

Holiday closings set

South Belt-Ellington Leader

The *Leader* office will close at noon Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed until Nov. 28. The deadline for copy will be Thursday, Nov. 17, at noon, and the deadline for paid advertisements and classified word ads will be Monday, Nov. 21, at noon. The Thursday edition of the *Leader* will be available Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Parker Williams Library

The Parker Williams Library will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, for Thanksgiving. The library reopens Monday, Nov. 28, at 1 p.m.

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District offices will be closed Nov. 24 and 25. They will reopen Nov. 28 at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side.

City tree waste pickup set

Tree waste only will be picked up Thursday, Nov. 17, for city of Houston (77089) residents living north of Beltway 8.

Holiday trash pickup

Clear Brook City M.U.D.

Residents living in the Clear Brook City M.U.D. will not have regular trash service pickup on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24. Regular services will resume on Monday, Nov. 28.

City of Houston

Trash and tree waste will be picked up for City of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8 on Friday, Nov. 25.

Thompson food drive set

Thompson Intermediate's annual Science Food Drive runs through Friday, Nov. 18. The community is encouraged to donate. Items may be left at the Thompson front office or with any science teacher. There is a grade-level competition to see who can donate the most. All items will be donated to The Bridge Over Troubled Waters woman's shelter.

Knights host Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus will serve fish dinners in the St. Luke's Catholic Church hall, Friday, Nov. 18.

Dinner will consist of a breaded fish fillet, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob and iced tea.

Soft drinks and desserts will be available. Baked fish will be available in limited quantities. One-piece dinners are \$9, and two-piece dinners are \$12, dine in or take out. For information, call 832-444-4958.

Collection for homeless set

Team Gabby and St. Luke's Church will host their third annual Warm Blessing Drive to benefit the homeless in Houston.

Donations and volunteers are currently being accepted, along with new or gently used items (no cotton) of blankets, sleeping bags, coats, jackets, gloves, socks, skull caps and canned goods, through Dec. 4, 2011.

Drop-off locations are St. Luke's Catholic Church, Dobie High School, Beverly Hills Intermediate and the Romero home, 11103 Kirkpark. Team Gabby will meet at St. Luke's Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. and caravan to visit the homeless.

For information, contact Jesus Romero at 832-876-0502 or jr11103@yahoo.com.

Kirkmont meets Nov. 17

Kirkmont Section 3 and 4 Community Association will hold its annual meeting Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk.

All residents of these sections are urged to attend.

The annual maintenance fees and deed restrictions will be discussed, and board members will be elected.

Garage sale at Mt. Olive

Mount Olive Early Childhood Education Center will hold a garage sale on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd.

SBYSC raffles car

South Belt Youth Soccer Club has a number of tickets available for a chance to win a car. This offer is made available by Chevy Youth Soccer.

Tickets are \$5 each for a chance to win a Chevy Equinox or Chevy Cruze.

This sweepstakes helps the club with fundraising.

If interested, call Alex Dokhani at 281-546-6850. Tickets must be turned in by Nov. 25, and the drawing will be held Dec. 15.

Sageglen meets Nov. 21

The Sageglen Communities will meet on Monday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. in the community building at 11610 Sageyork.

The community will award prizes for its third annual Holiday Season Display.

The Sageglen Community Association reminds homeowners to wait until 90 days before the next election to display political signs.

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State redistricting maps to head to trial

Interim congressional districts to likely be drawn by federal court

By James Bolen

A federal court in Washington, D.C., ruled Tuesday, Nov. 8, that Texas may not proceed with elections under the state's new redistricting maps without a trial.

In its decision, the three-judge panel agreed with the U.S. Department of Justice that the GOP-led Legislature used an improper standard for measuring minority representation, possibly violating the Voting Rights Act.

The state's 2012 elections will likely now be conducted using an interim map drawn by a federal court in San Antonio, which is expected to boost Democratic efforts to regain control of Congress.

The ruling calls into question whether or not local state Sen. Mike Jackson will still be eligible to run for Congress.

This past August, Jackson, who has served Senate District 11 since 1999, filed paperwork with the Federal Election Commission to establish a committee to support his candidacy for the Republican nomination in the newly created 36th Congressional District.

As it is currently drawn, the new district includes all or part of the following counties: Chambers, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk and Tyler. Jackson's senatorial district covers significant population centers of the proposed 36th, including the cities of Deer Park, Pasadena, the Clear Lake area, Seabrook and La Porte.

Hughes repairs still on hold

By James Bolen

The long-awaited project to repair Hughes Road from Beltway 8 to Sagequeen will likely not begin until July 2014 at the earliest, according to Daniel Menendez, deputy director for the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department.

In the works for more than a decade, the endeavor will remove existing paving and replace it along with curb, gutter and sidewalks on both sides of the street and provide necessary storm sewer system and street lighting.

Part of the city's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the undertaking was initially proposed in 1999, while Rob Todd served as the South Belt area's city councilmember.

Construction was originally scheduled to begin in 2000 but has been pushed back multiple times to make room for other projects.

While the 2009-2013 CIP budget had the work slated to begin in 2013, it is now not scheduled to begin until the city's 2015 fiscal year, according to Menendez.

A 1999 preliminary engineering report conducted by Snowden Engineering estimated construction costs to be \$7,802,604. That figure, however, has now jumped to roughly \$8.5 million.

According to Menendez, Snowden Engineering has now been pulled from the project for reasons he declined to elaborate on. A new engineering firm has yet to be assigned.

The Snowden plans called for replacing the current pavement, which varies in thickness from 5 inches to 13 inches, with 9-inch reinforced concrete on a 6-inch lime-stabilized subgrade and removing the existing sidewalks and replacing them with 4.5-inch sidewalks (4 feet wide) on both sides of the street.

The study calls for replacing the current 18-

Jackson is hopeful the new congressional district will remain unchanged, as the original legal challenges against the maps were initiated in other parts of the state, such as Austin, San Antonio, Dallas and South Texas.

"I believe the remedy will involve making changes in the areas where the complaints were filed," Jackson said. "There's no logical reason to believe the changes would take place anywhere else. But we all understand trying to guess what a federal judge is going to do is like taking a shot in the dark."

The redistricting process takes place every 10 years, following the decennial census. In 2010, Texas' congressional delegation, already the second largest in the nation, expanded by four seats from 32 to 36, due to its 20.6 percent population growth over the past decade.

According to U.S. Census records, 89 percent of the state's population growth has been non-white, with the Hispanic population growing from 32 percent to 37.6 percent (two-thirds of overall growth). Texas' black population has also jumped by 20 percent since 2000.

The GOP currently holds 23 of the state's 32 congressional districts. The new Republican-drawn maps stand to give the GOP a 26-10 advantage, with the Democrats potentially gaining one seat.

Of the proposed districts, only nine of 36 are majority Hispanic, while population counts suggest there should be 13.

inch storm sewer pipes with 24-inch pipe.

An environmental assessment of the area, performed by Snowden partner HVJ & Associates, concluded sites along the street have a moderate potential for soil and/or ground water contamination that may impact the project. The firm recommended monitoring wells be installed and/or soil borings be drilled in conjunction with further environmental investigations.

The Snowden report determined the existing twin bridges crossing Beamer were in satisfactory condition.

The firm also conducted a traffic study that determined traffic lights were not warranted at the intersections of Sageyork and Blackhawk. The group, however, did recommend that a left-turn lane be added to the southbound lane at the intersection of Sagecreek to improve traffic flow near Stuchbery Elementary.

While Snowden has been removed from the project, Menendez said the next engineering firm will still use its study as a foundation and work off of its recommendations.

"You always start with what you have and then go from there," Menendez said. "But we would have to identify what has changed in the last 12 years."

Menendez said it is unlikely that extra funds raised from the city's new Rebuild Houston program would expedite the construction, despite the fact that the city will now have at least \$125 million more than when the current CIP budget was drafted.

"Other projects are in the queue before it," Menendez said, adding that it doesn't necessarily matter how long a project has been planned.

CIP budgets are adopted each year by City Council but are generally based on the recommendations of each department, which annually draft and submit five-year plans.

Sabo construction continues



Construction continues on the stretch of Sabo Road between Kingspoint and Fuqua. Part of the City of Houston's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the project will replace existing storm drainage and pavement. According to the city's Public Works and Engineering Department, the estimated cost of construction is \$4 million. Photo by James Bolen

Frazier students donate food



Students at Frazier Elementary participated in a Thanksgiving food drive recently. The classes competed against each other to see which class would bring in the most food. For every 10 items the students at each grade level donated, a turkey was placed on the graph in the cafeteria so the students could monitor their giving. The students brought in more than 1,500 items, which were donated to Sagemont Church's Helping Hands program. Pictured in front of the turkey graph is Rhonda Jacobs' second-grade class, which donated the most items. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Donovan Mitchell, Lauren Menendez, Arianna Reyna, Jair Zamudio, Brianna DeLaGarza, Anthony Vazquez, Carissa Melendez, (back row) Alissa Dawson, Jesse Mohamed, Joshua Guerrero, R.J. Schreier, Jacob Garcia, Aliyah Corpus and Taelyn Ansley. Not Pictured are Gabi Lozano and Liliana Martinez. Photo submitted

Precinct 2 deputies battle crime

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have kept busy as of late making arrests on charges ranging from deadly conduct to drug possession.

Drive-by shooting

Working with multiple other local law enforcement agencies, deputies made two arrests Tuesday, Nov. 15, which were related to an earlier drive-by shooting.

Precinct 2 Sgt. Zerick Guinn and deputies Parnell Jones and Margaret Magana initially responded to a report of a shooting on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at roughly 9 a.m. in the 9400 block of Stone Ridge Canyon, where someone had shot between three and five rounds at a house.

No one was injured in the incident.

One of the home's occupants identified the shooter, who was driving a red Ford F-150 pickup truck, as being someone he had had an argument over money with the previous evening. The two had reportedly attended Dobie High School together.

Magana then contacted Officer Richard Bagwell from the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department for assistance in identifying the alleged shooter, later determined to be Manuel Rivera.

On Monday, Nov. 14, Guinn contacted the Harris County District Attorney's Office, which accepted a charge of deadly conduct on Rivera, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

The following day on Tuesday, Nov. 15, Guinn was contacted by a deputy from the Harris

County Sheriff's office, who said the same red Ford F-150 pickup truck was spotted at a house on Kirkshire and was under surveillance.

Guinn then patrolled the area near the residence and conducted a traffic stop on the truck as it left the home.

Upon searching Rivera, Guinn found several bullets in his front pocket. A .38-caliber handgun was also found in the truck.

Rivera's passenger, identified as his wife Xochitl Santiago, said the pistol belonged to her. A further search of her also revealed a bag of marijuana.

Santiago, 20, was arrested for illegal possession of a weapon and possession of marijuana, and Rivera, also 20, was arrested for deadly conduct.

Cocaine possession

On Saturday, Nov. 12, at roughly 10:25 p.m., Pct. 2 Deputy Mario Saez was parked at the Chevron gas station at the intersection of Scarsdale and Beamer when he noticed someone was shining a laser pointer on him from the Shell station across the street.

When he contacted the suspects, Saez detected a strong smell of marijuana coming from their car.

While a subsequent search of the vehicle produced no marijuana, the deputy did find a bag of cocaine, weighing approximately 4 grams.

Antonio Garcia, 20, and Randall Duff, 22, were both arrested and charged with possession of cocaine.

Proposed pipeline causes concern

The proposed construction of a pipeline through a local nature conservatory will likely soon head to court. Current plans call for the natural gas pipeline, to be constructed by ETC NGL Transport from Jackson County to Mont Belvieu, to run through a track of land, located south of Dixie Farm Road at Beamer, that was established by the Brio Site Trust at the federal government's behest to offset damage done at the adjacent Superfund site. While not open to the public, the 144-acre piece of property, which preserves migratory birds, reptiles and fish, was acquired by the Bayou Land Conservancy as a conservation easement in December 2005. The conservancy, as well as the Brio Site Trust and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have all openly opposed the project, as it goes against the very purpose of the nature preserve. Roughly a dozen lawsuits have been filed regard-

ing the pipeline's construction. A possible alternative would involve rerouting the gas through the nearby Timber Creek Golf Course.

Christmas program to begin

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* will be soliciting toys, food and money for needy families over the holidays. Applications for families in need will be available at the *Leader* office starting Thursday, Dec. 1. The program relies heavily on donations from local schools and community members. The *Leader* received a record number of applicants last year. That trend is expected to continue, given current economic conditions. Applicants must reside in the South Belt area and possess one form of identification verifying their address. All applicants undergo a screening process to determine eligibility.

Reader's Opinion

GI Bill updates allow more job training for veterans

Death

Dobie Fine Arts: Support our students

Dear Friend of Dobie High School, The Fine Arts Department is proud to announce its production of **GODSPELL!** This full production features the talents of students from the choir, visual arts, and theater arts program in our beautiful auditorium. Performances are scheduled for January 25, 26, 27, 28, & 29, 2012. Putting on a musical is an expensive task. Sets, props, costumes, and makeup cost a great deal. Our production staff includes artists who are not students or faculty at Dobie, and they must be paid for their services. This is our first returning musical since 2007, and we want it to be a memorable one, but we cannot do it without the help of the community. We hope you can help us in one of three ways:

1. Purchase an advertisement in our program. With the success of our choir and theater programs and the presence of our outstanding students in the community, we expect to have over 2,000 people read our programs. Your advertisement can be as simple as a business card, or as elaborate as a full page ad, and will be included in every program for every show. You can advertise your business, acknowledge your support of Dobie Fine Arts program, or even express your personal support for a group or individual cast member!

We offer several pricing levels: 1/8 page (business card size) - \$20; 1/4 page - \$40; 1/2 page - \$70; Full page - \$100. Sizes are based on full-sized 8.5"x 11"

pages. You may submit your advertisement copy-ready, or we can help design your advertisement for you.

2. Sponsor our show. We offer several different levels of sponsorship, each with their own benefits?:

- \$1-\$49 - "Friend's Circle" - Your name listed in the program; \$50-\$99 - "Silver Circle" - Your name listed in the program, Two complimentary tickets; \$100-\$199 - "Gold Circle" - Your name listed in the program, Two complimentary tickets, VIP preferred seating; \$200 and up - "Director's Circle" - Your name listed in the program, Two complimentary "run of show" passes, VIP preferred seating, An advertising spot on our poster.

3. Attend a performance. If you are unable to support the program with advertisements or sponsorships, we hope you will still attend our show. The students involved will have spent countless hours preparing to entertain you. Tickets will cost \$10. (We do have Group Rates: \$7 per ticket for 20 or more people.)

If you can help in any way, please complete a form and return it no later than Dec. 15th. Any checks should be made out to Dobie High School. We also accept major credit or debit cards.

If you have any questions or would like to pay with a major credit or debit card, please contact Stephanie Patrisso at 713-740-0370, ext. 04348 or e-mail me at spatrisso@pasadenaisd.org. I'll be happy to work something out with you. Thank you for supporting our students with your gifts and attendance; we'll see you at the show!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Patrisso
Assistant Theater Director

The San Jacinto College Continuing and Professional Development division wants all military veterans to know about new updates to the Post 9/11 GI Bill that now covers vocational, on-the-job training, apprenticeship training, and correspondence schools.

This change offers the opportunity to learn a new skill without spending two or four years in pursuit of a college degree. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that about 13,000 people could find work within a year using these new benefits.

"CPD currently offers more than 40 programs which are particularly well-suited at preparing veterans for jobs that employers are telling us are in high demand," said Dr. Sarah Janes, CPD vice president at SJC.

Common training programs covered by the latest GI Bill include computer-related skills, long-haul truck driving, medical support such as laboratory testing, beauty and cosmetology schools, law enforcement training academies and real estate classes.

"We are also interested in coordinating on-the-job training and apprenticeship relationships with industry, where veterans receive both an entry level salary from an employer and a supplemental prorated allowance from the Veterans Affairs Department," said Dr. JD Taliaferro, CPD director of applied technologies at SJC.

Taliaferro added that program lengths may vary from a few months to several years depending upon the technology involved. "At San Jacinto College, we are striving to create accelerated and customized educational pathways that recognize and credit service member training, provide an individualized bridge curriculum that equips veterans with the credentials that regional employers are telling us are vital for their employees, produce stackable credentials which are portable from company to company and target jobs in industries that are stable and growing."

In addition to coverage of vocational and on-the-job training, other benefits were significantly expanded in the new GI Bill.

Active-duty service members and their spouses are now eligible for an allowance that covers textbooks and supplies. This maximum \$1,000-a-year allowance is prorated based on the number of credits taken. Distance-learning students, excluding active-duty service members and their spouses, are now eligible for the education program's monthly living stipend, with payments based on the number of courses they're taking. A distance learning student, who is 100 percent GI Bill eligible and is taking a full course load, will receive \$673.50 a month.

For correspondence courses, Veteran Affairs will pay actual in-state tuition and fees up to \$8,500. Traditional students attending classes on campus will receive the full basic allowance for housing rate for an E-5 with dependents for the area where the school is located. This amount is approximately \$1,473 for the Houston area.

For more information on veterans benefits, students are encouraged to visit any one of the Veterans Centers located at all three San Jac campuses. For more information on the Veteran Training Grant, or for employers interested in looking into developing an approved on-the-job training or Veteran Career-Path Internship, email verne.avery@sjcd.edu.

Estis D. Lander

Estis D. Lander, 91, died on Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, at home with his wife of 70 years, Marjorie Gray Lander. He was born Dec. 9, 1919, to Emzy L. and Minnie N. Henson Lander in Burlington, Texas.

Lander was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan Lander Ray, and son-in-law Simpson Ray II. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, many nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends.

Lander graduated from

John H. Reagan High School in 1937. After serving in the South Pacific in the Army during World War II, he graduated from Texas A&M in 1948, and received his master's degree from the University of Houston in 1971.

After several diverse, interesting jobs, Lander found what he loved best was teaching physics at Pasadena and Dobie high schools. He was the science supervisor for the Pasadena Independent School District for 10 years, an officer in several professional organizations, and a

past president of Downtown Pasadena Lions Club.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, in the chapel of Heights Funeral Home. Interment followed in Glenwood Cemetery in Houston.

Lander's favorite charity was the Texas Lions Camp, a nonprofit summer camp dedicated to serving children with physical disabilities, cancer and Type 1 diabetes. Memorial donations can be sent to: Texas Lions Camp Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville, TX 78029-0247.

Brook Speech & Debate earns awards at Clear Lake tournament

The Clear Brook High School Speech & Debate team returned with many awards from the Clear Lake High School tournament.

In the speaking events, Rishi Suresh placed third in domestic extemporaneous speaking, earning him six state points toward his state

qualification goal. Hunter Bodiford also excelled by winning fifth place in impromptu speaking.

In Lincoln-Douglas debate, Suresh received first place and a second-place speaker award.

At his first tournament competing in novice

Lincoln-Douglas debate, Amogh Kulkarni won second place overall, and received a third-place speaker award.

Ruchika Bengani and Ian Mower also performed well by advancing to the quarter-finals in novice Lincoln-Douglas debate.



Pictured are debate team members, left to right, Amogh Kulkarni, Hunter Bodiford and Rishi Suresh. Photo submitted

View property tax statements, pay taxes, print receipts online

Most of the 2011 Harris County property tax statements are now available to the public online and will soon be arriving by mail.

More than 900,000 property tax statements started going in the mail this week. Eventually, more than 1.5 million accounts will receive a statement. For the 2011 tax year, the tax office expects to collect more than \$4 billion of property tax payments.

Property taxes for 2011 are payable on or before Jan. 31, 2012, without penalty or interest. But, to deduct 2011 property taxes this year for federal income tax purposes, the taxes must be paid on or before Dec. 31, 2011.

Receipts for current taxes will show the date paid or the U.S. Postal Service postmark.

However, to comply with state law, delinquent taxes paid on the first business day of 2012, Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2011, whether paid in person, online via www.hctax.net or by mail if the envelope is postmarked on or before Jan. 3, 2012, by the U.S. Postal Service.

Taxpayers may use any combination of credit cards and/or e-Checks for payment online at www.hctax.net, and by touch-tone telephone by calling 713-368-CARD (2273). The Harris County Tax Office also accepts partial payments of property taxes.

"Take advantage of the convenience of going online at www.hctax.net to make your payments. Of course, you may still pay your taxes by mail or in person at any of the 15 Harris County Tax Office branches," Tax Assessor-Collector Don Summers stressed.

"This year, we are collecting taxes for the City of Jacinto City, an arrangement

that will save Jacinto City money and provide citizens with more convenient payment options than they had," Summers said. "We now collect for 65 taxing authorities in the county."

Continuing a money-saving change implemented last year, the Harris County Tax Office will not automatically mail receipts when taxes are paid. Receipts will be available via the Internet.

Those taxpayers who need receipts can use their bank records as proof of payment, in almost every instance. Anyone who needs an actual receipt can find it at www.hctax.net and print out a valid receipt.

Wait about three weeks after mailing a check before trying to print the receipt. No receipt will be available until the check clears. If no Internet access is available, call the Harris County Tax Office at 713-368-2000 and request a

receipt by mail.

"When you get your tax bill, please review it to determine if you are getting the exemptions you believe you are entitled to. If you have any doubt, please check with the Harris County Appraisal District at 713-957-7800," Summers said.

Some exemptions available to Harris County taxpayers are active duty military personnel tax deferral and waiver, homestead, over-65 homestead, disabled homeowner, disabled veteran and religious or charitable organization.

Some of those exemptions still can be obtained for current 2011 taxes if action is taken in time.

For more information, call 713-368-2000 or visit the tax information center located at 1001 Preston, first floor, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or online at www.hctax.net.

Care Partners' meeting set

Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church provides a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, strokes and similar disabilities and their caretakers on the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The gathering consists of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, devotional break and lunch, and ends with a game of bingo. The next gathering will be held on Friday, Nov. 18, in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church at 10727 Hartsook St.

Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend the gathering. For more information, call the church office at 713-946-5768, Claudia Rojas of Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995, or visit the website at interfaithcarepartners.org.

PW Library events set

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Nov. 17 through Nov. 23.

After School Craft Time is set for Thursday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. This program is for ages 5 and up. All materials will be provided.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m. A Wikipedia editing workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, at 1 p.m. in the computer lab. Contact the library for information.

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

The library will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The library will reopen on Monday, Nov. 28, at 1 p.m.

Library requests book donations

Parker Williams Branch Library is accepting donations of books, CDs, DVDs, etc. The library is especially in need of small pocket-size fiction paperbacks, children's books, non-fiction and current fiction. Money raised goes toward the local library and helps fund programs. Donations can be brought to 10851 Scarsdale Boulevard, Suite #510.

Brook sets toy fundraiser

The Clear Brook High School Class of 2013 will hold a community service fundraising event. The class will host Teen Night at Bikini Beach Sunday, Nov. 20, from 6:30 to 11 p.m.

Ages 20 and under will be admitted with high school identification. Admission is \$10 plus a toy each or \$15 without a toy. Soda, fruit juice and water will sell for \$1 each. For more information, contact Judy at jkammharris@aol.com.

The purpose of the event is to raise money and toys for Toys For Tots and the Children's Assessment Center, as well as Houston area CPS, so they can provide toys for underprivileged and displaced children within the community.

Lariaettes host dance clinic

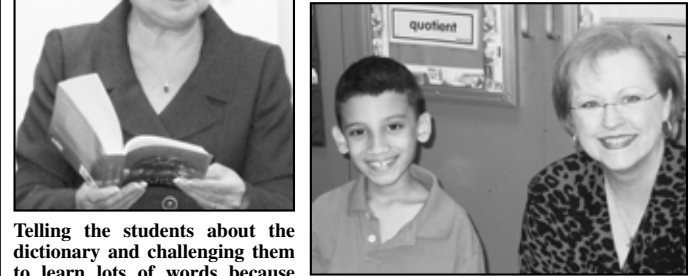
The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Winter Dance Clinic on Saturday, Dec. 10. The clinic will be held at Dobie High School from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is \$40, or at the door is \$50, cash or money order only. Pre-registration by Dec. 2 guarantees a T-shirt. Clinic participants will be invited to participate in the Lariaette Spring Show May 5-7, 2012. For more information, email Bertha Hernandez at 723amaly@gmail.com.

Thompson hosts ELAR, SS Night

Thompson Intermediate will host an ELAR and Social Studies Night for students and parents. This will be an evening full of facts, fun, refreshments and door prizes. The event will be Tuesday, Nov. 29, with kickoff at 5:45 p.m.

Dictionaries donated to Meador

The Pasadena Rotary Club recently visited Meador Elementary to deliver dictionaries to every third-grade student. Members of the Rotary Club who visited Meador were Darla Haygood, Josie Lightfoot, Ricki Langford and LaTanya Ross.



Telling the students about the dictionary and challenging them to learn lots of words because they are our future and very important to us, is Rotary member Josie Lightfoot. Excited about receiving his very own dictionary is student Sameer Buksh pictured with Rotary member Darla Haygood.



Darla Haygood (middle) talks to Meador students James Abramski (left) and Kayvon Dixon about the new dictionaries donated to third-graders at the school.

Park Manor of South Belt

Park Manor celebrates its residents!

Clinical Services Covering:

- ◆ Skilled Nursing
- ◆ Long Term Care
- ◆ Rehabilitation & much more

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We love our residents at Park Manor! Shown here are Jessica Hernandez, C.N.A., Bella Vita resident Sharon Macha, and Jason Shi, P.T.

Davis honored at Meador



Meador Elementary faculty recently honored Principal Darlene Davis during Boss' Week for her dedication to the campus and faculty. Photo submitted

Taylor earns Taxpayer Advocate, Courageous Conservative awards

Rep. Larry Taylor was presented the Taxpayer Advocate award by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, a statewide grassroots organization working to restore sound fiscal stewardship within all levels of government.

Recently, Taylor announced his intention to run for the Texas Senate in District 11 in the seat currently held by Sen. Mike Jackson, who plans to run for a newly created congressional district. Jackson is currently the state senator for the South Belt area.

Under the newly drawn district, Jackson retains a large portion of the South Belt area, so Taylor is vying to represent this area along with portions of two other counties. Senate District 11 is composed of parts of Harris, Galveston and Brazoria counties. Andrew Kerr, executive director of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, presented the

award to Taylor at the monthly meeting of the Clear Creek Republican Women's Club in League City. Kerr said, "Rep. Larry Taylor has been a leader in protecting Texas' taxpayers and demanding responsible fiscal policies. We are proud to present him this award."

In accepting the group's award, Taylor said, "I share many of the same goals of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility. I'm for limited, efficient state government that is responsive to Texas citizens. I have never forgotten that the tax dollars that run state government do not belong to the state, but to the people who contribute their hard-earned tax dollars. I've considered myself a 'Taxpayer Advocate' in all my public service efforts."

Taylor is currently serving his fifth term in the Texas House of Representatives and his second term as chairman

of the House Republican Caucus. He is the chairman of the House Elections Committee, a member of the House Insurance Committee, co-chairman of the Joint Windstorm Insurance Legislative Oversight Board and member of the Texas Energy Council.

Taylor is the owner of Truman Taylor Insurance, a family-owned business operating in southeast Texas for almost 50 years. He was raised in Friendswood, Texas. He and his wife, Kerri, are the parents of three children.

In addition to the Taxpayer Advocate award, the Texas Conservative Coalition announced that Taylor is a recipient of the organization's Courageous Conservative award, which is given in recognition of legislators' efforts to advance, support, and vote for conservative policy positions in the 82nd Texas Legislature.

Troop 692 cleans Horsepen Bayou



Recently, the Scouts of Troop 692 volunteered for the Texas Coastal Cleanup, collecting 250 pounds of trash around Horsepen Bayou. Scouts participating pictured are, left to right, (front row) Nathan Buchanan, Maxine Mamitag, Jeremy

Tajonera, Kyle Mamitag, Kyle Ybarra, (middle row) Jacob Lastovica, Louis Martin, Zack Fuhrman, (back row) Luke McDonald, Jake Wohleb and Grant Wilhelm. Boy Scout Troop 692 meets Monday evenings at St. Luke's Catholic Church.

Frazier fire safety poster winners



Frazier Elementary students participated in a fire-prevention poster contest recently in observance of Fire Safety Week. The posters were judged by firefighters from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. The winners were, left to right, (front row) Jeovany Rodriguez, Darien Valdez, Andres

Gonzalez, (second row) Gabbi Lozano, Albert Ngo, Lauren Mendez, Arianna Reyna, Josh Carter, Luke Morales, (third row) Rene Hernandez, Natalie Mejia, Jose Cabrera, Shelsea Hernandez, (back row) Katia Lopez Zuniga, Samantha Carter and Lali Martinez (overall best poster).

Melillo MS names first 9-weeks honor roll

Melillo Middle School recently released its honor rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

Honor roll
Fifth grade
 Alejandro Aguirre, David Amaya, Arismendy Aristy, Brian Bui, Connor Caughlin, Omar Chapa, Diocelina Chavez-Sanchez, David Chicas, Preston Chung, Angela Cruz, Phoebe Culps, Dalilah Delosantos, Celestina Deluna, Sean Dempsey, Tiffany Duong and Elizabeth Early.
 Osasere Edo-Ewanshiha, Ostin Elmore, Angela Escamilla, Ruben Flores, Alexandra Garcia, Yareli Garcia, Nicholas Gaytan, Eduardo Gomez, Alivia Gonzalez, Stephanie Gonzalez, Daija Green, Julyssa Herrera, Brian Hoang, Evelyn Holder, Trevor Hondros and Ivy Hua.
 Kimberly Huynh, Rocio Jimenez Rebolgar, Laila Leija, Briana Loreda, Katherine Martinez, Stephanie Martinez, Elijah Mazochette-Seidel, Taylor McGee, Jose Montiel, Ramiro Moreno Trevino, Jonathan Moreno, Eliana Munoz, Luis Neira, Jeany Ngo and Aaron Nguyen.
 Andy Nguyen, Dalila Nguyen, Danny Nguyen, Emmy Nguyen, Natalie Nguyen,

Patrick Nguyen, Randy Nguyen, Ronald Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen, Victor Nguyen, Emmanuel Nwuli, Precious Oguamanam, Sara Otwell, Cayla Pena, Johana Pena and Dominique Peralta.
 Izayah Perez, Minh-Triet Pham, Taylor Pleasants, Sebastian Ramirez, Rijja Rasool, Roberto Rayos, Alexa Rivas, Edgar Robles, Christian Rodriguez, Gustavo Rodriguez, Kaylen Ruiz, Kaitlyn Sanchez, Adrian Saracho, Lauren Schwausch, Camille Smith, Betzabe Solis, Emily Solis and Giovanni Solis.
 Victoria Solis, Ashley Sorto, Haley Spencer, John Sumrall, Michelle Ta, Auttamika Tamboli, Joshua Thomas, Ariana Toran, Adriana Toro, Alexis Hang Tran, Chelsey Urdiales, Nicholas Vega, Zoe Vela, John Velarde, Marco Velazquez, Lily Vitrella, Starlic Williams and Kayla Wilson.
Sixth grade
 Jonathan Acosta, Diana Adame, Tyra Adams, Adela-Marie Alanis, Raymundo Alba, Thomas Aleman, Azalie Amaro, Rogelio Armenta, Clarissa Arredondo, Natalie Aviles, Nicholas Barrientes, Pedro Barrientos, Hillary Bazaldua, Sydney Bonner and Ka Naia Brown.

Madison Caballero, Miranda Calderon, Victor Campuzano, Britney Castaneda Jasso, Nathan Castaneda, Alyssa Chapa, Karissa Cook, Rafael Coreas, Jasiel Cruz, Mateo Cruz, Julissa Davila, Camryn Davis, Andrea Del Villar Martinez, Vi Diep, Jacqueline Duarte and Emily Duren.
 Fred Escobedo, Bryce Feagin, Renee Figueroa, Julian Flores, Alexis Gammon, Jacquelyne Garcia, Analise Garza, Isaac Garza, Noor Ghneim, Cyrus Gonzales, Alejandro Gonzalez, Monica Gonzalez, Mahogany Green, Alena Hay, Lauren Hernandez and Maritza Hernandez.
 Brendan Hoang, David Hoang, Chelsey Holman, Alejandro Ibarra, Sameria

Jackson, Cheyenne Jewell, Jasmine Jimenez, Jakob Jones, Hannah Klugh, Alexis Law, Dientuyen Le, Jason Le, Vina Le, Sebastian Leal Rodriguez, Sarah Lewis and Andrew Logan.
 Katelyn Loxterman, Kevin Ly, Amanda Mejia Hernandez, Ellena Mendez, Jacqueline Mendoza, Michael Mendoza, Katherine Montes, Journey Murray, Brooke Nabi, Reyna Nering, Dominic Nguyen, Kirsten Nguyen, Tommy Nguyen, Andrea Orrego Restrepo and Daniel Ortega.
 Ramon Ortega, Victoria Palos, Maria Pedroza Rodriguez, Jordan Perez, Luis Perez, Melody Perry, Lan Phan, Ngoc Phan, Rosa Phan, Melanie Pineda, David Pogue,

Christian Ponce, Andrew Quiroz, Reagan Razo, Jackelyn Rendon, German Reyes and Jenna Rodriguez.
 Krystan Rodriguez, Leslie Rodriguez, Brianna Rodriguez-Hernandez, Hayley Rojas, Dominique Sanchez, Bryon Schwausch, Kaylee Segura, Daniel Shaffer, Emmerson Snyder, Joseph Suarez, Andy Ta, Jazmin Tabarez, Rachel Tabarez, Jeremy Tajonera and Madison Tobias.
 John Tortorice, Hy Tran, Luong Tran, Patrick Tran, Vivian Tran, Nnam Tran, Ann Truong, Luis Tufino Berber, Gavin Valvaneda, Jose Varela, Marvin Villatoro, Andrew Vu, Peter Vu, Cindy Vuong, Dien Loong Wang, Haley Williams and Jacob Young.

Memorial Hermann launches innovative online scheduling tool

Continuing to establish itself as one of the most advanced health care systems in the country, Memorial Hermann recently launched ScheduleNow, a free scheduling tool that will enable patients to easily search and book real-time appointments online.

“We are among the first health care systems in the nation and the first in Houston to offer appointment scheduling for an array of outpatient services through our website,” said David Bradshaw, chief information, planning and marketing officer at Memorial Hermann. “We’ve reduced the hassle factor for patients, making scheduling an appointment much more convenient. From doctor office visits to mammograms and even emergency room reservations, patients can now book their appointments at the click of a mouse.”

Here’s how it works: Patients simply go to www.memorialhermann.org, click on the ScheduleNow icon, and choose physician office visit,

screening mammogram or ER. Patients then follow the prompts to schedule their appointment. ScheduleNow provides appointment reminders via email, as well as a link to a map for directions. Appointments can be made 24/7 from any internet-connected device.

A number of Memorial Hermann-affiliated primary care physicians and orthopedic surgeons across the greater Houston area have adopted the technology to provide convenient, online appointment scheduling for their patients. Patients also can schedule a screening mammogram at one of 11 participating Memorial Hermann Breast Care Centers, or make a reservation for a non-life-threatening emergency room visit at Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

In the near future, more doctors, outpatient services and locations will be added. The ScheduleNow tool will be particularly supportive of clinically integrated physician groups such as MHMD’s Advanced Primary Care Practices, a patient-centered medical home initiative launched earlier this year.

For more information, visit www.memorialhermann.org or call 713-222-CARE (2273).

JROTC cadets meet astronaut

Members of Dobie High School’s Junior ROTC program – which is affiliated with the U.S. Air Force – were on hand to assist astronaut and retired Air Force Col. Alvin Drew spoke to a gathering of Texas educators at the school recently.

Drew, whose impressive credentials include more than 3,500 hours of flight in 30 different kinds of aircraft, brought a message about the importance of education directed to the teachers at the meeting.

However, the school believed that this would be a tremendous experience for its cadets.

“The biggest benefit for the students was the chance to meet someone who has graduated from the Air Force Academy and see the success he’s achieved in becoming an astronaut,” said Sgt. Everett Valdez, one of the program’s advisers.

The students were there not only to hear the speaker, but to help facilitate the event, and they did not let their instructors down.

“We gave them a responsibility, and they handled it very well,” said Valdez. “Cadet Maj. Michael Clark took the ball and ran with it.”

Clark, a senior, who thoroughly enjoyed the event, was most impressed by Drew’s recent work with NASA, which includes two trips to the International Space Station and the final flight of the Space Shuttle Discovery.

“It was really cool,” said Clark. “It was fun to watch all that they did, to see them work on the space station.”



Pictured are, left to right, Francisco Ledezma, Jeffrey Russell, Col. Alvin Drew, Michael Clark, Edgar Vargas and BJ Bravo. Photo submitted



Campos chess champion

Clear Horizons Early College High School freshman Randy Sebastian Cueto Campos is listed as No. 7 in Texas K-12 Chess Competition by the United States Chess Federation. Campos is bilingual, and he moved here from Peru in 2008. He is the son of Nora Almeida.

Photo submitted

Families experiment at Frazier

Frazier Elementary hosted Family Science Fair Nights on Oct. 4 and Oct. 6. Science teacher Pat Singletary taught parents how to help their children complete science fair projects at home. Parents were able to participate in hands-on science experiments with their children.

Left to right, (top photo) Jose Cabrera, Jose A. Cabrera and San Juana Cabrera, and (bottom photo) Juan Balderas, Bryan Balderas and Nereida Balderas try out different science experiments.



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Sutton appointed to national sports association assembly

San Jacinto College Central campus director of campus recreation, Butch Sutton, will join 24 of his counterparts from across the United States to serve on the 2011-2012 National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Assembly.

Sutton’s duties with NIRSA will include contributing ideas toward advancement within the sports recreation profession, advocating higher education, and nurturing and expanding community members.

With 33 years serving as a

physical education instructor at San Jacinto College, Sutton’s career has taken him from hosting two Region IV NIRSA Conferences in 1983 and 1984 to receiving the 2002 NIRSA Regional Award of Merit and a 2008 Horace Moody Award for his outstanding contributions toward student development.

As campus recreation director for the same amount of years, he has overseen the administration of a comprehensive program that involves individual, dual and team events, including a regional



golf tournament that qualifies students for national play in

Las Vegas, and hosted several local, regional, state and national workshops and conferences.

“This is a true honor to represent the two-year colleges and universities in this role for NIRSA,” said Sutton, whose selection represents the only community college within the assembly. “To be honest, I was shocked to be asked, given the outstanding members we have within the association. To be thought of and selected is just really neat; it is, to me, an award in itself.”

NIRSA is considered the leading resource for professional and student development, education and research in collegiate recreational sports.

Headquartered in Corvallis, Ore., NIRSA now includes nearly 4,000 highly trained professional, student, and associate members throughout the U.S., Canada and other countries.

Serving an estimated 5.5 million students who regularly participate in campus recreational sports programs, NIRSA members are actively engaged in many areas of campus life: student leadership, development and personnel management; wellness and fitness programs; intramural sports; sport clubs; recreation facility operations; outdoor recreation; informal recreation; and aquatic programs.

“Butch is a valued member of NIRSA, and his volunteer service is an example to us all,” stated Dr. Kent J. Blumenthal, NIRSA executive director, in a prepared statement. “I know that his contributions and service will have a positive impact not only on NIRSA, but also on campus recreation at the San Jacinto College Central campus.”

Burnett Student Council chosen



Burnett Elementary recently held its student council elections. After the votes were counted, the following students were elected to serve as this year’s student council officers, left to right, (front row) Frida Quiroz, president; Naomi Rodriguez, vice president; Victor Garcia, secretary; and Christopher Thomas, treasurer. In the back row are Burnett Principal Cynthia Henderson and Assistant Principal Esmeralda Paredes. Student council will work diligently to promote citizenship, raise funds for student activities, and participate in community service projects. Photo submitted

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Lariaette of the Week



The Lariaette of the Week for the week of Oct. 31 through Nov. 3 is junior Carla Reyna. She is the daughter of Rosa Reyna.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

TYSON TURNS 14 YEARS OLD
 Danny and Debbie Sales of Kirkwood South send Happy Birthday wishes to their grandson, **Tyson Thompson**, who will turn 14 on Friday, Nov. 18.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO DONNA
 Donna Whitted celebrates her birthday Wednesday, Nov. 23. Best wishes are sent from husband **Gary**; children **Heather, Jacob** and **Aaron**; and granddaughter **Riley**. Also from parents **Carl** and **Frances Valigura** and her siblings and their families.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 17 through Nov. 23.

Burnett Elementary
 On Nov. 17, **Nohemi Garcia** marks a birthday. The day for a party for **Yasmeen Barbour** is Nov. 22.

Bush Elementary
 The day for a cake for **Julius Roberts** is Nov. 20.

Frazier Elementary
 A special birthday greeting is sent to **Kristena Carker** Nov. 17.

Moore Elementary
 Nov. 17 is the day for a celebration for **Maury Klann**. Enjoying a birthday Nov. 20 is **Ana Moreno**.

South Belt Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Sheila**

Smith on Nov. 18. **Laurie Weathers** has a birthday Nov. 21.

Stuchbery Elementary
 Marking a birthday Nov. 17 is **Tonya Davis**. A birthday is enjoyed by **Ana Moreno** Nov. 20.

Meillo Middle School
 The day for a party for **Carol Zann** is Nov. 18. **Robert Balch** has a birthday Nov. 21. Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Maria Chapa** Nov. 22.

Morris Middle School
 On Nov. 18, **RubyAnn Reyna** marks a birthday. Blow out the birthday candles for **Daniel Parris** Nov. 23.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Nov. 17 is the day for a birthday cake for **Sharon Sellers**. **Melanie Grisham** has a birthday Nov. 18. Nov. 19 is the day for a party for **Rita Jaeger**.

Thompson Intermediate
 A birthday is celebrated by **Kevin Budgett** Nov. 18. On Nov. 19, birthday wishes are sent to **Rebekah Seeley**.

Dobie High
 The day for a party for **Nicole Barnes** is Nov. 17. A birthday greeting is sent to **Sandra Lopez-Celaya** Nov. 18. Celebrating a birthday Nov. 19 is **Louis Parlangeli**. **Clinton Hopper** celebrates a birthday Nov. 20.

LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS
 Laureate Psi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently met with **Dorothy Gibbons** of

The Rose Breast Imaging to donate to the Personal Boutique at the Featherwood location. The Personal Boutique is a new addition to the facilities for women who have lost hair due to chemotherapy. In the privacy of the boutique, the patient can feel safe and have a variety of choices.

Members met recently in the home of **Barbara Jennings**, and **Pam Harvey** gave the program on *Building Our Future on Traditions - Rodeo Traditions*. Her focus was on an American icon, John Wayne. Members also gathered to dine at Franca's Italian Restaurant and then enjoy a game of putt-putt golf. Members and guests recently enjoyed a trip to Couthatta as a fundraiser for Laureate Psi.

Upcoming events for Laureate Psi are the regular chapter meeting at **Nancy McShane's** home with **McShane** and **Judy Switzer** presenting a program titled *Building our Future on Traditions - Baby and Birth Traditions, Filipino Baptismal, Birthday, and Death Traditions*.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social, cultural and service organization for women. Anyone interested in more information on the organization can visit the Deer Park Council of Beta Sigma Phi website at <http://dpcouncil.tripod.com>.
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Escort of the Week



The Lariaette Escort of the Week for the week of Oct. 31 through Nov. 3 is sophomore Steven Mendieta. He is the son of Mary Lou and Vicente Mendieta.

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Longhorn Band Section of the Week

The J. Frank Dobie Longhorn Band announced the tubas as Section of the Week for Oct. 31 through Nov. 3. Band Member of the Week was **Kamille Harris**, Section Leader of the Week was **Bryan Rodriguez**, and Spirit Member of the Week was **Andy Reyes**. Members of the tuba section are, left to right, (front row) **Joseph Wright**, **Michael Beltran**, (back row) **Ru'Shane Tansiel**, **Randy Arenas** and **Raa'Shane Tansiel**.

Photo submitted

NASA accepting future astronaut applications

NASA is currently accepting applications for its next class for the Astronaut Candidate Program. Qualified individuals can submit an application through the federal government's USAJobs.gov website. Those selected will be among the first to pioneer a new generation of commercial launch vehicles and travel aboard a new heavy-lift rocket to distant destinations in deep space. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in engineering, science or math, and three years of relevant professional experience. Successful applicants frequently have significant qualifications in engineering or science or extensive experience flying high-performance jet aircraft. Educators teaching kindergarten through 12th grade with these minimum degree requirements also are encouraged to apply. NASA will accept applications through Jan. 27, 2012. After applicant interviews and evaluations, the agency expects to announce the final selections in 2013. Training will begin that summer. For more information about astronaut application and selection and to follow the latest news via NASA accounts on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/flynaa>.

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SJC receives grant for certification for truck driving jobs

Recognizing a growth in available truck driving jobs, San Jacinto College now offers free training for students who qualify for a new U.S. Department of Transportation grant. The nearly \$100,000 Commercial Motor Vehicle training grant will fund tuition and fees for 48 students over the next year. Its purpose is to attract qualified applicants into the profes-

sional field of truck driving in the greater Houston area. Overall job opportunities are expected to increase for truck drivers, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, with approximately 291,900 new jobs created by 2018. The SJC truck driving program enjoys a 100 percent job placement rate upon successful completion of the six-week truck driving course

and passing of company background checks. "I've been waiting for this for 18 years," said SJC truck driving instructor, John Stephens. "There are jobs out there that need qualified truck drivers. But until now, there has been no financial aid for the truck driving program. This is why a grant like this one is so important to our students and our program." The overall goal for the grant is to increase the number of CMV operators within the state of Texas. Each student approved for a scholarship will receive \$2,050 for the hands-on course in safety awareness/training for the truck driving work force. "This is a wonderful opportunity for people to come here, obtain free training, and receive a job," said Bryan Suarez, SJC Central

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Remember When

35 years ago (1976)
 Billy Burge of Ayrshire Corporation announced that company's plans for a joint venture with Farm and Home Savings. The project was the development of a subdivision located near the intersection of Beamer and Choate Road consisting of approximately 500 acres. The subdivision would become Sagebend. Beverly Hills Intermediate Punt, Pass and Kick winners Ryan Cooner and Stephen

Ben were to represent the school at Memorial Stadium in the Pasadena Independent School district competition. Wesley Shere, Joe Slack and Robert Arriola represented Frazier Elementary. The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department made 16 responses to calls in the unincorporated areas of the county during October, 1976.

30 years ago (1981)
 The Dobie High band was selected as one of the top two 5A bands in the region at University Interscholastic League competition. This won the band a trip to participate in the state high school band competition in Austin. The South Belt area became part of the newly created Precinct 1, which was composed of 64 percent minorities. The redistricting plan to create the first minority precinct in Harris County history was expected to be challenged in court.

25 years ago (1986)
 Nicole Ard was named Dobie's homecoming queen during the Dobie and North Shore football game. The Pasadena Independent School District released the results of teacher appraisals. Of 109 teachers evaluated, 48 received a "clearly outstanding" rating.

20 years ago (1991)
 Clear Creek Independent School District officials were searching for legal assistance to recover the financial losses they expected when they closed Weber Elementary due to the Brio Toxic waste site. A clerk at the Stop-N-Go on Hall Road at Beamer was shot in the leg during a robbery.

15 years ago (1996)
 Donald Scheiderman, 40,

was arrested at his home an hour after a robbery of the Bank of America in Alameda Square. He was also a suspect in the recent Texas Commerce Bank-Alameda Genoa robbery. Nearly a dozen South Belters went to Houston's City Council meeting to protest two proposed sexually oriented businesses slated for the area.

10 years ago (2001)
 County Commissioner El Franco Lee was honored at a reception at the Golfcrest Country Club. Dobie senior Brian McKinstry won a gold medal at the 5A state cross country meet. Cokesbury United Methodist Church celebrated its 40th anniversary.

5 years ago (2006)
 Important seats were filled in the general election with Democrat Nick Lampson winning Congressional District 22 and three local incumbents returning to office. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs won the special election and would serve in Congress until the new session convened in January 2007, approximately 51 days. A Clear Brook City MUD election to authorize \$42.4 million in bonds passed by more than a 4-to-1 margin. Work began on a \$21,298,652.42 contract to widen Dixie Farm Road to four lanes. A later contract was to follow to widen the roadway from FM 518 to Highway 35. An incident which began as a criminal mischief complaint resulted in a chase through Harris County and a local deputy constable being

accidentally tased by a deputy sheriff during a scuffle with the suspect. Former Beverly Hills Intermediate Orchestra Director Leigh Ledford died of ovarian cancer in Boise, Idaho. Ledford's lifelong dream was to take her students to the Midwest Conference, an annual showcase of talent, and lead them in a performance. The students achieved her dream by performing in Chicago. The performance, dedicated in her honor, received a standing ovation lasting more than five minutes. J. Frank Dobie agriculture science students won more than 20 auction spots at the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo and earned more than \$80,000 combined. The J. Frank Dobie Choral Department presented its annual fall show and fundraiser, *Cabaret*. Dobie seniors Jourdan Simmons and Victoria Chavez were crowned Dobie High School's homecoming king and queen during a game against South Houston.

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Williams, Bennett marry in Cabo



Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bennett

Missy Williams and Travis Bennett were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at Zoetry Casa Del Mar in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The barefoot ceremony was performed in front of 20 close friends and family on the beach with the sound of the waves crashing in the background.

A Texas reception was held on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Lazy W Ranch in Waller, Texas.

Parents of the groom are Joe and Peggy Bennett, 35-year South Belt residents. Parents of the bride are Julie and Rickey Bookman of Navasota, Texas, and Tom Williams.

The bride was given in marriage by both her fathers. She wore a sweetheart cut mermaid dress in white crushed fabric.

Matron of honor was Maria Batten, and bridesmaids were Mandy Bennett (1997 Dobie grad) and Brittany Riddle.

Travis Motley served as best man, and groomsmen

were Adam Laura and Travis Bailey, all 2001 Dobie grads.

During their stay in Mexico, the couple participated in many activities including an ATV zip-line tour, Baja dune buggies and deep-sea fishing where the groom caught a huge striped Marlin.

The group attended a snorkel booze cruise, toured Lovers Beach, saw the arch at Lands End, and the men played golf at Cabo Real on the wedding day.

The newlyweds swam with dolphins on their first day as a married couple after the others left, and relaxed for the remainder of their honeymoon. They also spent time releasing baby sea turtles into the ocean.

The bride is the owner of Melissa Meliou Massage & Spa.

The groom is a 2001 Dobie graduate. He is a project manager, Basic Builders General Contractors.

The couple plan to reside west of Tomball after building a home there.

Moore 1st honor, merit rolls named

Moore Elementary recently released its honor and merit rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period of the 2011-2012 school year. Students earning status are:

First grade

Honor roll

Oasis Alanis, John Allan, Israel Aranda, Chelsey Blanton, Shelby Carte, Hannah Carte, Vaneli Gonzalez, Haven Hartwell, Kaydence Huebner, Kyle Janacek, Haleigh Jones, Evan Krustchinski and Ivan Lopez.

Olivia Lugo, Sophia Martinez, Felipe Miranda, Ann Nguyen, Landon Nguyen, Sydney Pector, Adrita Rahman, Alex Rivera, Jelani Sinclair, Cameron Smothers and Jade To-Nguyen.

Merit roll

Aaron Acevedo, Ashton Baxter, Christian Cantu, Gi-

selle Cazares, Jovan Corrales, Mariana Cuevas, Jessica Dryden, Mia Munoz, Katie Nguyen, Dylan Nguyen, Joseph Rincon, Johnny Tran, Kate Wang and Ainsley Willis.

Second grade

Honor roll

Jaidyn Almaguer, Gabriel Barbosa, Logan Blair, Amy Cao, Lydia Chicas, Alexis Garcia, Gloria Gonzales, Briana Gutierrez, Audrey Huckabay, Madelyn Huerta, Remi Jackson, Nicole Jasso and Brianna Marroquin.

Ethan Montenegro, Kyndal Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Kathleen Nguyen, Isabella Padilla, Aiden Provost, Gerardo Solis, Kyle Stokes, Vi Tran, Annette Tran, Tom Tran, Derek Tran, Annie Tran and Kailey Tsikis.

Merit roll

Jasmine Arredondo, Miguel Bazaldua, Diego Cortez, Zacheus Macias, Devin Martinez, Grace Nguyen, Jeeny Nguyen, Sebastian Ortega, Isabela Prudena, Jose Ramirez, Daniel Ramirez, Brooke Tran and Leilani Zara

Third grade

Honor roll

Jimena Alvarez, Kristen Barba, Megan Cowan, Meagan Dryden, Lizeth Flores, Christina Hoang, Evelyn Lien, Nathan Lopez, Kenny Ly, Charles Maricle, Cadie Masterson, Kyndall Morales, Alan Nguyen, Henry Nguyen, Marisa Soto and Taven Tran.

Merit roll

Makayla Carker, Joseph Garcia, Olivia Gonzalez, Linley Hawkins, Aaron Langford, Alvis Moes, Steven Nguyen, Benito Rodriguez, Adriel Rodriguez and Julia Westfahl

Fourth grade

Honor roll

Tammy Dang, Elijah Donahoe, Nayeli Garibay, Matthew Ghansyam, Christian Hernandez, Elaine Lien, Ariana Martinez, Gerardo Mejia and Maia Moretto.

Daisy Nguyen, Jennifer Nguyen, Kenneth Nguyen, Jackson Ruiz, Julian Sanchez, Felicity Soto, Savannah Tran and Amaedo Uchendu.

Merit roll

Eduardo Benavides, Alysia Bernal and Alexis Perez.

Hale, Richardson wed

Randi Hale and Dustyn Richardson were united in marriage Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, in a double-ring ceremony at Sagemont Church with a reception at The Gardens. She was escorted down the aisle by her father.

The bride wore a strapless white organza A-line silhouette gown with a light pink sash accented with floral details.

She is the daughter of J.R. Hale of South Belt and the late Nelda Hale.

Parents of the groom are Mike and Donna Richardson of Friendswood.

Ashley Morrison served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's sister-in-law, Erin Hale, the groom's sister, Shana Gallagher, and the bride's sister, Marcey Hale.

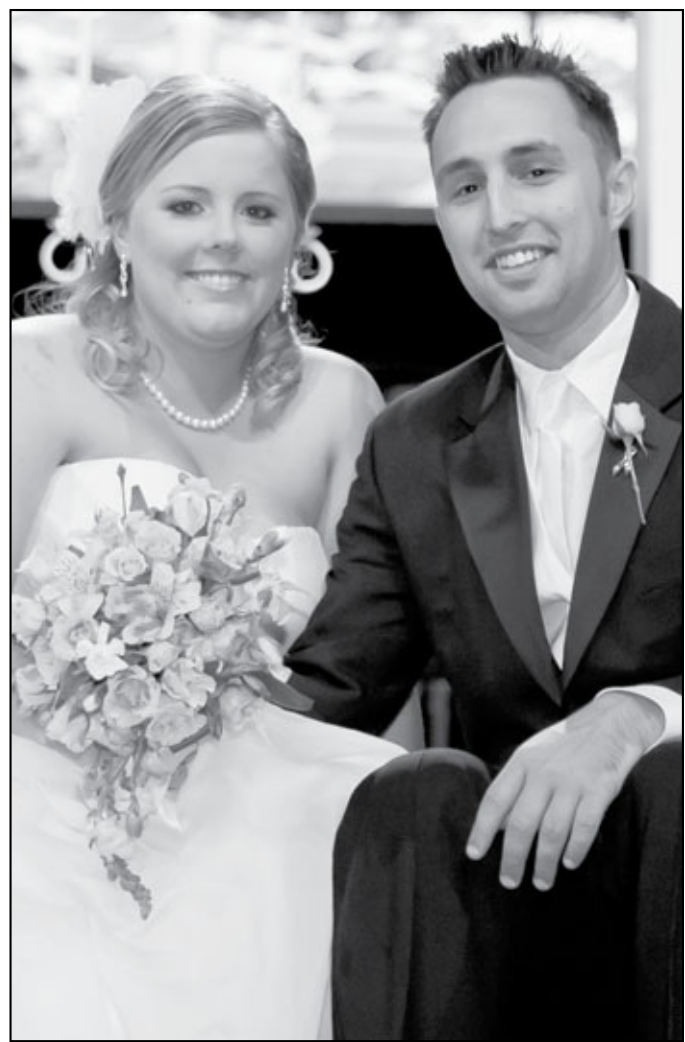
Serving as best man was Cody Richardson, the groom's brother. Groomsmen were the groom's brother-in-law, T.J. Gallagher, and the bride's brothers, Aaron Hale and Andy Hale. The groomsmen also served as ushers.

The musical selection was *Secret Recessional* - ESPN Monday Night Football Theme.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Clear Brook High School, a 2010 graduate of University of Houston-Clear Lake with Bachelor of Science in business administration.

The groom is a 2001 graduate of Clear Brook High School, and a 2007 graduate of San Jacinto College South with an A.A. in business administration.

The bride and groom are employed by the Clear Creek Independent School District. They reside in League City.



Mr. and Mrs. Dustyn Richardson

Free concerts in November at San Jac

San Jacinto College will host musical concerts and an informational music lecture during November that will feature student, faculty and other musicians. All events are free and open to the public, and will be staged at the Central, North and South campuses.

Central campus events will be held at the Dr. Monte Blue Music Building, or Slocomb Auditorium, 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. North campus concert will be held at the Dr. Charles Grant Fine Arts Center, 5800 Uvalde Road in the North Channel area.

The South campus concert will be held in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center, 13735 Beamer Road in Houston.

Thursday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. - The Central campus jazz ensemble and jazz combo, under the direction of Jeffrey Adams, will perform music from different jazz genres, such as standard jazz, blues, Latin, funk, and ballad.

The jazz ensemble is a 20-piece group consisting of saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and a rhythm section (piano, guitar, bass, and drums).

The jazz combo is a smaller group that includes a vocalist and features more improvisation. The jazz combo will perform a repertoire of traditional jazz favorites.

Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. - The South campus student band, under the

direction of Bobby Wren, will present a concert that will include a variety of popular selections.

Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. - The North campus jazz band, under the direction of Dr. Randy Snyder, will perform a concert featuring a diverse repertoire. Highlights will include *Doxy*, a 16-bar blues standard composed by Sonny Rollins and arranged for big band by Mark Taylor; *Peter Gunn*, the James Bond theme composed by Henry Mancini as arranged for big band; and *Harlem Nocturne*, by Earle Hagen and featuring SJC student Johnny Hernandez on alto sax.

Other selections will be

Tiger of San Pedro, by John La Barbera and featuring student Cory Winston on trombone; *Fly Me to the Moon*, a classic standard featuring student Karly Hutchins as vocal soloist; *Mercy, Mercy*, a soul selection that

also features soloist Hutchins; and *In the Mood*, a Glenn Miller big band era classic that will close out the concert.

For information about fine arts programs at San Jacinto College, visit arts.sanjac.edu.

Space City Lions Club meeting set

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

Frazier students learn fire safety

Frazier students were treated to a visit by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department recently. Students visited the fire truck and ambulance outside and then attended a program presented by Safety the Clown where they learned about fire safety. Safety the Clown returned to Frazier on Oct. 27 to present a family fire safety program.



Firefighter Kyle Alexander teaches a group of Frazier students about fire safety.



Firefighter Kyle Alexander helps first-grade teacher Gerri Watkins put on the fire gear.



Frazier students learn about calling 911. Shown are, left to right, Nerina Martinez, Abby Chiovaro, Ethan Hughes and Pablo Castellano as Safety the Clown.

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Stuchbery Elementary announces first nine-weeks rolls

Stuchbery Elementary recently released its honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period of the 2011-2012 school year. Students earning status are:

Honor roll
First grade
 Alize Alvarez, Michael-Alexander Arambula, Janelle Barriero, Derrian Bennet, Nathan Besk, Isabella Campos, Marcelo Contreras, Sarah Cruz, Daniel Delgado, Keegan DeSantiago, Raul Diaz, Sanford Franklin, Isabel Garcia, Gracie Garcia Turner, Seth Gjelsvik and Marcus Gomez. Nicolas Hedden, Kaylee Hernandez, Valery Herrera, Ashley Huynh, Briana Ibarra, Ziara James, Hunter Killingsworth, Bianca Kinder, Xavier Livingston, Madison London-Carter, Alondra Lopez, Ivan Mariscal, Jackson McCall, Jayla Minor, Jer'keithric Moore and Nicole Olazaba. Xavier Ortiz, Thu Pham, Xoriya Ray, Esperanza Regalado, Zoziah Reyes, Raul Reyes, Phil Rivera, Esequiel

Rivera, Leslie Robles, Genesis Salgado, Crystal Saucedo, Ashiya Scott, Kennedy Sistrunk, Darrel Sneed, Hao Tran, Jasmine Tran, Vianca Valencia and Cardin Vo.

Second grade
 Monserrat Alba, Anthony Benavides, Ricky Cao, Anthony Castro, Denise Davis, Denise Davis, Karina Del Villar, Michael Garza, Jordan Gonzales, Alysa Gonzalez, Scottlynn Hamilton, David Hernandez, Vinh Hoang and Diego Leanos.
 Elissa Lopez, Kemaury Millender, Abigail Ortiz, Marissa Rivas, Christopher Salinas, Jaelan Sherman, Metzli Silva, Brooklyn Thomas, Francisco Torres, Manuel Viera Vargas and Alyssa Woodruffe.

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 Kayla Lawson, Samantha Lopez, Giovanni Luna, Selestee Martinez, Alejandro Melendez, Allison Neirra, Kirby Nguyen, Elexus Romero, Crystal Salgado, Nicholas Salinas, Marissa Salazar, Miranda Serrano, Peter Spigner, Ashley Tovar, Sarah Tyler, Juliana Vega and Eric Wilson.

Merit roll
First grade
 Haley Alexander, Kelly Amaya, Emelin Andrade, Luke Auzenne, Christopher

Cantu, Thomas Cypert, Cameron Darjean, Alanis Duran and Braden Gant and Hunter Killingsworth.
 Kiyah Linsey, Marcus Millender, Ginessa Olvera, Thu Pham, Thu Pham, Marissa San Miguel, Hao Tran, Uriel Valadez, Noe Vega and Alexis Woodin.

Second grade
 Sebastain Cruz, Jaran Darjean, Cristian Delafuente, Isaac Garcia, Noel Garza, Kendra Hopkins, Kendra Hopkins, Anfony Lee, Nicholas Lopez, Justin Nguyen, Mac Nien Pham, Evan Roriguez, Emily Sanchez, Jaden Tipps and Ashley Tzintzun.

Third grade
 David Gomez, Deaira Jackson, Ambreon Jones, Makayla Karkosky, Mikayla Lagos, Mauricio Lopez, Christian Mariscal and Madelyn Spray.

Fourth grade
 Alexa Benitez, DeAnte Betts, Jaelyn Chapman, Jacob Colonga, Granyeli Feliciano, Aaron Gonzalez, Alex Guiterrez, Aaron Hernandez,

McKayla Karsten, Dylan May, Jon Paul McDaniel, Joe Patrick Perlera, Marissa Sanchez and Johnathan Vega-Wilson.

Perfect Attendance
PPCD/Success
 Sergio Cano, Martha Gomez Ramirez and Jaeden Tyler.

Able/Success
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Pumpkin carving at Moore



Several of the pumpkins were on display for the judges to select from.

Moore Elementary recently welcomed 12 honorary judges to the campus to judge pumpkins carved and/or decorated by students. Judges included officers from Precinct 2, Dave Matthews from Commissioner El Franco Lee's office, and several PTO parents. All participating students received ribbons.

Photos submitted



Pictured are, left to right, Moore PTO parents Ellen Moore, Rosa Hernandez, Amber Ruiz, Kristie Alfred, Diana Cantu, Rosa Vela and Shelly Blair, Officers Robert Sanchez, Vance Brit and Margaret Magana, and Dave Matthews.

Moore holds pumpkin vote



Each year, Moore Elementary teachers and staff decorate pumpkins to depict their favorite books. Pumpkins are displayed for a week, and then students, family and staff have the opportunity to vote for their favorite pumpkin. The pumpkins and books are then taken to Texas Children's Hospital by school staff who plan to read the books to young patients and share the pumpkins with them.

At left: First-grader Houston Riley votes for his favorite pumpkin.

Photos submitted



Fourth-grade teachers Melissa Hickman and Tammy Munn; school secretary Silvia Luna, and head custodian Gloria Guillen display some of the books and pumpkins.



Fourth-graders Bailey Jacobs, Kelvin Gardner and Jorge Guerra assisted with the pumpkin voting each morning.

Frazier students create character pumpkins

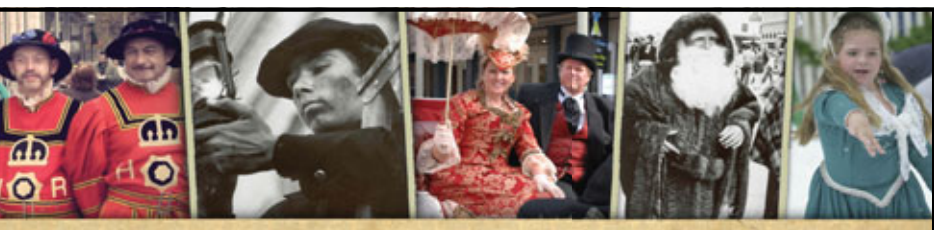
Students at Frazier Elementary participated in a community service project by decorating pumpkins as their favorite book characters. The pumpkins were then displayed and the students were able to vote for their favorite pumpkin for a penny per vote. The winning pumpkin was decorated by Gabbi Lozano based on the book, *Camilla*. Altogether, the students raised \$380.70 which was donated, along with the pumpkins and books, to the Ronald McDonald House.



Second-grader Jacob Garcia is shown with his pumpkin, Darth Vader.



Second-grader Gabbi Lozano is shown with her winning pumpkin, Camilla.



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Child auditions set for SJCC Christmas musical

San Jacinto College Central Department of Theatre and Film is searching for all the children elves within the local communities to audition for its 16th annual family

Christmas play. SJCC will hold the second part of auditions for its Christmas musical, *Santa's Christmas Magic: The Musical*, and is looking to cast 50

community children. The older actors were cast several weeks ago and have been working hard learning lines, songs and dances. Now the artistic team for the musical is hoping to cast local children who have one week of evenings open for rehearsals and who are ages 5 and up. They encourage all children who can sing, dance, act, or who just have an interest in theater to audition. No experience is necessary.

Auditions will be held on Nov. 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. in the Powell Arena Theatre, 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena, on the San Jacinto

College Central campus. Children need not attend both nights of auditions. Materials need not be prepared in advance, and all those auditioning should dress to move.

Olson urges approval of Keystone XL pipeline

Rep. Pete Olson, R-Sugar Land, recently joined with several House colleagues to urge President Obama to approve the Keystone XL pipeline project in a timely manner.

House members reiterated the 120,000 direct and indirect jobs that will be created through development of this pipeline and the benefits of reducing American reliance on Middle East oil.

College Central campus. Children need not attend both nights of auditions. Materials need not be prepared in advance, and all those auditioning should dress to move.

Performances are set for Dec. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m., and on Dec. 4 and 11 at 2:30 p.m. A special day matinee performance will be held for area schools and daycares on Dec. 2 at 10 a.m.

For more information about the auditions, call 281-542-2039 or become a "fan" of the department on Facebook and receive notifications from there at www.facebook.com/SJCC.Theatre.Film.

Canada has an abundance of energy they want to sell to us, but they cannot wait forever, and China is a ready customer. "This pipeline has been studied and determined to be safe. America cannot wait another year for this project to go forward," Olson said. "Election year politics should

never trump the needs of working families. President Obama should not punt this decision until after the elections. If he wants to punt, he should try out for the Chicago Bears. The American people need a leader."

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Junior Cowboys headed to bowl

Riding a three-game winning streak and holding the American Football Conference title, the Sagement Cowboys' junior division team is headed to the Super Bowl. The Cowboys will face the National Football Conference champion Pearl River Hurricanes in the Bay Area Football League's championship game.

The two teams are set to go head-to-head Saturday, Nov. 19, at 10:45 a.m. The host site for each of the Super Bowl games is Stingaree Stadium on the campus of Texas City High School. The Cowboys, who finished third in their division, are now 8-3-1 overall. For more information, see Page 6B.

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For the first time in the tournament's prestigious 13-year history, the Texas Invitational is set to go big time in prime time. The production dynamics of FOX College Sports will cloak Phillips Field House on Saturday night for the first live telecast of the tournament's feature game - the championship of the Boys Division I Gold bracket.

The 7:30 p.m. contest will be available through cable providers coast to coast and around the world. In another first for the tournament, the Girls Division I Gold game will be offered through live video streaming on FOXSports.com.

Global television exposure represents another major first for the tournament, which already ranks as one of the premier high-school tournaments of its kind. "We are very pleased to have our feature game on national television," said Ben Meador, chairman of

the tournament organizing committee. "This game will offer the over 70 million Fox College Sports subscribers the opportunity to see some of the outstanding talent that comes out of the state of Texas. This will also allow viewers to see how our local community has come together to provide such great support for this event and make it one of the largest and most competitive tournaments in the country."

Boys' teams from 48 schools across Texas and girls' teams from 32 Texas schools will compete over three days at 10 gyms in Pasadena, Deer Park, South Houston and Houston. The

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Dobie girls vs. Dickinson, noon
Dobie boys vs. S.B. Memorial, 1:30
Dobie girls vs. S.A. Jay, 4:30
Dobie boys vs. Klein Collins, 6:30
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Hightower runs past Brook football

Reeling off the final 20 points of the game, Fort Bend Hightower eliminated Clear Brook for the Class 5A Division I varsity football playoffs with a 47-21 victory Nov. 12, at The Rig in Pearland.

Hightower, at 9-2 and the champion of District 23-5A, advances to the area round to meet North Shore Nov. 18, at Deer Park. Clear Brook's season has ended at 4-7 overall.

Getting short touchdown runs of 1 and 7 yards from Timothy East in the first quarter, Clear Brook staked itself to a 14-7 lead after one quarter of action.

But Hightower responded with one of its two scoring bursts to move ahead 27-21 at the half.

Down 14-7, Hightower scored the next 20 points to lead 27-14 with time winding down in the first half.

From there, East added his third score of the game, another 1-yard plunge, as the two teams went to halftime with Hightower ahead 27-21.

Unfortunately, the Wolverines could not find the scoring column again as the locals fell.

East ended his day with 80 yards rushing on 14 carries, including the three touchdowns.

Brook sophomore quarterback Dominique Holmes wound up with 69 yards rushing on 14 carries in the game.

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Dobie linebacker Chris Uzomah (28) and North Shore running back Davonte Milton (41) go head gear to head gear during the Class 5A Division I bidistrict playoff game between the two teams Nov. 11, at Galena Park ISD Stadium. North Shore built leads of 14-0 and

27-3 while eventually winning the game 34-14. Milton helped out with a 69-yard touchdown dash early in the fourth quarter. Also in on the play is North Shore offensive lineman Christian Harper (66).

North Shore ends Dobie's season, 34-14

Deficits of 14-0 and 27-7 were simply too much to overcome as Dobie's varsity football team saw its season ended after a 34-14 loss to host North Shore in the Class 5A Division I playoffs.

The Mustangs built their big lead and then turned things over to their defense to finish off the win. North Shore registered three interceptions in the second half, all by defensive back Jacob Walker, to get it done.

Dobie entered the contest having averaged about 340 yards rushing through the regular season, but the Mustangs, and the scoreboard, limited the locals' ability to run.

The Longhorns' Andrew Robinson came into the game with 1,600 yards rushing and 22 scores but ended his career with just 37 yards and no touchdowns.

With the help of receivers Kyle Lohse (35-yard touchdown grab) and Vance Leonard (7-yard touchdown reception), Deandre Bolden had some success throwing the ball.

Bolden, who stepped in at midseason for injured starter Blake Jackson, finished 10 of 19 with the two touchdowns and three interceptions.

Dobie head coach Jim Phillips gave credit where the credit was due. He said North Shore did a great job of getting ahead on the scoreboard and then limiting the running game.

"North Shore is quick, fast and physical, and we knew we were going to have to throw the ball to have some success," Phillips said.

Noting that Bolden is a converted running back, Phillips said the troops went out and did the best they could.

"I'm proud of our guys," he said. "They played hard and gave it everything they had. It wasn't for a lack of effort that we got beat."

As for the elephant in the room, Phillips did lament the loss of three-year starting quarterback Blake Jackson, lost to the team after suffering a season-ending ankle injury that required surgery.

"I really feel like with Jackson in there at quarterback, we would have gone 10-0 and had some real good momentum going into the playoffs," Phillips said.

"Bolden and Tyler Wolfe did a good job for us, but we lost a three-year starter, a proven passer at this level. That's hard to overcome, especially against outstanding competition like North

Shore.

"Losing Jackson really hurt us, and I admire the guys stepping up and making a difference as we went along. In the end, having Jackson would have really helped our chances."

Along with realignment slated to take place beginning in the 2012-13 school year, the Dobie varsity team will head into a transition phase.

With the exception of the linebacking crew and perhaps the defensive secondary, Dobie will experience heavy graduation losses at nearly every position on the field.

Wolfe will be back at quarterback, and tailbacks Patrick Hurst and Kelton Bailey will return.

Not so much at the receiver spots and along the offensive line, where many of the team's starters will exit. Same at punter and kicker, where the starters will move on.

Defensively, one of the team's top performers, Jonathan Jones, will return at end. Jordan Harrison and Marlon Jackson will return at linebacker, and the secondary will return Dwight Tucker, Kalon Bailey and Jesse Cedeno, among others who got some action this season.

Dobie has had a good two-year run with a 15-7 record, and now the next generation of Longhorns will have to step up to continue the momentum.

As for the high rate of turnover, Phillips is not

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Local sports news, notes

SBHLL to debut Challenger BB

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is continuing plans to host a Challenger Baseball program for children with physical or mental handicaps for the spring 2012 season. The program will follow the competition and safety guidelines as determined by Little League Baseball. SBHLL board member Chrystal Sulak is handling the off-season plans for the program. Those wishing to get involved with the program or to learn more may contact Sulak at Chrystal_Sulak@hotmail.com.

Bay Area Knights select baseball

The Bay Area Knights will host tryouts for 10-under age group players on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Park in Seabrook. The park is located at 5001 NASA Road 1. The Knights will be playing in the 2012 Nations Baseball and United States Specialty Sports Association baseball leagues. For more information, call Danny Garza at 832-419-5407 or direct email to DRG1016@gmail.com.

San Jacinto College softball tryout

San Jacinto College head softball coach Kelly Saenz will host a tryout for players wishing to earn a spot on the college's spring 2012 or 2013 rosters. The tryout will be held on the South campus Saturday, Dec. 3. Pitchers and catchers will be seen from 1 to 2:30 p.m., with position players to follow from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participants must complete a questionnaire and insurance waiver form prior to the tryout. To obtain the forms and to reserve a tryout spot, direct email to Saenz at kelly.saenz@sjcd.edu.

SoHo softball's Reyna picks Ball State



South Houston High School varsity softball player Selena Reyna (seated center) will continue her education and playing career at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., after signing a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Susie Reyes (mother), Andrea Lopez (sister), (standing) South Houston head coach Jonathan Garcia and assistant coach Kim Cook.

Dobie baseball camp

The Dobie High School baseball coaching staff, along with current and former players will host a baseball/softball camp Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 19-20, from 9 a.m. to noon for boys and girls age 8 to 14. The cost of the camp is \$40 prior to the camp and \$45 on the day of the camp. The fee includes a camp T-shirt. For information, direct email to dobiebaseball@yahoo.com.

8U Texas Storm softball tryouts

South Belt's 8U Texas Storm Elite select softball program will host open tryouts beginning Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the South Belt Girls Softball Association facility at El Franco Lee Park. The first tryout will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and additional tryouts will be held each Tuesday and Thursday at the same time on field No. 3. For more information, call coach Mario Barajas at 832-776-7593 or direct email to txstormeli8u@yahoo.com

Sports Calendar

- BASKETBALL**
Thursday, Nov. 17
 Dobie varsity boys host Spring Branch Mem., 1:30
 Dobie varsity boys host Klein Collins, Dobie, 4:30
- Friday, Nov. 18**
 Brook varsity boys at Cy-Creek, 7:00
 Brook JV boys at Cy-Creek, 5:30
 Brook sophomore boys at Cy-Creek, 4:00
 Brook freshman A boys at Cy-Creek, 5:30
 Brook freshman B boys at Cy-Creek, 4:00
- Monday, Nov. 21**
 Brook varsity boys at College Park, 1:00
 Brook JV boys at College Park, 11:30 a.m.
 Brook sophomore boys at College Park, 10:00 a.m.
 Brook freshman A boys at College Park, 11:30 a.m.
 Brook freshman B boys at College Park, 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 22**
 Brook varsity boys hosts Clear Falls, 1:00
 Dobie varsity girls at Cinco Ranch, 7:00
 Dobie varsity boys host Friendswood, 3:00
 Brook JV boys hosts Clear Falls, 11:30 a.m.
 Dobie JV girls at Cinco Ranch, 5:30
 Dobie JV boys host Friendswood, 1:30
 Dobie sophomore boys host Friendswood, 1:30
 Brook sophomore boys hosts Clear Falls, 10:00 a.m.
 Brook freshman A boys hosts Clear Falls, 11:30 a.m.
 Dobie freshman A girls at Cinco Ranch, 4:00
 Dobie freshman A boys host Friendswood, noon
 Brook freshman B boys hosts Clear Falls, 10:00 a.m.
 Dobie freshman B girls at Cinco Ranch, 5:00
 Dobie freshman B boys host Friendswood, noon
- Wednesday, Nov. 23**
 Dobie varsity boys at Seven Lakes, 2:00
 Dobie JV boys at Seven Lakes, noon
 Dobie sophomore boys at Seven Lakes, 11 a.m.
 Dobie freshman A boys at Seven Lakes, 11 a.m.
 Dobie freshman B boys at Seven Lakes, 11 a.m.
- Friday, Nov. 25**
 Brook JV boys at Deer Park tourn., TBA
- Saturday, Nov. 26**
 Brook JV boys at Deer Park tourn., TBA
- Tuesday, Nov. 29**
 Dobie varsity girls at Kingwood, 7:00
 Dobie JV girls at Kingwood, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A girls at Kingwood, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B girls at Northbrook, TBA

South Belt football predictions

Dobie vs. North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	Dobie (X)	North Shore
Clear Brook vs. Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower
La Porte vs. Pasadena Memorial	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Westside vs. Houston Memorial	Westside (X)	Westside (X)	Westside (X)	Westside (X)	Westside (X)	Memorial
Rosenberg Terry vs. La Marque	La Marque	La Marque	Terry (X)	Terry (X)	Terry (X)	La Marque
Cypress Woods vs. Eisenhower	Eisenhower (X)	Cy-Woods	Cy-Woods	Cy-Woods	Cy-Woods	Eisenhower (X)
Beaumont Ozen vs. Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill (X)	Barbers Hill (X)	Barbers Hill (X)	Barbers Hill (X)	Barbers Hill (X)	Barbers Hill (X)
Deer Park vs. Beaumont West Brook	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	BWB (X)	BWB (X)
Fort Bend Bush vs. Clear Creek	Creek (X)	Bush	Bush	Bush	Bush	Creek (X)
Lufkin vs Westfield	Lufkin (X)	Lufkin (X)	Lufkin (X)	Lufkin (X)	Lufkin (X)	Westfield
This week's record	5-5	7-3	6-4	6-4	4-6	6-4
Season record	77-43	86-34	86-34	74-46	78-42	80-40

Bechtle, Tanksley tie

Leader sports editor John Bechtle and Eli Tanksley have finished in a tie for first place in the newspaper's annual high school football pickers contest. The end of the line came as both Dobie and Clear Brook were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs, leaving Bechtle and Tanksley with identical 86-34 records. Joe Craddock was third with a record of 80-40. Tanksley, the winner of the 2009 and 2010 contests, led for most of the season. In the final week, Bechtle's correct selection of La Marque over Rosenberg Terry in the Class 4A playoffs forged a tie in the final standings.

San Jac VB rules Region XIV picks

League champs earn honors, keep playing

Six San Jacinto College volleyball players have been named to the Region XIV All-Conference team, and SJC nabbed the newcomer, co-setter, and conference Player of the Year. San Jac (30-3) finished the regular season ranked fourth in the country and is headed to its seventh-straight, and eighth in the last 10 years, National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament. SJC closed out the regular season with a 12-match win streak.

Two of its three losses were to top-ranked Blinn College, of which one match went to five sets. San Jac is the only team to take Blinn to five sets this season.

Five San Jac players were named to the All-Conference first team, and one landed on the second team. First teamers are sophomores Jazmine Green and Sarah Gillis and freshmen Kanoe Pupuhi, Marie-Pierre Bakima and Marlaina Pleydle.

Sophomore Hayley Couch was named to the second team.

Green, an outside hitter, was also named the league's Player of the Year. She led the team in kills per set with

a 4.00 average, a mark that is sixth in the country, while hitting .327 on the year. She was also third on the team in digs per set with a 3.06 mark.

Gillis, the team's starting libero for most of the season, led the squad in digs per set and ranks seventh nationally, with a 5.62 average.

She was third on the team in service aces with 45 on the regular season.

Pupuhi was named the league's co-setter of the year. She ranks eighth in the nation with 10.31 assists per set.

Bakima earned Newcomer of the Year honors. The outside hitter was second on the team in kills per set with a 2.83 average and was third on the squad in digs per set with a 3.29 mark.

Pleydle, a middle blocker, provided a big block up front for San Jac, leading the team in blocks per set with a 1.41 average, a mark that is fourth in the nation.

Couch led the team in service aces, with 64 total and 0.66 per set, ranking her 10th in the nation.

At right, freshman setter Kanoe Pupuhi is one of six San Jac volleyball players to earn Region XIV All-Conference honors. The selections came after the team captured the regional crown en route to the national tournament.



SJC draws WS-H at VB nationals

Locals seeded fourth

In a hunt for a second national title in program history, the San Jacinto College volleyball team will face Wallace State - Hanceville in opening round action of the 2011 National Junior College Athletic Association volleyball tournament.

San Jac (30-3), seeded fourth in the national tournament, will face 13th-seed Wallace State - Hanceville on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m.

Wallace State - Hanceville won its third consecutive Alabama Community College Conference/Region 22 championship with a straight set win over Gadsden State.

"We are excited to again be competing on the national stage," said SJC head coach Sharon Nelson.

"The national tournament boils down to which team can put it together for

three days in a row.

"We have worked very hard all season to get to this point, and even though this will be the first national tournament experience for many on our team, I'm pleased with the control and focus we are exhibiting in practice."

With wins over Wharton County Junior College and Laredo College, San Jac won its seventh-straight Region XIV conference tournament, earning a seventh-straight trip to the NJCAA national tournament.

It is the 14th overall appearance - eighth in the last 10 years - in the national tournament for San Jacinto College.

SJC is led by sophomore Jazmine Green, who is sixth in the nation in kills per set with a 4.00 average.

Green was named the Region XIV Player of the

Year. Freshman setter Kanoe Pupuhi, the Region XIV co-Setter of the Year, is eighth in the nation in assists per game with a 10.31 per set mark.

The 2011 NJCAA volleyball national championship is slated for Nov. 17-19 at the West Plains Civic Center in West Plains, Mo.

All national tournament games can be seen and heard live online on NJCAA TV at www.ihigh.com/njcaatv, powered by PSB Live.

Tournament information, including results, is available at www.njcaa.vb1.com.

Last season, San Jac finished as the national runner-up, the highest finish under Nelson's 10-year tutelage.

For more information about San Jacinto College volleyball or the other athletic programs, visit www.sanjacsports.com.

Horns' freshman Orange football wins 22-5A crown

The future of the Dobie High School football program looks very bright.

The school's freshman Orange team completed an undefeated march through District 22-5A action, hammering Deer Park 45-14 to complete the trophy hunt.

Deer Park entered the

final game having suffered just one defeat, but Dobie convincingly changed all of that.

Joe Gonzalez ran for three touchdowns, and Ty Lozano found the end zone twice more as the Orange squad cruised to an easy victory, finishing the sea-

son at 8-2 overall along the way.

Keion Patterson rushed for a sixth Dobie touchdown, and the Longhorns' defense took care of the rest.

Roland Deyon, the freshman Orange coach, told the Leader numerous players

starred during the course of the season.

Offensively, Dobie was led by Rashaad Randall, Chris Washington, Taylor Alfred, Chris Defresne, Jarvis Russell, Xavier Rodriguez, Anthony Cantu, Eddie Rivera, Ryan Williams, Fabian Osorio, Cedric Hor-



Dobie's freshman Orange football team won the District 22-5A championship following an easy win over Deer Park to move to 5-0 as part of an 8-2 overall record. Joe Gonzalez and Ty Lozano rushed for a combined five touchdowns in the win over Deer Park. Some members of the Longhorns' team celebrated with freshman Orange head coach Roland Deyon (center) after the

win. Those players included, left to right, Alexis Saldivar, Jimmy Nevarez, Xavier Rodriguez, Jarvis Lester, Ty Lozano, Maurice Hightower, Austin Ingalls, Deyon, Tylor Alfred, Eddie Rivera, Anthony Cantu, Nathaniel Flores, Fabian Osorio, Chris Defresne and Ryan Williams.



Brook grad scores Oklahoma's Boulavsky honored academically

For the third straight year, University of Oklahoma right side hitter Suzy Boulavsky, a Clear Brook High School graduate, has been named to the College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District team.

Boulavsky is the first three-time academic all-district honoree in the Oklahoma program's history.

Boulavsky boasts a 3.97 grade point average in public relations. She joined University of Texas-El Paso senior Stephanie Figueroa, University of Texas-San Antonio seniors Kelsey Jewasko and Kelsey Schwirtlich, New Mexico senior Kelly Williamson and Stephen F. Austin ju-

nior Madison Hanlan on the first team.

Boulavsky, a senior, currently leads OU with 3.30 kills per set, a mark that ranks ninth in the Big 12.

Her team-best 3.73 points per set are 10th best in the league. Boulavsky earned Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week honors on Oct. 3.

Boulavsky was named to the Academic All-America third team last year and is a two-time academic All-Big 12 selection.

She has earned All-Central Region honorable mention honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association the past two years and was a first team All-Big 12 selection as a junior a season ago.

Dobie teams among the elite at McDonald's Texas Invitational hoops

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 tournament will stage 184 games, including 14 championship contests in various divisions on Saturday.

Boys' and girls' teams from all five Pasadena ISD high schools are entered. For the first time, the Deer Park ISD will partner in the tournament. Both of the Deer's boys' and girls' teams will compete and three Deer Park gyms — Deer Park North, along with the Watkins and Auxiliary gyms at Deer Park South — bolster the list of venues.

The tournament is sponsored by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Pasadena ISD and Deer Park ISD education foundations. All profits from the tournament will be donated this year to those two education foundations.

Last year's tournament set a total attendance record of 35,000 and resulted in record revenues of \$145,000, all of which went toward the funding of teacher mini-grants by the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation.

The Marauders are led by senior guards Phil Forte and Marcus Smart and senior post Nick Banyard. Forte and Smart combined to average 31 points a game last season. Both players signed last week to play for Oklahoma State. Banyard signed with New Mexico.

The list of participating schools with recent state titles includes Fort Bend Bush, North Crowley, Duncanville and DeSoto, last year's Texas Invitational champion.

The girls' bracket features Cypress-Falls, last year's Division 1 Gold champion, and recent state champions Cypress-Fairbanks and Mansfield Summit.

The highlight for Pasadena ISD schools last year was South Houston's dash to the championship game in the Boys' Division 2 Silver bracket. The Trojans won three of their first four games to reach the title game, where they lost to Manvel. Still, the Trojans used their tournament momentum to claim a rare district championship during the regular season.

Pasadena ISD boys' teams will play their two pool games in their home gyms on Thursday. Typically, 2-0 teams after pool play go into the Gold bracket, 1-1 teams in the Silver and 0-2 teams into the Bronze. The 24 teams in each division are divided into eight groups of three each for pool play.

Lady Horns make Baytown final, open regular season on 6-1 roll

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 very good. "Claw, fight and scrape. That would probably be the theme of the first week of the season," Brown said.

"To have each of our victories decided by six points or less speaks to the ability of our players to make the plays they've needed to make during the stretch and their mental toughness in dealing with end-of-the-game pressure."

After downing Friendswood 50-46 on opening night Nov. 7, Dobbie opened the Baytown event with a 33-29 victory over Crosby Nov. 10.

Later in the day, Dobbie topped San Antonio Edison 47-41 as Gaston (22 points) and Guerrero (15 points) combined for the bulk of the scoring.

The same duo collected 24 points in a 45-40 win over Cy-Lakes as the locals reached the championship bracket semifinals.

There, Dobbie grabbed the overtime victory. In the final, Barbers Hill was simply the better team that day.

"We simply ran into a great team in Barbers Hill," Brown said. "They have it all: size, speed, court awareness, excellent coaching, you name it."

"Again, Jaz and Gaston provided the bulk of the offense, but everything they got, they earned. They did a great job of contesting our shots and making us work for everything we got."

At the McDonald's Texas Invitational, Dobbie is in the Division II bracket along with some very good teams. Brown and his staff should get a very good feel for just where this team is headed at the conclusion of that event.

"Putting points on the board is a concern early on this year," Brown said.

"While Gaston (18 points per game) and Jaz (12 points per game) have done what we expected offensively, right now they're shouldering way too much of the load."

"We need others to step up and be a threat when we have the ball. Teams are finding out real quick who they need to stop, and that is just going to make things tougher if we don't have some alternatives."

Aside from that, Brown has to be pleased, especially with the team's defense. Before being handed a decisive loss by Barbers Hill, the Lady Longhorns were doing a great job of limiting other teams' scoring opportunities.

"What we're most impressed with as coaches is our defense," Brown said.

"We've done a pretty good job of limiting the shots of our opponents and not giving them good looks."

"What we really need to focus on however, is finishing. We're not controlling the boards well at all, and that will come back to haunt us soon if we don't improve that facet of the game."

JFD surge pins Madison
 Winning the second and third quarters by a combined 30-16 score, the Lady Longhorns moved to 6-1 overall with a 46-29 victory over Madison Nov. 15, at Dobbie.

Dobbie got off to a slow start, leading just 3-1 with roughly three minutes remaining in the quarter. From there, though, the locals outscored Madison 34-19 to put the game away.

Gaston, Dobbie's leading scorer, got into foul trouble early and watched much of the first half from the bench.

Guerrero led Dobbie with 14 points and Gaston added 11, but the Lady Longhorns had five other players score points.

"This was by far our most balanced offensive attack of the season," Brown said.

"It makes winning easier when you have other players besides Jaz and Gaston step up. Our defense, once again, made all the difference."

"Despite the fact we were struggling offensively, I felt like we kept Madison from getting into a rhythm. When our offense finally did kick in, we were able to put some distance between ourselves and them."

Brook boys suffer 4Q collapse

It didn't take long for the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team to learn a valuable lesson — play all four quarters.

Host Deer Park used a 29-16 run in the fourth quarter to surge ahead of the Wolverines Nov. 15, stealing a 72-69 victory in the season opener for both teams.

The Wolverines used their standard formula for building a comfortable lead entering the fourth quarter.

Seniors Fred Richardson had 21 points, and Chris Campbell had 19 on the night. Entering the fourth quarter, the Wolverines led 53-43 with eight minutes to play.

Deer Park's Robert Martinez led all scorers with 22 points in the game as the Deer made an opening statement to foes in the District 22-5A ranks.

Clear Brook, in the midst of a three-game road trip to start the season, will play at Cy-Creek Nov. 18 and at College Park Nov. 21.

Head coach Jason Pillow will lead his team into its home opener Nov. 22 against Clear Falls during the Thanksgiving holiday week.

At Phillips
9 a.m.
B- FB Marshall vs. Judson
10:30 a.m.
B- Kingwood vs. Dawson
Noon
G- S. Houston vs. Rayburn
1:30 p.m.
B- Judson vs. N. Crowley
3 p.m.
B- SA Warren vs. Kingwood
4:30 p.m.
G- Deer Park vs. Pas. Mem.
6 p.m.
B-North Crowley vs. FB Marshall
7:30
B- Dawson vs. S.A. Warren
At Pasadena
9 a.m.
B-Pasadena vs. Cinco Ranch
10:30 a.m.
B-Bellaire vs. Mansfield S.
Noon
G- Dawson vs. Pasadena
1:30 p.m.
B-Chavez vs. Pasadena
3 p.m.
B- SA Clark vs. Bellaire
4:30 p.m.
G-EP Eastwood vs. Pasadena
6 p.m.
B-Chavez vs. Cinco Ranch
7:30
B-Mansfield S. vs S.A. Clark

At Pas. Mem.
9 a.m.
B- Pas. Memorial vs. Crosby
10:30 a.m.
B- La Marque vs. S.A. Madison
Noon
G- Pas. Memorial vs. La Porte
1:30 p.m.
B- Pas. Memorial vs. La Porte
3 p.m.
B- SA Madison vs. FM Marcus
4:30 p.m.
G- Dickinson vs. Cy-Creek
6 p.m.
B- Crosby vs. La Porte
7:30
B- La Marque vs. FM Marcus
At Bev. Hills
9 a.m.
B-Atascocita vs. Galena Park
10:30 a.m.
B-Kempner vs. Dickinson
Noon
G- Cy-Ridge vs. EP Eastwood
1:30 p.m.
B-Galena Park vs. Hillcrest
3 p.m.
B- Dickinson vs. JJ Pearce
4:30 p.m.
G-Cy-Ridge vs. Dawson
6 p.m.
B-Hillcrest vs. Atascocita
7:30
B- JJ Pearce vs. Kempner

At Dobbie
9 a.m.
B-SB Memorial vs. Klein Collins
10:30 a.m.
B-Lang. Creek vs. Elsik
Noon
G-Dobbie vs. Dickinson
1:30 p.m.
B- Dobbie vs. SB Memorial
3 p.m.
B- Duncanville vs. Lang. Creek
4:30 p.m.
G-Dobbie vs. S.A. Jay
6 p.m.
B-Dobbie vs. Klein Collins
7:30
B- Elsik vs. Duncanville
At DP-Watkins
9 a.m.
B-Sharyland vs. Channelview
10:30 a.m.
B-Manvel vs. Westlake
Noon
G- Brazoswood vs. Deer Park
1:30 p.m.
B-Deer Park vs. Channelview
3 p.m.
B- Dickinson vs. JJ Pearce
4:30 p.m.
G-Cy-Ridge vs. Dawson
6 p.m.
B-Hillcrest vs. Atascocita
7:30
B- JJ Pearce vs. Kempner

At S. Houston
9 a.m.
B-Westfield vs. S. Houston
10:30 a.m.
B-FB Bush vs. College Park
Noon
G-Yates vs. S.A. Madison
1:30 p.m.
B- S. Houston vs. Flower Mound
3 p.m.
B- S.A. Taft vs. College Park
4:30 p.m.
G-S. Houston vs. S.A. Madison
6 p.m.
B-Westside vs. Flower Mound
7:30
B- FB Bush vs. S.A. Taft
At DP-South
9 a.m.
G-North Shore vs. Pearland
10:30 a.m.
G- Santa Fe vs. Clear Springs
Noon
G- C.C. Ray vs. Duncanville
1:30 p.m.
G- DeSoto vs. College Park
3 p.m.
G- Pearland vs. Mansfield S.
4:30 p.m.
G- Cy-Fair vs. N. Crowley
6 p.m.
G- C.C. Ray vs. Bellaire
7:30
G- College Park vs. Cy-Falls

At Rayburn
9 a.m.
B-Rayburn vs. Pearland
10:30 a.m.
B-Humble vs. Dekaney
Noon
G-S.A. Jay vs. Cy-Creek
1:30 p.m.
B- Rayburn vs. Mayde Creek
3 p.m.
B- Dekaney vs. Berkner
4:30 p.m.
G-Rayburn vs. Yates
6 p.m.
B-Pearland vs. Mayde Creek
7:30
B- Berkner vs. Humble
At DP-North
9 a.m.
G-Mansfield S. vs. Woodlands
10:30 a.m.
G- Madison vs. N. Crowley
Noon
G- Bellaire vs. Klein Collins
1:30 p.m.
G-Cy-Falls vs. Clear Creek
3 p.m.
G- Woodlands vs. North Shore
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G- Madison vs. Clear Springs
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G-Duncanville vs. Klein Collins
7:30
G- Clear Creek vs. DeSoto

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Dittrich shines as VB freshman

At right, Alicia Dittrich will lead the University of Central Arkansas women's volleyball team into the Southland Conference as the East division champions. Dittrich had 14 kills and two blocks as UCA came through with a five-set victory over Southeastern Louisiana to win the program's fourth straight East crown. A four-year starter at Clear Brook, Dittrich transitioned into the starting lineup at UCA this season, becoming one of the league's kill percentage leaders. For the season thus far, Dittrich has 160 kills in 30 matches. UCA will play Lamar in the Southland Conference tournament Nov. 18.



CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17
 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.
Houston Area Parkinson Society — Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
Al-Anon — Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.
Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter — A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.
St. Luke's Catholic Church — St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.
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, NOVEMBER 18
 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.
Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous — The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
 11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting - Women Only — Meets each Saturday morning from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
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.
Bay Area Bluegrass Association — Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, May and December are exceptions. The stage show begins at 7 p.m., but pickers are welcome to bring their instruments and come earlier. Admission is free. The show is held at the Johnny Arolfo Civic Center, 300 Walker in League City. For more information, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
 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.
Alcoholics Anonymous — Alcohol problems? AA meetings are

held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting — "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
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.
Seniors and Law Enforcement Together — SALT holds monthly meetings at 10:30 a.m. at Madison Jobe Senior Citizens Center, 1700 East Thomas St. in Pasadena, on the third Monday of each month except December. The meetings teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs are normally in attendance. There is no charge to attend, and refreshments are served. Meetings start on time and last one hour or less. For more information, call the center at 713-477-0175.
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.
New Directions Singles Club — New Directions Singles support meetings are held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For further information, call Jerry at 832-279-8106 or Linda at 409-392-6886.
Civil Air Patrol Meeting — Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Park Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.
 7 p.m.
Grief Support Group — "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society — Meets the third week of each month at the Clear Lake Park Building, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Guests are welcome. Presenters for the educational program explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting, and field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All persons with an interest in these topics are welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For more information, visit www.clgms.org.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
 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.
American Begonia Society — Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxum Bank in League City. For more information, call 281-946-4237 or 281-471-5048.
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.
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.
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Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

6:30 p.m.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El
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7 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road,
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Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each
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8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays
and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen
Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
7 a.m.

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

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

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

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

7 p.m.
DivorceCare Group - CT Church - DivorceCare Group meetings are held at CT
Church, 9701 Alameda Genoa Road, every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
in Room #1201. The support group is for separated and divorced individuals. Child
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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24
7 a.m.

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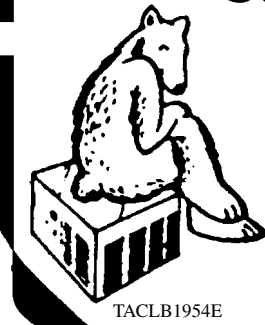
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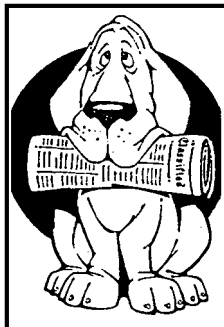
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The Sagemont Cowboys junior division team will play in the Bay Area Football League's Super Bowl round of games Saturday, Nov. 19, at Stingaree Stadium in Texas City. The Cowboys reached the championship game against the Pearland Hurricanes by winning the American Football Conference title. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jacob Sulak, Elijah Dorsey, Cole Burgess, Dustin Dominguez, Hayden Broussard, Seth Gutierrez, Elijah Maz-

zochette Seidel, Kenandre Green, (second row) Kendrick Christian, Seth Barber, Reece Dawson, Jacob Hinojosa, Ian Lowrey, Zaid Harris, Nicholas Gonzalez, Dominic Tamez, Max Garcia, (third row) Gavin Garcia, Ramon Ortega, Dimitri Giannakopoulos, Tony Agirre, Auturo Ludek-Garcia, Jacob McMurrough, Ajare Sanni, Braelon Hill, (back row) assistant coaches Steve Gutierrez, Tony Smith and Dominic Tamez and head coach Denny Wranich Jr.

Junior Cowboys to play Hurricanes in Super Bowl tilt

Champions of the American Football Conference, the Sagemont Cowboys' junior division team will play for the Super Bowl championship. The Cowboys, 8-3-1 thus far this season, take on the 12-0 Pearland Hurricanes for the championship Saturday, Nov. 19, at 10:45 a.m. The host site for each of the title games is Stingaree Stadium in Texas City.

Head coach Denny Wranich Jr. said the formula for how the team has arrived at this point is quite simple. "We're just peaking at the right time," Wranich said. "Our defense has been solid all year, but here late in the season our offense has really picked up the pace and given us a big lift." Sagemont scored 41 points in the regular season finale to hand the Southbelt Dolphins a big defeat. Entering the playoffs as the No. 3 seed, the Cowboys beat the Ellington Rams 20-6 in the first round of the

playoffs and then downed the regular season champion Pearland Patriots 21-6 to reach the Super Bowl. Now, the Cowboys will face their biggest challenge of the season in trying to knock off the Hurricanes from Pearland. "These kids go to school with some of those players, and they talk," Wranich said. "Our kids know what the Hurricanes' record is, but this is the championship game and anything can hap-

pen." The keys to victory for the Cowboys are the same in the Bay Area Football League as they are at the high school, collegiate or professional levels. "We can't turn the ball over, and on defense and special teams we have to create some turnovers," Wranich said. "That's been another big plus for us in these last several games. We have protected the football on offense, and we have come up with some turnovers. This is the biggest game of their lives to this point. It's time to seize the moment and get a win."

At right, Dobie linebacker Marlon Jackson (7) brings down North Shore receiver Kevia Deleon (2) during first-half action of the Mustangs' 34-14 victory over the Longhorns in the Class 5A Division I bidistrict playoffs Nov. 11, at Galena Park ISD Stadium. Deleon played in the Southbelt Dolphins organization within the Bay Area Football League. Both Deleon and Jackson are sophomore players who are likely to play bigger roles in their respective high school careers moving forward.

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Bidistrict football: The Shore drops Dobie

Continued from Page 1B overly concerned. Yes, talented players will be lost to graduation, but that's the name of the game at the high school level. "That happens every year in this game and at this level," Phillips said. "We'll have some other players step up. We were 8-2 at the junior varsity level, and 8-2 at the freshman Orange level. We have some talented

football players coming up through the system." As for back-to-back losses in the first round of the playoffs, Phillips is not excited about that. With realignment slated to alter the Longhorns non-district schedule, Phillips vows to play a tough slate of opponents. "We have to figure out a way to get past that first round," Phillips said. "We

will play a tough schedule in nondistrict play. You always want your kids to understand what the competition is and what type of effort it is going to take to get the job done. "We have a good thing going here. Injuries hurt us badly this year, but we have a great group of kids who understand what we want to do. We're going to get to the next level."

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