

Heavy trash scheduled

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, Dec. 17, for city of Houston residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 24. For more information, call 3-1-1.

Leader holiday closings set

The *Leader* will be on a holiday schedule the last week of 2009. Advertising and copy deadline for the Dec. 24 issue of the *Leader* is Friday, Dec. 18, at noon.

Items to be considered for publication may be sent to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Emergencies may be directed to Marie Flickinger at 281-948-2714.

CBCMUD sets holidays

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Dec. 24-25. They will reopen Monday, Dec. 28, at 8 a.m. To avoid late fees, payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through side of the building.

The offices will also be closed Friday, Jan. 1, and will reopen Monday, Jan. 4.

Library sets holiday hours

The library will close early at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23, and will be closed Dec. 24-26 for Christmas. It will reopen Monday, Dec. 28, for regular business hours.

Cowboys to deliver Santa

The Sagemont Cowboys' youth football organization will deliver Santa Claus during a special holiday appearance Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the community building inside El Franco Lee Park.

Santa will be in attendance from 7 to 9 p.m. Parents of children who attend are asked to bring a camera for a photo opportunity, as there will be no photographer present. The event is free and open to the public.

Cokesbury holiday events

Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale, will present a *Christmas Without Them* service Sunday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in remembrance of those who have lost loved ones and will be celebrating the holidays without them. All are welcome to attend.

The Youth of Cokesbury United Methodist Church will present a live Nativity from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 20 and Dec. 21, at 30-minute intervals each night. The public is invited.

Three Christmas Eve services will be held Thursday, Dec. 24: Children's Christmas Eve, aimed at younger children, will be at 5 p.m.; at 7 p.m., a traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held; and a traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service will be at 11 p.m.

Library events scheduled

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale:

A children's Christmas craft is Thursday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m. Free tickets are required.

Investigate ancestries and family histories when the genealogy discussion group meets Monday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m.

A Wii gaming program for teens (ages 12 and up) will be held Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m.

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

Dobie choir concert set

The Dobie High School choirs will perform a Christmas concert Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium.

Choral Cantata at church

And the World Rejoiced!, a multicultural inspired Christmas Carol Cantata composed and arranged for chorus and chamber orchestra by St. Stephen's music director, Tyler Ruberg, will be given a world premiere at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta, on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Lions Club meets Dec. 22

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

Softball registration set

The South Belt Girls Softball Association's spring registration will be held as follows:

Saturday, Jan. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tryouts will be Jan. 30, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 281-485-7630.

School closings set

Both the Pasadena Independent School District and the Clear Creek Independent School District will be closed Monday, Dec. 21, through Friday, Jan. 1, for Christmas holidays. Both school districts will have early dismissal Friday, Dec. 18, and students will resume their regular schedules on Monday, Jan. 4.

Dec. 12 Houston runoff election results tallied

By James Bolen

Annis Parker defeated Gene Locke in the runoff election to be Houston's next mayor, making national media headlines for becoming the first openly gay mayor of a major city in the United States.

Parker, the city's current controller and a former city council member, received 52.8 percent of the vote to Locke's 47.2 percent. In all, Parker received 81,971 votes to Locke's 73,331 votes.

Ronald Green replaces Parker as city controller. Green defeated M.J. Khan, receiving 51.5 per-

cent of the vote to Khan's 48.5 percent. Green received 74,262 votes to Khan's 69,991 votes.

In the race for the At-Large Position 1 City Council seat, civil engineer Stephen Costello defeated realtor Karen Derr. Costello received 52.1 percent of the vote to Derr's 47.9 percent. A total of 67,842 votes were cast in Costello's favor to Derr's 62,249 votes.

Incumbent Sue Lovell will maintain her At-Large Position 2 seat, defeating pastor and businessman Andrew C. Burks Jr. Lovell received 54.1 percent of the vote to Burks' 45.9 percent.

In all, Lovell received 58,317 votes to Burks' 58,317 votes.

Incumbent Jolanda "Jo" Jones will also maintain her At-Large Position 5 seat, narrowly defeating business owner Jack Christie. Jones received 50.6 percent of the vote to Christie's 49.4 percent. Jones received a total of 69,763 votes to Christie's 68,080 votes.

Voter turnout was particularly low, with only 16.4 percent of registered voters participating.

By comparison, roughly 20 percent of registered

voters took part in last month's general election.

Previous open-seat elections have consistently drawn more voters. Roughly 30 percent of the city's eligible voters participated in the 1997 and 2003 contests. This is explained in part by the jump in the number of registered voters, driven by massive efforts to get people signed up for last year's presidential election.

In Harris County, nearly 1.9 million people are now registered to vote, compared to 1.2 million in 1997, and less than 1 million in 2003.

Scam artists prey on motorists

The *Leader* has received multiple reports of motorists shopping at area stores being scammed for unnecessary car repairs.

According to Houston police, victims will visit a store to go shopping, and while inside, the scam artists will cut their vehicle's transmission fluid line.

When the victims return to their vehicles and attempt to drive away, they experience transmission problems. Police say, at this point, the scam artists approach the victims pretending to be good Samaritans. The crooks reportedly travel in groups of two or three, generally with one woman. One of the men will claim to be an automotive mechanic and offer to look at the problem vehicle.

After opening up the hood and pointing out the transmission fluid leak to the unsuspecting

victim, the male posing to be the mechanic will ask for money to run to the auto parts store to get the necessary materials to fix the vehicle. In at least one instance, the con man left a woman said to be his wife with the victim as collateral.

Upon returning to the scene, the scam artists will demand additional money, saying the parts cost more than expected. Reported demands range from \$165 to \$200.

Police advise citizens to always be aware of their surroundings and to report any suspicious activity to police immediately.

Auto window shooting

A staff member of Melillo Middle School reported having the back passenger window of her vehicle shot out Monday, Dec. 14, presumably by a pellet gun.

See related letters on Page 2A.

Leader Christmas program helps area families in need

By James Bolen

The South Belt community has once again come together to help those in need, as the annual *South Belt-Ellington Leader* Christmas program comes to a close.

Now in its 27th year, the program is aimed at helping families in the area by collecting food and gifts.

Presumably due to the weakened economy, a record number of 60 families applied for assistance this year. In response, the *Leader* will accept donations through the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 22. There is a particular need for donations of food items.

Participating in the drive again this year is Stacey Waugh, daughter of former Sagemont Civic Club Vice President Sandy Robb. The volunteer has selflessly donated hours of her free time to support this year's program.

"I think it's great," Waugh said of the program. "It helps the less fortunate."

This sentiment is shared by her mother. "We've always been fortunate to have a nice Christmas," Robb said. "And it makes you feel good to help someone else have a nice Christmas who otherwise wouldn't."

Waugh, who was born with a rare birth defect known as cervical meningocele, has overcome many challenges of her own. At the time of Waugh's birth, doctors told her mother she would likely never be able to walk.

"We never took no for an answer," Robb said. Waugh, now 37, went on to attend Stuchbery,

Thompson and Dobie, as well as take courses at San Jacinto College and College of the Mainland.

She has held her current job for more than nine years. A day care employee by trade, Waugh enjoys helping children.

"She loves kids," Robb said. "That's her thing."

While she loves kids, Waugh has focused her efforts this year on collecting gifts for older children and teens, as others generally focus on the younger ones.

Additionally, Waugh is creating handmade jewelry to distribute as Christmas gifts.

Once again this year, Waugh designed and distributed fliers to local businesses to promote the drive.

"This is our favorite time of the year," Robb said. "We love Christmas."

The Christmas drive is unique to the mother-daughter team in the fact that donated goods go directly to help local residents.

"We want to help families in this area," Robb said. "This is our neighborhood."

For Waugh, it's all about spreading cheer. "I hope everybody has a wonderful Christmas," she said.

Also participating in this year's drive are the Dobie cheerleaders, Moore and Frazier elementary which donated toys, Melillo Middle School and residents from the Sagemont Park Townhomes who donated food and Beverly Hills Intermediate which donated money.

Moore donates toys to less fortunate



Students at Moore Elementary School gather around a Christmas tree they set up in the cafeteria with toys that have been donated by the students, staff and faculty. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Leopolo Solis, Christina Hoang, Vincent Powell, Jaden Redon, (middle row) Dorell Bouligny, Alvis Moses, Linley Hawkins, Isaac Ochoa, (back row) Mykayla Carter, Jose Salazar and Gabriel Gonzalez. The donated toys will benefit the *South Belt-Ellington Leader's* Christmas program, which is collecting toys, food and money for needy families. (See related story this page.) Photo by Matt Griesmyer

Constable helps local programs



The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, along with students from Burnett Elementary, recently collected canned items to help provide holiday food for those in need. The office still needs donations of hams, turkeys and canned goods. Items can be dropped off at the constable's office at the Harris County Courthouse Annex by the library at Scarsdale and Beamer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Santa Claus is shown above visiting with Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman. Submitted photo

Crooks target wheels in Sageglen

By James Bolen

There have been several recent incidents in the Sageglen subdivision where residents have had their wheels stolen from late-model Chevrolet pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles.

The reported vehicles have been primarily Silverados and Tahoes, according to Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office Sgt. Zerick Guinn. In all instances, the trucks were found sitting on bricks with the wheels missing.

Guinn said that while the wheels come stock from the factory, they are expensive to replace and are a common item to steal countywide.

According to one victim, the thieves are particularly brazen, as they strike vehicles adjacent to major thoroughfares and in bright light.

"They are very brave," the unnamed resident said.

In an effort to catch the crooks, as well as to

protect area residents' property, the constable's office is compiling a list of people in the community who own late-model Silverados and Tahoes.

Guinn said deputies will map out a chart of residences with the vehicles to aid them in their patrols. To be placed on the list, contact Guinn by e-mail at zerick.guinn@cn2.hctx.net.

As a further precaution, Guinn recommends residents with these vehicles park in their garage if available and to use wheel locks.

Sage Meadow break-ins

In a related story, one resident in the 10900 block of Sage Meadow had all three of his vehicles broken into Sunday, Dec. 13.

In all three instances, electronics were taken from the vehicles. This marks the second time in only two months the resident has had a vehicle broken into at the residence.

Pedestrian killed in accident

South Belt resident Ethylene Milhouse died in an auto-pedestrian accident Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the intersection of Beamer and Hall Road.

Milhouse, 66, was crossing Beamer on foot at about 9:30 p.m. when she was struck by a silver Nissan pickup that was traveling through the intersection.

The driver, a 21-year-old male whose name has not been released, had a green light and was

not speeding, investigators said. Neither alcohol nor drugs are believed to have been involved. The driver was not ticketed.

Milhouse, who lived in the Clear Creek Landing apartments, had just gone to the store at the corner of Beamer and Hall to buy a bottle of Pepsi minutes before the accident.

Dec. 11 would have been Milhouse's 67th birthday.

Constable deputies battle drugs

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have kept busy battling illegal drugs, making five separate arrests in just one day.

Deputy Jason Curry was patrolling the 11400 block of Camphorwood at 12:20 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, when he pulled a vehicle over on a traffic stop.

As the deputy approached the vehicle, he noticed a strong smell of marijuana. A search of the vehicle yielded not only 2.5 ounces of marijuana but also 1.2 grams of cocaine.

The car's driver, Sean Vick, 18, as well as passengers Amanda Krivik, 20, and Steven Allbrighton, 20, were all arrested and charged with

possession of marijuana and possession of cocaine.

Later that morning, Deputy Lance Willis responded to a disturbance call in the 10700 block of Sageglen where a female complained that her male companion had attempted to run her over.

While Willis was questioning the female complainant, Arnetta Simon, the male suspect, Anthony Jones, returned to the scene and told the deputy the woman had marijuana inside her home. Simon then retrieved three bags of marijuana, totaling 6 pounds, from the house and told the deputy it belonged to Jones.

Simon, 32, and Jones, 31, were both arrested and charged with possession of marijuana.

Hit-and-run driver sought

The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office is seeking the public's assistance in identifying a driver who was involved in a hit-and-run accident Sunday, Dec. 13.

A 15-year-old boy was struck at roughly 6:15 p.m. in the 11600 block of Sagepark after he slipped in mud while playing in his yard and fell into the street. Several witnesses saw the driver leave the scene without stopping to render aid.

The victim said the driver slowed down just

long enough to shake his head in disapproval.

As a precaution, the boy was taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

He was released in good condition despite having received multiple abrasions and bruises.

The driver is described as a bald, white man in his 40s.

He was driving a silver car, possibly a Honda.

Anyone with any information about this case is urged to call 713-477-2766.

Readers' Opinions

Weber gives thanks to Bella Vita Belles

It is with greatest pleasure that we thank the Bella Vita Belles for selecting Weber Elementary's service project proposal as the recipient of their Mistletoe Market Treasure Box proceeds. The donation of almost \$700 provided eighteen students with new shoes for the holiday season. The field trip to Famous Footwear is an event that school staff and students are not likely to forget.

We are indeed fortunate to have such supportive community members, and very appreciative that you have chosen to support our program at Weber Elementary. Thank you again for your generosity.

Teresa Snider

Principal, Weber Elementary

Warning issued regarding shooting

Publisher's note: The following was sent to Melillo Middle School and was approved to be sent to the Leader to warn area residents.

Good morning, Mrs. Wheeler, I hope you are well this morning. I just wanted to make you aware of a situation that happened to me yesterday at the above mentioned subject since it can affect our fellow teachers.

After I left school yesterday, I was on my way to pick up my daughter at daycare. I went down Blackhawk going south and was about to make a left turn on Hughes. After I made a complete stop, I heard a loud "BANG", turned around, and saw that my back passenger window had been blown out. Instead of staying at the scene, I turned around, went to a side street, observed the damage, and went straight home. The houses there at Blackhawk and Hughes are behind high fences and are two story houses. I feel it was someone having fun with a pellet gun and I was at the wrong place at the wrong time I DID call the police and they came to my house to observe the damage and gave me a case number. They also went back to the scene to investigate.

I just want to let you know so the faculty can be warned so this will not happen to them since so many of us go that way. Fortunately, I had not yet picked up my 3 year old who sits where the pellet gun was shot and the glass was shattered. I did not want to send out a mass email without you knowing this information. Thank you for your time. Kindly,
Judith Tamez

Ihnen: Be aware of surroundings

Just wanted to give you the heads up. Here's part of what happened to my friend, Gina, recently:

I went to Walmart in Pearland off Dixie Farm and 518 for some groceries. My van is running perfectly fine. I leave Walmart, get into my van and the transmission is acting funny... jerking and the like. I backed out and then couldn't go forward when it was put into drive so I turned my hazards on.

A cream van pulls up beside me and ask me if I'm having a problem. I tell them it won't move forward. The driver, a man, says there is fluid pouring out of my vehicle. He gets out and says he's a mechanic and to pop the hood to let him take a look at it. I do and he says come look you blew your transmission line. I'm thinking really?? It ran fine before!

He offers to move me to a safe place in the parking lot. I call Jason and can't reach him. The man moves my van and he looks again and says he can fix it for 40 bucks in parts. I give him \$40 dollars

and his wife climbs in my passenger seat and he says, my wife will stay with you since you don't know me and so you don't think it will rip me off. I'll be back with the parts in a minute. His wife is beside me in my van and I start to get concerned. At this point I'm already thinking...Gina, What are you doing? You are so stupid!!

The woman begins to tell me how crazy she went her grandson died and I'm thinking oh great I'm alone with a crazy woman I don't know!! I told the lady I would pray for her and told her thank you and praising God for them being good samaritans. I told the woman we'd be happy to compensate her husband for his time.

Jason finally calls me and I tell him the situation. The lady says your husband doesn't need to come mine will be back and have you fixed up in no time. She said it three more times, I insisted that he should come, but then I got scared.

The man returned presumably with the part and transmission fluid but never gave me a receipt or showed me the part. Jason arrived just as he was finishing. The man said it was more than 40 dollars for the part and that I owed him \$125 for his labor. I tell him I don't have that kind of cash on me and that we would be happy to bring it by his house later. He said in an agitated way, come on I'm on fumes here, give me something!!!! I asked how much more was it for the parts and that I'd go get cash to cover it. He wouldn't give us an amount and Jason gave him a \$20 and asked if that would cover it and he angrily said "Is that all you have!" We asked for his phone number and address. I gave him mine... again STUPID...and we parted.

All the doubts were confirmed when Jason called the cell number he gave us and it was a bad number. Jason went by the house with the address and no one by that description lives there.

I called Pearland Police Department and they said to come and make a statement. So Jason thinks the guy loosened or unscrewed the line, "came to my rescue" and then screwed it back in and filled it with transmission fluid. Who knows for sure!

Praise God I am okay, Jason got the message and came out as quickly as he did and all the guy got out of us was \$60 bucks. I'm also going to file a report with Harris County because the guy gave an address in the area and quite frankly I'm afraid he may try to come here to collect while I'm home alone since they know Jason's car.

All that said...ladies, if you get into your car and it doesn't work, transmission etc., don't accept help from a "good samaritan" call your spouse or someone you trust to help you, lock yourself in your car or go back into to store around people. Don't make the naive mistakes that I did!

So we are meeting with the PPD police officer at Walmart and I look across the parking lot and see the man in his van! Jason took off chasing after him and the police officer took off after him in his car chased him through the parking lot onto Dixie Farm and caught him!!!! Woohoo! Thank you Lord!!

Just spoke to Walmart's loss and prevention PPD. This has happened two days ago, same guy in a cream Ford aerostar w/no back bumper, that time he followed her to Beamer. Be careful and alert!

Please pass this warning along to your friends. It is not a scam so please be sure you know whose helping you in parking lots and not some stranger! Be on the watch for crooks like this man.

Debbie Ihnen

Publisher's note: A similar story at a shopping center located at Gulf Freeway and El Dorado Blvd. was also sent to the Leader from Sgt. Gregory Gillespie.

Students make ornaments



Cristel Lasater's third-grade students at Stuchbery Elementary recently made Christmas ornaments with Lasater's mother, Shirley Hines. Pictured are, left to right, Hines, Catalina Barrera, Julian Olmeda and Edgar Robles. Submitted photo

Nominations sought for PISD's Distinguished Alumnus Award

The Pasadena Independent School District Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the district's Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2010.

This annual award recognizes an alumnus who has made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments and career have brought credit to the Pasadena school district.

The honoree will be recognized in March 2010. Deadline for applications is Jan. 8, 2010.

Those wishing to nominate an alumnus can print off a nomination form from the district's Web site at www.pasadenaisd.org.

Return the completed form with any supporting documentation (resume, letter of recommendation, etc.) to the

Pasadena Independent School District, Attn. Candace Ahlfinger, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502. The submission should also include the name of the person making the nomination, along with his or her phone number and e-mail address.

The eligibility criteria for the Distinguished Alumnus Award are as follows:
* The award is a one-time honor; therefore, previous award recipients are not eligible.
* Current employees of PISD are not eligible.
* Members of the Pasadena ISD Alumni Association Board, the Award Nominating Committee or their relatives are not eligible for consideration.
* Nominee must have attended any Pasadena ISD

school during his or her elementary or secondary school years.

* Nominee must be distinguished in his or her business, profession, life work or other worthy endeavor.

* Nominee must be a person of such integrity, stature and demonstrated ability that the award will reflect honor on the Pasadena school district and create a sense of pride among the members of the community.

* Nominee must be present to receive the award unless the nomination is submitted posthumously.

* No person will be chosen for the award while a candidate for an elected public office in the year of the award.

For more information, call 713-740-0247.

FEMA continues to help temporary housing unit occupants to more permanent housing

Daily progress continues to be made as a federally mandated end of program date of March 12, 2010, approaches for all occupants of temporary disaster housing units provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike.

FEMA is working closely with occupants and voluntary organizations to assist all households living in the temporary housing units to take advantage of the resources currently available to assist them in making progress on their permanent housing plans and transition to more permanent housing.

"Our FEMA teams are providing information on

available rental units and additional resources through voluntary agencies," said Hurricane Ike Recovery Manager Brad Harris. "It is everyone's goal, at every level, to help all occupants of these units that were designed for temporary living, to move forward in their recovery and find permanent housing before the end of program."

Occupants have several options in transitioning to more permanent safe, secure and sanitary housing, including buying their FEMA unit, receiving additional FEMA funds if choosing to rent elsewhere, and/or repairing their storm-damaged home, if they are homeowners.

Out of the more than 3,700 Ike survivors who once occupied temporary housing units during their recovery, less than 1,100 households remain in units today. That number continues to decrease daily as occupants finalize their permanent housing plans and are no longer in need of the temporary units.

More than 650 households have purchased their units,

others have returned to their homes, rented elsewhere or rented from one of more than 2,700 rental resources under the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Additional resources are available through the state's 2-1-1 program and local voluntary agencies to help with deposits, furniture, and other unmet needs.

FEMA understands that the end of program date of March 12, 2010, may seem too distant of a date to worry about at this time, but the agency stresses that it takes time to repair or rebuild, find another place to live and move into more permanent housing.

Therefore, FEMA encourages everyone to take advantage of the many people, programs and properties available now.

For some occupants, discontinued use of the temporary disaster housing units may come sooner than the program end date. This is

Frances Marie Christian



South Belt resident Frances Marie (Gaudio) Christian, 67, a lifelong Houstonian, died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, after a four-year battle with ovarian cancer.

She was born to Pete and Frances (Bonno) Gaudio on Dec. 20, 1941. She was married to John D. Christian, who preceded her in death during the summer of 1999, after 34 years of marriage.

Christian is survived by her mother, Frances, age 96. She is also survived by two children: daughter Linda and husband Ken Fisher, and their four children, Amanda, Brittany, Ryan and Daniel of Sachse, Texas; and son David of Houston.

Other family members include her brother, Anthony, and wife Cheryl Gaudio of Panama City, Fla.; her brother, Saverio "Mike," and wife Mona Gaudio of Seabrook, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Christian started school at Immaculate Conception Catholic School and then at Edison Jr. High. While attending Austin High School, she was involved with the Scottish Brigade.

After graduation in 1959, she attended the University of Houston and, in 1963, earned a BS in merchandising and retailing with a minor in business administration.

While growing up, she developed an early love of dancing that carried her through to the end of her life. Christian was known to many

Deaths

as "Twinkle Toes." Her love of dance included tap, jazz, ballet, square dance, clogging, whip, ballroom, and especially, Argentine Tango with her husband, Christian was part of a local group called the Sheltonettes who performed at amateur shows around the city and at the Music Hall. Along with a friend, they performed locally with Siros the Great.

While attending U of H, Christian was part of the 75th MAC ROTC sponsors and was on the Foley's College Board and won numerous sewing contests.

After marriage, she briefly left Texas while her husband was stationed in Alabama. Upon their return a year later, they settled in southeast Houston. During her lifetime, she raised a family and worked at both Lewis and Park Place Elementary in the Houston Independent School District. She was a volunteer at St. Luke's Catholic Church.

Upon becoming a widow, Christian taught tap to seniors at the Beverly Hills Recreation Center, Strawberry Park and other centers in Pasadena. She was a longtime member of the Two Left Feet and the Mainland Ballroom Dance clubs. Other dance groups she was involved with were the Houston Argentine Tango Association, Silver Star Line Dancers, Syncoption Cloggers, Swinging Seniors and Garden Villas Square Dance Clubs, Scottish Brigade Alumni Association, historian of SFA Alumni Board, and the St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Society.

Christian's other hobbies included gardening and the Senior Olympics. In the last few years, her love of dancing led in a new direction: entering senior pageants. While teaching tap at the Madison Jobe Senior Center, she was encouraged by the staff to enter the Ms. Pasadena Senior Pageant. After winning that and Ms. Houston, she went on later to win the state title of Ms. Senior Sweetheart.

A rosary was held on Monday, Dec. 14, at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook in Houston. The funeral Mass was held Tuesday, Dec. 15, followed by burial at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

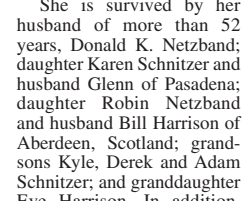
Palbearers were Jesse Ashley, Jose' Gaudio, Dean Myers, Bill Nielsen, John Rubberg and Larry Smith.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Christian's memory to the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation, 230 W. Monroe, Suite 2528, Chicago, IL 60606.

In advance of the temporary housing program end date of March 12, 2010, FEMA is coordinating with voluntary organizations to address the needs of all households in the temporary housing units and especially those that do not have a viable housing plan to be permanently housed by the end of program.

"FEMA is still here and committed to its goal of helping the remaining temporary housing unit occupants recover and move forward," said Harris. "The program end date is set, so we encourage occupants to continue to work with their caseworkers on their permanent housing plans and to be sure to communicate their needs to FEMA."

Antoinette Grace Netzband



Antoinette Grace "Toni" Netzband, 75, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009. The South Belt resident was born in Chicago, on Aug. 25, 1934, to Peter and Carmella Miserendino.

Netzband was preceded in death by her parents as well as brothers Nats and Jimmy, and sisters Josie and Santa.

She is survived by her husband of more than 52 years, Donald K. Netzband; daughter Karen Schnitzer and husband Glenn of Pasadena; daughter Robin Netzband and husband Bill Harrison of Aberdeen, Scotland; grandsons Kyle, Derek and Adam Schnitzer; and granddaughter Eve Harrison. In addition, Netzband is survived by her sister, Fannie Guzik, and brothers Ross and Philip Miserendino of Chicago; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009, at 10 a.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Zimri Dickert; and daughter Kathy Beasley. Stanfill is survived by her husband, Joe A. Stanfill; son Gary Dickert and wife Mary; daughters Wanda Bamberg and husband Bob, and Bobbie Byrd; brother Tommie Stanfill and wife Brinda; sister Jo Anne Scott and husband Gene; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Grand View Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Fairmont Funeral Home. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.FairmontFH.com.

She is survived by her



daughter, Sandra King; granddaughter Stephanie King; great-grandson Mitchel Credeur; brother Ed Fannin; and numerous family members.

A visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 18, at 1:30 p.m. Services and interment will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Grand View Funeral Home and Memorial Park in Pasadena.

Gilberto Flores



Gilberto A. Flores, 79, died Monday, Dec. 14, 2009, in Houston with his family by his side. He was born March 1, 1930, in Brownsville, Texas, and was a longtime South Belt resident.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pedro Diaz and Faustina Amaya Flores; brothers Victor A. Flores, Felix A. Flores and Pedro A. Flores of Brownsville.

Flores is survived by his wife, Ofelia Santiago Flores, who was his childhood sweetheart. Their friendship began at ages 7 and 9, respectively, blossoming to a loving relationship spanning 70 years.

He is also survived by a daughter, Ofelia F. Phillips and husband Keith; sons Gilberto S. Flores and wife Renee, Felix S. Flores and wife Velma, and Carlos S. Flores; grandchildren Monica F. Comeaux and husband Andy, Felix M. Flores, Ariel Marie Flores, Ciara Christine Flores Phillips, Marissa Renee Flores and Miranda Sue Flores; sisters Micaela Flores and Esther Flores; and brothers Basilio A. Flores and Alfonso A. Flores of Brownsville. In the U.S. Army, Flores served in Korea and Vietnam, receiving numerous combat medals and awards. After more than 22 years of service, he retired and began a second career with the U.S. Postal Service, which lasted for 20 years.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road, with a rosary at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be held Monday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Interment with full military service will be at Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veteran's Memorial Drive.

Norma Jean Stanfill

Norma Jean Stanfill, 78, of Deer Park, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009. She was born May 11, 1931, in Houston to Princess E. and Beatrice Harper Stanfill. Stanfill was retired from the Pasadena Independent School District where she worked as a teacher's aide at Dobie High School for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Zimri Dickert; and daughter Kathy Beasley. Stanfill is survived by her husband, Joe A. Stanfill; son Gary Dickert and wife Mary; daughters Wanda Bamberg and husband Bob, and Bobbie Byrd; brother Tommie Stanfill and wife Brinda; sister Jo Anne Scott and husband Gene; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Grand View Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Fairmont Funeral Home. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.FairmontFH.com.

She is survived by her

Students earn high school Spanish credit



Several Thompson Intermediate School students recently took the Spanish I Credit by Exam test and passed with high scores, thus earning them high school credit for Spanish I. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Katya Torreblanca, Silvia Cabrera, Marlin Leal, Karina Lopez, Yaritza Bustos, Marlin Torres, (middle row) Angelica

Enriquez, Brenda Nandin, Damaris Sidrian, Maria Flores, Karla Santillan, Evelyn Alvarado, Katherine Cortez, (back row) Ashley Lizaro, Carlos Castillo, Angie Arteaga, David Delagarza, Carlos Sanchez, Brian Soto, Hector Ibarra, Amarilis Alvarado, Marvin Solis and Abby Pedroza. Submitted photo

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Weber Elementary students write wish lists to Santa Claus

The following letters to Santa Claus were written by Weber Elementary third- and fourth-grade students and submitted for publication.

Debbie Sauter's Third-grade class

I know I been naughty I want to ask forgiveness. Please take it if you do I want to get straight As. That all the other aunts got it cover. I want to get straight As to make my mom happy. I won't be home for Christmas. Sorry I am going to California! Where there will be a lot of snow. (PS I didn't have milk and cookies sorry) Sincerely, (PS I didn't have milk and cookies sorry)

Love,

What I want for Christmas is joy to the world and bless everyone. And for me a Wii, Cinderella movie, and a pillow pet. I have been a bit naughty this year will you forgive me please? Love,

Elena Ruiz

What I want for Christmas is a Hot Wheels SharkBite battery track set and a Bakugan Battle Brawlers Video games for me and I will give you cookies, Milk, and a picture for you. Sincerely,

Andy Taihg

Can you get me a Legoo X-wing, At-IE Legoo, Lego Droid Tank, better school, people to have homes, people to have jobs, every dog gets a bone, everybody gets what they want and everybody to be happy. P.S. Can you forgive me because I have been naughty? Sincerely,

Tyler

I rely want to metey you. So how are you Doing? ok let's get to what I want. I want some thing for me and my family. let's strat with me. I want a tv, Lap top too. Now let's strat with my family. I want them to be nice to me. I Love you as a friend. Sincerely,

Anniy Houn Ta

I wish you were here right now to tell you I believe in you. Everybody I know doesn't believe in you will I think they don't. Please don't feel my stocking with coal please feel it with presents. I'm going to right all the stuff I won't but im not going to be self-ish okay. I want a mini lap top, pexo's, spa kit and for homeless guys or girls to have some food, water and a home full of stuff and a heater. I love

you Santa and your elf's but this is all bye. Sincerely

Kelsey Lee-Ann Doyen

I have been good this year. Can I have a DSI or a puppy because I really animals or because I want to make really funny picture. Can you also give presents to the needy, I mean, like pajamas and food. Thank you Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause Love.

Kimmy Ly

For christmas this year I want a Nefr gun and a PSP, Ipod and a glx overdrive. But the is one more thing a dsi. I want my family to get better and have a wonderful christmas. Sincerely

Aaron Ramirez

I have been a very good kid. I was wishing that I can see you Santa. I's their Miss Clause? I never saw Miss Clause. I wish I can. But I don't know is that true. Can I have a present for christmas? Like paint or DSI ok. Sincerely

Aivy Duong

For Christmas I wod really like a J.LX overDreive and a black hurley willet. Also, Halo action figure and a in strank nerf gun. Sincerely,

Isaiah

I Been wanting For thus Day. For christmas I want people to Be healthy and I want the homeless to have money, APRmt, clothing. Annd some sohe for christmas. I wasn't a paintball gun and I want a visa card. I want my hole family to be reich!

Kevin Reyes

It is christmas time I'm sorry for being naughty this year. I only want five things this year. I want a xbox 360 EliteLive, a iPhone, Skate2 on the x box 360Live, Halo 3 on

the xbox369, Resedent evil 5 on the xbox360.P.S. Please help my grandmas hart get beter. Sincerely

Alex Pena

Rita Pierrotti's Fourth-grade class

I really want my Christmas to be the best Christmas ever. I want my mom, dad, me, and my brother to be happy, and for them to have the best Christmas ever. I really want a Laptop for Christsmas.

Sieth

Santa For Christmas I would like to have a ice cream bar because I would like to cool off in the summer, and a candy Pencil because while I'm writing I can eat it. a new computer so I can down-load Faster. new books For my time to learn. slushemaker because I won't For something to drink. merry christmas.

Kenny

What I want for Christmas is a Balck Berry Cellphone and an Abercrombie and Fitch T Shirt and for my whole family to have the best Christmas ever. And for my GrandParents to make it into Texas and to have a Merry Christmas for everybody in the world. Merry Christmas.

Ciara

This is how I want people to save the world and keep it clean, I want everyone to recycle so the Earth can reuse cans, bottles, and plastic. If any one see's trash pick it up and throw it away, but if you know it's not trash and you know you can recycle it then place it in a recycle box with it's picture on it. When you

see anything on the ground pick it up and recycle. That's what I want for Christmas. Merry Christmas and Thank you.

Haley

Santa I wish that I can have pokemon plantinum Arcesus trading card game booster pack from my dad, and I can get good grades on my progress report. So my dad can buy me pokemon plantinum Arcesus trading card game booster pack. Even my brother can get from my dad Yu Gio Gx cards from our dad. Even though Arshan can give me the pokemon cards that he is gonna print it for me. Merry Christmas,

Haroon

Will you please make this world have peace? All I'm asking for is for the world to be a better yet happier place and for my mom to be happy. Please, make this a world of hate and aggressiveness a world of care, respect and most important of all world peace. Joyeux Noel signed,

David

Santa I wish that I will have better grades in Social Studies. I also wish that my classmates will get better grades in a subject their bad on. Santa can you give my sister a stuff animal like she always wanted. Alll I wanted is converse but nevermind because my step mom is buying it for me for my birthday cause my birthday is four days after Christmas. Merry Christmas.

Nancy

This Christmas is gona

be the best Christmas ever! Wanna know why? Because my aunts and uncles From Mexico are gona be here This Christmas. And Santa I only wish for nothing more, for my family to be safe all year long. Please grant their wishes, they are very good people who give no harm. My family is very loving and kind to me. Nothing can break us apart. My Mom, Dad and family are always here for me no matter what happens. Family's stick together! Best wishes,

Taylor

I have a great teacher that this is her fifth year here. I had my good and bad days which I'm really sorry for. I hope all the bad times will go away from all I've done. I can feel that all

the work you do is very hard. I wish my family, friends, and my teachers have a happy Christmas. Merry Christmas. Love,

Ashley

For Christmas I would like it to snow one more time on the twenty fourth. I would like to have thirty two present's from my friends my friends and family I also want a great Christmas. I would like to be rich so my mom and dad don't have to worry about any bills coming. I want my grandma and grandpa to be strong. The things I said I hope I I get at least one thing I said. Merry Christmas,

Prandy

Hi Santa! I guess I want to say that we are having a play at my church. We have to sing songs and dress up in costumes.

The play is on December 13, 2009. I can't wait, I want o ask you a question. Do you know my PoPoe. His name is Letie Hopsens. He looks like you if you do know him can you come visit me at PoPoe's place. please. Thank you Love,

Lexie

I wish for the best Christmas and my whole family to celebrate it with me, and that my friends to have the best Christmas ever and I hope everything to always be the same. I wish that this world has no hate. And one day peace will come and knowone will get bullied in all of the schools. And that I will get to live my dream and be a doctor when I grw up. Merry Christmas, Jenny

Dan Huynh

I want a lot of things . But the people that are Homeless need more than I do. So for my Christmas I was for the people in need get my presents in sted. But if you want its ok it can be anything you want to give me. Sincerely,

Clarissa

I'm been good and the thing I want for christmas is noone to get hurt or sick. And I do want it to be the best Christmas ever with my family and I hope that coca and gramea. For Christmas and I hope my littel baby brother learns how to walk. Thank you, **Brandon**

Do you remember that last Christmas you gave me two DS games? I have three my dad got it for me. I wanted just one more for Christmas. Can I ask you something are you real if you are can you send a picture of you and one of your elf please. Someday I would like to see the Northpole.

Rusty

I would like you to bring me a laptop and a Luminox analog. I'd like a few psp games. Check in on the reindeer for me.

Will Granberry

I don't kow what I want for Christmas. You can give me anything you want to give me. You can give me a book or a toy it dosnt matter what you give me They where just an idea for you. I hope my Granma gets better soon. Can you get my brother a little wrom stuffed animal? Love,

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Mark

I want a pink laptop and a puppy that's a teacup yorky thats a girl. I also want a I phone, and I want the puppy the most thas real.

Gigi

This christmas I weht is a puppy a golden retriever and

a stroller and a puppy and a hipopotamus and Zhu zhu pet and last a globe.

Kaitlyn Jacoby

How are you Santa? How are you dooing Santa? I want Magic tree House books and a DSI and I jets.

Zachary

How are you? Because I just want to no how you are doing? Every Christmas you get me what I want. This year I want a scooter. If you do not give me one it's okay because I love you.

Abby Stovall

How are you? How is it up north? I will tell my mom to make you cookies when you come. I want a real hamster for christmas.

Ramila Parrilla

How are you? Santa I'm so happy Christmas is coming. For christmas I really want a Dachun puppy because we really want one. But my dad steve he wants a different dog. For christmas I want a scooter too. So how are you doing in the north pole? Love,

Sarah

Are you having a good time at your work shop? I want a Wii to shar. Do you have a good time up north? I like all the presins that you give me I want Amaarakin girl bed and glasses.

Elliana

I am so happy that you are so nice to kids and more people. Santa please can you give me a Zuh Zuh pet because you are nice and close for my stuff animals. I like hippos but I don't have a lot canyo give me some stuff hippo because you are nice.

Ela Sanchez

How are you? I like you are in my heart I will like a pen that hanges colors and a crown last time it was christmas you did not come to my house.

Ramyra

I would like a new doll with long brown hair and green eyes, I would also like an artist kit, make-up and hair stuff.

Lizabeth

How are you doing? How doyou getevery present to each house in one night? Don't worrie about us. We are having a good time. Today its snowing but I bet the northpole is snowing more. Houston is getting great. I want a Ds and a big nerf gun, and a lot of bakugan.

Brian Chu

It snowed on Friday December 4. Since I live on Houston Texas it barely snows. But I did not get to play in it because I was at

school and when I got home it was melted. I bet it always snows. Santa, I have been good this year. So can we get a Wii from you for christmas? Can my dog have 1 or 2 new toys and dog treats. Can my dad have some chocolate candy. I dont know what my mom wants but my sister needs new roler skates. I really want a bell from your sleigh. Can we all have some surprises too? Merry Christmas! Your Friend,

Audrey

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Collin

I hope your elves are redy for christmas? I wanted to knoe how Rudolph was. What do yo do when Christmas is not no here. Santa I want high heel shoes and more dresses. I need shirts, pants, and skirts. Could I also have a Princess and the frog babbrie doll. And anything else you want me to have.

Victoria

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Rebecca

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Shelby

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Zachary

Dobie cheerleaders collect toys



The Dobie cheerleaders participated in the South Belt Leader toy drive. The toys will be distributed to children in the South Belt area for Christmas. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Erika Yglesias, Summer Sarabia, Celeste Cordero, Charlie Day, Desiree Alvarez, (second row) Alyssa Perry, Terral Smith, Brooke DuPont, Aleeyah Holland, Andrea Vargas, Loana Solis, Britni Rodrigues, Chelsea Fuentes, (third row) Samantha Perales, Kortney Neely, La'Rae Thibodeaux, Ashley Hoggard, Tristann Trujillo, Andrea Mitrowski, Catarina Johnson, Megan Gary, (back row) Lisa Gill, Cassie Gillman, Krista Carter, Hannah Waters, Alexis Thomas-Jones, Brianna Pringle, Kelsey Earls, Erin Spencer and Cree Dorsey.

Students write Santa Claus letters

The following are letters written by North Pointe Elementary students. North Pointe did not include teacher names or grade levels in their submission. School aged children residing in the College Place Subdivision are zoned to attend North Pointe. Additional letters from North Pointe will follow in next week's edition of the Leader.

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Owen

for christmas I want A real pet baby puppy A laptop, christmas magig, littelist pet shop cupcake batter and A real oven.

Sydney

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Alexa

I Want a Elf doll and I want a PSP and I want a dsi and I want a Elf Books 2.

Madylin

I want a lago Star wars Dictionaryand the lot word urd my cnother.

Jacob

I want a dog for christmas. His name will be Trooper. How are you doing

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Noah K.

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Anthony

I wot Legoo Star wars box and a dsi.

Charlie

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Nathan

I want a trainset for my Christmas tree and a toy rudolph with a nose that shines red. and you and Ms.Claue and a snow globe with my family.

Chiara

what I want for Christmas. I want a american doll julie, a big holder of crayolo colors and something good. **Sarah**

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Ben

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Logan Ellis

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Zachary

Trcka family celebrates 75th Christmas reunion

By Matt Griesmyer

The Christmas season evokes many memories of evergreen trees, family meals and a man in a bright red suit bringing gifts for one and all.

The family of Hugh and Kathleen Trcka, residents of the South Belt area for 41 years, is no exception.

For 75 years now, the descendants of Kathleen's paternal grandparents, Paul and Marie Trcka, have celebrated this time of year as a family. What was once a mere 11 people meeting for the holidays has blossomed into a gathering of more than 150 family members.

This Christmas story begins in 1934 with the Trckas meeting to celebrate Christmas as a family.

Then it was only two generations of family members gathering for the holiday, and now it is five generations strong.

"Christmas is a special time for us, and it is around this special Holiday (sic) that my story evolves," said

Kathleen Trcka Taylor, participant in the Trcka Christmas gathering.

In the beginning, the branches of this family tree gathered in each other's homes on a rotating basis, celebrating Christmas Eve and Christmas Day together. The festivities always included food preparation, caroling, the arrival of Santa and midnight Mass.

Throughout the years, the family tree grew into a veritable forest of children and grandchildren, and the annual gathering became too large to accommodate in the homes of family members. At this time, the family decided to rent a local facility (currently a Knights of Columbus Hall) to hold their gathering.

The celebration begins in the morning with decking the hall and preparing meals (a tradition of the family is to have chili and tamales for lunch Christmas Eve) which kicks off a full day of fellowship.

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ily sometimes help with the decorations for the tables, while the adult members of the family are busy catching up and preparing the various meals throughout the now one-day event.

"In years past, the young men of the family cleared the tables and retired to the kitchen to wash dishes, pots and pans, etc.," Taylor said. "As part of our rental fee, a cleaning crew now does this chore."

Christmas carols abound as well as prayers and poem reading. At the 70th anniversary of their gathering, a

lighting ceremony was held for deceased members, and then each individual family in attendance was introduced.

At some point in the evening, the man-in-red himself makes an appearance to visit with the children of the family and then stays for the family's rendition of the Christmas story.

"With some encouragement, teens dress as Mary, Joseph, the wise men, etc.," Taylor said. "The very young want to participate, too, so we have made them angels with wings and halos or shep-

herds, wearing makeshift headgear from dish towels or torn sheets. One year we had two wise men and one wise woman."

This year for their 75th annual gathering, the Trckas are expecting more than 200 in attendance, all continuing their Christmas tradition as a family.

"We don't know how long our Christmas tradition in its present day form will continue, but we are committed to gather as a family," Taylor said. "The memories of years past are truly a treasure to cherish."

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Shelby

How are you doing? Tell Rudolf that I said hi. I would like lego sets, an ipod touch, Lego Indiana Jones 2 The Adventure Continues, Pokemon Rumble Raven Rabbits Go Home, a PSP with Star Wars Battle Front and a DSI. How do you deliver every single present in one night? What is your real name? Why do you wear a red coat? Why do you live at the North Pole? Did you know that it snowed in Texas? P.S. Thank you for the present.

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Atkinson students write to Santa

Joy Eddleman's Third-grade class
 What I want for Christmas is a new skateboard, tech decks, and a ramp. Harry Potter, and let my family have a good Christmas, and a ristpik, and have a good Christmas Santa. Also I want a guitar, psp with a chip to save my pictures. **Sammy** It's nice to send you a letter to you. What I want for Christmas is have the best Christmas ever. And Harry Potter, and some vans and tech decks. **Luis** Do you know what I want for Christmas. A baby alive car seat and nurse kit. Santa I also want a lot of books like Harry Potter book. I want a D.S. game too. I want baby shower and bed and clothes. I want a red and white clothes like you.

Darianna Glenn
 I bet my family is going to have the best Christmas ever. We barely got our Christmas tree. We are gonna decorate today. I want a 4 ever kids silly circus and my brother wants a handy man toy's car shop. I think we are gonna have Christmas at my grandma's house, I love Christmas a lot. **Alyssa** I would like an XBOX, Wii, and a skateboard, a transformer and a psp, and a computer. And Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

Nicolas
 I want to be one of your elves and spongebob estuff and my own tv with cableand I want some spongebob cloths and shoes.

Samantha
 I want an Easy Bake Oven and I want a fake pony. I would also want like fake make-up. P.S. I wish you a Merry Christmas. **Vanesa** Thank you for all you done. I hope you come visit my house. I will defiantly lay out some cookies and milk. Please give us joy, and please let me and my brother and me get our presents.

Tanner Vega
 I want sonic stuff and I will make you cookies I wish I could see Rudolph. **Alanay** I have been very good this year. There this game that I want it'd called Kiss Pshyco Circus the nightmare child, if you can get it for pc-d rom that would be cool.

David
 I wish I could get a puppy, computer, DSI. SD card, Pj's, wii game, bike, TV. Have I been a good girl. I left a cookie for you Santa.

Kathy
 For christmas I want an Ipod touch, cloths from Hollister, ambercrombie and an electric scooter, wii games I have been good I wish to see the elves and reindeer. Merry Christmas Santa!

Mya Garcia

Over The Back Fence by Jan

RHAEVYN MAKES HONOR ROLL
 Congratulations are sent to Stuchbery Elementary student **Rhaevyn Citizen** who made the honor roll for the second nine weeks. Her name was left off of the list that ran in the 12/10/09 issue of the Leader. The school is sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY, RYAN!
Charlotte, Robert and Wade Buisson send happy 30th birthday wishes to their oldest son, **Ryan Tucker**, a 1998 Dobie grad whose birthday was Dec. 13. Ryan is a lieutenant with the Baytown Fire Department. Happy birthday wishes are also sent from sister **Brittany**, boyfriend **Nick** and grandma **Viola**.

TRAVIS SENT BIRTHDAY WISHES
Travis Chrisman celebrates his 18th birthday on Thursday, Dec. 17. Lots of love is sent from mom **Sharon**, dad **Brian** and sister **Danielle Chrisman**. Travis is a senior at Dobie High School.

LAURYN CELEBRATES 1ST BIRTHDAY
Lauryn Elise Daugherty celebrated her first birthday Wednesday, Dec. 16. Happy belated blessings are sent from **Daddy, Mommy** and big brother **Travis**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SARA
 Birthday wishes are sent to **Sara Sultan** who celebrated her birthday Dec. 16, from grandma **Chieko** and grandpa **Ken Webb**. Sara is a student at Melillo Middle School.

ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAY, LUCY
Lucy Peterson celebrates her birthday Saturday, Dec. 19. She is wished a wonderful day from her family, especially her nine grandchildren, and the **Leader** staff.

JOEY CELEBRATES ANOTHER YEAR
Joseph "Joey" Hayes celebrates his 28th birthday Monday, Dec. 21. Birthday greetings are sent from wife **Nyssa**; mom and dad, **Jannie** and **Robert Scarberry**; sister **Jenny** and children **Brayden** and **Baylee**; sister **Stacey**, husband **Stephen** and daughter **Kennedy**; brother **Austin**, wife **Nicole**

and daughter **Jade**; and brother **Tyler**, a senior at Dobie High School. Joey attended Frazier Elementary, Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High School. He is currently serving in the U.S. Coast Guard in New York.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO DAVID
David Flickinger celebrates a birthday Dec. 22. His wife, **Marie**, sons **Fred** and **Davy**, daughter-in-law **Leslie**, granddaughters **Kimberly Flickinger** and **Courtney Durham** and husband **Chris**, and Davy's girlfriend **Ellie Garza** wish him a happy birthday.

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

Atkinson Elementary
 Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Dana DiMarco** Dec. 21.

Burnett Elementary
 On Dec. 19, **Edilberta Ramirez** has a birthday. Birthday greetings are sent to **Sylvia Lazard** Dec. 22.

Frazier Elementary
 Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Graciela Hernandez** Dec. 23.

Jessup Elementary
 Marking a birthday Dec. 18 is **Carmen Cuprill-Young**.

Meador Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Linda Shliesing** Dec. 17. Marking a birthday Dec. 19 is **Tricia Moscarelli**. The day for a birthday party for **Adriana Gamez** is Dec. 21.

Moore Elementary
 Special birthday wishes are sent to **Marie Alanis** Dec. 18.

South Belt Elementary
 The day for a birthday cake for **Sarah Smith** is Dec. 23.

Stuchbery Elementary
 Celebrating a birthday Dec. 17 is **Molly Angie**. On Dec. 18, **Deborah Ruiz** enjoys a birthday.

Melillo Middle School

On Dec. 18, **Molly Ganter** marks a birthday. **Beverly Harris** has a birthday Dec. 23.

Morris Middle School
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Michelle Ham** on Dec. 17. **Maria Ramos** celebrates a birthday Dec. 19. Blow out the birthday candles for **Elizabeth Hovland** on Dec. 20. Enjoying a birthday Dec. 23 is **Heather Grissom**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Geraldine Jones is wished a happy birthday Dec. 18. Birthday greetings are sent to **Mai Tram Tong** on Dec. 20. **Jaimie Green** celebrates a birthday Dec. 21.

Thompson Intermediate
 Special birthday greetings are sent to **Joe Peabody** Dec. 21. **Elvira Vences** has a birthday Dec. 22.

Dobie High
 Enjoying a double birthday Dec. 17 are **Juan Garcia** and **Lazara Medrano**. Special birthday greetings are sent to **Ethan Crowell** and **Tanner Ledford** on Dec. 22. Sharing a birthday Dec. 19 are **Christine Roberts**, **Jeff Spencer**, **Andrea Townsend** and **Maria Villegas**.

LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS
 Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its November meeting in the home of **Sharen Burden**. Eleven members were present with one absence. Final plans were discussed for the trip to the Museum of the Gulf Coast. Laureate Psi will donate money to The Rose for more than two mammograms, as well as gifts to the Pasadena Police Santa Program. The group elected its 2010 Sweetheart, **Diane Schimnoski**, who will represent the chapter during 2010. The program, presented by Burden, was *Share an Adventure to the Country of Indonesia*. The December meeting will be held in the home of **Pam Harvey**.

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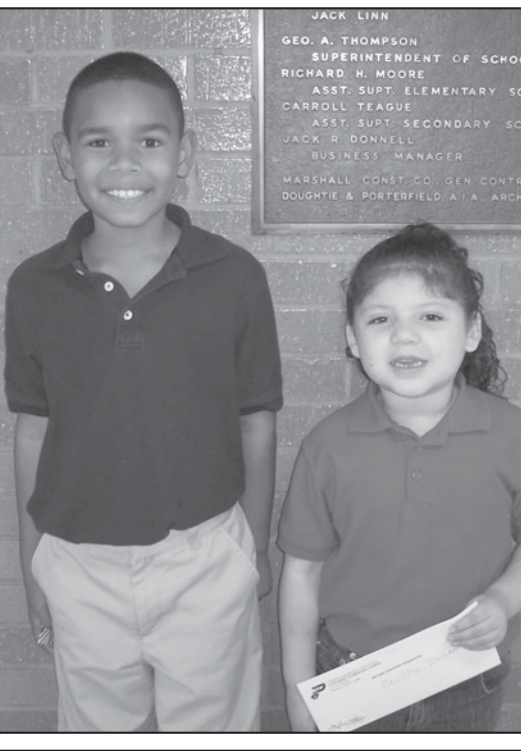
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Top sellers named

Stuchbery PTO recently announced its top prize winners from the fall fundraiser. Pictured at left are second-place winner Ethan Butler (left) and first-place winner Cecilia Delgado. Pictured below are, left to right, (front row) Marissa McAnally, Marcus Doss, (back row) Corey Pipkin and Donisha Lawson.



AARP Tax-Aide seeks volunteers

AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest, free, volunteer-run tax counseling preparation service is looking for individuals who want to learn tax law, basic income tax preparation and help others. Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, AARP Tax Aide volunteers prepare tax returns for middle and low-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Volunteers are needed to help as tax counselors, greeters, publicity and other positions in this important activity. Individuals volunteering as tax counselors need to have good computer skills to assist with electronic filing. Tax-Aide asks volunteers to commit to a minimum of four hours per week from Feb. 1 to April 15, in addition to time spent training in January. For information about becoming a volunteer, call toll-free 1-888-OURAARP (888-687-2277), or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide. Free area tax preparation sites include Mission Milby, 2220 Broadway; Parker Williams Library, 10581 Scarpsdale; as well as Pearland Library, Friendswood, Webster, Pasadena, Galveston and surrounding areas.

Remember When

30 years ago (1979)
 San Jacinto College District voters approved the college's \$35 million bond issue by a margin of more than three to one. For the third time in eight days, a business place in the 12000 block of Beamer was burglarized. Time Clock Sales was the latest victim.

25 years ago (1984)
 Four employees of Archem, a chemical plant off Conklin, suffered injuries from a hydrogen gas explosion during a blending and processing activity at the

plastics plant. Charles R. Faulds, Superintendent of the Texas Department of Water Resources, attempted to assure Southbend residents that containment of ground and air by the defunct Brio refinery was not an acute threat to health or homes. Officials felt the health and environmental issues of the Brio refinery had been exaggerated.

20 years ago (1989)
 Beginning the fall college semester 1989, all students entering Texas colleges were going to be required to pass the state-mandated Texas Academic Skills Program tests before advancing beyond 60 semester hours. Precinct 1 County Commissioner El Franco Lee took his oath of office at a special ceremony held at the Family Law Building in Hosuton.

15 years ago (1994)
 South Belt Leader readers donated enough turkey bucks to purchase 39 turkeys. Soccer and softball fields for San Jacinto College South had been put on hold because bids came in two times the projected cost.

10 years ago (1999)
 The students at Frazier Elementary raised more than \$1,000 which was donated to the South Belt-

lington Leader's Christmas program to purchase toys for local youngsters. Winner for most beautiful residential home exterior in the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's Christmas decorating contest was the Kirkbend home of Kathy and Jimmie French.

5 years ago (2004)
 For the 22nd year, the Leader was sponsoring its annual Christmas toy and food program. Local schools and individuals donated items to help South Belt families that needed help during the Christmas season. An armed robber was arrested after she gave her name to a victim. The victim gave the female robber a ride to the Highland Meadow Village apartments at which time the robber displayed a weapon and demanded money. Former South Houston High School principal James "Jimmy" Barber, 73, died after an extended illness. Barber had worked in education for 38 years before retiring in 1991. Questions regarding the accuracy of PISD's projections of new students were raised at a district board of trustees meeting. While projections from Omega Group suggested the district would gain nearly 2,400 students during the school

year, only 1,293 were realized. The higher numbers were the basis of the \$299.86 million bond election.

1 year ago (2008)
 Dobie staff member Melissa McCalla-Allen was named the 2008 Texas Council for the Social Studies Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year. McCalla-Allen taught advanced placement macroeconomics and U.S. history at the high school. She additionally served as the school's peer facilitator. Prior to teaching at Dobie, McCalla-Allen taught social studies at Southmore Intermediate. South Belt residents caught a rare glimpse of snow Thursday, Dec. 11. Dr. Michael Warneke's two-year term as Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital's chief of staff ended. A 23-year resident of the South Belt community, Warneke had operated his Progressive Medical Clinic practice since 1985. The hospital had expanded significantly during Warneke's tenure. The facility added a chest pain center with acute heart attack intervention capabilities. It also established a cancer center with state-of-the-art radiation equipment. A neonatal intensive care unit was also added, as was a recognized stroke center.

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Williams wins Meador spelling bee

Meador Elementary recently held its annual spelling bee for third and fourth grades. Fourth-grader Karyn Williams won the title of Meador 2009-2010 Spelling Bee Champion. First runner-up was fourth-grade student Jasslyn Gomez. In all, 30 students competed in the spelling bee held at the school. Third-grade semifinalists were Mariah Schliesing, Jacob Middleton, Marissa Enriquez, Jael Garcia, Angel Gomez, Gabriel Barrera, Joe Pollard, Brianna Gilreath, Hector Anaya, Illsen Urrutia, Roberto Campa, David Garcia. Fourth grade semifinalists were Josiah Knight, Sami Yu, Karyn Williams, Naureen Islam, Joel Velazquez, Jasslyn Gomez, Deishawn Davis, Jayden Kelly, Belinda Duran, Savannah O'Quinn, Joanna Urrutia, Grace Aguirre, Amber Terrell, Daniel Delarosa, Brian Rivera, Lizett Contreras, Edward Hidalgo, Erik Rodriguez. The Spelling Bee is sponsored by the Houston Chronicle. The district Spelling Bee will be held Monday, Feb. 8, at the Administration Building at 4:30 p.m. The Regional Spelling Bee will be held in March, and the national bee will take place in May.

At right, Meador Elementary fourth-grader Karyn Williams (left) and Principal Darlene Davis display awards presented to Williams after being named Meador 2009-2010 Spelling Bee Champion.

Submitted photo



Funni, Parker marry Nov. 27

Kelly Anne Funni and Justin Patrick Parker were united in marriage on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at 5:30 in the evening at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland. The double-ring ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Wes Holloman of Sagemont Church. A reception followed.

The bride is the daughter of Craig and Melinda Funni of South Belt. She is the granddaughter of Florence Hendrix and the late Henry Hendrix of South Belt, and Rennie Funni and the late Arthur Funni of Sandusky, Ohio.

The groom is the son of Jeffrey and Carla Parker of South Belt. Grandparents are William and Barbara Morrison of South Belt and Jesse and Nita Parker of Pearland.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore an ivory satin A-line gown with a chapel train. She carried a bouquet of ivory roses.

Megan Funni, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor.

Scott Parker, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Bridesmaids were Laura Angie and Amy Muniz, cousin of the groom.

Groomsmen were Pat Carroll and Jason Mayes.

Flower girl was Aubrey Davis, and Ashton Davis was ring bearer, both cousins of the groom.

The bride is a 2008 graduate of Dobie High School. She is currently employed by Ace Electronics in Houston.

The groom is a 2008 graduate of Dobie High School. He is employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The couple honeymooned in Galveston and reside in Pearland.



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SJCS schedules spring arts schedule

The visual and performing arts department at San Jacinto College South invites everyone to enjoy a variety of musical performances and art exhibits throughout the 2010 spring semester.

The schedule kicks off with musical talent from campus faculty on Jan. 29, followed by a musical comedy throughout March and a mid-semester variety show.

In addition to performing the final concert of the season, the dance department

will also showcase their program April 7-10 at the American College Dance Festival at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La.

The following are upcoming fine arts events scheduled for the spring:

- Jan. 29: Faculty recital, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre

- Feb. 1-March 10: Guest Artist Exhibition, exhibited daily in the Studio Theatre

- Feb. 8-March 2: College/University Art Exhibition, exhibited daily in the campus library

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- March 11-13: *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, 8 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre

- March 23: Guitar ensemble, 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theatre

- March 25-April 30: Student Art Show, exhibited daily in the campus library

- March 26-27: *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, 8 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre

- March 28: *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, 2 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre

- April 6: Band concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre

- April 9: Variety show, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre

- April 16-17: Music Americana, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre

- April 19: Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre

- April 23: Percussion ensemble, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre

- April 28-May 1: *The Grey Zone*, 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre

- May 2: *The Grey Zone*, 2 p.m. in the Studio Theatre

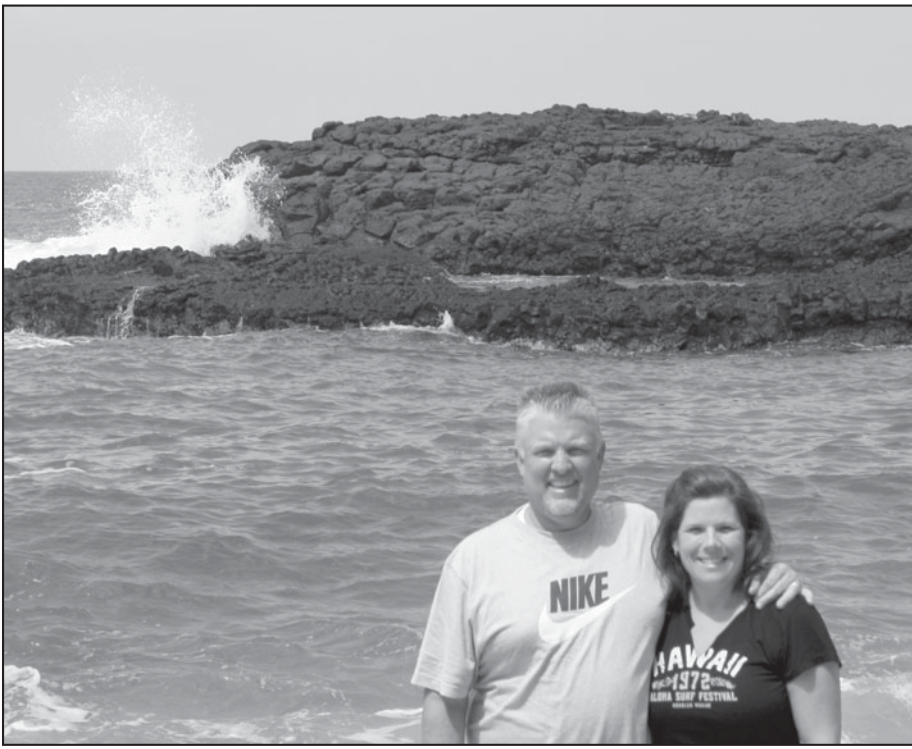
- May 4: Guitar ensemble, 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre

- May 6-7: Spring dance concert 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre

All dance, theater and music events are held in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center at the San Jacinto College South campus, located at 13735 Beamer Road.

For more information and reservations, call 281-484-1900, ext. 3563.

McDonalds celebrate 25th in Hawaii



South Belt residents Kevin and Beth McDonald recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. The couple were married Oct. 6, 1984, at Sagemont Church. Both are graduates of Dobie

High School, Kevin in 1982 and Beth in 1983. They have three children, Bryan, Michael and Kyle. The couple spent their anniversary in Kauai, Hawaii, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel and Tunnels Beach.

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Thompson students sell yearbooks



The Thompson yearbook staff is selling yearbooks. This year's staff members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Jenna Perez, Meghan Smith, Kyle Gee, Aidee Alfaro, Mayve Rodriguez, Amanda Balderas, (middle row) Daniel Alarcon, Celeste Moon, Maria Flores, Devin Cooper, Karla Santillan, Chrisean Jones, (back row) Alexis Caballero,

Sydney Gutierrez, Lynsi Crawford and Sara Martinez. Yearbooks can be preordered at www.myYear.com or see the adviser, Erica Alvarez, for an order form. Yearbooks are \$40, or \$45 with a name embossed on the cover. The deadline to order a yearbook with a name embossed is Monday, Dec. 14.

Photo submitted

SJC instructor, former South Belter Greg Black receives honor as GM World Class Technician

Greg Black, former South Belt resident and San Jacinto College automotive technology instructor of more than 20 years, recently received one of the industry's highest honors as a General Motors World Class Technician, a title held by less than 1,000 technicians across the globe.

To gain such status, Black completed nine master technician certifications and National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications. He achieved his GM Master Technician status in 1983, a goal of many that he had set for himself over the course of his 45 years in the industry.

"I feel extremely honored to receive this award from General Motors," Black said. "To me, this award represents another completion of a life-long goal. I have always set my goals to be reachable and then proceed to accomplish them, even when it means having to jump over a lot of hurdles to get there." The Houston native began his career with the U.S. Air Force, serving overseas during the peak of the Vietnam War and maintaining jet aircraft being flown in and out of the war zone.

After separating from the military, he earned his Associate of Applied Science degree in automotive technology from San Jacinto College in 1978 and increased his automotive work experience in the vehicle maintenance section of the Transition Caretaker Force at Ellington Air Force Base, General Services Administration's Motor Pool in Houston and Bland Cadillac and Saab of Houston. He began teaching full time for the college in 1988.

Bringing more than four decades of automotive industry knowledge to SJC has enhanced instruction within

the automotive department. "I enjoy sharing what I have learned and accomplished with my students so they can use the information and knowledge to help them reach their life goals," said Black, who drives more than 65 miles each day from Fullshear to teach his students.

In 2002, the SJC automotive department received the highest recruiting rate for the technical education division. Black received the 2002 Kent-Moore Training Leadership Award, one of eight GM Automotive Service Education Program (ASEP) instructors to be recognized out of 150 instructors in the United States.

"We are extremely proud of Greg's determination to take all of the necessary steps and his investment of time to become a General Motors World Class Technician," said Dr. Steve Horton, SJC dean of technical education at the Central campus. "This award gives him the highest recognized status as a quality automotive instructor for our General Motors ASEP student trainees and the General Motors Master Class technicians attending classes at the Central campus."

In addition to his automotive industry accomplishments, Black has also been recognized for his service to the U.S. Armed Forces as first sergeant to the commander of the 147th Fighter Wing at Ellington Field.

He retired from the Texas Air National Guard in 2004, after serving 24 years and received various medals and awards, including the Meritorious Service Award, the Air Force Accommodation Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal. He remains active with the Ace-in-the-Hole Retiree's Association of the 147th Reconnaissance Wing.



Pictured are, left to right, Dr. Steve Horton, dean of technical education at the San Jacinto College Central campus; Greg Black, automotive technology instructor; and Dr. Neil Matkin, SJC Central campus president. Black and his wife, Donna, are former South Belt residents.

SJCS holds Family Fun Night



One-year-old Jonas Boulens and his mother, Claudia, play in a pile of packing peanut "snow" at Family Fun Night at the San Jacinto College South campus. The Children's Center recently held the holiday event for all those who attend the center and their parents. Partygoers enjoyed decorating Christmas cookies, hot cocoa, personalizing gingerbread men, and playing in artificial snow.

Submitted photo

Local band strikes a chord

By Matt Griesmyer
High school rock bands and dreams of stardom go hand in hand, but five local guys are making their dream a reality.

Practicing on the second floor of one of the member's homes, the band Kill Me Holly is slowly making headlines around the local band scene, performing at car shows, benefits and other venues.

One might think that a skater-pop band rocking out on the second floor of their parents' house might not make them popular with the neighbors; this is not the case.

"(The neighbors) haven't complained," said Matthew Daumas, synthesizer player in the band. "Some of the neighbors have actually come to our shows."

Band members Diego Alar-

con-lead guitar, Mark Meredith-drums, Richard Cisneros-guitar, Joe Nickelson-bass and Daumas have known and rocked out with each other for a few years now.

The band name comes from a mutual acquaintance that three of the band members dated at different times.

One day they started conversing about a former girlfriend, and they slowly realized they were all talking about the same girl.

All members of the band are either former or current Dobie students who still maintain ties with the community. Recently Holly played at a benefit for Jose Sepulveda and Gabby Romero, two Dobie students who recently passed away. All proceeds from the concert were split between the Romero and Sepulveda fami-



Left to right, Matthew Daumas, Joe Nickelson, Mark Meredith, Diego Alarcon and Richard Cisneros of the band Kill Me Holly.

Photo by Matt Griesmyer

lies.

The music they play is mostly about relationships and events that can relate with their audience. Lyrics speak to—and with—this generation with shades of early Blink-182 and Sum 41.

The band mates all come from different musical backgrounds.

Alarcon listened to rap and R&B music while Meredith listened to country and classic rock.

"Diego gets an idea in his head and lets us know what he is thinking and we just take (the songs) from there," Cisneros said.

The band has already garnered attention from out of this city, playing events in College Station, a stoner throw away from the Texas A & M campus.

Kill Me Holly is in the process of recording a four-track demo CD that showcases their best work.

The lead track of the CD, "Liar Liar," is often called the fan-favorite, and has garnered praise from event planners and spectators alike.

The band has events scheduled at many local venues, including Fitzgerald's near Downtown Houston, following in the musical footsteps of artists like Stevie Ray Vaughn, ZZ Top and James Brown.

After their local success, how far is the band willing to go? "As far as we can take it," Cisneros said.

The sound of Kill Me Holly is as varied as the backgrounds of their members, but their brand of stylish chords and modern pop will strike a chord with the youth of today for years to come.

CCISD saves more than \$600,000 by refinancing

On Monday, Dec. 7, Clear Creek Independent School District marketed \$4,780,000 in Series 2010 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds.

The move will save CCISD more than \$600,000 in interest.

The Refunding Bonds were issued to refinance maturities from the 2000 and 2002 bond issues.

These outstanding bonds had a combined average interest rate of 5.63 percent.

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district was able to refinance the bonds down to an average rate of 3.57 percent. As a result, the District will save \$694,340 in interest payments.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Varsity girls' hoops openers: Dickinson trips cold-shooting Brook

There were plenty of opportunities, but Clear Brook's varsity girls' basketball team simply couldn't grasp them during a 42-33 home loss to Dickinson in the District 24-5A opener for both teams Dec. 15.

Neither team played exceptionally well, but the Lady Gators did just enough to sneak away with a win in a game plagued by turnovers and poor shooting from both teams.

Clear Brook led 6-2 mid-

way through the first quarter, but Dickinson came back with a 3-pointer by Brittany Simmons and a short jumper by Ariel Scott to take a 7-6 edge into the second quarter. Dickinson led the rest of the way.

Dickinson was in front 21-14 at halftime, but Clear Brook made a third-quarter push to get within 23-20 with four minutes to go in the period on a basket from Michelle Edwards.

In the final 12 minutes of

action, though, Clear Brook went 4 of 32 from the field.

It wasn't exactly the way Clear Brook head coach Blair Redmon envisioned

her debut in District 24-5A to go.

"Dickinson handed us chances to take the lead and to win the game in the

end, and we couldn't close it out," Redmon said.

"I think our kids came into the game expecting to win, and Dickinson put up a good challenge. They made the most of their shots. It's a good wake-up call for us.

It's not one we wanted, but hopefully this will be the last one."

Clear Brook will play at Brazoswood Friday, Dec. 18, in the final district game before the Christmas break. Brazoswood, a playoff

team last season, won its 24-5A opener over Alvin Dec. 15. So Clear Brook needs a win to avoid falling too far behind early on in the race.

"Every night in our district is going to be big for all of us," Redmon said.

"I think sometimes we get caught up thinking too much about Springs, Lake and Creek in our school district and forget the others can beat you.

"We have now seen what can happen. Now we have to bounce back and get a win at Brazoswood. It won't be easy."

JFD girls host CB Dec. 19

The neighborhood rivalry between the Dobie and Clear Brook High School varsity basketball teams will heat up Saturday, Dec. 19, as the Lady Longhorns host Brook in a 4 p.m. game at Dobie's Scott Talton Court.

The game was originally slated to be played Dec. 4, but snow forced area school districts to cancel extracurricular activities for the evening.

It will be the second time the teams have met this sea-

son. Clear Brook defeated Dobie Nov. 13 at the Baytown Lee High School tournament.

Following the Dec. 19 game, both teams will take a bit of a break for the holidays.

Clear Brook, currently 10-7 overall, will return to play nondistrict opponent Elkins Dec. 29.

Dobie, which is 7-7 at this point, will play in the Bryan/College Station tournament Dec. 29-31.



Chelsea Ngo, a freshman guard at Clear Brook, sank a shot as the Lady Wolverines built a brief lead but went on to fall to Dickinson in the District 24-5A opener for both teams Dec. 15 at Brook.

Dobie hosts Lake Dec. 21



Dobie senior forward Randy Owens will lead the Longhorns into action against the Clear Lake Falcons Monday, Dec. 21, beginning at 2 p.m. at Dobie's Scott Talton Court. Photo by John Bechtle

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Soccer workouts are under way

The 2010 high school soccer season officially got under way a couple of weeks ago with the opening of preseason workouts.

With regular season games, including tournaments, set to be played just after the turn of the new year, hopes are exceptionally high at both Clear Brook and Dobie high schools.

Both the boys' and girls' varsity teams from Brook and Dobie advanced to the postseason.

Of the four, the Longhorn boys delivered big on their promise, making the Region III tournament for the first time in school history.

Now it's time to begin anew, and the four programs are ready to go.

Dobie boys pumped Coming off that trip to regionals, the Dobie boys have found it difficult to escape the limelight.

The Texas Association of Soccer Coaches also thinks highly of Dobie, having ranked the team eighth in the Region III preseason poll.

So much for blending in with the terrain.

"As a program we are extremely proud to be ranked

and to represent our school again and our area," Dobie head coach Jesse Saavedra said.

"I have already told our guys that the ranking will mean nothing if we don't go out and play hard and win games. We had a good off-season program with very minimal distractions."

The way preseason workouts and the holidays are scheduled, it can sometimes be difficult for players to stay focused.

Workouts began Nov. 30 and have continued. The Christmas break begins Dec. 21 and runs through Jan. 3. Yet soccer teams will work out some during the break, and scrimmages may begin as early as Jan. 4.

Despite the breaks in the action ahead, Saavedra is confident the Longhorns will be ready.

"I coach a hard-working group of players, and I would have to say that this group of players has a great understanding of our motto that 'there is no offseason.'"

The Longhorns as a group will have to quickly identify their scoring punch after the graduation of Gilberto Tzintzun and Chris Torres.

Midfielders Salim Nassar and Alberto Narvaez along with defenders Gibrian Vargas played key roles.

But Dobie is out to prove that last year's run to regionals was no accident.

"We have two good lead-

ers in seniors Walter Anou (4-year starter) and Irving Garza (3-year starter) who have placed the team on their shoulders and kept things rolling," Saavedra said.

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At right, senior midfielder Ashlyn Leighton is part of a group of players which now numbers 11 who came in as freshmen in 2007 and have lifted the Lady Longhorns' program to great heights. Leighton, who in 2009 was the co-most valuable player in District 22-5A, is entering her fourth season as a starter.

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Local high school soccer figures to be highly competitive

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One early issue will be the absence of Garza, who broke a bone in his foot early in workouts and will miss the nondistrict portion of the schedule. Thus, other players will need to emerge.

“We return seven starters from last year’s team plus several others with varsity playing experience,” Saavedra said.

“Expectations are high in our locker room. I believe if we play up to our capability, keep everyone healthy and get some breaks here and there, we should contend for another run at district. I am excited about the coming season.”

JFD girls already tested
Prior to the 2007 season, Dobbie head coach Kersten

Mullan gave high praise to a talented freshman class. Now those players will lead the way as seniors as the Lady Longhorns look to continue what has been a solid run of play.

In 2009, the Lady Longhorns blanked North Shore 4-0 in the bidistrict round but then lost to Fort Bend Austin in the second round.

For 2010, the goal is to go further. The biggest challenge may come on the back end of the field, where defender Lindsey Eikenburg and goalkeeper Beatrice Soto must be replaced after graduating.

Up top, the Lady Longhorns return 2009 co-most valuable player Ashlyn Leighton at midfield. Fellow first-teamers Chelsea DeLeon (midfield) and

Monika Rivera (defender) also return along with several other standouts. A group of forwards, which will likely include Melisa Leal, Tanya Polomares and La Shaye Cooper, will be asked to provide some scoring punch.

“I am really looking forward to this season,” said Dobbie head coach Kersten Mullan, now entering her fourth season.

“We have been working hard, like always, and I feel really great about this group.”

“First, I have 11 seniors

this year, and they are my ‘babies’ since they were freshmen when I started at Dobbie. I think this says a lot about our relationship and their commitment to the program.”

“The younger players on the team will continue to be amazing, and we should have a good mix on the field.”

CB girls have new coach
Jeff Brewer has taken over as Clear Brook’s varsity girls’ coach, and he’s well aware that he has inherited a program that expects to attend the playoffs

each season.

The Lady Wolverines advanced to the regional quarterfinal round a season ago, losing to eventual Region III champion Clear Lake 2-1.

Just six seniors exited the roster at Clear Brook after the season, so Brewer also has an experienced roster at his disposal.

“We’ve been practicing hard for about three weeks now,” Brewer said.

“We have a lot of good players returning and are looking forward to using the experience we gained

last year to make this year even better.”

“They are hitting it hard in practices, getting in shape and fighting for positions. I’ve been impressed with their dedication and their drive.”

“Our upperclassmen are not only great soccer players but good leaders on and off the field, and I look forward to watching this year’s team grow and succeed behind their leadership.”

CB boys talented
The Clear Brook varsity boys’ team will also draw on plenty of experience in an attempt to get back to the playoffs.

The Wolverines lost to Hightower in the first round of the playoffs last season but welcomes back a good deal of its top talent from that team.

Mark Gendi is one of the key returnees on the offensive end, and Landon Sikes

will pace the defense.

Alumni games
The Dobbie boys’ program will host a pair of alumni games Saturday, Jan. 2 at Newcomb Field in Pasadena. The junior varsity game is set for 4 p.m., and the varsity game will get underway at 6 p.m.

Former players wishing to take part in the action may direct e-mail to Saavedra at jjsaavedra@pasadenaisd.org.

The Lady Longhorns will take part in an alumni game Tuesday, Jan. 5 at El Franco Lee Park, beginning at 7 p.m. The JV (A) and JV (B) teams will go head-to-head Jan. 5 at Dobbie, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Former Dobbie girls’ players wishing to play in the alumni game may direct e-mail to Mullan at kmullan@pasadenaisd.org.

Clear Brook does not plan to play alumni games.

Sports news, notes

SBHLL sets registration dates

Registration for the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League has been set. The dates include Jan. 9 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Jan. 14 (6 to 8 p.m.) and Jan. 16 (1 to 5 p.m.). All sessions will be held at the SBHLL facility at El Franco Lee Park. Early registration for coaches and managers will be held Jan. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park. For more information, visit the league Web site at www.eteamz.com/sbhll. Additional details will follow in upcoming *Leader* editions.

SBGSA delivers sign-up dates

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has set dates for its 2010 spring season registration. The dates include Saturday, Jan. 9 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Thursday, Jan. 14 (6 to 8 p.m.), Saturday, Jan. 16 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Thursday, Jan. 21 (6 to 8 p.m.) and Saturday, Jan. 23 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Tryouts will then be held Saturday, Jan. 30 (9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.). For more information, direct e-mail to southbeltgirlssoftball@live.com or visit the league Web site at www.eteamz.com/southbeltgirls.

SBHLL movie night to be reset

Fog in the area forced the cancellation of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League’s first-ever movie night at El Franco Lee Park. League officials are considering dates in January for the movie night to be rescheduled. The *Leader* will provide details when they are available. Details will also be posted on the SBHLL Web site at www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

Sports calendar

BASKETBALL	
Thursday, Dec. 17	Clear Brook JV boys host Clear Brook tourn., TBA Clear Brook sophomore boys at Clear Lake tourn., TBA Clear Brook freshman A boys at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Friday, Dec. 18	Dobbie varsity boys at Channelview, 7:00 Dobbie varsity girls host Sam Rayburn, 7:30 Clear Brook varsity girls at Brazoswood, 7:00 Clear Brook JV boys host Clear Brook tourn., TBA Dobbie JV boys at Channelview, 5:30 Dobbie JV girls host Sam Rayburn, 6:00 Clear Brook JV girls at Brazoswood, 5:30 Clear Brook sophomore boys at Clear Lake tourn., TBA Dobbie sophomore boys at Channelview, 4:00 Dobbie freshman A girls host Sam Rayburn, 4:30 Clear Brook freshman A boys at Clear Creek tourn., TBA Dobbie freshman A boys at Channelview, 4:00 Clear Brook freshman A girls at Brazoswood, 4:00 Dobbie freshman B girls host Sam Rayburn, 6:00
Saturday, Dec. 19	Clear Brook JV boys host Clear Brook tourn., TBA Clear Brook sophomore boys at Clear Lake tourn., TBA Clear Brook freshman A boys at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Tuesday, Dec. 22	Clear Brook varsity boys at Humble, 1:00 Clear Brook JV boys at Humble, 11:30 a.m. Clear Brook sophomore boys at Humble, 10 a.m. Clear Brook freshman A boys at Humble, 11:30 a.m. Clear Brook freshman B boys at Humble, 10 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 28	Clear Brook boys at Springdale, Ark., tourn., TBA Dobbie varsity boys at Alvin Lions tourn., TBA
Tuesday, Dec. 29	Dobbie varsity boys at Alvin Lions tourn., TBA Dobbie varsity girls at Bryan/College Station, TBA Clear Brook boys at Springdale, Ark., tourn., TBA Clear Brook varsity girls host Elkins, 7:00 Dobbie JV boys at Clear Lake, Krueger, 12:30 Clear Brook varsity girls host Elkins, 5:30 Dobbie sophomore boys at Clear Lake, Krueger, 11 a.m. Dobbie freshman A boys at Clear Lake, Krueger, 12:30 Clear Brook freshman A girls host Elkins, 4:00 Dobbie freshman B boys at Clear Lake, Krueger, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 30	Dobbie varsity boys at Alvin Lions tourn., TBA Dobbie varsity girls at Bryan/College Station, TBA Clear Brook boys at Springdale, Ark., tourn., TBA
Thursday, Dec. 31	Dobbie varsity girls at Bryan/College Station, TBA
Saturday, Jan. 2	Clear Brook varsity girls host Clear Lake, 2:00 Dobbie varsity girls at Pearland, 7:30 Dobbie JV girls at Pearland, 6:00 Clear Brook JV girls host Clear Lake, 12:30 Clear Brook freshman A girls host Clear Lake, 11:30 Dobbie freshman A girls at Pearland, 4:30 Clear Brook freshman B girls host Clear Lake, 12:30
SOCCER	
Saturday, Jan. 2	Dobbie varsity boys host alumni game, Newcomb, 6:00 Dobbie JV boys host alumni game, Newcomb, 4:00

Lady Lions’ hoops sweeps Indians

Thompson Intermediate’s girls’ basketball program played exceptionally well Dec. 9, sweeping each of its four games against the South Houston Indians.

Thompson 7 Light 26 South Houston 6

The Lady Lions’ seventh-grade Light team claimed an easy victory over South Houston, winning 26-6.

From the opening tip, Thompson was able to dominate in all facets of the game, turning in its finest performance of the season.

The Indians were simply overmatched, and once the Lady Lions built an early 10-0 lead, they were able to cruise to their third win of the season, 26-6.

Emily Wolfe was the leading scorer with 14 points. Monica Ploucha scored six points.

Paola Reyna scored all four of her points in the fourth quarter on long jumpers, while Jessica Jones added two points.

Thompson’s defense was

suffocating, making it difficult for South Houston to get any open looks at the basket.

Racquel Delgadillo, De-neil Bell, Jackie Bishof and Wolfe hounded the Indians the entire game, forcing the opposition into bad passes leading to steals and layups for the Lions.

Thompson 7 Dark 13 South Houston 10

Thompson’s seventh-grade Dark team was looking to earn its first victory of the season against South Houston, and the locals got it.

After a sluggish start, the Lions turned up their pressure and intensity. Heading into the final quarter, the Lions led by seven points.

Bad passes and missed layups by Thompson allowed the Indians to make a run of their own and close the gap.

However, the Lady Lions made the defensive plays when it mattered and held on to win, 13-10.

Sasha McCoy, Alisa Gonzales and Valerie Colunga led the charge on the defensive end, stifling the Indians and forcing bad passes leading to fast break opportunities.

Patrice Jackson was a force in the middle, scoring five points, while also grabbing several offensive and defensive rebounds.

Colunga led all scorers with six points, and Oasis Wilson had two points.

Thompson 8 Dark 30 South Houston 10

The Lady Lions’ eighth-grade Dark team had no trouble, topping South Houston 30-10.

With the win, the Lady Lions won for the second time in three games, tying Beverly Hills for fifth place.

Thompson 8 Light 26 South Houston 17

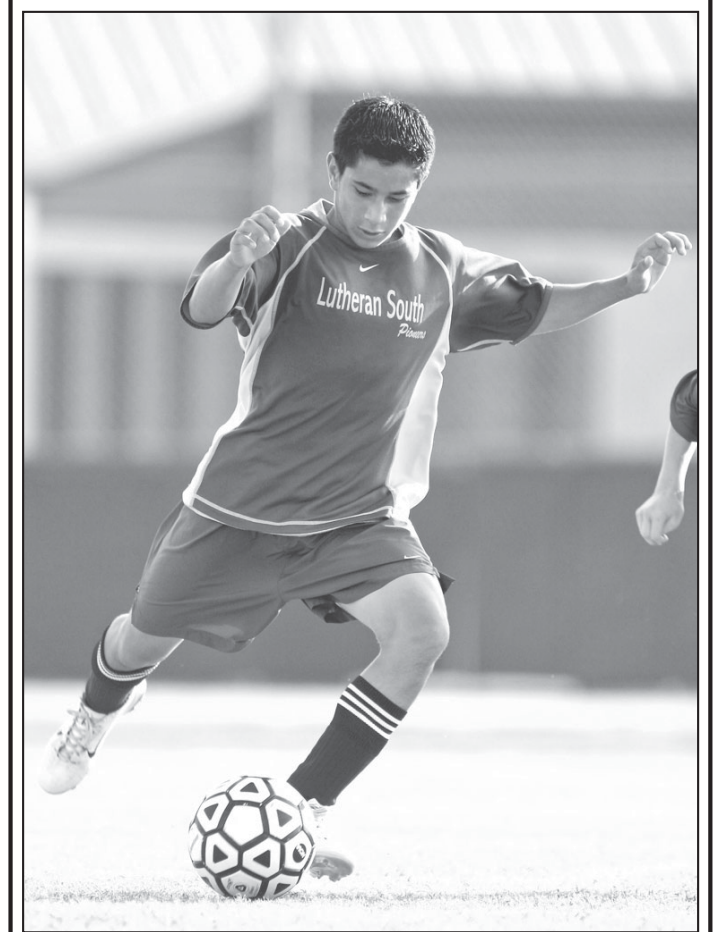
Thompson’s eighth-grade Light team edged past South Houston 26-17, winning its first game of the season.

SB Galaxy U-9 wins BAYSA crown



The U-9 Galaxy girls team from the South Belt Youth Soccer Club won the Bay Area Youth Soccer Association championship using a team effort along the way. In the semifinals, the Galaxy defeated the Galveston County SWAT U9 1-0, handing the Galveston squad its first loss of the season. In the championship match, the locals defeated the Space City Soccer Club Strikers (Bouslog) 1-0 to win the gold medal championship. Both wins came after tough defensive games led by the Galaxy’s goalkeepers, Bryanna Rodriguez and Analise Garza. Angelica Ortiz led the offense, scoring the game-winning goals on both games. The Galaxy won five games during the season with three losses and a tie. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Joanna Serna, Bryanna Rodriguez, Angelica Ortiz, Yareli Garcia, Kalen Ruiz, Analise Garza, Nadia Ramos, Valerie Martinez, (back row) Karina Gonzalez (injured, shown with her father, Jesus Gonzalez, head coach Mauro Ramos and assistant coach Rick Martinez. Not pictured is Jackie Perez.

LSA’s Arteaga goes international



Lutheran South Academy Middle School soccer standout Jaime Arteaga, has been selected to participate in the Mundialito Tahuichi International Soccer Tournament, to be held in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Arteaga, an eighth-grade student at LSA will travel to Santa Cruz on Jan. 9 for the nine-day event. Arteaga led the LSA middle school soccer team to an undefeated season. He was selected in September to join the Houston Dynamo Junior Academy U-14 squad.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Schools

Girls Hoops Standings (After Dec. 9 games)

Eighth Grade Light

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

Scores Dec. 9

Beverly Hills 27, Southmore 22
Bondy 45, Jackson 14
Miller 38, Queens 16
Thompson 26, South Houston 17
San Jacinto 41, Park View 17

Eighth Grade Dark

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

Scores Dec. 9

Thompson 20, South Houston 10
Southmore 24, Beverly Hills 20
Bondy 31, Jackson 15
Miller 37, Queens 32
San Jacinto 44, Park View 11

Seventh Grade Light

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

Scores Dec. 9

Beverly Hills 40, Southmore 18
Thompson 26, South Houston 6
Bondy 46, Jackson 13
Park View 32, San Jacinto 14
Miller 30, Queens 18

Seventh Grade Dark

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

Scores Dec. 9

Beverly Hills 29, Southmore 15
Thompson 13, South Houston 10
Bondy 45, Jackson 7
Miller 17, Queens 14
Park View 30, San Jacinto 14

Boys Hoops Standings (After Dec. 9 games)

Eighth Grade Light

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

Scores Dec. 9

Beverly Hills 39, Southmore 21
Bondy 56, Jackson 41
Queens 59, Miller 23
Thompson 52, South Houston 49
Park View 49, San Jacinto 38

Eighth Grade Dark

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

Scores Dec. 9

Thompson 55, South Houston 41
Beverly Hills 17, Southmore 8
Bondy 35, Jackson 16
Queens 64, Miller 27
Park View 32, San Jacinto 30

Seventh Grade Light

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

Scores Dec. 9

Beverly Hills 47, Southmore 18
Thompson 40, South Houston 31
Jackson 37, Bondy 36
Park View 53, San Jacinto 48
Miller 44, Queens 27

Seventh Grade Dark

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

Scores Dec. 9

Beverly Hills 24, Southmore 17
South Houston 31, Thompson 23
Bondy 36, Jackson 18
Miller 34, Queens 27
San Jacinto 43, Park View 18

15-under Quest Brazil wins district; takes third at state



The Quest Brazil 15-under boys' soccer team won first place in the Eastern District playoffs and then advanced to the state tournament, taking third place. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Eric Ferrufino, Ceasar Silva, (middle row) Robert Dodd, Eric Duran, Branson McDonald, Erik Cantu, Pepe Torres, Mitchi Silva, Daniel Solis, Justin Colunga (back row) Edwin Ochoa, coach Julio Silva, Osayamen Ojeaga, Rudy Rodriguez, Josue Acosta, Marco Gonzalez, Sr. and Marco Gonzalez.

Locals attend Texans' game, tailgating included



Three sets of family members and many of their friends reunited at the E5 Tailgate party at Reliant Stadium during a Houston Texans' game. Of course, the group included a pregame tailgating party to help celebrate the Texans' appearance on Monday Night Football. Everyone at the party resides in the South Belt area, and many are related, including Robert Cavazos Sr. and his son Robert Cavazos Jr.; David Cantu, who is the nephew of Rudy Alafa and Ricky Llorente and his father, Robert Llorente. Alafa and Cantu got together the night before the big game, designing the Houston Texans' Flag with the message they wanted to send to the Tennessee Titans. Pictured are, left to right, Robert Cavazos Sr., Robert Cavazos Jr., Cantu, Ricky Llorente, Robert Llorente and Rudy Alafa.

Submitted photo

Dorch, SJC dominate Region XIV volleyball honors

National qualifiers reap the benefits

Six volleyball players from San Jacinto College were named to the All-Region XIV conference team, as voted by the league coaches.

In addition, San Jacinto nabbed the top player, top freshman, top offensive player and coach of the year honors.

Sophomores Christie Dorch (Friendswood High School) and Holly Moreno (Pearland High School), along with freshmen Alyssa Dibbern and Candace Soares earned spots on the Region XIV first team.

San Jacinto College sophomore Brittney Wood and freshman Amanda Deem (Pearland High School) were named to the second team.

Dorch also earned National Junior College Athletic Association All-American second team honors, conference offensive player and player of the year honors within Region XIV.

Dibbern was named the league's freshman of the year, and eighth-year head coach Sharon Nelson earned her fifth-straight Region XIV District M coach of the year honor.

"I am very proud to see our players honored by the conference," said Nelson.

"Their recognition is a testament to the hard work of everyone in our program and to the success of San Jacinto College volleyball."

"All of our players deserve credit for the many hours of dedication they have put in to continuing our success, and for their representation of the college on both the regional and national levels."

For the season, Dorch, a transfer from the University of New Hampshire, led the team in kills per set. Her 3.15 average was also second in the league. The 6-foot-1 right side hitter was one of the team's top blockers with a 0.48 per set mark (seventh in the conference)

and was second on the team with 419 digs, for a 3.40 per set average.

"I am so happy for Christie for her All-American recognition," added Nelson. "All-American status to any player in our program is a great honor. She is a talented player and is so deserving of All-American honors."

Dibbern, a 6-foot-2 middle blocker, was second on the squad in kills and blocks with marks of 2.83 and 0.91 per set, respectively. She led the team in service aces with 54 total, good for second in the league with a 0.43 mark.

Moreno transferred to San Jacinto in the offseason from St. Mary's University. The 6-foot-1 outside hitter from Pearland was fourth on the team in kills per set at 2.03, third in blocks at 0.63 and fourth in service aces with an average of 0.28 per set. Her .337 hitting percentage was sixth in the league.

Soares was third on the squad in kills per set at 2.30 (10th in the league), third in digs with a 2.89 per set mark, and second in total service aces with 45.

Wood was solid on defense for San Jacinto this season, leading the squad in blocks per set with a 1.053 mark (29th nationally).

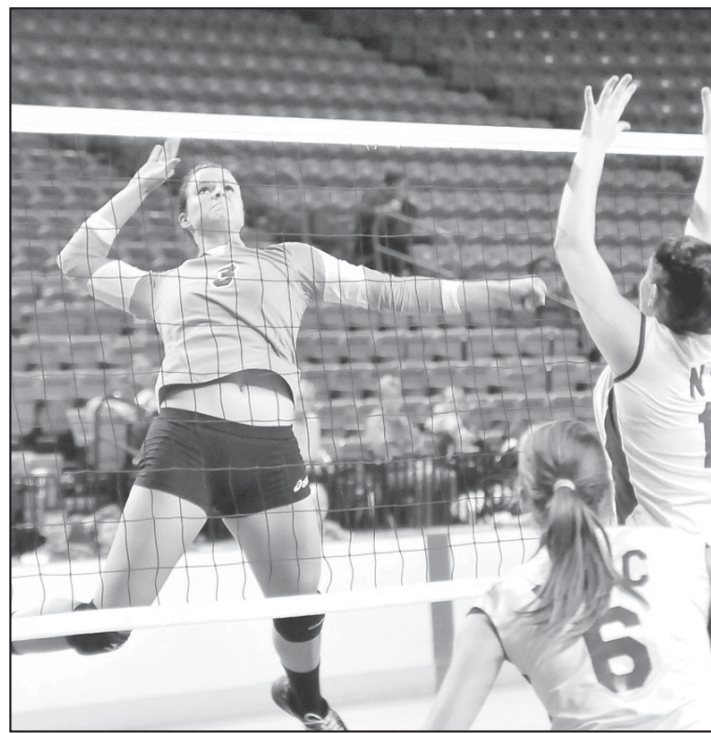
The 6-foot-1 middle blocker from Kingwood finished sixth on the team in kills per set with a 1.487 average.

Deem led the team in digs with 436 total for a 3.52 per set mark. The Pearland High School graduate also served up 16 aces.

Nelson owns an overall record of 232-86 (.730) in eight years at San Jacinto College.

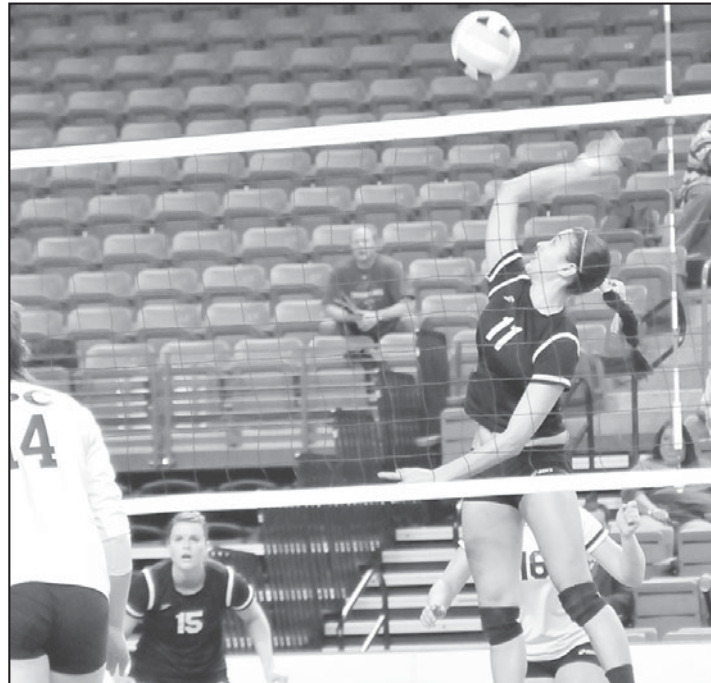
This season, the Ravens made their fifth-straight trip to the NJCAA national tournament, finishing 10th. It was the fourth top-10 finish for Nelson in her tenure at San Jacinto.

In photo at right, freshman hitter Candace Soares (11) was one of four San Jacinto College volleyball players to earn All-Region XIV status after leading the team to the conference tournament title and a fifth straight berth at nationals. Soares was third on the team in kills per set.



San Jacinto College sophomore hitter Christie Dorch (3) grabbed National Junior College Athletic Association All-American second-team accolades after guiding the Ravens to the national tournament in 2009. Dorch, a 2008 Friendswood High School graduate, also swept top honors in Region XIV. She was named the league's top overall player and top offensive player after pacing the conference champions in kills per set at 3.15. Five other Ravens were honored within the conference, and head coach Sharon Nelson was tabbed District M Coach of the Year for the fifth straight season.

Photos by Amanda Booren, SJC marketing dept.



Lady Wolverine trainers do their part



To recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Clear Brook High School girls' sports medicine staff collected donations at Wolverines' volleyball and football games during the fall season. The fundraiser, "Wrapping for a Cure," in which student trainers wrapped wrists in pink for a donation, raised \$742 for M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. The money was donated in honor of Wolverines' head football Coach Paul Lanier's wife, Mary, who has been a patient at M.D. Anderson. Those displaying the donation included, left to right, (front row) Clear Brook principal Michele Staley, Mary Lanier, Lady Wolverine athletic trainer Cathy Supak, (back row) Nam Dinh, Taylor Cudworth, Kirsti Roberts and Catherine Aguilar. Not pictured is Alex Mireles.

Dobie boys part of 23rd Annual Alvin Lions Club hoops

Dec. 28 first round

Dobie Longhorns vs. Westfield

Manvel High School, 3 p.m.

Dobie Longhorns vs. Houston Sterling

Alvin High School, 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 29-30 bracket matchups to be determined by pool play

Dec. 30 Boys' gold championship 8:30

Dec. 30 Girls' gold championship 7:00

Both trophy games at Alvin High School

Participating boys' teams Participating girls' teams

First round pool play is Monday, Dec. 28 – visit alvinlionsholidayclassic.org

Tickets – Dec. 28-29 \$6 adults, \$3 students; Dec. 30 \$8 adults, \$4 students

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Angleton	Sharpstown	Alvin	Lamar
Penrith-Australia	Houston Sterling	Angleton	Houston Sterling
Channelview	La Porte	Aust. Anderson	Worthing
Cinco Ranch	Manvel	Penrith-Australia	La Porte
Clear Creek	Mayde Creek	Channelview	Manvel
Clear Springs	Pearland	Dawson	South Houston
Dawson	Foster	Dickinson	Spring Woods
Deer Park	South Houston	Dobie	Westfield
Dickinson	Spring Woods	F.B. Marshall	Willowridge

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

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

Noon

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

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

5:30 p.m.

Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter – A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.

6:30 p.m.

St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring – St. Luke's offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

8:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 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.

10 a.m.

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

Noon

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

6 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 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.

3 p.m.

Pasadena Little Theatre – The closing performance for *Sorry, Wrong Chimney* by Jack Sharkey and Leo W. Sears is at 3 p.m. at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Jada August is the director. Make reservations online at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org or call 713-941-1758.

8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 281-482-2343.

MONDAY, DEC. 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.

9 a.m.

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

Noon

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

6 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

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

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.

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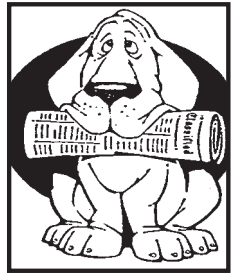
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TUESDAY, DEC. 22
 7 a.m.

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.

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

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

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

6:30 p.m.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.

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7 p.m.
St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring - St. Luke's offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23
 7 a.m.
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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.

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

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

7 p.m.
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McDonald, Perez top Dobie OL

In photo at right, Dobie senior linemen Michael McDonald (left) and Frank Perez (right) were named the Longhorns' top offensive linemen for the 2009 season. Longhorns' offensive line coach Larry Mitchell (center) presented the honor.



Oops, we goofed!

In the Dec. 10 *Leader*, Dobie senior Wosea Woodley was incorrectly identified in a Page 3B photo as Raydell Davis. We sincerely regret the error. Woodley was one of the recipients of an academic scholarship presented by the Dobie football booster club.

Outback hoops: CB boys win two of four; Gibson leads Wolverines' scoring pace

A 5-1 start to the season has now given way to a little bit of a skid for the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team, which now stands at 7-5.

Head coach Jason Pillow vows his team's fortunes will turn around, and he's taking it upon himself to ensure that turnaround comes sooner than later.

The Wolverines' woes began Dec. 8 in a 55-52 loss at Dobie.

Dobie certainly deserves its share of credit for coming away with the win, but a missed free throw in the final seconds that would have forced a tie proved costly to Clear Brook.

Then Eric Gibson's potential game-tying 3-pointer hit the front rim at the buzzer, allowing Dobie to gain the win.

A split at Outback
Pillow took his team to the Alief Independent School District's Outback Classic Dec. 10-12, and the Wolverines again suffered a close loss en route to a 2-2 mark at the event.

Clear Brook opened play with a 72-70 victory over Spring Woods as Darren

Smith had 15 points and Eric Gibson, who scored in double digits in each of his team's games, added 14.

Next up, the Wolverines went against Dulles, and the outcome was not close. The Vikings cruised to a 74-56 win as Gibson tallied 11 points.

Clear Brook came back and trounced Fort Bend Austin 61-43, as Gibson had a team-high 19 points, but the Wolverines closed the event by losing in the final seconds, 48-47, against Houston Memorial.

Taylor wins easily
The team's fifth loss came Dec. 14 as the Wolverines lost at Alief Taylor 52-38. Smith led the Wolverines, who surrendered 30 fourth-quarter points, with 19 of his own.

Pillow said missed layups on the offensive end and turnovers on both ends were to blame against Taylor.

Although the Wolverines are a relatively inexperienced group at the varsity level, Pillow has come to expect more. The last-second losses have to cease.

"We have to figure out why we are not able to fin-

ish games," Pillow said.

"We have lost three games in the last two seconds (of each). It all starts with me as the head coach.

"I take full responsibility for us not finishing games. We will be making some serious changes in an effort to right the ship prior to district."

Clear Brook will play in one more tournament in Arkansas Dec. 28-30 before beginning District 24-5A action Jan. 5 at home against defending 24-5A champion Galveston Ball.

The Wolverines have completed their individual nondistrict game slate.



Clear Brook's Eric Gibson played well on the offensive end at the Alief Outback boys' basketball tournament, averaging 13 points per contest as the Wolverines went 2-2 in the event Dec. 10-12. Photo by John Bechtle



Dobie point guard Mike Selexman had 10 points, but Dobie's varsity boys' basketball team couldn't battle back from a 40-16 deficit in an eventual 56-45 loss to Clear Creek Dec. 15 at Scott Talton Court. The loss dropped Dobie to 6-7 overall.

Dobie football team honors booster president McDonald



The Dobie High School varsity football team awarded booster club president Beth McDonald (center with ball) an autographed football for her tireless efforts during the 2009 season. Members of the team include, left to right, (front row) Shamon Freeman, Justin Rice, Maurice Poullard, McDonald, Arturo Betancourt, Jordan Monette, Amado Jacobs, Joseph Scott, Logan Pilot, (second row) Trezzmond McNair, Darrian Lavergne, Andrew Nguyen, Dylan Wall, Cody Early, Treveon Belton, Marcel Aigbedion, Nathan Touchette, Elias Fernandez, (back row) Davion Hurst, Cy Fondal, Andrew Robinson, Ashante Joseph, Justin Edwards, Irving Garza, Keon Onwuchuruba, Michael Collins, Garrett Leland, Aaron Kutra, Sefita Kefu and Demarcus Boyd.



Boyd is best OB; Collins top WR

In photo at left, junior tailback Demarcus Boyd (right) was named the Longhorns' top offensive back of the season. The award was presented by Dobie running backs Kenneth Foster.

In photo at right, senior Michael Collins (right) was named the Longhorns' top receiver for the 2009 season. The award was presented by Dobie receivers coach Charles Washington.



Edwards wins best LB; Garza elite STs

In photo at left, junior linebacker Justin Edwards (right) was named the Longhorns' top linebacker of the season. The award was presented by Dobie interim head coach Carey Sink.

In photo at right, senior Irving Garza (right) was named the Longhorns' best special teams player for the 2009 season. The award was delivered by Dobie special teams coach Irvin Theodile.



Scott top DB, duo best DL

In photo at left, senior Joe Scott (right) was named the Longhorns' top defensive back of the season. The award was presented by Dobie defensive backs coach Irvin Theodile.

In photo at right, seniors Ashante Joseph (left) and Keon Onwuchuruba (right) were named the Longhorns' top defensive linemen for the 2009 season. The award was presented by Dobie defensive tackles coach Chris Swinnen.



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