that the U.S. government was finally taking a more targeted approach to national security. After reading the list, it occurred to me that Nigeria was on that list but the United Kingdom was not. Yes, I screamed bloody murder.

While anyone who paid superficial attention to the news of the Nigerian terrorist Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab may conclude that it is justified to have Nigeria on that list, a more careful examination of the events that led up to the TSA's "new directive" would reveal the insidious stupidity of directing this measure at Nigerians and leaving the United Kingdom out.

The apparent justification for including Nigeria to this list is the underwear bombers attempted act of terrorism. The problem with this is that it is clearly not the case that terrorism was radicalized in Nigeria. The underwear bomber went to high school in Togo, another African country, and college in the United Kingdom. While Togo is not synonymous with terrorism, the United Kingdom certainly is. It leads one to wonder why the United Kingdom deserves to escape that list, while Nigeria doesn't.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Gordon Brown has claimed Farouk was radicalized after he left the United Kingdom and Yemen is "a major new base for terrorism." I would like to suggest to Mr. Brown and his advisors that a little introspection might be necessary here. The only connection he had to Nigeria was his family and there even his father reported him to the CIA.

FACT: On the 7th of July 2005, 65 people were killed and about 700 injured by at least four British born and British raised Islamic terrorists. Since the kind of terrorism Janet Napolitano should be looking out for is one that poses a danger to the U.S it would be fairer to cite the Trans Atlantic close call by eight British terrorists. Those attacks were meant to blow up, not one, but ten aircrafts traveling from the UK to the U.S and Canada. Even the UK telegraph reported that the "MI5 estimates that there are about 2,000 active terror supporters in Britain and claims that schoolchildren are being recruited by al-Qaeda." Still the UK is

somehow absolved of any responsibility and negative publicity while Nigeria is.

According to the US census bureau's Profile of Selected Demographic and Social Characteristics for the year 2000; of immigrants ages 25 and older, about 80% that are Nigerian born have at least some college education while the number for the United Kingdom immigrants is about 60%. Those same statistics show that Nigerians are twice as likely to hold graduate degrees.

Those numbers also show that 52.6% of immigrants that are UK nationals earn 50,000 and over while the number for Nigerian born immigrants is 36.3%. Obviously there are other factors at play here.

Yet the message is clear, Nigerians are not known to address grievances by blaming or bombing. These numbers reveal the real attitude of Nigerians in the United States.

While some have claimed that it is unfair to Nigerians and others and cried racism, my argument goes beyond unfair. As a Nigerian American, I can certainly endure a few more minutes and extra scrutiny at any airport if it will make this nation I love any safer.

The problem I have with the list is the display of patent superficiality and apparent politics that still plagues the way the government handles problem of terrorism. We have to fight terrorism from wherever it comes, the United Kingdom or Nigeria. But we cannot afford to play favorites in this war.

Brief Bio: I am a Nigerian immigrant that came to the U.S in 2006. I am an honors student studying Engineering at San Jacinto Community College.

I have written for San Jac Times, the student newspaper for San Jacinto College and The Avion, the student newspaper for Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Timothy Omoniyi

Thompson Intermediate recently released its honor roll list for the third six-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:
Honor roll - Seventh grade
Guadalupe Isabel Acosta, Angelica Maribel Alfaro,

Savannah Joe Amaro, Jackelin Andrade, Justyn Andrew Arnesen-Gonzalez, Austin Kirby Baker, Nereida Yamilet Balderas, Yenlynn Hoang Banh and Gabriela Renee Barragan.

Deniel Simone Bell, Carl

SJC receives training funds

San Jacinto College aims to meet the needs of labor shortages in key occupational areas through a recently approved \$350,000 federal appropriation, which will allow expansion of workforce development and pipeline training programs through the college's Workforce Development Training Project.

SJC instructors will move from board-drafting labs to computer-aided drafting labs and will include training in basic math to equip individuals with the marketable skills necessary to work as welders, pipefitters and nondestructive testing personnel for the petrochemical industry. Funding for the project was championed by Rep. Pete Olson, R-Texas.

"In a time of instability in our economy, this project would train new workers and retrain existing workers to become welders, pipefitters and nondestructive testing personnel for the petrochemical industry," Olson said. "This helps provide jobs to those who need them while supplying a skilled workforce to an industry that is short of workers and can help to fuel our economic expansion. I applaud

for recreational diving and fishing. As a tribute, the US Coast Guard has an annual remembrance service in Florida. Faulkner's parents, Bud and Bertha Faulkner, attended the service every year until their own deaths last decade.

At one of the Florida services held in 1986, Faulkner's parents heard a noise in the sky and looked up to witness the explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

Faulkner's sister, Sunday Evans, is now on a mission to see that the loss of the Blackthorn and its crew members is not eclipsed by the other tragedy.

"These guys were in the military and deserved to be remembered," Evans said. "And I'm the only one in this corner of the world to make sure that happens."

Evans has recently utilized the social networking Web site Facebook to connect with survivors from the incident and stays in regular contact with two of sailors, one of whom still resides in Houston. Evans further noted there is now one Facebook page entirely dedicated to the Blackthorn.

While she is unaware of any official observances held in Galveston, Evans said she will have her own service on the island on the 28th.

USCG Blackthorn remembered

30th anniversary of accident that killed two South Belters



Thomas Rick Faulkner

By James Bolen

Thursday, Jan. 28, marks the 30th anniversary of the sinking of the US Coast Guard Blackthorn, which took the lives of South Belt residents Thomas Rick Faulkner and Lawrence Daniel Frye.

The 180-foot seagoing buoy tender was returning to Galveston from receiving routine repairs in Tampa, Fla., when it collided with the tanker Capricorn, killing 23 of the ship's 50 crew members.

Initially assigned to the Great Lakes for ice-breaking duties, the Blackthorn was later reassigned to the Gulf Coast to maintain buoys and aid in navigation.

The cutter was raised for investigation following the incident, but ultimately was scuttled in the Gulf of Mexico and currently serves as an artificial reef

Pct. 2 deputies battle crime

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Southeast Hospital, where he was treated for several small cuts on his hands and one large cut on the palm of his left hand.

Deputy Janie Villatoro was patrolling the area around Kirkville and Blackhawk Sunday, Jan. 24, at roughly 6:30 p.m. when she stopped a vehicle for a routine traffic stop.

Upon making contact with the driver, Craig Lodrigue, the deputy discovered he did not have a valid driver's license and arrested him.

A search of Lodrigue produced a bag that contained 15.5 grams of cocaine and a pill bottle that contained eight hydrocodone tablets.

Lodrigue, 34, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Elizabeth Blue, Zachary Grant Blue, Celeste Marissa Briones, Xavier Darnell Brown, Trang Phuong Bui, Amber Brooke Carter, Juan Salvador Chavez, Sara Louise Cook and Julian Valdez Coronado.

Alexis Marie Corpus, Ariana Lynn Croes, Collyn Paul Davis, Hailey Rachelle Davis, Christopher Rayman Dufresne, Stacy Isimemen Edokpa, Kaelynn Danay Enriquez, Jesse Escalante and Abdon Jose Ferreira.

Gabriele Christin Flores, Kasey Mikal Fouts, Kelsey Mikal Fouts, Sabrina Andreea Frias, Luis Eduardo Garay, Tiffany Amber Garcia, Marco Antonio Garza, Rachel Taylor Glass and Joshua Paul Gowlin.

Luis Carlos Gonzalez, Anna Mae Goodman, Isandro Adan Guerrero, Ricky Anderson Harris, Kiara Doneisha Hart, Carolina Alejandra Herrera, Yesenia Herrera, David Matthew Holcomb and Jessie Ngoc Huynh.

Nicholas Daniel Jagdeo, Jordan Luis Jimenez, Desiree Shantal Johnson, Rhehana D. Johnson, Jai J'miya Jones, Jessica Jean Jones, Tia Jasmine Joseph, Daniel Jungmo Kim, Ty Irvin Lozano and Alexander M. Martinez.

Carlos Martinez, Israel Ernesto Martinez, Ashley Marie McDonald, Luke Allen Mc-

Donald, Maria Lidia Mejia Ortiz, Abraham Melendez, Nixon Udiel Melgar, Valerie Mendoza and Joseph Christian Mercado.

Mason Hunter Miller, Madisen Paige Minter, Damian Francisco Molina, George Anthony Molina, Dulce Dayana Morales, Jimmy Adrian Nevarez, Catherine Nguyen, and Dona Ngoc Nguyen.

Elizabeth Nguyen, Giaan Khuong Nguyen, Julie Nguyen, Lisa Nguyen, Taylor Han Nguyen, Tran Bao Nguyen, Orlando Daniel Ochoa and Augustine Anamelechi Ogumanam.

Austin J. Taylor Perkins, Amalia Paulette Perla, Caxton Santos Petri, Hoaiphuong Tran Pham, Linh Phuong Pham, Nhi Thuc Pham, Alan Quy Phan, Roberto Simon Pineda, Celina Kim Rabe and Francisco Rangel.

Adriana Araceli Resendez, Lester Patrick Rodriguez, Vanessa Rojas, Michelle Brenda San Miguel, Sophia Annette Sarabia, Denise Saravia, Jonathan Adam Shaw and Alejandro Silva.

Karaanne Mackenzie Snyder, Harry Langston Swinton, Chelsea Tajonera, Samson Sagan Tamijani, Dejone Denise Thomas, Andrea Thu Tran, Jenny Thi Tran and Lauren Tuy Thao Vo Tran.

Jeffrey James Tyer, Chloe

Vivian Valdez, Angelica Faith Vasquez, Valerie Thanh Thy Vo, Emily Elizabeth Wolfe, Timothy Aidan Wright, Shelby Allison Yocum and Angelica Rosario Zuniga.

Eighth grade
Janessa Renee Ackman, Faria Akhter, Daniel Eduardo Alarcon, Aidee Alfaro, Maha Salma Awan Ali, Zavi Awan Ali, Evelyn Yaremi Alvarado, Taylor Nichol Ard, Angie Daniela Artega and Erika Thalia Ascencio.

Daniel Jacob Barrientes, Amanda Catherine Bates, Tyler Gregory Baumann, Antonio R. Beltran, Orr Benami, Duc Anh Bui, Alexis Marie Caballero, Kevin Ruiz Caballero, Jennifer Keren Calderon and Stephanie N. Campos.

Steffanie Faye Carrier, Nicholas Dale Cessna, Devin Renae Cooper, Lynsi Lashay Crawford, Jason Asarel Cruz, Hoang Kim Dinh, Nicholas Paul Engle, Angelica Vanessa Enriquez, Maria Fernanda Flores and Jaelyn Breon Fox.

Victoria Chaise Gagneux, Athziri Yanely Garcia, Rommel Rudy Garcia, Kamaran Rhynae Gardner, Eryqa Jemela Glenn, Anthony Joel Gomez, Adan Ismael Gonzalez, Sydney Nicole Gutierrez and Bryson Payne Hamilton.

Greissy Carolina Jerezano, Mohammed Zaine Kabir, Madeline Renee Lacamu,

Meador Science Fair winners named



Approximately 90 students completed projects in the annual science fair held at Meador Elementary on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Six students receiving top awards for their campus are, left to right, (front row) Santiago Espinosa, Dominique Pullin, Amy

Nolen, (middle row) Roberto Campa, Mark Cruz, Sophia Marin, and (back) Principal, Darlene Davis. These six students will compete in the Pasadena Independent School District Science Fair in March.

Photo submitted

Deaths

Tom Jacobsen



Tom Jacobsen, 69, died Jan. 19, 2010, at Sanford Hospital after a battling leukemia for many years.

Jacobsen was born in Sioux Falls, S.D., on Feb. 4, 1940. He was adopted as an infant by Bill and Alice (Rogness) Jacobsen. He grew up in Hiawatha, Kan., and graduated from high school there in 1958. During his high school years, he participated in football, basketball, track and band.

In 1958, Jacobsen returned to Sioux Falls to attend Augustana College. In 1962, he graduated from "Augie" with a double major in math and physics and was commissioned as an officer in the Marine Corps. He spent his three years at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Jacobsen met his wife-to-be in the Augustana Band. He and Mary Ann (Odell) were married June 26, 1963.

In 1965, he went to work for IBM at the Houston Space Center. He was a manager of

onboard software and real time console support for the Apollo and Shuttle missions. After 30 years, he retired from IBM. His love of young people led him to teach eighth-grade math and algebra at Thompson Intermediate School for seven years.

Jacobsen was active in Boy Scouts and YMCA Indian Guides with his sons and coached baseball and softball. At his church in Texas, he served in the church council, sang in the choir, and taught Sunday school.

After 38 years in Houston, Jacobsen and his wife retired to Sioux Falls. As members of Peace Lutheran Church, he enjoyed participating in several group activities and volunteer opportunities. He had a strong passion for the outdoors, spending numerous hours perfecting his yard and gardens.

Camping, hiking and bird watching were among some of his favorite ways to enjoy nature.

Jacobsen was preceded in death by his parents.

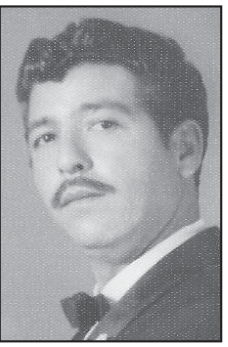
He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary; sons Jeff (Deanne) of Pearland, Rob (Tracy) of Cypress, and Chris of Limon, Colo.; daughter Marcy (Peter) Brand of Rockwall, Texas; grandchildren Chase, Victoria, Will and Ben Jacobsen, and Dylan, Ashley and Owen Brand; brother-in-law Ken (Jane) Odell of Lawton, Minn.

A celebration of life service was held Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, at Peace Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the

Peace Lutheran Endowment Fund. An obituary and online registry can be viewed at www.heritagefsd.com.

Fabriciano S. Solis



Fabriciano "Chano" S. Solis, 82, died Friday, Jan. 22, 2010. He was born Nov. 17, 1927. He resided in the South Belt area and was a parishioner of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Solis was preceded in death by his son, Jaime C. Solis.

Survivors include his wife, Agustina R. Solis; daughter and son-in-law Sylvia S. and Antonio Jaramillo; four granddaughters, Alicia Solis (Edward Mata), Melissa Solis (Omar Guerra), Olivia Jaramillo and Jacqueline Jaramillo; grandson Jaime C. Solis Jr.; and two great-granddaughters, Carisma and Nevaeh.

A carpenter by trade, Solis loved singing with his family and friends.

The Mass of resurreccion was celebrated on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Rite of committal followed at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston.

Elvira Lesley



Elvira Hortensia Arbelaez Lesley, 83, of South Belt, died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010. Born May 8, 1926, she was retired from Crown Central Petroleum Corporation where she was a senior division order analyst.

Lesley is preceded in death by her parents, Gustavo and Elvira Arbelaez, and her husband, Patrick Henry Lesley II.

She is survived by her children, Laura G. Cartledge, Patrick Henry Lesley III and wife Michelle, Roger Gustavo Lesley and Patricia Darlene Lesley Shuster; grandchildren Jack and Tara Lesley; sister Helena Black; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A service celebrating Les-

ley's life was held Friday, Jan. 22, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at SouthPark Cemetery in Pearland.

Johnny Bustos Cantu



Johnny Bustos Cantu, 78, died on Jan. 13, 2010. He was born on May 15, 1931, was a native Texan, Korean War veteran, husband, father and grandfather. He was a Sage-meadow resident.

Cantu is survived by his wife of 30 years, Petra T. He had four sons, two daughters, 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

A rosary was conducted on Jan. 19, 2010. A Mass of Catholic burial was held Wednesday, Jan. 20, at St. Luke the Evangelist Church.

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Genoa announces second 9-weeks honor, merit rolls

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

Honor roll
First grade
Elizabeth Abeja, Yenais Aguilar, Lizbeth Armenta, Valerie Baldares, Ammy Briones-Salazar, Ricardo Cabrera, Michelle Cazares, Fattima Charles, Janei Coleman and Desirey Delara.

Enmanuel Escoto, Ivan Esparza, Jocelyn Gallegos-Torres, Jocelyn Garcia, Matthew Garza, Tristan Gomez, Oscar Hernandez, Katherine Leon, Victor Medina, Alejandro Montano and John Morrison.

Marianna Murchison, Magdalena Nguyen, Grace Orellana, Ralynn Payne, Jair Perez, Brianna Pica, Isis Plumlee, Amberly Ponce, Emily Quintero, Rolando Rangel, Emma Rebstock and Katy Recinos-turcios.

Andrea Redor, Jose Robles, Cynthia Rodriguez, Melody Romero, Angelica, Moriah Roy, Alexandra Ruiz, Omar Ruiz, Fernando Salas, Jessica Salazar, Breanna Sanchez,

Carlos Turcios and Damian Vasquez.

Second grade
Daniel Arellano, Belen Avina, Camila Cazares, Jaqueline Chapa, Natalia Esparza, Adriana Martinez, Katelyn Martinez and Wesley Ndagou.

Sebastian Nino, Christopher Oreallana, Jorge Rodriguez, Brianna Sanmiguel, Catherine Silvacruz, Jaden Smith and Vanessa Vazquez.

Third grade
Athziri Cervantes, Anna Diaz, Samuel Diaz, Selena Diaz, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Ana Guevara, Chancy Hamlett, Ginger Henry, Jalyn Myers, Angelica Romero and Pedro Salinas.

Fourth grade
Rafullah Aziz, Jacqueline Duarte, Kelsey Gannaway, Rigoberto Jimenez, Marianna Lambert, Jake Miller, Rigoberto Mosley and Ashley Torres.

Merit roll
First grade
Gulsoma Aziz, David Banda, Rebecca Botello, Lizbeth Calderon, Jacquelin Cisneros, Thomas Ing, Giselle Jimenez, Jennifer Luna and Angel Martinez.

Miranda Martinez, Janelle Miramontes, Oscar Mondragon, Fernando Morales, Daniela Redor, Yaire Reyes, Edgar Rodriguez, Leticia Rodriguez, Evelyn Turcios, Britanni Watts and Kenneth Yeates.

Second grade
Jasmin Alvarado, Destiny Boss, Hellen Cruz, Emmely Diaz De Leon, Allizae Hernandez, Andrew Miller, Jonathan Mokarzel, Stephanie Nguyen, Julissa Reyna, Paola Rodriguez, Adriana Soto, Sofia Tamez and Vanesa Villegas.

Third grade
Nekan Andrade, Corina Banda, Thalia Cansino, Nirvana Fernandez, Jason Flores, Bryan Garcia, Mitsy Garza, Jennifer Guerrero, Tiffany Jefferson, Alexandro Martinez, Emely Martinez, Jobel Redor, Jessica Vallejo and Jason Vela.

Fourth grade
Emiliano Beltran, Stephany Cruz, Tyrona Davis, Delilah Delacruz Jones, Alaija Finnell Smith, Natalie Gandara, Karlie Guerra, Minh Nguyen, Amber Ruiz, Carolina Saucedo and Veronica Zelaya.

Dobie Debate Team excels at Foster High School

J. Frank Dobie's debate team started the new year with a bang - as members of the squad earned their right to compete in out-rounds of the Foster High School Tournament.

The biggest winner emerging from the school was Shekeyla Caldwell, who won first place in prose reading.

In domestic extemporaneous speaking, Bao Le, Michael Tran and Michael Baez advanced to semis, while in novice extemporaneous, Laura Jordan, ThomasRay Trevino and Jeisy Villatoro advanced in semis as well.

Eventually, both Trevino and Jordan moved on, placing second and sixth respectively, in finals.

Dobie also advanced Ariel Hebert, Laura Jordan and Charly Rodriguez in novice prose. However, Jordan rose to the challenge and received third place in finals.

The team also showed their versatility by advancing Caldwell and Alexander Lacamu in dramatic interpretation to the semis round.

In duet improvisation, the team of Le Ho and Trevino competed in the finals round where they placed fifth. Once again, Jordan and Rodriguez proved their talents by successfully moving on in novice poetry - Jordan placed first and Rodriguez placed third in finals. The squad had five prevailing debaters who advanced to the octofinals round as well - Le and Caldwell in Lincoln-Douglas debate, Lacamu in novice Lincoln-Douglas, and the duo of Johnny Dao and Rodriguez in public forum debate.

All in all, the Dobie debate team had a very successful weekend and anticipated a competition at Lamar High School at the end of the month.



Debate team members pictured are, left to right, (front row) ThomasRay Trevino, Johnny Dao, (back row) Charly Rodriguez, Le Ho, Shekeyla Caldwell and Laura Jordan.

San Jac unveils cafeteria renovations for spring 2010

San Jacinto College students this semester can satisfy those hunger pains on the go with new restaurant choices at revamped dining facilities at the South and Central campuses.

The steam lines are out and the glass walls have come down to reveal two familiar fast-food restaurants, Pizza Hut and A&W. The Raven

Café at Central boasts new tabletops, booths, lighting and paint. The South campus cafeteria also features new seating, along with a new wall texture and upholstery.

"Our top priority is to manage the campus food service efficiently and effectively, and by doing so, provide a place for our students and staff to relax, relate and

connect with themselves and others," said Mary Johnson, food service manager at the South campus.

Cafeteria renovations were decided after surveys revealed students' preference for an update of dining facilities. The project began early last year. Food quality and affordable pricing were the deciding factors that resulted in the selection of Pizza Hut and A&W. "This is about brand recognition," said Mark Escobedo, food service manager at Central. "These restaurants are known worldwide for their quality of food that's also price sensitive."

Menu items include a variety of popular single and combination pizzas, pastas, breadsticks, hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream treats and floats. Cafeteria hours for both locations are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

San Jacinto College Central is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena; the South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road.

For more information, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.

Atkinson releases second 9-weeks honor and merit roll achievement

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

Honor roll
First grade
Alfredo Aguilera, Liberty Anderson, Jaqueline Arredondo, Ricky Bailey, Reynaldo Barrientos, Sabastion Brice, Danielle Bulman, Zenaida Castillo and Nicholas Covarubias.

Second grade
Jennifer Cao, Jade Cazaraz, Angela Chapa, Purba Daria, Leah Ha, Vivian Huynh, Carlos Klunk, Hannah Lazo, Thu Le-Phuong, Ashley Nguyen, Cindy Nguyen, Jessica Nguyen, Minh To, Charlie Tran and Andra Uribe.

Third grade
Huynh Bao, Alyssa Car-

rico, Elizabeth Early, Eric Escobedo, Katherine Flores, Kevin Galvan, Destinee Gonzales and Ivana Higgins.

Fourth grade
Celeste Covarrubias, Melina Flores, Karina Frias, Michelle Fuentes, Travis Ho, Samantha Merrill, Jenny Nguyen, Paul Ontiveros, Long Phan, Christian Ponce, Mia Reyna and Jose Rodriguez.

Merit roll
First grade
Jacob Acevedo, Luis Avalos, Jonathan Banda, Eduardo

Carlos, Mariana Chavez, Erin Dang, Andres Gallegos, Emily Gonzalez, Hayden Lazo and Emily Mejia.

Second grade
Martin Cerrato, Kay Duong, Jacob Leopold, Sarah Maryum, Andrea Menendez, Samantha Narvaez, Theodore Randle, Corbin Sherwood, Charize Tamayo, Andrew Tran and Simon Tran.

Third grade
Natalie Armenta, Sierra Berry, Kevin Dinh, Kyle Garcia, Karina Gonzalez, Catherine Le, Ricardo Lima, Lauryn Locksey, Khanh Nguyen, Alfredo Perez, Jorge Sanchez and Kyana Shannon.

Fourth grade
Ramon Cahue, Jacob Ferrell, Jasmine Lewis, Justin Nguyen, Hailey Orellana, Natalie Orta, Jacqueline Pena, Griselda Ramos, Xochitl Romero, Victoria Ta, Brandon Valdez and Earnest Webb.

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SJC program specializes in producing rewarding careers in teaching field

The path toward a successful, fulfilling career doesn't always begin with certainty. When Che Rogers began taking classes at San Jacinto College (SJC), she tried her hand at many areas of study, even zoology, before entering the school's child development program.

"When I first started college, I didn't know what I wanted to do. But after taking some classes in child development here, I realized that this is what I wanted," Rogers said. "The program has taught me so much about children; the instructors have really opened my eyes to the enjoyment of teaching."

A career as an educator is often thought of as a profession with moderate pay. However, it is a field with plenty of potential job growth as many enter retirement, creating additional job openings. The number of jobs for teachers is expected to increase about as fast as the average for all occupations through 2016, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Those who shine as some of the country's brightest and most influential educators often say they value the rewards of the profession. SJC students are taught early on that there's more to education than classroom instruction.

"There are few things more rewarding than making an impact on the life of a child," said Dr. Debbie Simpson-Smith, professor of child development at the SJC Central campus. "The child development program awards the associate of applied science degree and the certificate of technology; students are taught the skills, attitudes and competencies necessary to provide high quality care and early education in preschools and child care centers."

Hands-on training
SJC students are encouraged to participate in observations, which include settings in both elementary and

high schools, libraries and the college's three child care centers (lab schools). The centers will soon undergo construction to provide the most up-to-date facility enhancements for an interactive educational environment.

"The lab school serves as an observational experience for child development majors, which cares for children of college employees, students and community families," said Simpson-Smith.

Simpson-Smith said the SJC child development program fully prepares students for opportunities as a teacher; director; or owner of a profit, church-related, government (Head Start), corporate or nonprofit school for children.

Other career opportunities include working at a children's museum, serving as a child life specialist assistant at a local hospital, working as a parent counselor at a child care resource and referral agency or working in an early childhood intervention program for children with special needs.

Occupational certificates include the Child Care Administrator's Credential and Child Development Associate (CDA). The department also participates in TECH-PREP, a program that allows high school students to earn college credit for courses taken in high school.

The college also has an articulation agreement with the University of Houston-Clear Lake that allow students to take their academic courses, four child development courses and two education courses at San Jacinto College. All classes are offered day, night and through distance learning.

The A.A.T.
SJC students who want to teach in an elementary school can start on their bachelor's degree with the EC-6 (Early Childhood Specialization) curriculum. The college's associate of arts in teaching is a Texas

Higher Education Coordinating board-approved degree program consisting of lower division courses intended for transfer to a baccalaureate program that leads to Texas teacher certification. It is fully transferable to all Texas public universities.

Options available to students include the EC-6 and 4-8, the generalist certification option; 8-12, certification with teaching field or discipline concentration; and the EC-12, all level certificates.

"This program at San Jacinto College is unique because of the dedicated faculty that have years of teaching experience in a variety of school settings and grade levels," said Simpson-Smith. "Each faculty member that teaches the education courses has at least a master's degree in the field of education."

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The university's effort was coordinated by UH-Clear Lake Office of the President executive secretary Berenice Webster and administrative assistant Vera Garcia, who worked closely with departmental liaisons throughout the university.

Auditions set at PLT

Auditions for *The Octette Bridge Club*, a comedy by P. J. Barry, will be held Sunday, Jan. 31, and Monday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. The director is Kathy Woods and performance dates are weekends, March 19 through April 4, 2010.

Eight women, age 30s to

60s, and one man, age 20s to 30s, are needed.

Auditions will consist of cold reading from the script. Contact the director at lamere5@verizon.net with questions.

For character descriptions and more information, visit the Web site at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.

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Over The Back Fence by Jan

WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY
 Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent from the Leader staff to Carl Valigura who is recovering from a recent surgery. Carl is well known to merchants in the area where he delivers the Leader weekly.

ONE MORE CANDLE FOR DANICE
 South Belt community leader Danice Oliver adds another candle to her birthday cake Monday, Feb. 1. Her Sagemont friends and the Leader staff send best wishes on her special day.

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 28 through Feb. 3.

Atkinson Elementary
 Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to Maria De La Cruz Jan. 28.

Burnett Elementary
 On Jan. 28, Pat McBride has a birthday. Enjoying a birthday Feb. 1 is Donna Yates. Geneveva Medrano celebrates a birthday Feb. 3.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Melissa Gonzalez is wished a happy birthday Jan. 28. The day for a birthday party for Donica Arnold is Jan. 30. On Jan. 31, Maria Olvera enjoys a birthday. Feb. 1 is the day for a cake for Regina Hosea. Cynthia Wright marks a birthday Feb. 2.

Thompson Intermediate
 Special birthday greetings are sent to Felicia Petit Jan. 30. Laura Tuttle has a birthday Jan. 31.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ERIK!
 Erik Cubos of Scarsdale will celebrate a birthday on Feb. 3. He is wished a special day from his wife, Claudia, and kids Brittany, Fatboy and Hailey Sunshine.

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY OWEN!
 Owen Michael Flowers turns 1 year old Tuesday, Feb. 3, and will celebrate with a dinosaur-themed party at his grandparents' house. Best wishes are sent to Owen from his big sister, Kennedy; parents Stephen and Stacey Hayes Flowers of Texas City; grandparents Robert and Jannie Scarberry of South Belt and Mike and Karen 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 Dobie grad.

Jessup Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for Maria Garza Feb. 3.

Meador Elementary
 Special birthday wishes are sent to Maria Henry Feb. 3.

Moore Elementary
 The day for a birthday cake for Brenda Hallaron is Jan. 28. On Jan. 31, Emma Tsikis enjoys a birthday. Tammy Munn is sent birthday wishes Feb. 1.

South Belt Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for Jennifer Hernandez on Jan. 28. Birthday greetings are sent to Jessica Arnold and Amy Pike Feb. 3.

Meilillo Middle School
 Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Emma Martinez Jan. 28. Maurice Ross and Bertha Sanchez share a birthday Jan. 29. On Feb. 1, Sonia Guerra and Bonnie Schindler enjoy a birthday.

Morris Middle School
 Elecia Audish celebrates a birthday Jan. 30.

Dobie High
 Enjoying a birthday Jan. 28 is Kristen Griffith. On Jan. 30, a birthday is celebrated by Elke Cerre. Birthday wishes are sent to Leslie Rustin Feb. 1. Triple birthday greetings are sent to Leslie Bond, Vanessa Buentello and Veronica Oyervides Feb. 3.

LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS
 Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its January meeting in the home of Sherrie Cox. There were 11 members present and two members absent. The group entertained Xi Zeta Eta with a domino party on Jan. 16, in the home of Barbara Jennings. Plans for the Feb. 6 dance, Glamour & Glitz, were discussed and finalized. Sweetheart Diane Schimnowski will be honored at that time. Following the business meeting, Cox presented the program, *Sharing the Adventures of Australia*.

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San Jac partnerships pave the way for student success

San Jacinto College (SJC) student Daniel Garcia exemplifies how partnerships involving educators and business people can pave the way for student success.

Through diligence, hard work and help from instructors and business associates, Garcia has qualified for \$14,000 worth of scholarships, which he is using to pay for college and to purchase expensive work-related tools and equipment. Garcia, an exemplary sophomore automotive technology student at SJC Central, earned the scholarships from the Houston Automobile Dealers Association, GM, Snap-on Tools, Grainger, and Lubrizol - all which maintain educational partnerships with SJC.

"Student success is all about teamwork," said David Norman, the college's automotive technology department chair. "The industry needs qualified entry-level technicians to replace those who are retiring, which gives young people with the love of the automotive industry the opportunity to start growing their career, beginning in the junior year of high school through one of our partnerships, Automotive Youth Education System (AYES)."

The AYES program lets high school students "test drive" an auto tech career, while dealerships who provide the students intern opportunities in turn "test drive" the students.

"If there seems to be a match, then AYES students can move on to our auto tech program at San Jacinto College," Norman said.

For example, local dealership Monument Chevrolet has a solid, long-standing working partnership with SJC and Pasadena ISD.

"Every year Monument Chevrolet interns three to five Pasadena AYES students with the stipulation they are being

groomed for a career in automotive," Norman explained. "Monument requires their AYES interns upon graduation from high school to enter General Motors' Automotive Service Educational Program at San Jacinto College."

Monument sponsors the student until graduation from SJC, at which time the student is offered a full-time position at the dealership.

Garcia, who graduated from Pasadena High School as an AYES student, plans to earn an associate degree in automotive technology from SJC in May. While attending classes, he is gaining on-the-job training as an intern at Monument Chevrolet, working with a seasoned mentor.

"The training I receive at the dealership is very valuable," Garcia said. "Actually doing the work instead of just reading out of a book really prepares you for the workplace."

After Garcia graduates from SJC, he plans to continue working at Monument and then to eventually open his own automotive shop. "Then I will be the boss," he remarked with a big smile.

Norman said maintaining strong partnerships with high schools and industry-related companies provide tremendous advantages for SJC auto tech students. "Qualifying students can get a substantial tool cost discount to get their careers off the ground," he commented. "They also can qualify for scholarships to fund their education and can gain hands-on experience through internships at dealerships. It all adds up to a good career as a well-trained, factory-certified automotive technician."

Garcia said he is grateful

for those advantages. "The San Jac auto tech program, and the Pasadena school district's AYES program have helped me accomplish so much," he said. "The instructors are well trained, and they help you along the way to make the best out of you. Once you go through the program you feel so much more confident."

San Jacinto College Central offers specialized training programs in General Motors, Chrysler, Ford, Toyota and Honda. The college also maintains an affiliation with BMW, through which qualifying graduates can obtain nine months of specialized training at a BMW facility. The college offers both one-year certificate and two-year associate degree programs in automotive technology. For more information, visit www.sanjac.edu/autotech.



Partners who work together to promote student success include from left, San Jacinto College automotive technology student Daniel Garcia; David Norman, SJC automotive department chair; Chris Wasson, Pasadena ISD automotive coordinator; Ric Menard, Automotive Youth Education System Houston manager; Eddie Cox, Monument Chevrolet service manager; Dr. Steve Horton, SJC Central technical education dean; Carroll Smith, Monument Chevrolet owner; Danny Barnett, Monument Chevrolet shop foreman; and Woody Seybert, Snap-on Tools account manager.

Remember When

30 years ago (1980)
 Several flood control experts addressed residents at the first meeting of the Regional Citizens Task Force. The task force was designed to be the basis of a five-county flood control authority.

Several local radio and television stations erroneously reported flooding in the Sagemont and Scarsdale areas.

The Houston Fire Department continued the investigation of a recent fire that gutted Burnett Elementary's fifth-grade pod.

South Belt resident Rick Faulkner, 21, was reported missing from the Blackthorn, a Coast Guard vessel which collided with a tanker off the Florida coast.

25 years ago (1985)
 The Dobie Lariaettes drill team won its third straight sweepstakes award under the direction of Patty LaTouche in competition at the Houston Invitational at the Astroarena and were to compete in state competition in mid-February in Spring Branch.

A locker search by school personnel at Beverly Hills Intermediate School revealed a couple of crude Oriental

weapons. The search was prompted by feuding between two groups of students.

20 years ago (1990)
 Justice of the Peace Howard Wayland was making plans to move into new offices at the courthouse annex opening on Beamer at Scarsdale.

South Belt residents living in the Clear Creek Independent School District changed the makeup of the board of trustees with the election of two new members.

The PISD board said yes to obtaining \$100 million in revenue bonds.

Several parents of Weber students requested transfers for their children for health reasons.

10 years ago (2000)
 South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce incoming president Johnny Carmona received the traditional gavel from Terry Felton at a banquet held at The Gardens.

Judy Harrison was named the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

David Pierce accepted an assistant coaching position at the University of Hous-

ton. Bobby McCain filled Pierce's role as coach of the girls' junior varsity basketball team.

The establishment of a fire and ambulance district in the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District passed 73-8. A bond issue passed, which increased the bond authority of the CBC MUD.

5 years ago (2005)
 Four South Belt residents were honored at the 21st annual South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce banquet: Joe Craddock, Gilbert Aguilar, Jannis Lowery and the Rev. Gordon Berg. The four were recognized as ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Five decapitated ducks were found in the drainage ditch paralleling the Blackhawk Hike and Bike Trail. Local law enforcement and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department were called.

Dobie students, faculty and parents raised \$4,000 in three days to donate to the Rev. Gordon Berg of Action Ministries to benefit the tsunami victims of Indonesia. The donation well surpassed the two-day goal of raising \$3,000.

Shane Nance, a 1996 Dobie graduate, was honored as his Arizona Diamondback professional baseball team jersey was dedicated by Dobie's Diamond Club.

1 year ago (2009)
 A fatal auto-pedestrian accident occurred in the 1000 block of Edgebrook. According to police, Jose Lopez ran across the street and was struck by a 1998 Ford Ranger pickup truck traveling west. The accident took place just one day after the road was opened to through traffic following a 22-month repair.

Houston City Council approved action to change the name of Ellington Field to Ellington Airport. The name change was intended to encourage general aviation and commercial investment at the facility. It did not impact existing tenants, who had the option of retaining the name Ellington Field for their own purposes.

A Houston Fire Department captain was fired following an investigation into her actions at a fatal car crash at the Gulf Freeway and Scarsdale in July 2008.

Lunchtime Kabbalah course offered

Food for thought and spiritual enlightenment can be obtained just in time for the New Year for those who bring a lunch and join University of Houston-Clear Lake students, faculty, staff and community members for a free six-week course called *Power of Kabbalah Level One* starting Tuesday, Feb. 2, from noon to 1 p.m., in the university's Bayou Building, Room 1219, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Each Tuesday, *World Video Classroom* brings teacher Eitan Yardeni's lessons and workshops on spiritual wisdom to the screen and introduces the spiritual discipline.

The course is facilitated by the university's foreign language program office, and space is limited to the first 30 participants who register.

Foreign language program director Christine Paul says the course is offered as a community service and shows participants "how to find fulfillment for themselves." "I think it's like yoga, only for the mind," said Paul.

To learn more about *Power of Kabbalah Level One*, visit the Web site at www.kabbalah.com.

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Beverly Hills names third six-weeks honor rolls

Beverly Hills Intermediate recently released its honor roll list for the third six-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

Honor roll
Seventh grade
 Gerardo Acevedo, Abraham Alanis, Karina Selene Anguiano, Sarah Abigail Anleu, Oscar Arredondo, Alondra Arriaga, Christopher Alonso Azaldegui, Janai Nicholle Baerga, Abigail Benavides and Gabriela Benavides.
 Victoria Alexis Blackmon, Stephanie Blanco, Quinton Joshua Bolling, Carlos Enrique Borri, Kiyah Simone Brooks, Madeline Nichole Buchman, Genovy Lisette Cabrera, Gilberto Herman Campa and Juan Carlos Carranza.
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 Estefani Elyzabeth Estrada, Alan Flores, Gilbert

Xavier Flores, Michael Aaron Garcia, Jay Edward Gish, Vincent Albert Gonzales, Isaia Gonzalez, Adolfo Javier Gracia, Adam Boyd Hawkins and Jason Paul Hesser.
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guin, Adrianna Nicole Ontiveros, Shiv Nirmal Patel, Amy Pham, Triet Minh Pham, Uyen Nhat Nguyen Pham and Kieu Kathy Phan.
 Juan Miguél Reyes, Sidaria Nate Robertson, Athena Skye Robles, Alexis Renea Rodriguez, Andres Alejandro Rodriguez, Erick Rodriguez, Marielena Rodriguez, Erica Mery Romero and Franklin Ivan Roque.
 Henry Giovanni Roque, Angela Grace Geopano Rosales, Stephanie Johana Rosales, Reginald Tyson Salinas, Stella Ngonda Soudah, Virginia Soto, Mckay Sumra, Nikki Tinhdan Tran, Theresa Tran and Triny Ynhi Tran.
 Karla Melissa Turcios, Ruben Kalani Vargas, April Brittany Vasquez, Rosa Alicia Velazquez, Princess O. Villanueva, Isabella Adriana Villarreal, Jacquelyn Simone Villarreal, Jonathon Lee Webb and Christian Tylor Wright.
Eighth grade
 Rene Max Aguirre, Deanna Marie Alanis, Maria Isabel Alarcon, Adrian Xavier Almandarez, Eliza Selena Alvarado, Benjamin Dean Arnett,

Stephanie Arroyo, Carolina Sanmiguel Avila, Liliana Azar and Abner Mike Baerga.
 Valerie Alena Baez, Zechariah Isaac Bailey, Ryan Lee Baker, Destiny Ayesha Barnes-Hall, Haitem Benachour, Dessarose Rose Blackwell, Erin Nicole Blackwell, Ironesha Lynn Brewer and Zachary Thomas Bright.
 Briana Yolanda Brown, Danielle Alyse Buckholt, Peter Dinh Bui, Alondra Maria Cahue, Pablo Canales, Nancy Evila Carrillo, Victor Manuel Castillo, Lizbeth Cavazos, Angel Cervantes and Roslynn Abigail Charles.
 Alexandra Guadalupe Cirlos, Eric Daniel Cortes, Anthony Dang, Judy Nga Dang, Javier Delgado, Sergio Diosdado, Russell Glenn Dyess, Destinee Desiree Evans, Ricky Ted Flores and Stephanie Alicia Galaviz.
 Roberto Miguel Gallegos, Cassandra Marie Garcia, Jesus Garcia, Evelyn Cristina Garmendez Reales, Nicholas Rohan Ghansyam, Courtney Taylor Gonzales, Mark Anthony Gonzalez and Hannah Celeste Graham.
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 Ivana Salazar, Fernando Rogelio Sanchez, Jazmin Irene Sanchez, Marissa Sanchez, Emily Nicole Sargent, Bethany Marrie Sauseda, Christopher Craton Shotwell, Layton R.W. Smith and Rosalva Elizabeth Solis.
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Morales, Tollett to marry



Orlando and Maria Morales of Sagegen announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Marlene Elena Morales, to Nathan Rae Tollett, son of Jesse and Linda Tollett, also of Sagegen. The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Clear Brook High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in biology in 2002 from Texas A&M University. She later received her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Texas Medical Branch in 2006. She is now in her last year of residency at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas and plans to go on to a fellowship in ophthalmic and orbital surgery/neuro-ophthalmology. The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Clear Brook High School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in communication in 2002 from Texas A&M University. He currently works as the director of sales for the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau. A September wedding is planned.

Moore releases 2nd 9-weeks rolls

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

First grade
 Saul Alejo, Kristen Barba, Makayla Baxter, Esmeralda Calvillo, Jaden Canales, Megan Cowan, Collin Dague, Marshall Dang, Meagan Dryden and Lizeth Flores.
 Joseph Garcia, Olivia Gonzalez, Linley Hawkins, Christina Hoang, Casey Junkin, Aaron Langford, Evelyn Lien, Nathan Lopez, Kenny Ly and Charles Maricle.
 Kyndall Morales, Alan Nguyen, Henry Nguyen, Anya Patel, Mikey Ramirez, Jaden Rendon, Benny Rodriguez, Marisa Soto and Ariel Steele.
Merit roll
 Makayla Carker, Deanna Castellano, Abigail Marin, Jacob Martinez, Augustin Nguyen, Harrison Nguyen, Corban Parker, Kevin Pham, Vincent Powell, Isabella Rodriguez, Briana Singh and Julia Westfahl.

Honor roll
 Eduardo Benavides, Jayla Carmouche, David Cherry, Tammy Dang, Eli Donahoe, Matthew Ghansyam, Alejandra Gracia, Christian Hernandez, Vicki Le, Elaine Lien and Sheila Ly.
Second grade
Honor roll
 Eduardo Benavides, Jayla Carmouche, David Cherry, Tammy Dang, Eli Donahoe, Matthew Ghansyam, Alejandra Gracia, Christian Hernandez, Vicki Le, Elaine Lien and Sheila Ly.
Merit roll
 Aliza Alfaro, Rabeeah Bhatti, Maribel Garza, Mel-

ody Le, Renita Navy, Andy Nguyen, Anosacha Peete-Meyers, Josue Sanchez, Neema Shafaei, Betzabe Solis and Abby Wells.
Fourth grade
Honor roll
 Garrett Barrientos, Sarah Bustamante, Alexis Gammon, Gracie Garcia, Angelica Garcia, Ana Gracia, David Hoang, Chelsey Holman, Elizabeth Jasso, Vina Le, Kevin Ly, Daira Macias and Andrew Nguyen.
 Rosa Phan, Ngoc Phan, Jenna Rodriguez, Brianna Rodriguez-Hernandez, Jose Salazar, Stephanie Saldivar, Madison Tobias, Hy Tran, Marcelly Tsikis, Pablo Tufino, Cindy Vuong, Haley Williams and Tannon Willis.
Merit roll
 Hillary Bazaldua, Caden Carter, Alex Cuaping, Christopher Espinoza, Alex Estala, Sage Henderson, Holly Hernandez, Maria Hernandez and Carolyn Huerta.
 Kevin Le, Diana Mendoza, Krystal Moreno, Bailey Anne Mullen, Jasmine Pham, Britany Puente, Reagan Razo, Patrick Tran and Gavin Valvaneda.

za, Lessly Ramirez and Jennifer Thorpe.
Second grade
Honor roll
 Aseel Abuelhija, Nathan Ancira, Ethan Cristancho, Bianca Cruz, Charisma Denoon and Alazae Garcia.
 Artemio Garza, Brianna Gomez, Anthony Gonzalez, Jesse Herrera, Edgar Limon and Alejandro Mena.
 Daniel Ortega, Ariel Robles, Nyla Rodriguez and Andrew Zayas.
Merit roll
 Kayla Austin, Erik Duran, Roman Galvan, Kendall Hubert, Joseph Salazar, Kevin Sanchez, Shaun Simpson, Vanessa Villarreal and Marco Zendejas.
Third grade
Honor roll
 Hector Anaya, Gabriel

Meador announces second 9-weeks honor, merit rolls

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

Honor roll
 Brandon Alonzo, Alberto Campa, Jaiden Campbell, Gizelle Cardona, Alyssa Cinco and Kristiyle Garcia.
First grade
 Natalie Garza, Darren Groves, Nelson Herrera, Kevin Mendez, Mia Myers, Kyna Oliver and Joey Ortega.
 Mohammed Razzaq, Juan Rodriguez, Torrey Taylor and Christopher Walker.
Merit roll
 Noe Botello, Andre Byers, Jalynn Campbell, Angel Chavez, Elisa Deanda, Rene Gallegos and Daisy Gonzalez.
 Emily Ivy, Mike Morales, Josue Munoz, Tristan Pedra-

za, Lessly Ramirez and Jennifer Thorpe.
Second grade
Honor roll
 Aseel Abuelhija, Nathan Ancira, Ethan Cristancho, Bianca Cruz, Charisma Denoon and Alazae Garcia.
 Artemio Garza, Brianna Gomez, Anthony Gonzalez, Jesse Herrera, Edgar Limon and Alejandro Mena.
 Daniel Ortega, Ariel Robles, Nyla Rodriguez and Andrew Zayas.
Merit roll
 Kayla Austin, Erik Duran, Roman Galvan, Kendall Hubert, Joseph Salazar, Kevin Sanchez, Shaun Simpson, Vanessa Villarreal and Marco Zendejas.
Third grade
Honor roll
 Hector Anaya, Gabriel

Barrerae, Roberto Campa, Alyssa Dominguez, Marissa Enriquez, David Garcia and Brianna Gilreath.
 Angel Gomez, Abel Gonzalez, Sebastian Hinojosa, John Hoang, Kennedy Nguyen, Rebecca Reyna and Alyssa Walker.
Merit roll
 Adrius Anderson, Raul Delgado, Trinity Lynch, Jacob Middleton, Bryanna Rodriguez, Mia Santos and Jaime Yzaguirre.
Fourth grade
Honor roll
 Jason Cruz, Jasslyn Gomez, Naureen Islam and Joel Velazquez.
Merit roll
 Grace Aguirre, Monique Marin, Jacobly Thorp, Joanna Urrutia, Fernando Vega and Karyn Williams.

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Moore students invent



Third-graders at Moore Elementary worked rigorously to create inventions using simple machines that were relevant to lives. Invention Convention helps students see how much fun and how important science is. Pictured are, left to right, third-graders Daniella Rodriguez, Sam Donaho, Celia Zepeda and Ethan Blair. *Photo submitted*

Sullivan tours Ellington Field's Haiti relief efforts

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan received an important briefing on Jan. 16 regarding Haitian relief efforts being staged at Ellington Field.

"Since Ellington is in my council district and knowing the importance of this mission, I requested an immediate update and tour regarding this mission," said Sullivan. "I found the Houston Airport System and Ellington Field management to be fully supportive of our military and emergency operations. This mission is just another example of the importance of keeping Ellington at the forefront of our airport system and in our emergency readiness plans."

U.S. Air Force EOC Mathew Allinson led the tour of the secured hangar and the dozens of pallets standing by for air transport to Haiti. "We are on stand by right now," reported Allinson. "We are expecting more cargo in the coming days and stand ready to assist when given orders to do so," he said. "Ellington Field plays an important role in emergency efforts such as this one."

Sullivan was also given a tour of the 147th's main building where there is a tribute wall to former President George W. Bush, who flew

out of Ellington as a young pilot.

"Regardless of your political party, you would be abso-

lutely in awe of the significance of the Bush wall," stated Sullivan. "It is an honor for me to serve as a

councilmember, but it pales in comparison to what goes on here at the 147th, where the real work is done."



U.S. Air Force EOC Mathew Allinson (left) and Councilmember Mike Sullivan (right) stand in front of the Bush Wall in the 147th's main building. Sullivan toured the facility to see firsthand what efforts were under way in support of Haitian relief efforts. *Photo by Lauren Doak*

Hobby Lions Club to meet

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Following snub, JFD's Jamail, committee members still looking

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nor was he given the option of mulling over the week-end whether or not to accept Dobie's offer. The fact is, when he left the Houston area Jan. 21, he was the Longhorns' new head coach. Thus, Fitzhenry has since submitted a letter of resignation to Jamail.

There's more. Fitzhenry was not denied the opportunity to bring in his chosen assistant coaches, another topic that has turned up in reports.

As fast as Fitzhenry scooted out of town, there was little time for him to be rebuffed on that issue.

The fact is Jamail told the

Leader Jan. 20 that "we're going to try to help coach develop the program the way he sees fit, and that includes getting the resources in place that he feels like are needed to win. That certainly includes coaching staff maneuvers."

So where does Dobie go from here? This is where the situation gets a little more sticky.

Following Fitzhenry's antics, school officials turned to No. 2 choice Troy Adduelli, the longtime Clear Lake High School head coach.

The two sides were said

to be close on an agreement, but sources from both districts have told the Leader no deal is in place.

On Jan. 27, a source familiar with the situation told the Leader that Jim Phillips of Greenville High School, the committee's No. 3 choice, is expected to

interview. Later that afternoon, that same source informed the Leader that a decision would not come prior to press time.

What has become increasingly evident is that 1990 Dobie High School graduate Carey Sink, the program's interim head coach during the final four games in 2009 and who has

ties, remains in limbo. Continued on Page 2B

SBHLL sign up totals increase

The Sagmont-Beverly Hills Little League will now include more than 600 players this spring after a registration spike Jan. 23 and Jan. 24.

Citing the economic crunch, league officials did not charge late fees for the final sessions, which were held in conjunction with the league's tryouts.

In turn, more than 200 players came out to sign up. The 12-year-old division, which was the most in need of players, was also heavily fortified.

Coaches within the league will hold a player draft Jan. 30, and families can expect to be contacted concerning team information, including practice schedules. Opening day is set for Saturday, March 5, at El Franco Lee Park. Opening day is set for Saturday, March 5, at El Franco Lee Park. Opening day is set for Saturday, March 5, at El Franco Lee Park.



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Dobie coaching history

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Soccer teams embark on district play

As the District 22-5A varsity soccer season opens Feb. 5-6, the varsity boys' and girls' teams are carrying lofty goals for the post-season.

But with the nondistrict portion of the schedule now over and the "big" games set



Brook takes out Creek

The Clear Brook High School varsity boys' and girls' teams got off to great starts in their respective District 24-5A races.

Taking on Clear Creek, the locals earned wins to open at 1-0 this season with Dickinson coming up next on the schedule.

The Wolverine boys came away with a 3-0 victory over Clear Creek,

Saavedra's concern, then, might be whether or not the Longhorns can keep it up for a full season - much like they did during 2009's memorable run to the Region III tournament.

As for varsity girls' coach Kersten Mullan and

netting a goal in the first half and two more in the second half to take the victory.

Bryan Evans scored twice for the Wolverines, and Randall Williams delivered the other goal in the win.

In the girls' game, the Lady Wolverines won at Clear Creek, taking a 2-0 decision.

to begin, the Longhorns' respective head coaches have vastly different concerns.

Boys' coach Jesse Saavedra would never admit it publicly, but it would be hard to deny his pleasure with the way the Longhorns have started the 2010 season.

The Lady Longhorns, the concerns are not deep but nonetheless present.

Dobie dropped at least one match in each of its three tournaments, and Mullan has yet to see a level of intensity she expects from a team headed by 11 senior letterwinners.

Lady Longhorns still control District 22-5A hoops

With four games remaining in the District 22-5A varsity girls' basketball race, it appears no team can stop the runaway train that is Dobie.

But things aren't looking as pleasant in District 24-5A for the Clear Brook varsity girls, who fell to 4-6 in the standings after losing to Clear Lake on the road Jan. 26.

Three-year letterman Irving Garza is one of several Longhorns' varsity soccer players set to be honored Jan. 30 in a pre-game ceremony, but the goal is to win the team's District 22-5A opener against Memorial.

CB boys stay alive; Pearland trips JFD boys

way after defeating Clear Lake at home Jan. 26. At 3-4, the Wolverines would miss the playoffs if they started now, but that could change in the coming days.

The same is essentially true for Dobie, which slipped to 3-4 after dropping a road game to Pearland Jan. 26.

The Longhorns, who are now 3-4 in the 22-5A ranks, trail South Houston by one game in the battle for fourth place.

Dobie girls cruising
With a two-game lead and just four games to play in the District 22-5A girls' race, Dobie is in the driver's seat and headed for the championship.

At this point in the race, the four playoff teams are essentially set (see standings on Page 6B) and simply seeking to avoid upsets down the stretch.

Dobie is running first, with Deer Park, La Porte and Pearland all chasing the lead.

Dobie got a big boost from Pearland as the Lady Oilers took down Deer Park Jan. 22, giving the Lady Longhorns a two-game lead in the standings.

How did Dobie return the favor? They pounded Pearland 52-39 Jan. 26 behind 14 points each from Vacie Davis and Derlesha Thomas.

So at 10-0 with a home game against Memorial Jan. 29 and a road contest at South Houston Feb. 2, the team can fortify its position before finishing the regular season with games against Deer Park and La Porte.

Dobie head coach Shane Brown won't be making any

Softball scrimmages open; baseball up next

The journey to the playoffs will begin for area softball teams as scrimmage action is set to begin as early as Feb. 1.

The varsity teams at Clear Brook and Dobie certainly count themselves as those with big playoff dreams, but as is always the case, the chase for the elusive Region III title will be full of contenders.

In 24-5A, the Lady Wolverines will have to deal with Clear Creek, which advanced to within one series win of the state tournament in 2009.

As if that challenge weren't stiff enough, Clear Brook must also deal with the likes of Brazoswood, Alvin and perhaps Dickinson.

will return this season have already guaranteed themselves a chance to play at the collegiate level after inking letters of intent in the offseason.

It all starts Feb. 1 for Clear Brook as the team hosts Manvel in a scrimmage at Lady Wolverine Field. The varsity action will begin at 6 p.m.

Clear Brook will also

Clear Brook vs. Manvel
Monday, Feb. 1, 6 p.m. (JV at 4:30 p.m.)

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Monday, Feb. 1, 5:30 p.m. (JV at 4:30 p.m.)

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 Thompson 7th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Miller, TBA
 Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Miller, TBA
 Thompson 8th Dark boys host PISD tourn., TBA
 Bev. Hills 8th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Thomp., TBA
 Thompson 7th Dark girls at PISD tourn., S. Houston, TBA
 Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls at PISD tourn., S. Houston, TBA
 Thompson 8th Dark girls at PISD tourn., Park View, TBA
 Bev. Hills 8th Dark girls at PISD tourn., Park View, TBA

Friday, Jan. 29
 Dobie varsity boys at Memorial, 7:30
 Dobie varsity girls host Memorial, 7:30
 Clear Brook varsity girls host Galveston Ball, 7:00
 Clear Brook varsity boys at Galveston Ball, 7:00
 Dobie JV boys at Memorial, 6:00
 Dobie JV girls host Memorial, 6:00
 Clear Brook JV girls host Galveston Ball, 5:30
 Clear Brook JV boys at Galveston Ball, 5:30
 Dobie sophomore boys at Memorial, 4:30
 Clear Brook sophomore boys at Galveston Ball, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A boys at Memorial, 6:00
 Clear Brook freshman A boys at Galveston Ball, 4:00
 Dobie freshman A girls host Memorial, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman A girls host Galveston Ball, 4:30
 Dobie freshman B boys at Memorial, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman B boys at Galveston Ball, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B girls host Memorial, 6:00
 Clear Brook freshman B girls host Galveston Ball, 6:00
 Thompson 7th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Miller, TBA
 Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Miller, TBA
 Thompson 8th Dark boys host PISD tourn., TBA
 Bev. Hills 8th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Thomp., TBA
 Thompson 7th Dark girls at PISD tourn., S. Houston, TBA
 Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls at PISD tourn., S. Houston, TBA
 Thompson 8th Dark girls at PISD tourn., Park View, TBA
 Bev. Hills 8th Dark girls at PISD tourn., Park View, TBA

Saturday, Jan. 30
 Thompson 7th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Miller, TBA
 Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Miller, TBA
 Thompson 8th Dark boys host PISD tourn., TBA
 Bev. Hills 8th Dark boys at PISD tourn., Thomp., TBA
 Thompson 7th Dark girls at PISD tourn., S. Houston, TBA
 Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls at PISD tourn., S. Houston, TBA
 Thompson 8th Dark girls at PISD tourn., Park View, TBA
 Bev. Hills 8th Dark girls at PISD tourn., Park View, TBA

Tuesday, Feb. 2
 Dobie varsity boys host South Houston, 7:30
 Dobie varsity girls at South Houston, 7:30
 Clear Brook varsity girls at Clear Springs, 7:00
 Clear Brook varsity boys host Clear Springs, 7:00
 Dobie JV boys host South Houston, 6:00
 Dobie JV girls at South Houston, 6:00
 Clear Brook JV girls at Clear Springs, 5:30
 Clear Brook JV boys host Clear Springs, 5:30
 Dobie sophomore boys host South Houston, 4:30
 Clear Brook sophomore boys host Clear Springs, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A boys host South Houston, 6:00
 Clear Brook freshman A boys host Clear Springs, 4:00
 Dobie freshman A girls at South Houston, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman A girls at Clear Springs, 4:30
 Dobie freshman B boys host South Houston, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman B boys host Clear Springs, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B girls at South Houston, 6:00
 Clear Brook freshman B girls at Clear Springs, 6:00

Wednesday, Feb. 3
 Beverly Hills 8th Dark girls host Queens, 4:30
 Beverly Hills 8th Light girls host Queens, 5:45
 Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls host Queens, 4:30
 Beverly Hills 7th Light girls host Queens, 5:45
 Thompson 8th Dark girls host Park View, 4:30
 Thompson 8th Light girls host Park View, 5:45
 Thompson 7th Dark girls host Park View, 4:30
 Thompson 7th Light girls host Park View, 5:45
 Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys at Queens, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 8th Light boys at Queens, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls at Queens, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7th Light girls at Queens, 6:15
 Thompson 8th Dark boys at Park View, 5:00
 Thompson 8th Light boys at Park View, 6:15
 Thompson 7th Dark boys at Park View, 5:00
 Thompson 7th Light boys at Park View, 6:15

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

Friday, Jan. 29
 Clear Brook varsity girls host Dickinson, 7:00
 Dobie varsity girls vs. Memorial, Newcomb, 5:00
 Clear Brook varsity boys at Dickinson, 7:00
 Dobie JV girls vs. Memorial, Auxiliary, 7:00
 Clear Brook JV girls host Dickinson, 5:00
 Clear Brook JV boys at Dickinson, 5:00

Saturday, Jan. 30
 Dobie varsity boys vs. Memorial, Newcomb, 2:00
 Dobie JV boys vs. Memorial, Newcomb, noon
 Clear Brook sophomore boys at Friendswood, 10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 1
 Dobie varsity boys vs. South Houston, Newcomb, 5:00
 Dobie JV boys vs. South Houston, Auxiliary, 7:00

Tuesday, Feb. 2
 Clear Brook varsity girls at Brazoswood, 7:00
 Dobie varsity girls vs. South Houston, Newcomb, 5:00
 Clear Brook varsity boys host Brazoswood, 7:00
 Clear Brook JV boys host Brazoswood, 5:00
 Clear Brook JV girls at Brazoswood, 5:00
 Dobie JV boys vs. South Houston, Auxiliary, 7:00

Thursday, Feb. 4
 Clear Brook sophomore boys host Clear Creek, 5:30

Friday, Feb. 5
 Clear Brook varsity girls host Clear Lake, 7:00
 Clear Brook varsity boys at Clear Lake, 5:00
 Dobie varsity girls at Deer Park, Abshire, 7:00
 Clear Brook JV girls host Clear Lake, 5:00
 Clear Brook JV boys at Clear Lake, 5:00
 Dobie JV girls at Deer Park, Abshire, 5:00

TENNIS
Friday, Feb. 5
 Dobie hosts PISD tourn., all day

Saturday, Feb. 6
 Dobie hosts PISD tourn., all day

SWIMMING
Friday, Feb. 5
 Dobie at 22-5A championships, Deer Park, 10 a.m.

SOFTBALL
Monday, Feb. 1
 Clear Brook varsity girls host Manvel scrimm., 6:00
 Clear Brook JV girls host Manvel scrimm., 4:30

Wednesday, Feb. 3
 Dobie varsity girls at Alvin scrimmage, 5:30
 Dobie JV girls at Alvin scrimmage, 4:30

Dobie coaching search extended; two candidates out of the mix

Continued from Page 1B
 Sink has the overwhelming support of both the Dobie players and selected faculty members.
 Yet despite letters of support on his behalf written by the aforementioned parties, the committee has, at least to this point, steered away from going with Sink.
 A lack of varsity head coaching experience has worked against Sink in the process.
 In fact, only once in school history has Dobie hired a head coach with no previous varsity leadership experience.
 That man was Stephens, currently the district's athletic director and a member of the search committee.
 After five years of missing the playoffs, it's clear that Dobie is in a hurry to rebuild its once-lofty status and get back to the postseason.
 Does a seasoned, varsity-tested head coach give the Longhorns their best chance at doing so? Perhaps.
 In addition, after supporting Sink and then being

introduced to Fitzhenry before he bailed out, it's also fair to say the program's players deserve someone who can quickly restore a sense of family.
 Whether that person is Sink or someone else is yet to be decided.
 It has been noted that when the job was vacated by Cotton months ago, there was at least a perceived sense of pressure from district higher-ups for the school to go big — that is to select with a head coach/campus athletic coordinator with previous experience in the roles.
 Fair enough for sure. But that same pressure must not have existed when Pasadena Memorial High School varsity head coach/campus athletic coordinator John Snelson was hired by then school principal Billie Smith despite not having experience in the roles.
 What has Snelson done? How about four playoff appearances in four seasons, including the 2009 District 22-5A crown?
 This much is clear. The

Texans 11-U select baseball takes third



The Texans, an 11-under select baseball team in the United States Specialty Sports Association, placed second at the January Jam tournament Jan. 23-24. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Nate Blain, Alec Barosh, Jeremy Green, Juan Moreno, (middle row) Tywon Mackey Jr., Isaiah Vasquez, Tyler Redmon, Rene Ramirez, Luis Adame, Stephen Moreno, (back row) coaches Rene Ramirez, Steve Blain and Craig Redmon. Not pictured are coach Jay Green and player Wayne Lominac Jr.



Carey Sink (left), a 1990 Dobie High School graduate, has received support from faculty members as well as current Dobie football program members. Yet with the Longhorns in a hurry to end their five-year absence from the postseason, those on the selection committee involved in choosing the schools' next permanent varsity head coach and athletic coordinator have yet to make a decision on just who will be the school's next athletic coordinator/varsity head football coach. Sink, the school's defensive coordinator who has served as the Longhorns' interim head coach since midway through the 2009 season, is concluding his third school year at Dobie. At press time, the Dobie search committee was still considering its options.
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Pasadena ISD Intermediate Schools

Girls' Hoops Standings (After Jan. 20 games)

Team	W	L
Miller	7	0
San Jacinto	7	0
Beverly Hills	5	2
Bondy	5	2
Southmore	4	3
Queens	3	4
Thompson	2	5
South Houston	2	5
Jackson	0	7
Park View	0	7

Boys' Hoops Standings (After Jan. 20 games)

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

Scores Jan. 20
 San Jacinto 31, Southmore 13
 Beverly Hills 40, South Houston 25
 Bondy 53, Thompson 32
 Miller 44, Park View 23
 Queens 47, Jackson 7

Scores Jan. 20
 Beverly Hills 43, South Houston 36
 San Jacinto 44, Southmore 22
 Park View 23, Miller 22
 Bondy 53, Thompson 37
 Queens 70, Jackson 43

Eighth Grade Dark

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

Eighth Grade Dark

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

Scores Jan. 20
 San Jacinto 36, Southmore 22
 Beverly Hills 33, South Houston 14
 Miller 37, Park View 7
 Bondy 53, Thompson 34
 Queens 24, Jackson 8

Scores Jan. 20
 San Jacinto 45, Southmore 19
 Beverly Hills 31, South Houston 29
 Park View 46, Miller 31
 Queens 41, Jackson 23
 Bondy 43, Thompson 38

Seventh Grade Light

Team	W	L
Bondy	7	0
Thompson	6	1
Beverly Hills	6	1
Park View	4	3
Miller	4	3
Southmore	3	4
Queens	3	4
San Jacinto	1	6
South Houston	1	6
Jackson	0	7

Seventh Grade Light

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

Scores Jan. 20
 Beverly Hills 29, South Houston 14
 Bondy 33, Thompson 32
 Southmore 26, San Jacinto 22
 Queens 28, Jackson 9
 Miller 28, Park View 25

Scores Jan. 20
 San Jacinto 28, Southmore 19
 Beverly Hills 41, South Houston 38
 Park View 58, Miller 54
 Jackson 49, Queens 45
 Thompson 29, Bondy 9

Seventh Grade Dark

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

Seventh Grade Dark

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

Scores Jan. 20
 Bondy 16, Thompson 7
 San Jacinto 27, Southmore 10
 Queens 29, Jackson 19
 Beverly Hills 29, South Houston 4
 Miller 21, Park View 18

Scores Jan. 20
 San Jacinto 23, Southmore 16
 South Houston 39, Beverly Hills 26
 Miller 39, Park View 9
 Queens 48, Jackson 19
 Thompson 46, Bondy 30

Soccer openings at San Jacinto



The San Jacinto College men's soccer team will hold tryouts for the 2010-2011 season at the 2010 campus soccer field, located at 13735 Beamer Road. Tryouts are open to high school seniors or recent graduates and college students. Participants are required to bring their own shin guards and are encouraged to bring water. The tryout dates for this month include Feb. 8 and Feb. 22, both from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call head coach David Santesteban (shown at left) at 281-922-3475 or send e-mail requests to David. Santesteban@sjcd.edu.

SJC volleyball to host tryout

The San Jacinto College volleyball team will host tryouts for the 2010 season on Friday, Feb. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.
 Tryouts will be held at Anders Gymnasium on the Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.
 Tryouts are open to anyone interested in playing on the 2010 squad. Participants are required to bring with them a signed waiver

(found online at www.sanjacsports.com); proper clothing, shoes and kneepads; a copy of their high school physical; and a copy of their high school and/or college transcript.
 San Jacinto finished 10th in the nation in 2009 with an overall record of 32-9.
 It was the fifth-consecutive trip to the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament for San Jacinto College and

SB Lakers win hoops opener

The South Belt Lakers, a 7-8-year-old youth basketball team, opened the Pasadena Recreation Department season with a 17-0 win over the Pasadena Stampedes.
 The Lakers got off to a slow start and led just 2-0 after a quarter of play. From there, the locals turned up

the heat. The team was in front 5-0 at halftime and then 9-0 after three quarters. In the final quarter, the Lakers applied defensive pressure and held on for the shutout win.
 Devin Childs was the leading scorer with 12 points. Kobe Ruiz and Tyler Guzman had two

Longhorn soccer ready as District 22-5A competition arrives

Continued from Page 1B Round Rock McNeil (4-0) and two losses at the Georgetown tournament. Dobie was shut out by Arlington Lamar (2-0) and

Round Rock McNeil (4-0) but came away with a 1-0 victory over Waco. Mullan has frequently acknowledged that she

purposely aligns a difficult nondistrict slate so as to best prepare her squad for district. Will it work this season?

With 11 seniors on the field, including several with at least three years of varsity experience, the Lady Longhorns have big plans.

Despite the deep talent pool that began developing roughly six years ago, Dobie has not won two playoff games in any one season. During Mullan's four seasons, the varsity group has been very good but not great enough to win a district title.

With that large group of seniors due to graduate in May, this may represent the final season of legitimate hopes.

"We talk about beating Deer Park this season and advancing past the second round of the playoffs, but right now it's just talk," Mullan said. "We have to go out there and do it."

The primary reason for Mullan's concern stems not from the tournament losses, but from the way some of those losses have come.

Round Rock McNeil is one of the top-ranked teams in Region IV, but Mullan wasn't happy with the way Dobie finished in its 4-0 loss at the Georgetown event.

"It was 1-0 for 70 minutes and then we gave up three quick ones," Mullan said.

"We have been nicked up with injuries here and there, and those injuries have kept us from fielding our full line of starters very much, but it's not time for excuses anymore."

"So far, I haven't seen the attitude and intensity that I expected from a senior-led group. Do I feel like we can beat Deer Park or advance to the third round of the playoffs for the first time? I absolutely do, but until we do it, it's just talk."

Perhaps the District 22-5A opener, set for Friday, Jan. 29, against Memorial at Newcomb Field, will bring about change. Dobie will take on the Lady Mavericks and South Houston before traveling to Deer Park Feb. 5.

On the bright side, Mullan has been excited by the play of senior Chelsea DeLeon who, with her team in mind, has moved to sweep.

Senior goalkeeper Nidia Macias has also performed exceptionally well and thus earned the starting job. Midfielder Ashlyn Leighton remains one of the district's stars in her fourth season.

"I feel very good about

our team, but we have to turn it up a notch," Mullan said.

"We have had injuries, but we can't use the training room as an excuse. Deer Park is going to be right there, and La Porte's coach feels very good about her team."

"I expect Pearland to also be in the mix. But with all of that said, I truly believe we can win a district championship."

"We have been the bridesmaids and never the brides. This can be our year. Our girls saw what the Dobie boys did last year, and they

want that for themselves. "They talk about what a special season it can be. The talk is nice, but we now have to go out and play. I'm looking for it all to start against Memorial."

JFD boys rolling
Coming off that trip to the regional tournament a season ago, the Dobie boys earned the No. 8 ranking in Region III by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches.

But just as Mullan has warned her girls' team against believing in talk and rankings, Saavedra was equally forthcoming with his group prior to the season.

Apparently, the Long-

horns have heeded their coach's warning. Heading into 22-5A action, it appears defending champion Dobie will once again battle Sam Rayburn and others for the crown.

Thus far, Dobie is right on course after placing third at the Round Rock tournament in the team's final action before District 22-5A play begins Jan. 30 against Pasadena Memorial.

The Longhorns will enter district action on a bit of a roll after their strong performance.

Going against Austin High School Jan. 22, the Longhorns started slowly but then used a barrage of goals in the second half to win 4-1.

Going against the wind in the first half, the Longhorns had trouble finding the net but kept the game scoreless with outstanding defensive work.

With the wind as its advantage in the second half, the Longhorns netted four goals to take the victory.

"The wind was a factor all weekend," Saavedra said. "We went against the wind in the first half in all four of our games."

Saavedra said he thought the Longhorns could eventually overtake Austin in the second half if they could keep the game close early. Affirmative on both issues.

Junior Jose Gonzalez got Dobie rolling in the second half with a brilliant pass to fellow junior Omar Arreguin who scored the first goal.

Raul Jimenez, Walter Anoruo and freshman Jonathan Palma finished the scoring as Dobie moved on in pool play.

Later that night, Dobie went up against Round Rock McNeil and eventually came away with a 2-1 victory.

Dobie led 1-0 at halftime on a goal by Arreguin from

about 30 yards out. McNeil tied the game with 10 minutes remaining on a corner kick, but Dobie responded.

Palma took a feed from Raul Ramirez at the 6-yard box and headed the ball over the keeper and into the net with five minutes to play, securing the win.

"McNeil was a good team," Saavedra said. "They were big and fast, which presented a challenge for us. It was a physical game and we played hard."

The Longhorns missed a chance to play for the championship, dropping a 2-1 game to Temple the morning of Jan. 23. It was Dobie's first loss of the season.

Saavedra said of Temple: "They were a very good team. They were big and fast, and looked more like a basketball team. We made two mistakes on defense, and they were able to capitalize."

Dobie's goal came as senior Adrian Ramirez scored off a corner kick by Arreguin with roughly 15 minutes to play.

"We played really well in the second half and had chances, but just could not find the back of the net in the final 15 minutes," Saavedra said.

A bit worn down and short on fresh substitute players, the Longhorns gutted out a 1-0 victory over Round Rock to earn the third-place trophy.

Jimenez was able to score in the first half, and the defense took care of the rest for the win.

"I'm proud of the boys and how well we played against some of the top teams in the Austin area," Saavedra said, citing that both McNeil and Temple advanced to the third round of the playoffs last season and Round Rock had defeated Clear Creek 4-0 in its first game Jan. 23.



An experienced Lady Longhorns' varsity soccer team is led by senior Ashlyn Leighton and 10 other seniors, including many with three years of varsity play to this point in their careers.

District 22-5A openers

Dobie girls vs. Memorial
Fri., Jan. 29, 5 p.m.

Dobie boys vs. Memorial
Sat., Jan. 30, 2 p.m.

Both games at Newcomb Field

JFD boys' soccer third at Round Rock

The varsity boys' soccer team at Dobie High School captured the third-place trophy at the Round Rock Invitational Jan. 21-23 after winning three of four games. Members of the team include, left to right, (front row) Eduardo Feria, Douglas Leighton, Irving Garza, Julian Romero, Adrian Ramirez, Omar Arreguin, Jose Armenta, Jose Alvarado, (back row) head coach Jesse Saavedra, Walter Anoruo, Pedro Mares, Omar Luna, Cedillo Patricio, Raul Jimenez, Jose Gonzalez, Jonathan Palma, Carlos Rivas, Leo Gallegos and Jose Balvaneda.

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SBGSA tryouts announced

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has set a tryout date for Saturday, Jan. 30 (9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.). For more information, direct e-mail to southbeltgirlsoftball@live.com or visit the league Web site at www.eteamz.com/southbeltgirls.

Rising Stars track registration

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

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

SBGSA opening ceremonies

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

SBYSC on-line sign up

South Belt Youth Soccer Club officials are still accepting on-line registration for players wishing to compete in the upcoming 2010 season. Those interested may visit www.southbeltsoccer.org for details. Anyone registering after Feb. 1 will incur late fees.

SBHLL to host player draft

Coaches in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will hold a player draft Saturday, Jan. 30, to select players who have registered to play in the spring league. Players' families can expect to be contacted with practice and other team information the first week of February. League opening ceremonies are Friday, March 5, and opening day is March 6.

Softball scrimmages coming

Continued from Page 1B gional quarterfinal game against Clear Creek. It was Dobie's final game of that season.

Of the 19 in uniform for that game, 11 were eligible

to return this season. In the all-important pitching circle, the Lady Longhorns must find a replacement for four-year letterwinner JoJo Krienitz, but both junior Alyssa Zarate

and sophomore Shannon O'Connor saw action a season ago while Krienitz battled her way back from injury. In short, Dobie should again be very good.



Molly Fichtner, who has signed a letter of intent to continue her playing career at the University of Texas-El Paso, is one of as many as six starters returning to the field for the Lady Wolverines at Clear Brook.

Dobie Longhorns Varsity softball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 3	at Alvin scrimmage	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Alvin quad scrimmage	TBA
Feb. 9	Clear Creek scrimm. (PISD)	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	Quad scrimm. (El Franco Lee)	TBA
Feb. 15	at Kingwood	6 p.m.
Feb. 18-20	at Bryan tournament	TBA
Feb. 23	Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 25-27	at Clear Creek tournament	TBA
March 2	at Clear Lake	6 p.m.
March 4-6	at HSSL tournament	TBA
March 9	*Memorial	6:30 p.m.
March 12	*South Houston	6:30 p.m.
March 16	*Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
March 17	*La Porte	6:30 p.m.
March 23	*Pasadena	6:30 p.m.
March 26	*Sam Rayburn	6:30 p.m.
March 30	*at Pearland	6:30 p.m.
April 1	*Memorial	6:30 p.m.
April 6	*South Houston	6:30 p.m.
April 9	*at Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
April 13	*at La Porte	6:30 p.m.
April 16	*Pasadena	6:30 p.m.
April 20	*Sam Rayburn	6:30 p.m.
April 23	*Pearland	6:30 p.m.

* Denotes District 22-5A games
22-5A home games at PISD complex
All games versus other PISD schools at complex.

Clear Brook Wolverines Varsity softball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 1	Manvel scrimmage	6 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Cinco Ranch scrimmage	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Barbers Hill scrimmage	6 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Pearland	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 18-20	at Bryan tournament	TBA
Feb. 25-27	Clear Creek tournament	TBA
March 1	Friendswood	5:30 p.m.
March 4-6	at HSSL tournament	TBA
March 9	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
March 12	*Dickinson	7:30 p.m.
March 16	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
March 17	*Clear Lake	7 p.m.
March 23	*at Galveston Ball	7 p.m.
March 26	*Clear Springs	7:30 p.m.
March 30	*Alvin	7 p.m.
April 1	*at Clear Creek	7:30 p.m.
April 6	*at Dickinson	7 p.m.
April 9	*Brazoswood	7:30 p.m.
April 13	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
April 16	*Galveston Ball	7:30 p.m.
April 20	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
April 23	*at Alvin	7:30 p.m.

* Denotes District 24-5A games

CALENDAR

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

Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. For information, call 281-487-8787.

6:30 p.m.
St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring - St. Luke's offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe_pavlicek@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. 29
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

10 a.m.
Free Line Dance Class - The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program offers free line dancing classes. The class is held at the activity building, located at 416 Morningside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. Previous experience not required. For more information, call 281-482-8441.

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.

SATURDAY, JAN. 30
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. 31
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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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.

Noon
Free Exercise Class - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

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

6:30 p.m.
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.

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 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.

Noon
Free Exercise Class - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

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 Dobia High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.

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

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

6:30 p.m.
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.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Meets at Sagemont Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.

7 p.m.
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11:30 a.m.

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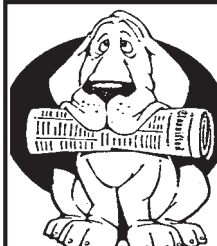
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Dobie Bertrand picks Galveston volleyball



Dobie High School senior Andrea Bertrand (seated center) will continue her education and volleyball playing career at Galveston College after signing a letter of intent with the Whitecaps. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Sandra Bertrand (mother, holding family pet, Shelby), Rene Bertrand (father), (middle row) Jeff Pearce (Galveston College head coach), Valline Bertrand (sister), Christian Bertrand (brother), (back row) Norman McIntyre (Dobie faculty member), Joe Sabatell (Dobie varsity head coach), Quinton Edwards (boy-friend), Mo Hickman (Dobie varsity assistant coach) and Donna Branch (Dobie assistant principal).

Lady Longhorns' OH headed to Whitecaps

Andrea Bertrand, one of the senior leaders who guided the Dobie varsity girls' volleyball team to the area playoffs this season, is headed to Galveston College.

Bertrand, who led the Lady Longhorns in kills last season, has signed a letter of intent with the Whitecaps and will head south after graduating from high school in June.

Jeff Pearce, head coach of the Whitecaps, said it didn't take long for him to make a determination about Bertrand's skill level.

"I watched one practice and saw what she can do as a hitter," Pearce said. "She is going to be able to help us."

So as Pearce enters his eighth season this fall, he just may have two Dobie graduates on his roster. Courtney Craft, a 2009 Doobie graduate, was a freshman on last year's team.

The Whitecaps are coming off a 10-15 season, including 2-8 in conference play. Galveston is in the same division with San Jacinto College, which has made five straight trips to nationals.

But the signing of Bertrand should give the Whitecaps a lift.

This past season, Bertrand was at her best as the Lady Longhorns put together a memorable season.

The team ultimately finished second in the District 22-5A standings and advanced to take on North Shore in the bidistrict round of the playoffs.

Losing twice to Pearl and once to Deer Park, Dobie went 11-3 in district play — tied with Deer Park — and then won the coin flip for the second playoff seed in the postseason.

Seeking a playoff win for the first time since the 2003-2004 school year, Dobie downed North Shore in five games as Bertrand paved the way with 23 kills.

Dobie went on to lose to Fort Bend Travis in the area round, but it didn't take away from what the Lady Longhorns had achieved.

Pearce is hoping Bertrand can bring the kind of numbers to Galveston that she was able to deliver at Dobie.

"We're glad to have Andrea," Pearce said. "She knows how to play."



Dobie baseball tryouts

Dobie varsity baseball coach Miguel Torres and his staff will host tryouts for students in all grades wishing to join the program. Participants must attend both sessions, including Friday, Jan. 29, beginning at 4 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 30, beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, call Torres at 713-740-0370, ext. 04288.

Dobie baseball classic

Members of the Doobie High School baseball program will take part in the Longhorn Classic on Saturday, Feb. 6, at Longhorn Field. A hit-a-thon fundraiser will be held at 9 a.m., followed by a varsity team practice. At noon, current players will go against Doobie alumni in a softball game. The public is invited to attend. Barbecue plates, drinks and Doobie baseball T-shirts and hats will be available for sale during the event. Any players wishing to take part in the alumni softball game may call head coach Miguel Torres at 713-740-0370, ext. 04288.

JFD soccer to host senior day

The Doobie High School varsity boys' soccer team will host a senior day ceremony prior to its game against Pasadena Memorial Saturday, Jan. 30. The ceremony will be held a few minutes prior to the start of the game, which is set to begin at 2 p.m. Seniors to be recognized include trainer Britney Lovelace, manager Josue Montoya and players Adrian Ramirez (three-year letterman), Julian Romero (three-year letterman), Raul Jimenez (two-year letterman), Walter Anoruo (four-year letterman and starter), Irving Garza (three-year letterman) and Omar Luna.

JFD baseball boosters to meet

The Doobie High School baseball booster club will host a mandatory parent meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. in the athletic media room in the field house. Players in the program are slated to begin preseason workouts Friday, Jan. 29, as head coach Miguel Torres begins his first season as the leader of the program. Members of the booster club will be discussing various issues set for the early portion of the season.

UIL to realign Feb. 1

The University Interscholastic League will release its next two-year realignment schedule on Monday, Feb. 1.

The UIL, the official governing body of public school extracurricular activities, realigns the athletic districts every two years.

The new alignment will begin in the fall of the 2010-2011 school year and extend through 2011-2012.

UIL officials usually keep their plans secret until the announcement is made.

There's always plenty of speculation, so here goes....

Galveston Ball, still struggling with enrollment numbers after Hurricane Ike, may drop to Class 4A, which will create an opening in District 24-5A.

How to fill the opening? Some expect Pearl and La Porte in 22-5A along with the five Pasadena Independent School District high schools.

That would leave Deer Park and La Porte in 22-5A along with the five Pasadena Independent School District high schools.

Team Gabby Night at Dobie girls' hoops

A Team Gabby Night fundraiser will be held in conjunction with the Doobie Lady Longhorns' basketball series against Pasadena Memorial, to be held Friday, Jan. 29 at Talton Court.

The varsity game will begin at 7:30 p.m. Subvarsity action starts at 4:30 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Members of the Team Gabby Foundation will be on hand to collect donations beginning at the start of the junior varsity game at 6 p.m. In turn, those donations will go to the South Belt Girls Softball Association for the purpose of purchasing a personalized sign to recognize Gabby Romero Field, located at El Franco Lee Park.

The foundation, created by Edna and Jesse Romero, supports renal cell carcinoma cancer research, kidney cancer, and helps support families during their treatment phases and beyond.

The Romeros' daughter, Gabby, died from the disease in October. She was a junior student at Doobie High School.

The community is invited to come out and support a great cause while also rooting for the undefeated Lady Longhorns to continue their quest toward a district title.

Those in attendance are also encouraged to wear pink or their Team Gabby T-shirts in support of the event.

San Jacinto College softball set to go



San Jacinto College softball coach Kelly Saenz (left) is set to lead the Coyotes into the 2010 season Feb. 5-6 at the Galveston College Whitecaps' Invitational. The Coyotes are looking to get off to a strong start this season to coincide with the arrival of as many as 14 first-year players. One of the top holdovers from last season, Courtney Oliphant (right) is being counted on to deliver a solid bat in the middle of the lineup to go with good defensive skills at third base. The Coyotes are also looking forward to playing night games on campus for the first time in the history of the program. San Jacinto's first home doubleheader is set for Friday, Feb. 12 against Grayson. The first game will begin at 4 p.m., with the nightcap to be played under the lights.

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Dobie girls stand alone in 22-5A; other hoopsters still alive



Deer Park High School varsity boys head coach Louie Means (left) is feeling great these days with his Deer team atop the District 22-5A standings midway through the race to the playoffs. Meanwhile, Doobie head coach Kevin Cross (right) and his team have plenty of work to do at 3-4 in the district.

Continued from Page 1B bold predictions just yet, but he is happy with the way the Lady Longhorns have taken care of their business each step of the way to this point.

In dispatching Pearl and the Lady Longhorns again used their defense to create turnovers, which led to easy points on the offensive end.

"I was extremely pleased with our effort on the defensive end, especially with the execution of our press," Brown said.

Our pressure on the ball, and defensive rotation, was the best we had seen all year."

The Lady Longhorns struggled to score points in the third quarter after build-

ing a lead, but the team's tough defense kept Pearl and from making a serious run.

"That was a huge point in the game," Brown said. "The one thing we desperately need to improve upon, however, is boxing out and rebounding."

"We work so hard defensively, make our opponent take tough shots and

then don't finish it off with a solid block and rebound.

Pearland got too many second and third chances. If we don't improve on this, it will eventually bite us at the worst possible time."

Davis had a big game, and Brown praised Thomas in a big way.

"Derlesha Thomas had the game of her career (14

points and four steals)," he said.

"It wasn't just her scoring, but her tenacity on defense. She made life very difficult for Pearl and with the way she defended their point guard. Her effort was just fun to watch."

As for moving forward, the Doobie girls will progress one game at a time with no thoughts of winning a district crown. However, with a playoff berth already secured, it's perhaps all right to dream of bigger things.

Then again, Brown prefers his team focus on each possession of each game.

"We cannot look past anyone, or rely on our past accomplishments," Brown warned.

"The last time we did that, Pasadena Memorial slapped us back to reality, and it took a tough shot at the end of regulation by Chelsea Rodriguez to pull that one out.

"I guarantee you we will have a lot of respect for the Mavericks when we play Friday."

As for the two Clear Brook teams in the race as well as the Doobie boys, the uphill climb will continue.

The Clear Brook boys might have to beat Clear Lake again on the final day of the regular season to get into the playoffs, but if that's what it takes, then so be it.

The Doobie boys? Starting off the second half of district play with a win over 1-6 Pasadena Memorial will be a good start.

And since the team has already lost first-round games to each of the four teams in front of them, turnabout is going to be fair play for Doobie.

Having already lost to fourth-place Dickinson

twice, Clear Brook is fading fast in the District 24-5A girls chase. A second straight season sans playoffs may be coming, but the Lady Wolverines may still play the role of spoiler.

Dobie hoops subvarsities on a roll

Midway through the season in boys' basketball, each of the Doobie subvarsity teams is excelling.

The junior varsity team has come through in a big way, coasting out to a 17-2 overall mark.

Perhaps the most exciting moment of the season came Jan. 26 as the Longhorns defeated Pearl and with a buzzer-beating shot.

Dobie High School's sophomore boys' basketball team is cruising under the guidance of head coach Roland Deyon.

To this point, the team is 14-4 overall and 4-2 in District 22-5A play. The Longhorns will open the second half of district play against Pasadena Memorial Jan. 30.

Members of the team include, Darrell Allen, Justin Anderson, A.J. Abushaban, Marco Varron, Keyton Malone, Vance Leonard, Kevin Gonzalez, Dominique Bilbo, D.J. Bolden, Jermichael Washington and Jose Vega.

Dobie's freshman A team is 18-2, including 7-0 in district with a three-game lead in the standings. The freshman B team is 12-3 overall, and 5-2 in district action.

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Clear Brook	3	4
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Teams	W	L
Clear Creek	10	0
Clear Springs	8	2
Clear Lake	7	3
Dickinson	6	4
Clear Brook	4	6
Brazoswood	3	7
Galveston Ball	2	8
Clear Springs	0	10

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	7	0
La Porte	6	1
Pearland	5	2
South Houston	4	3
Dobie	3	4
Sam Rayburn	2	5
Memorial	1	6
Pasadena	0	7

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Deer Park	8	2
La Porte	7	3
Pearland	6	4
Memorial	3	7
South Houston	3	7
Sam Rayburn	2	8
Pasadena	1	9