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Leader holidays set

The *Leader* will be on a holiday schedule the last week of 2008. Advertising and copy deadline for the Dec. 25 *Leader* is Friday, Dec. 19, 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.

CB City MUD offices closed

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Dec. 24-25. They will reopen Friday, Dec. 26, 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 Thursday, Jan. 1 and will reopen Friday, Jan. 2.

Dobie orchestra concert set

The nationally honored 2008 J. Frank Dobie Orchestra will present its holiday concert Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. A holiday music CD of the orchestra will be available to purchase. The CD costs \$5 each, or five CDs for \$20. Presale orders are available through Anita Pomykal at 832-326-2116. They may also be purchased at the concert. A limited supply is available.

Live nativity at Cokesbury

Cokesbury United Methodist Church will host a living nativity with Bethlehem animals Sunday, Dec. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. on the church lawn, weather permitting.

The story of Jesus' birth will be enacted at 2:30 and 3:30. The public is invited to pet the animals and wish Baby Jesus a happy birthday. The church is located at 10030 Scarsdale, between Beamer and Blackhawk.

Those who have suffered the loss of a loved one this year are invited to "Christmas Without Them" Sunday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Cokesbury.

This will be a simple service of remembering and lighting candles. The public is welcome.

Library events scheduled

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

Movie Madness is Thursday, Dec. 18, at 4 p.m. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for feature title.

Play Rock Band during the teen program is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m.

The library will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, and will be closed Dec. 25, 26 and 27 for the holidays.

Storytime for preschoolers is held every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is every Thursday at 10 and 11:15 a.m.

Sageglen lighting contest set

This holiday season Sageglen, Meadows of Clear Creek, Estates of Green Tee 1 and Green Tee Terrace 6 and 8 communities will award prizes to the best decorated homes in the following categories:

- Most colorful light display
- Most elegant holiday decoration
- Best spirit of Christmas

\$50 gift certificates will be awarded to each winner. This will be in addition to the Yard of the Month award for December.

For additional information, call 281-481-2160.

Dobie yearbooks on sale

The 2009 Dobie High School yearbook is now available. Books can be purchased online at www.smart-pay.com or in Room 203 on campus.

The books are \$61 and can be personalized for \$6 per line or icon. E-mail jswenson@pasadenaisd.org for information.

Dobie Project Grad meets

Dobie's Project Graduation will meet Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Media Room at the school.

U.S. Census needs help

While the next U.S. Census won't be conducted until 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau is already recruiting workers. Roughly 4,000 employees are being sought to canvass areas in Galveston and Harris counties prior to the official counting.

The census is conducted every 10 years to determine population. The results are used to allocate congressional seats, electoral votes and government program funding.

Census figures are based on actual counts of persons dwelling in residential structures. They include citizens, non-citizen legal residents, non-citizen long-term visitors and illegal immigrants. In recent censuses, estimates of uncounted housed, homeless and migratory persons have been added to the directly reported figures.

The U.S. Census Bureau will begin testing potential employees Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Harris County Clerk's Office at Scarsdale and Beamer.

Testing will take place at 10:30 a.m. and will be held every following Thursday.

For more information, call 866-861-2010 or visit www.census.gov.

South Belt snowman



South Belt residents caught a rare glimpse of snow Thursday, Dec. 11. Sageglen resident Kathy Valenti alerted the *Leader* of the above snowman that had been erected at Bishop Park on Blackhawk near Scarsdale. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Local groups spread holiday cheer

By James Bolen

Many local groups and organizations have stepped up to the plate and donated to the annual *South Belt-Ellington Leader* Christmas program to help the less fortunate.

Now in its 26th year, the program is aimed at helping needy families in the immediate South Belt area.

Several local schools have participated in this year's drive. Frazier, Moore and Stuchbery elementary schools have all generously donated toys to the cause.

Beverly Hills Intermediate collected funds from students and staff as part of its "Coins for Christmas" campaign and on Dec. 16 donated \$1,250 to the *Leader* to be spent in the program.

Many Thompson Intermediate students donated canned goods in an effort led by physical education instructor John Fowler.

Dobie's Future Farmers of America and the high school's cheerleaders also donated toys to the program.

The nonprofit Action Ministries, run by South Belt residents Pat and the Rev. Gordon Berg, held a weeklong toy drive in support of the program.

Girl Scout Troop 1063 donated several gifts and gift cards.

Harris County Precinct 2 Gary L. Freeman's office adopted a local family and gave them bicycles to give as gifts.

The *Leader* is also working with the Sabo Kroger to distribute turkeys purchased with turkey coupons from the store that were donated by community members over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Several individuals have also donated money, gifts and food to the program.

In past years, collecting toys for older children has been more challenging than collecting ones for younger children. This year, however, Rene

Guerrero from the Toys for Tots Foundation has worked in junction with the *Leader* to assist in this area.

"I am very grateful for Guerrero's help. Through his efforts, local children of all ages will get to experience a merry Christmas," said *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger.

The yearly drive began in 1982 when an anonymous man, now dubbed "The Good Samaritan," walked into the *Leader* office and delivered the makings of a turkey dinner. The man said his family had been given food when he was young and requested the staff forward the food to a needy family in the community.

Stuchbery helps Santa



In their first year participating in the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* Christmas program, students from Stuchbery Elementary collected dozens of toys for needy children in the area. Shown above are, left to right (front row) Thomas Cypert (prekindergarten), Jackson Brantly (kindergarten), Hannah Gonzales (first grade), (middle row) Ian Butler (second grade), Adrian Perez (first grade), Evie Holder (second grade), John Skipper (first grade), Kaleb Brock (third grade), Bruce Wood (third grade), Carlos Cantu (third grade), Ethan Jimenez (first grade) (back row) Laura King (school nurse), Alexis Jean Pierre (fourth grade), Enrique Gartman (third grade) and Tina Jo Flotten (school counselor). Photo by David Flickinger

Dobie teacher Allen honored

J. Frank Dobie employee Melissa McCalla-Alen was recently named the 2008 Texas Council for the Social Studies (TCSS) Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year.

Allen teaches advanced placement macroeconomics and U.S. history at the high school. She additionally serves as the school's peer facilitator. Prior to teaching at Dobie, Allen taught social studies at Southmore Intermediate.

Originally from Broken Arrow, Okla., Allen moved to the Houston area in 1995. She graduated from Clear Creek High School in 1996 and continued her studies at the University of Houston, earning a bachelor's degree in history. Allen went on to receive a master's degree in educational management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

The exemplary instructor attributes much of her success to the support she has received from her family and fellow teachers. She is especially grateful to her mentor, John De La Cruz, for encouraging her during her crucial first few years of teaching. De La Cruz served as the head of the social studies department at Southmore and is currently an assistant principal at a high school in the Houston Independent School District.

"His support and leadership helped me to become the teacher I am," Allen said.

Allen is responsible for developing a "virtual" U.S. history course for the Pasadena Independent School District. She further played an integral role in bringing the "Freedom: A History of US" exhibit from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History to Dobie.

An active member of TCSS, Allen also par-

ticipates locally in the Southeast CSS, where she has served as an officer and as part of a team that hosted two TCSS fall conferences at Galveston's Moody Gardens.

Dobie principal Steve Jamail is grateful for Allen's performance at the school.

"It's a well-deserved award for an outstanding teacher," he said. "She's a dedicated, hardworking professional, and we're very proud of her."

Allen has been married to her husband Brian Allen for four years. The couple currently reside in Bayou Vista and are expecting their first child in May.

Area arrest rate decreases

The crime rate has dropped significantly in the South Belt area over the last several weeks, with few arrests being made, according to Sgt. Zerick Guinn of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Office.

One exception, however, took place Friday, Dec. 5.

Deputy Parnell Jones was dispatched at roughly 7:30 p.m. to an apartment complex in the 11700 block of Beamer, where someone had reported a suspicious vehicle in the facility's parking lot.

The vehicle in question, a pickup truck, had what Jones described as, "smoke-filled windows."

As Jones confronted the vehicle's passengers, he noticed a strong marijuana odor.

A subsequent search of the truck confirmed the deputy's suspicions, as he recovered three-fourths of an ounce of the contraband from inside the vehicle.

The suspects, Richard Schreier, 18, and Austin Gasparini, 19, were both arrested and charged with possession of marijuana.

JFD cheerleaders donate toys



The Dobie High School cheerleaders recently participated in a drive to collect toys for underprivileged children this Christmas. The cheerleaders were able to collect about 40 new toys and games. Pictured are squad members, left to right, (front row) Terral Smith, Ashley Dana, Krista Carter, (second row) Allison Naquin, Chelsea Fuentes, Charlie Day, Megan Gary, Catarina Johnson, Ashley Hoggard, Hannah Waters, Kelsey Earls, (third row) Elizabeth Sorensen, Tristann Trujillo, Erika Yglesias, Alyssa Perry, Andrea Mitrowski, (back row) Felicia Fernandez and Brooke DuPont. Not pictured are Amber Calderon, Kay Dee Little, Danielle Hooke and Monica Michalak. Submitted photo

Michael Warneke's term as MSHS chief of staff ending

By James Bolen

Dec. 31 will mark the end of Dr. Michael Warneke's two-year term as Memorial Hermann

Southeast Hospital's chief of staff.

A 23-year resident of the South Belt community, Warneke has operated his Progressive Medical Clinic practice since 1985.

To become chief of staff, one must be recommended by a nominating committee, then elected by fellow staff members.

At this post, Warneke acts as a liaison between the administrators and the hospital staff. He is also responsible for handling any disciplinary or performance issues.

The hospital has expanded significantly during Warneke's tenure.

The facility has added a chest pain center with acute heart attack intervention capabilities.

It has also established a cancer center with state-of-the-art radiation equipment.

A neonatal intensive care unit has also been added, as has a recognized stroke center.

In the event of a stroke, the hospital will now be equipped to accommodate local EMTs.

The esteemed doctor's interest in medicine dates back several years.

"I was always interested in science," Warneke said.

Warneke received both a bachelor's degree and a doctorate in physics from the University of Houston, before receiving his doctorate in medicine from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston.

The outgoing chief of staff's affection for practicing medicine has spread to other members of his immediate family, as his wife, Angelle Warneke, and his son, Richard Warneke, have also opened their own practices in the South Belt area.

Angelle Warneke opened her dental practice in 1990, after receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston, a master's degree from Baylor University and a doctorate of dental surgery from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

This month marks the couple's 40th wedding anniversary.

Richard Warneke opened his practice in 2006, after receiving a bachelor's degree from Trinity University, a master's degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and his doctorate of medicine from Texas Tech University.

Hospital administrators are grateful for Warneke's performance while serving as chief of staff.

"We appreciate the time he spent working with the medical staff and hospital leadership in a collaborative fashion to further enhance the quality care and customer service that sets Memorial Hermann Southeast apart from other hospitals," said Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital C.E.O. George Gaston.

In turn, Warneke is fond of his time working in the South Belt area.

"I've enjoyed serving the community," he said. "They've been good to me, and I hope I've been good to them."

Brook speech, debate competes in Katy

Over the weekend of Nov. 20-21, the Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate Team once again traveled to compete in a fierce competition at Katy-Taylor High School.

Many of the members defeated their competition, and earned various awards and honors. The team returned from Thanksgiving break with numerous trophies in tow.

Team Vice President of

Individual Events Britny Johnson won a first-place trophy for prose interpretation.

Nhi Do, a two-year member of the team, entered in novice Lincoln-Douglass debate and competed all the way to semifinals where she won a third-place trophy.

A newcomer to the team, Kim Maima, competed in original oratory for only her third time and earned a fourth-place trophy. This means she is fully qualified

for the TFA State Competition in March with a total of 14 points.

Another novice on the team, Dinusha Wijesinghe, competed in novice extemporaneous speaking and earned a fourth-place trophy as well.

The Clear Brook Speech and Debate Team was looking forward to more victories as they traveled to Bay City High School for the next competition the weekend of Dec. 7 and 8.



Clear Brook High School debaters pictured are, left to right, Britny Johnson, Kimberly Maima and Nhi Do.

Deaths

Helen Southern



Helen L. Southern, 84, died Dec. 9, 2008, after a three-year battle with cancer.

Southern was born June 13, 1924, in Purdon, Texas. She was devoted to her family, friends and bowling.

Southern was preceded in death by her son, Ricky W. Southern, on Nov. 12, 1978, and granddaughter Kelli Bindewald on June 26, 1985.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Virgil R.; children Charlotte, Georgia and Rusty; eight granddaughters; two grandsons; nine great-granddaughters; nine great-grandsons; one great-great-granddaughter; and countless close friends.

Southern was an avid bowler and dedicated herself to her fellow friends and bowlers. For 30 plus years, she was secretary of bowling leagues. For the last 24 years, she was the secretary of two senior citizens leagues at Armadilla Lanes II. Southern was presented with the Mary Bishop Alpha Centauri Award for her dedicated support

and promotion of bowling on March 28, 1999, and was honored as Secretary of the Year by the Houston Bowling Association.

A celebration of Southern's life was held Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Armadilla Lanes II on Fuqua.

A second celebration will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at Corley Funeral Home in Corsicana, Texas.

Memorial donations may be sent to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Attn: Dr. David Hong's Lung Cancer Research Fund, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, Texas 77210-4486, or visit www.mdanderson.org/gifts.

Don Weldon Washmon

Don Weldon Washmon, 81, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2008.

Washmon retired after 29 years as operations manager for Texaco, which later became Chevron. He served his country for nine years in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include Washmon's wife of 55 years, Jean Washmon; daughters Diane Dexter and husband Steve and Karen Louise Kiraly and husband Thomas; grandchildren Courtney, Steven Jr. and wife Carrie, Riane, James and Michael; sister Marie Starnes; brothers Charles Washmon, Thomas Eugene Washmon and James Washmon; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives; and a host of friends.

The family formerly lived in the South Belt area.



A celebration of Washmon's life was held Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the SouthPark Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at SouthPark Cemetery.

Visit www.southparkfunerals.com to send words of comfort to the family.

Randolph Carlton Ament

Randolph Carlton Ament, 54, of Houston, died on Dec. 11, 2008.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Kathryn Ament; parents Charles and Sylvia Ament; son Colin Ament; step-daughter Alese Beckett and husband Bryan; sisters Sonnie Rice and Julie Ament; brother Charles Ament II; and many other family members and friends.

In September 1986 Ament founded Able Insulation Contractor which he operated for more than 20 years. His wife, Kathryn, is the owner of AVR Management in South Belt.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 13, at South Main Baptist Church in Pasadena.

New autism center fills need

Every year, thousands of toddlers and children throughout the U.S. are diagnosed with a developmental disability or one of the conditions that falls under the category of autistic spectrum disorder. For most parents, this type of diagnosis fills them with an extreme urgency to find the best care and treatment for their child.

This past spring, parents in Bay Area Houston facing this challenge received a new option with the opening of the University of Houston-Clear Lake Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Housed within the UH-Clear Lake Psychological Services Clinic, the center gives hope to many families of children with autism or a defined developmental disability who had nowhere else to turn.

"My son learned more in the first two weeks of therapy than he has learned in two years of school," said Melissa Martinez. Her 4-year-old son had been diagnosed with pervasive developmental disorder and mental retardation and had made little progress before his treatments at the center in early June.

"He's able to do things now that we've been working on with him for years, such as being able to sit still and focus. Best of all, what he's learning at UH-Clear Lake is carrying over to our home life, which is really wonderful."

Noel and Ana Perez share Martinez's opinion of the center and what it has done to help their 5-year-old son, Gabriel.

"This program has proven to me that Gabriel can be

taught many skills to improve his quality of life," explained Ana Perez. "I am excited to see my son becoming more expressive and social. I thank God and everyone who made this program available to us."

Giving families a local option

"I definitely think the Bay Area needs more support, and our program is working to fill the gap," explained Dorothea Lerman, UH-Clear Lake professor of psychology, who oversees the work related to autism and developmental disabilities training and intervention as well as programs for the local school districts.

"There have not been a lot of specialized services for children with autism or developmental disabilities in this area of Houston. We have the potential to help a great many people through the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities."

The center comprises four main areas:

- Evaluations - Under the direction of Associate Professor of Psychology Gail Cheramie, graduate students provide comprehensive evaluations for autistic spectrum disorders.

- Behavioral services, intervention and training - Led by Lerman, this area includes working with school districts to find ways to better serve children with a range of problem behaviors and intervention services and caregiver training for those diagnosed with autism. The autism component received funding via the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services through August 2009.

- Early Learning Clinic - Under the direction of special

education instructor Denise Chapman, graduate students work with children who have been diagnosed with Down syndrome to develop communication, language and literacy skills. The majority of this work is done within homes to include parent training.

- Severe Behavior Disorders Clinic - Under the direction of visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology Jennifer Fritz, students in applied behavior analysis provide assessment and treatment services for individuals diagnosed with a developmental disability who engage in severe problem behaviors (e.g., self-injurious behavior, aggression, and property destruction). Services are available to individuals of all ages with behavior disorders and are conducted in the context of ongoing research.

"We have had a great deal of interest from hundreds of families looking for a way to help their children," noted Lerman. "We do hope to find more grant avenues and support from the community so we can continue our work long into the future."

"I truly believe that Liana would have continued regressing had she not been given this life-changing opportunity," said Melissa Zilemo whose 5-year-old daughter is receiving assistance from the center. "I believe that this therapy is vital to give Liana her best hope at a promising future."

For more information on the UH-Clear Lake Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, visit <http://hsh.uhcl.edu/CADD> or send an e-mail to AutismCenter@uhcl.edu.

Free parent computer classes at Moore

Moore Elementary provides free computer classes to parents. Several parents have attended a four-week course which covers basic computer knowledge, including: Introduction to Computers, Introduction to E-mail, Introduction to the Internet, and Introduction to Microsoft Word. The classes are free of charge and take place once a week in the computer lab at Moore.



Maria Diosdado and Blanca Jasso.



Adriana Ramirez and Araceli Avila.



Candye Colman and Stephanie Johnson.

HCMGA schedules events

The Harris County Master Gardeners will offer a series of gardening lectures in 2009, the Green Thumb Gardening Series.

These popular lectures are free and open to the public providing opportunities to learn gardening the right way.

At the first lecture in 2009, Herman Auer, Galveston County Master Gardener, will provide information on fruit and nut trees in the area.

The lecture will be held Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the new location of Bass Pro Shops, Highway 288 at Sam Houston Parkway.

visit the Web site at <http://hcmgap2.tamu.edu>

Open Garden Day: The Harris County Precinct 2 Master Gardeners invite the public to visit and tour their demonstration garden. Plant varieties that survive well in the area will be highlighted, and Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions.

The tour will be held Monday, Jan. 19, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu.

Master Gardener Lecture

Series: The Harris County Master Gardeners offer a series of free lectures the third Wednesday of each month. In January, Dr. Carol Brouwer, county extension agent-horticulture, will give a presentation on Earthkind Roses just in time for planting.

These roses are hardy and disease resistant.

The program will be held Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park (on the lake side), 5001 NASA Parkway.

For more information, visit www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu.

Master Gardener Plant Sale - Save the date - Feb. 28, for the upcoming Master Gardener plant sale. The sale will feature fruit trees, tomato and pepper plants for sale, speakers and much more.

The sale will be held at Landolt Pavilion at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway. For information, visit www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu.

Banner year for Dittrich



Clear Brook sophomore Alicia Dittrich, daughter of Fayellen and Tony Russell of Sagegen and Kenneth Dittrich, finished a great season of volleyball at the Clear Brook Volleyball Banquet recently. It was announced that Dittrich was selected for the All-District First Team and named All-District Newcomer of the Year. She was also awarded the Offensive Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player of the Year. She now begins her club season with Texas Revolution Volleyball, where she is a middle blocker for the 16 Elite team. Dittrich is pictured with Clear Brook head coach Meredith Thompson after the banquet.

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San Jac celebrates Christmas



South Belt daughter and mother team Amanda Wilson (left) and Kathy Wilson recently performed in the San Jacinto College Central Theater and Film Department's production of *Santa's Christmas Magic: The Musical*, a fantasy by R.J. Snivi about a sinister plot to steal Santa's magic. The musical was directed by Central Campus theater department chair Jerry Ivins. *Submitted photo*

Dobie soccer cleans Armand Bayou



The J. Frank Dobie High School boys' and girls' soccer teams came together to volunteer their time to clean the Armand Bayou Nature Center. They pulled weeds, painted signs and planted new plants. The teams felt this was a great way to give back to the community and build teamwork before the start of soccer season. Pictured are, left to right, (first row) Lynette Camarillo, Jose Balvaneda, Joseph Reyes, Alex Herrera, Salim Naser, Alberto Navarez, Nathan Carcamo, (second row) Jackie Galvan, Jose Alvarado, Omar Arreguin, Margarita Galvan, Greta Salazar, Veronica Galvan, Yumara Suarez, Carlos Flores,

(third row) Christopher Torres, Boys' Head Coach Jesse Saavedra, Irving Garza, Walter Anorou, Joe Salamanca, Walter Andino, Melissa Leal, Nidya Macias, Karen Treto, Leo Gallegos, Jose Armenta, Coach Christian Beall, (fourth row) Chelsea Deleon, Beatrice Soto, Ashlyn Leighton, Monika Rivera, Gilberto Tzintzun, Francisco Costilla, Ariel Romano, Megan Groce, Selby Guerra, Amber Deleon, Nancy Garcia, (fifth row) Raul Jimenez, Pedro Mares, Lariza Uribe, Chanel Reyes, Omar Luna, Carlos Rivas, Gilberto Gaona and Gibrian Vargas.

Photo submitted

Bay Area Singles Club dance set for Dec. 20

The Bay Area Singles Club Monthly Dance will be held Saturday, Dec. 20, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the VFW Lodge on FM 646 in Bacliff. Free dance lessons begin at 6 p.m. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

THE STRAWBERRY SQUARES WILL BE STARTING A NEW CLASS FOR SQUARE DANCE LESSONS JAN. 5. LESSONS BEGIN AT 7 PM, IN THE LOG CABIN BEHIND THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1062 FAIRMONT PARKWAY, PASADENA. COME EXERCISE YOUR BODY, YOUR BRAIN, AND HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME!!! CALL 281-484-4009 FOR INFORMATION

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Moore students prepare for TAKS test

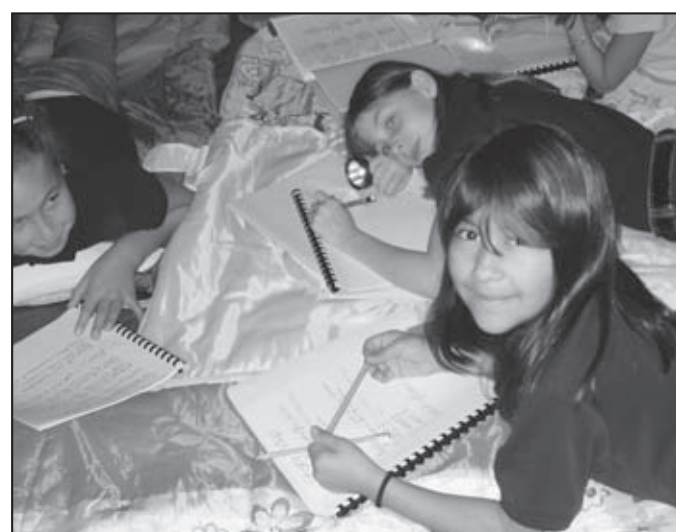
Moore fourth-graders prepare for the TAKS writing test with a weeklong Camp Write Along. Students are allowed to bring tents, sleeping bags and pillows to use during this writing experience. Camp begins when a bear comes out of the woods to scare the campers and eat their food. Students are given camping related prompts to write about during the week. The camping week ends with a sharing of writings and great camp memories.



Camp Write Along bear and Jennifer Christen.



Elizabeth Miranda and Marissa Krustchinsky.



Amanda Mindiola, Tiffany Flippen and Sylar Rocha.

Thompson honor rolls announced

Thompson Intermediate School recently announced its honor roll for the second six-weeks grading period. Students named are as follows:

Seventh grade
Janessa Renee Ackman, Aidee Alfaro, Maha Salma Awan Ali, Zavi Awan Ali, Erika Thalia Ascencio, Daniel Jacob Barrientes, Amanda Catherine Bates, Tyler Gregory Baumann, Lena Renee Bennett, Alejandra Briseno and Duc Anh Bui.

Kevin Ruiz Caballero, Stephanie Nicole Campos, Angel Rafael Castillo, Joab Emmanuel Cavazos, Nicholas Dale Cessna, Darien Anthony Childs, Miguel Angel Contreras, Lynsi Lashay Crawford, Jason Asarel Cruz, Jaclynn Monica DeLeon and Hoang Kim Dinh.

Nicholas P. Engle, Angelica Vanessa Enriquez, Maria Fernanda Flores, Victoria Chaise Gagneux, Athziri Y. Garcia, Kamaran Rhynae Gardner, Thomas Arnold Garza, Eryqa Jemela Glenn, Adan Ismael Gonzalez and Sydney Nicole Gutierrez.

Bryson Payne Hamilton, Frank D. Hunter Hicks, Megan Jagdeo, Greissy Carolina Jerezano, Mohammed Zaine Kabir, Amari Brianna Lavergne, Wilson Lee, Karina Guadalupe Lopez, Tony Ly, Aimee Celeste Mar, Zachary Dallas McMahan and Joslyn Lourdes Mendoza.

Kimberly Edith Molina, Benedict Apurba Mondal,

Carmen Nering, Annie Lam Nguyen, Billy Nguyen, Vivian Oanhhoang Nguyen, Colin Andrew Pecot, Ariadna A. Pedroza, Jenna Renae Perez, Burgandy Rose Petri, Alan Phan and Tuan Manh Phan.

Clarisa Renee Ramon, Allison R. Ritchie, Mauricio Alexander Rivera, Miranda Alyssa Rodriguez, Octavio Alexander Rodriguez, Fernando Rojas, Erik Francisco Salazar, Carlos Jabier Sanchez, Karla Patricia Santillan and Wesley Michael Schoppe.

Waylon Ryan Shofner, Damaris V. Sidrian, Destinee Moree Smith, Meghan N. Smith, Marvin Daniel Solis, Catherine J. Sorto, Taylor Matthew Surratt, Kayla M. Szydlo, Taylor Marie Talley, Kierra Takiyah Taylor and Brian P. To.

Tanya Torres, Luan Thanh Tran, Shelly N. Tran, Quach-tinh Le Truong, James Varghese, Jancy Varghese, Joshua Varghese, Jacquelyn Faith Vasquez, Carly Alana Wade and Alyssa Grace Williams.

Eighth grade
Carol Lillian Amaro, Aaron Nathaniel G. Arambula, Taylor Nichol Ard, Joel M. Arhelger, Angie D. Arteaga, Genevieve Au, Jessica Elyse Avila, Christian Avitia, Madeline Margaret Ball, Demetri Armand Bellini and Travis Devin Berkstresser.

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Carcamo, Jenny Nguyen Chung, Jennifer Guadalupe Cortez, Avery Lynne Crocker, Xuan Mai Dao and Niza Raquel Del Villar.

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Parker leads nation



Former Dobie High School volleyball player Abbey Parker led the nation in assists per game in junior college Division I volleyball play. Parker averaged 13.8 assists per game for the San Jacinto Lady Ravens, who won their conference with a perfect 12-0 record, and won their regional tournament in Laredo. The Ravens competed in the national junior college tournament in Cedar Brooks, Iowa, where they finished in fifth place and were ranked No. 5 in the nation. The Ravens finished the season with a 33-3 record.

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Mills graduates



Former Dobie High School student, South Belt resident, and four-year U.S. Marine Logan A. Mills recently graduated at the top of his class from Explosive Ordnance Disposal School. EOD School is demanding and has such high requirements for graduation that only nine of the 24 participants completed the course and graduated. Mills had the honor of being the only graduate to never fail a test during the six month explosive training. He and his family, Susan, Gavin, 2, and Kaelyn, 8 months, moved in November to Indianhead, Md., where he has been assigned to the Chemical and Biological Initial Response Force EOD Team. He is looking forward to his first assignment, an EOD tech for the Secret Service at the Presidential Inauguration in January. Mills' family in the South Belt area are parents Doug and Dawn Claunch; brothers and sisters Chris, Ashley, Jacob and Michael Claunch, and Brittany (Jason) Monn; nieces and nephews Katlyn and Ryan Monn and Madison Mendiola.

Garza's essay wins



Dobie High School senior Edward Garza (left), recently won first prize in an essay contest for the Texas Renaissance Festival. He won a field trip for his entire class, AP European History, to attend the School Days at the 2008 Texas Renaissance Festival on Tuesday, Oct. 28. In addition to a class trip to the Renaissance Festival, the entire class had special seating and recognition at the first joust at School Days, a 16th century feast provided by the Texas Renaissance Festival hosted by the king, queen and members of their court, and a family four-pack of tickets for each member of the class good for any day of the 2008 festival. Garza also won a ride in the royal carriage with the king and queen, a seat on the reviewing stand with the king and queen at the joust, a knighting by the king at the award ceremony, as well as Texas Renaissance Festival souvenirs and merchandise. Garza is pictured with Mel Thorson, a greeter from the festival.



Over The Back Fence by Jan

ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAY, LUCY!
Lucy Peterson celebrates her birthday Friday, 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 27th birthday Sunday, Dec. 21. Birthday greetings are sent from wife Nyssa; mom and dad, long-time South Belt residents 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 junior at Dobie High School.

Joey attended South Belt schools and 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 and granddaughters Kimberly Flickinger and Courtney Durham and husband Chris, wish him the happiest of birthdays. David underwent a surgical procedure last week for his heart, but was given a clean bill of health after spending Dec. 12 in Methodist Hospital.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELAINE
Elaine Edwards, wife of former *Leader* staffer Bill Edwards, celebrates her birthday Dec. 26. Elaine and Bill's daughters, Margaret and Maggi, wish her a happy birthday.

GET WELL WISHES FOR KELLEY
Get well wishes are sent to Kelley Buckman from her family and friends. Kelley recently had knee replacement surgery and an extended stay in the hospital.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO JOE
Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent

to longtime South Belter Joe Briggs, who is in St. Joseph's Hospital, from all his friends.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 18 through Dec. 24.

Atkinson Elementary
On Dec. 21, a birthday surprise is sent to Dana DiMarco.

Burnett Elementary
Celebrating a birthday Dec. 22 is Sylvia Lazard.

Bush Elementary
A birthday surprise is sent Dec. 23 to Tammy Ministerio. On Dec. 24, Raquel Ortega enjoys a Christmas Eve birthday.

Jessup Elementary
Carmen Cuprill-Young marks a birthday Dec. 18. Enjoying a Christmas Eve birthday Dec. 24 is Carol Douglas.

Meador Elementary
Dec. 19 is the day for a birthday cake for Tricia Moscarelli. Celebrating a birthday Dec. 21 is Adriana Gamez.

Moore Elementary
The day for a birthday party for Jackie Klayman is Dec. 18.

Stuchbery Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Deborah Ruiz and Felicia Sharp Dec. 18.

Melillo Middle School
Birthday wishes are sent to Maria Villegas Dec. 19.

Morris Middle School
Having a birthday Dec. 18 is George Porter. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Maria Ramos Dec. 19. Elizabeth Hovland is wished a happy birthday Dec. 20. Heather Grissom enjoys a birthday Dec. 23.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
The day for a birthday party for Geraldine Jones is Dec. 18. Mai Tram Tong is sent birthday wishes Dec. 20. On Dec. 21, Jaimie Green is sent birthday greetings.

Thompson Intermediate
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Joe Peabody Dec. 21. Celebrating a birthday Dec. 22 is Elvira Vences.

Dobie High
Three cheers for a happy birthday for Jeff Spencer, Demond Stafford and Andrea Townsend on Dec. 19. Sharing a birthday Dec. 22 are Ethan Crowell and Tanner Ledford. The day for a Christmas Eve birthday party for Tina Knight-Gray is Dec. 24.

LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS
Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its December meeting in the home of Barbara Risinger with Nancy McShane as co-hostess. Pasadena Police came to pick up toys donated by the chapter to the Toys for Tots Program. Plans were made to attend *Four Tickets to Christmas* at the First Baptist Church of Deer Park.

BAGS meets
The Bay Area Genealogical Society will meet Friday, Jan. 30, with Irene Walters speaking on *Using Newspapers to Flesh Out Your Genealogy*. Coffee and socializing will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m. at the University Baptist Church, 10106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake City.

The meeting will be held in the Great Room on the second floor of the church. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org or call 281-334-6100.

The next meeting will be in the home of McShane with Patricia Cox as co-hostess.

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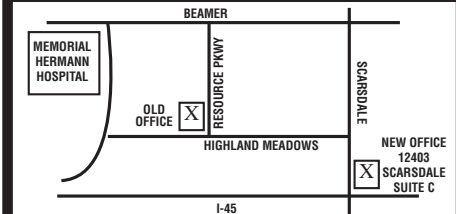
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SJC names excellence award honorees

Dr. Bill Lindemann, as an honorary recipient, heads the list of San Jacinto College employees who earned the 2008-09 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Awards, presented annually to college faculty, administrators, and staff members in recognition of their achievements and dedication to excellence in education.

Lindemann, chancellor of the three-campus college district serving East Harris County, spearheaded a \$295 million bond measure that was approved in May by a wide margin.

The bonds will enable the college district to provide new facilities to replace aging and outdated buildings, as well as make much-needed upgrades at all three campuses.

Other San Jacinto College employees who earned the 2008-09 NISOD Excellence Awards include:

Pam Campbell, dual credit director at San Jacinto College South; Dr. Sherrin Frances, English professor at San Jacinto College Central; Myrna Gonzalez, lead faculty for San Jacinto College North's preparatory division; Alfred Lara, mental health instructor at the college's North and South campuses; Sandra McCurdy, math professor at the South campus; Della Moon, health information management instructor at San Jacinto College North; Martha Robertson, faculty coordinator of professional development; Dr. Ron Rucker, vice chancellor of administration; Denise Segelquist, payroll manager; Dr. Debbie Simpson-Smith, child development department chair at the Central campus; Debbie Westmoreland, administrative assistant to the San Jacinto College Central dean of technical education; and Linda Wilborne, San Jacinto

College South post office manager.

Recipients of the award will be recognized in a special ceremony at the annual NISOD conference to be held in Austin in May 2009.

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The 2008 San Jacinto College NISOD Excellence Award winners were recognized by the board of regents at the Dec. 1 meeting. Honorees are, left to right (seated) Dr. Ron Rucker, Dr. Bill Lindemann, (standing) Dr. Debbie Simpson-Smith, Denise Segelquist, Myrna Gonzalez, Linda Wilborne, Dr. Sherrin Frances, Sandra McCurdy, Pamela Campbell, Della Moon and Debbie Westmoreland. Not pictured are Alfred Lara and Martha Robertson.

Photo by Amanda L. Booren.

Remember When

30 years ago (1978)
A 24-year-old Sagemont resident was killed, and five other persons were seriously injured, in a head-on collision in the 10100 block of Old Galveston Road.

The Beverly Hills Intermediate girls' eighth-grade basketball team became district champs.

25 years ago (1983)
Dr. William G. Raffetto and John Rawls were hired as the two new administrators for San Jacinto College. Raffetto was hired as dean of student services, and Rawls was hired as vocational technical counselor.

Two vehicles were stolen from the student parking lot of Dobie High School.

20 years ago (1988)
Texas Education Agency officials found what they described as a different district following a three-day monitoring visit of the Pasadena Independent School District bilingual program.

Members of the Concerned Citizens of South East Houston received political backing from state Rep. Ralph Wallace in their effort to improve the safety of Genoa Red Bluff.

15 years ago (1993)
Gov. Ann Richards recommended in a letter to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner that major additions recommended by EPA Washington be implemented even if an amendment to the record of decision or the consent decree were necessary.

Gerland's officials would not confirm that the store on Hughes Road would relocate to Scarsdale until the sale of the AppleTree on Scarsdale was finalized.

Abraham Gallagher, 13, an honor student at Beverly Hills Intermediate, was selected to the 1994 British

F.A. Training soccer team that would tour and play in England over the next summer. Approximately 300 children between the ages of 11-18 tried out for the 10 available positions.

The South Belt Sidekicks, a 6-year-old girls' soccer team, finished the regular season with a 9-1 record and advanced to the finals of the BAYSA playoffs before losing to the Friendswood Honey Bees. Members of the Sidekicks were Justina Beagnyam, Katy Beauchemin, Chelsea Blakely, Tiffany Cox, Amy Franze, Stacey Hayes, Laura Iwai, Karissa Mendenhall, Erin Newell and Stefanie Patterson.

10 years ago (1998)
Jack-in-the-Box built a new facility near the new Albertsons at the intersection of the beltway and Sabo.

Dobie head coach Stan Labay and Clear Brook head coach Jim Hatfield were each selected as coach of the year by their respective districts.

Lindsey Jennings and Felicia Virgadamo were selected to the District 23-5A volleyball all-district team.

5 years ago (2003)
Frazier Elementary School students raised \$1,582 to purchase toys for the *South Belt-Ellington Leader's* food and toy drive for needy area families. Beverly Hills Intermediate School students raised \$1,500 for the drive.

Funeral services were held at Sagemont Church for Spc. Ray Joseph Hutchinson, 20, who was killed in Mosul, Iraq. The path of the funeral procession was lined with elementary school students and community members waving flags.

1 year ago (2007)
The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees named Marshall Kendrick as its president.

Kendrick replaced Nelda Sullivan, who had served in the position since 2005. Sullivan, however, remained a member of the board. While such appointments usually coincide with board elections, the issue was brought up as an agenda item at the board's monthly meeting.

An unidentified man was fatally shot at an apartment complex in the 12000 block of Sabo. According to Houston police officials, there were no immediate suspects or motives in the case.

Local author Carlos Salazar published *Sagewillow*, a novel inspired by events that took place on the area street. Salazar, 22, was born in Honduras before moving to Houston at the age of 6. He graduated from South Houston High in 2004 and attended San Jac South, where he was an English major.

Mike Sullivan won the Houston District E City Council seat formerly held by Addie Wiseman in a runoff against Annette Dwyer. Sullivan received 56 percent of the vote to Dwyer's 44 percent. The At-large Position 5 formerly held by Michael Berry was won by Yolanda Jones who received 67 percent of the vote to Joe Trevino's 33 percent. Wanda Adams defeated Lawrence Allen Jr. for the District D seat, receiving 57 percent to Allen's 43 percent. While South Belt residents were ineligible to vote in that race, Adams had worked extensively in the community on Super Neighborhood projects.

A disaster relief bank account was set up to aid victims of the fire that destroyed two Sagemeadow homes on Dec. 5. An account was set up at Pearl Land Furniture so community members could help families replace items lost in the blaze.

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Ken Sims

Easthaven Baptist Church has a new worship pastor, and he is no stranger to the South Belt area. Ken Sims is a long-time resident. A 1992 Dobie graduate, Sims received his bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Houston in 1997.

For the past 11 years, Sims has taught music in Pasadena Independent School District. His last nine years have been spent at South Belt's own Frazier Elementary, a position he plans to continue.

Sims' wife is Andrea and children are Hope, 5, and Levi, 3 months. Sims has been a member of Easthaven Baptist Church since childhood.

He has actively served in the music department there since his early teens. Sims replaces his friend and mentor, Steve Coleman, who retired as Easthaven's worship pastor earlier this year. "It's a transition that is

very comfortable for everyone at Easthaven," says Sims. "My love for this church and this community go hand in hand. It's a great place to serve!"

To see the new worship pastor in action, visit Easthaven Baptist Church at 13100 Beamer. Sunday service times are 9:45 a.m. for traditional and 11 a.m., contemporary. For more information, visit www.easthavenchurch.org.

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Melillo first 9-weeks rolls named

Melillo Middle School recently announced its honor and merit rolls for the first nine-weeks grading period. Students are as follows:

Fifth grade Honor roll
Cristian Ascencio, Jacqueline Bui, Camilla Busseberg, Patrick Bustamante, Mandy Cao, Katie Carnish, Brandon Chung, Chase Clark, Joe Cortez, Kevin Cortez, David Cruz, Ashley Deveza, Jose Duarte, Alejandro Flores and Crystal Garza.

Andrew Ghansyam, Tyler Giron, Holly Gonzales, Vanessa Gonzalez, Stephanie Goudeau, Pernel Hamilton, Myles Harris, Kallie Hart, Drayton Heinrich, Shelby Henderer, Erika Hernandez, Pedro Herrera, Bobby Le and Autumn LeFever.

Sarah Loftin, Orlando Logan, Julia Lohse, Marissa Longoria, Hallie Medina, Marisa Mendieta, Jade Mottu, Summer Naser, Tin Nguyen, Joshua Onak, Desiree Ortiz, Kayleigh Owens, Jesus Paredes, Marcela Pena and Anthony Quiroz.

Clarissa Sanchez, Megan Schuetz, Joseph Silguero, McKenna Simecek, Lindsey Stewart, Mayalen Suarez, Damien Tilley, David Torres, Vinh Tran, Mariana Triana, Diana Tufino and Emily Umazor.

Merit roll
Aliana Aleman, Marissa Amezcua, Charnell Anderson, Haylon Bolden, Robert Brown, Kara Campos, Diana Castillo, Gabriela Cavazos, Andrea Cedeno, Carrett Chollet, David Gonzalez, Melissa Cruz, Nicole Cypert and Kara Deselle.

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Kacie Little, Rafael Martinez, Eric Mauk, Evan Mauk, Isaiah Munoz, Mirna Murillo, Karen Neira, Tiffany Ngo, Albert Nguyen, Elton Nguyen, Tina Nguyen, Brandon Padilla, Julissa Perez and Faridhe Puente.

Sarina Rodriguez, Iveth Santibanez, Alaina Sitka, Michael Spiller, Dariun Thorn, Kenny Tran, Kimngan Tran, Vinh Tran, Abraham Valencia, Hugo Velarde and Julissa Villalobos.

Sixth grade Honor roll
Savannah Amaro, Jackelin Andrade, Alisha Angeles, Yenlynn Banh, Stephanie Banhart, Kyara Bellini, Johna Blevins, Carli Blue, Celeste Briones, Trang Bui, Brylie Cantu, Julian Coronado and Alexis Corpus.

Everest Cox, Amina Davis, Matthew DeLaRosa, Nathaniel Flores, Kasey Foots, Rachel Glass, Carolina Herrera, Jessie Huynh, Nicholas Jagdeo, Jordan Jimenez, Desiree Johnson, Rihana Johnson, Daniel Kim and Wesley Lewis.

Luke McDonald, Hilda Melgar, Valerie Mendoza, Joseph Mercado, Johnny Ngo, Catherine Nguyen, Dona Nguyen, Giaan Nguyen, Julie Nguyen, Taylor Nguyen, Tran Nguyen, Augustine Oguamanam, Brandon Patterson and Austin Perkins.

Amalia Perla, Caxton Petri, Hoaihuong Pham, Linh Pham, Nhi Pham, Roberto

St. Luke's services set

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church will hold its Christmas Eve children's Mass Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 5:30 p.m., and vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Midnight Mass will be held Thursday, Dec. 25, with the choir and orchestra. Carols will start at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass in English will be held at 8:30 a.m. and Misa en Español at 10:30 a.m.

St. Luke's is located at 11011 Hall Road, between Blackhawk and Beamer.

For more information, visit www.stlukesatholic.com.

Christmas at KSCC

Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, will present *The Amazing Thing About Christmas!* during Whole-Family Services on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 8:45 and 11 a.m.

A special candlelight service for all ages will be held at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Let Santa lead the children to the manger.

For more information about the church services, e-mail Minister@ksc-cdisciples.org.

Cokesbury sets services

Christmas Eve services at Cokesbury United Methodist Church are as follows: 5 p.m. "A Candlelight Service for Young Children and Those Who Love Them" (wiggles and giggles are welcome); 7 and 11 p.m., traditional services with candlelight and Holy Communion. All are welcome. The church is located at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd., between Blackhawk and Beamer.

Course helps seventh-graders prep for test

Preparation is an important component to higher scores on the SAT Reasoning Test. A *Key to SAT success* was created to help current seventh-graders involved with the Duke University talent identification program get ready for the exam.

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Three online courses kick off in January

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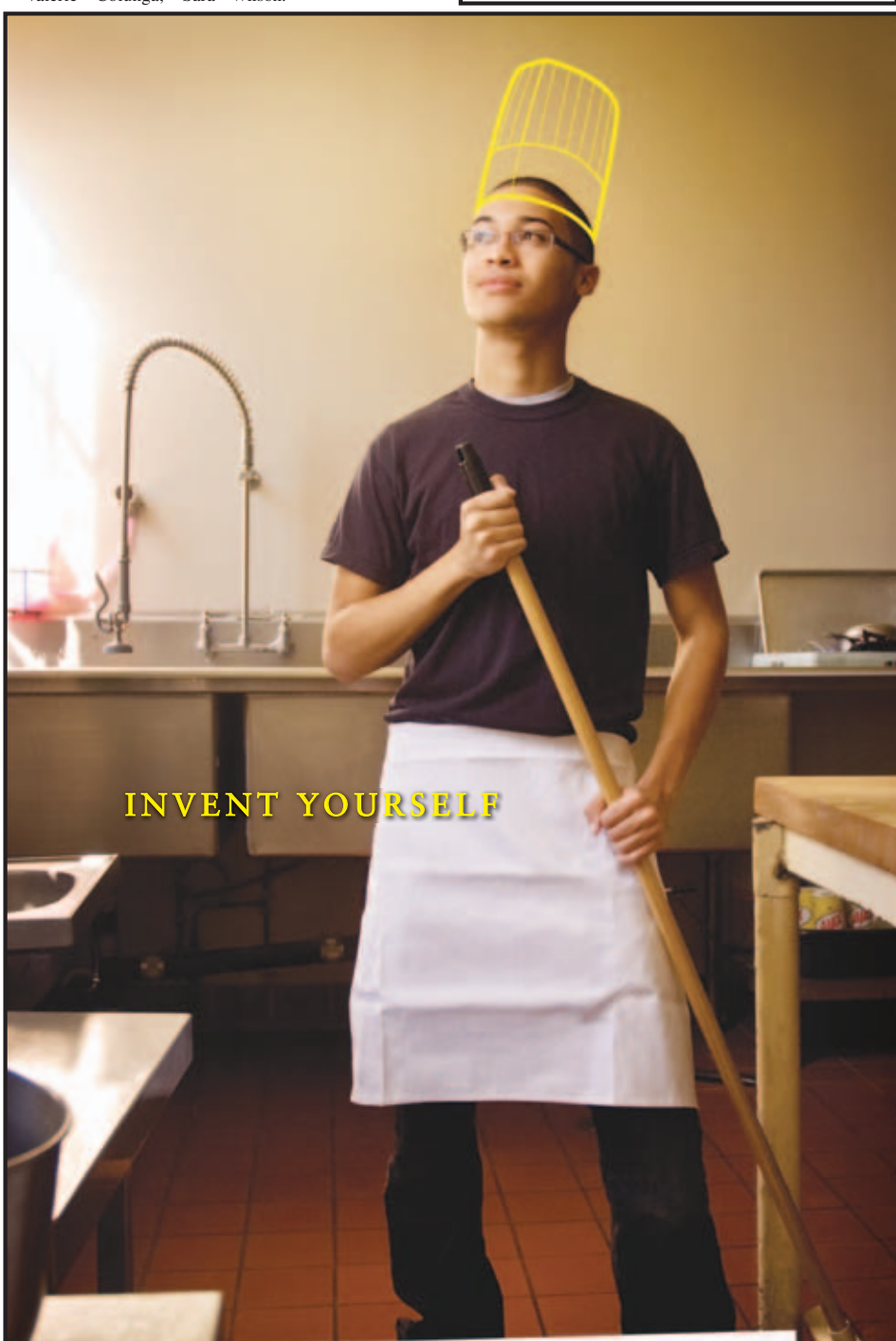
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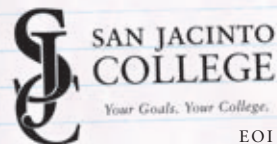
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LSA geography bee winners named



Lutheran South Academy held its geography bee Dec. 10. In order to get the final 10, these students answered enough questions correctly out of a seven-round preliminary competition. The seven rounds consisted of four rounds of U.S. Geography, one on continents, and two on world geography. The winner was seventh-grader William Brennan. He will take a test to determine if he qualifies for the state-level competition in March. Lutheran South Academy is a private, PreK3-12th, Christian school securing the future of its students academically and spiritually, through involvement in the community and leadership. Geography bee winners pictured are, left to right, (front row) Christopher "Cole" Smith, fourth; Uzie Agbor, eighth; William Brennan, seventh; Michael Krause, seventh; Nathan Laughman, fifth; (back row) Gabbie Waller, sixth; Nathan Stocker, eighth; Russell Parish, seventh; Barbara Newsom, eighth; and Enrique Garcia, sixth.

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'K Holiday' lifts Duke past Stanford 56-52

Just in time for the holidays, Dobie graduate Karima Christmas has delivered a season-maker at Duke University.



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The sophomore forward had 14 points and nine rebounds, both career highs, as the eighth ranked Blue Devils upset No. 4 Stanford 56-52 Dec. 16 in Durham, North Carolina.

Christmas, a four-year varsity performer for Dobie, received extended playing time thanks to an aggressive start when she entered the game off the bench in the first half.

Christmas had four points in the first half but then came through with 10 points in a big second half for herself and Duke.

She also helped Duke secure the win by grabbing a key offensive rebound with 16 seconds left and Duke up by three points. Abby Waner then sank one of two free throws for the final margin of victory.

"I just said, 'I had to get the ball,'" Christmas told the Duke sports information department after the win. It was the last few seconds in the game. We couldn't let them get another possession. We just had to get the ball and take care of it."

Duke, now 7-1, takes on the University of Southern California in Los Angeles Dec. 19.

Perhaps Christmas, nicknamed "K Holiday" by her Duke teammates, has earned more playing time.

Clear Brook's Lanier 24-5A coach of the year Wolverines, Longhorns take all-district honors

A truly memorable football season has helped land Clear Brook head coach Paul Lanier and his players plenty of respect in District 24-5A.

In 22-5A, several Dobie Longhorns were also lauded for their efforts as the respective coaches from 24-5A and 22-5A released the 2008 all-district football picks.

Lanier, in his second year as head coach at Clear Brook, engineered a rebound season that saw the Wolverines win their first-ever district title in the Class 5A division.

The Wolverines lost their district opener to Dickinson in the closing minutes but then won five straight games to claim the championship. Clear Brook also downed district rival Clear Creek in a game that did not count in the 24-5A standings due to scheduling problems caused by Hurricane Ike.

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Defensively, the Wolverines had three players on the first team, including Touchdown Club of Houston Defensive Player of the Year finalist Jordan Norfleet.

The Wolverines' punter

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Lane Berry (7), shown here going against La Porte in his final high school game during the area playoff round, was named to the 24-5A first team after rushing for more than 1,100 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Clear Brook's defensive secondary, was a unanimous first-team pick.

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make the playoffs.

But the 22-5A coaches gave the Longhorns their due when the all-league picks were made public.

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Brook boys' basketball to Arkansas

It won't remind the veteran players of last year's trip to San Diego, but members of Clear Brook's varsity boys' basketball team should be able to spread plenty of cheer in Arkansas Dec. 29-31.

The Wolverines are headed to Springdale for the 1st annual Har-Ber High School Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Garland Lakeview joins Clear Brook as Texas entries, and Tulsa Edison will be in from Oklahoma. The other five teams in the event are from the Arkansas area.

Clear Brook opens the tournament Dec. 29 against Shiloh Christian and could face the winner of Little Rock Christian and Har-Ber in the second round.

The championship game is set to be played Dec. 31 at 3:45 p.m.

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Girls' district openers go to JFD, Clear Brook

The varsity girls' basketball races are under way, and the Dobie and Clear Brook teams are out of the gate quickly.

Both teams won their openers Dec. 16. The Lady Longhorns pounded Pasadena 49-24 after outscoring the Lady Eagles 26-9 in the first half.

Dobie will look to move to 2-0 Dec. 19 as it plays at

Sam Rayburn High School. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. Sam Rayburn opened district play with a 56-35 loss at Deer Park.

Clear Brook is feeling good about itself after getting a big 43-41 win over Dickinson on the road Dec. 16. Kiara Redmon had 15 points for Clear Brook as the Lady Wolverines won.

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Longhorns vs. Angleton Dec. 27, 9 a.m., Alvin High School

Longhorns vs. Cy-Creek Dec. 27, 2 p.m., Alvin Community College

Longhorns also take on Cy-Creek in pool play and could run into any of their five other district foes entered in the tournament.

But Cross is ready for the challenge. "This is our last tournament before district play," he said. "You always want to win, and the big thing is to play well and gain some confidence heading into district play."

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Cross chooses Oklahoma Panhandle State



Dobie High School senior softball player Julie Cross (seated center) will continue her education and athletic career at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., after signing a letter of intent with the Lady Aggies. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (front row) Elizabeth Cross (mother), Stephen Cross (father), Zachary Cross (brother), (back row) Robin Rackley (Dobie softball head coach), Ernest Cross (grandfather), Lynn Cross (grandmother), Todd Morris (hitting coach) and Chris Swinnen (Dobie softball assistant coach). Photo by John Bechtle

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Michael Schwartz (52), a senior linebacker at Dobie, was a first team pick in District 22-5A after coming up with big plays time and time again for a Longhorns' defense that was vastly improved this season.



Dobie defensive lineman Cody Catney (50), shown rushing South Houston quarterback Dominique McCoy, garnered first team honors as a lineman and as a deep snapper for the Longhorns.

Brook standouts take home top 24-5A grid accolades

24-5A Top Performers

Most Valuable Player

Ashton Jefferson, Alvin, Sr., 6'2", 195 lbs.

Offensive Most Valuable Player

Ashton Jefferson, Alvin, Sr., 6'2", 195 lbs.

Defensive Most Valuable Player

Justin Williams, Galveston Ball, Sr., 6'3", 250 lbs.

Coach of the Year

Paul Lanier, Clear Brook

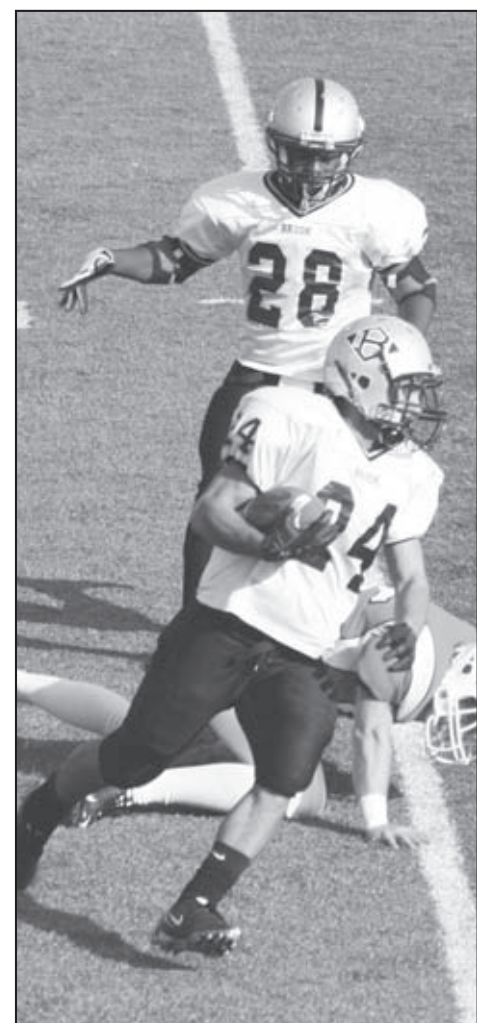


Clear Brook defensive lineman Jordan Norfleet (82) capped a solid career as a Wolverine in the area round of the playoffs against La Porte. Norfleet was a 24-5A first team pick and also a Touchdown Club of Houston finalist.

Brook duo makes 2nd team

Clear Brook's option offense had plenty of firepower this season. Quarterback Lane Berry and fullback Brandon Ellison (neither shown), made the first team after combining to rush for more than 2,400 yards this season. But the Wolverines didn't stop there. Running backs Endel Castillo (28) and Ronnie McCloud (24) were named to the second team after leading a second half surge that saw the team win five straight district games en route to the title. Clear Brook went on to win a bidistrict round playoff game. McCloud and Ellison, both juniors, will be back to lead the offensive charge next season.

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Seven Clear Brook High School football players earned all district first-team status in 24-5A after the Wolverines won the league title this season. Head coach Paul Lanier, in just his second season, was named coach of the year in 24-5A after guiding the Wolverines to their first-ever Class 5A district championship.

The Wolverines' first team picks on offense included quarterback Lane Berry, who rushed for more than 1,100 yards this season. Junior fullback Brandon Ellison, the district's leading rusher, gained 1,300 yards in making the first team as a unanimous selection. Offensive lineman Austin Wallace, who helped both Berry and Ellison enjoy big seasons on the ground, was a first team pick as well.

On defense, Regdric Malveaux was a unanimous pick in the secondary. Malveaux was joined on the first team by three teammates, including defensive lineman Jordan Norfleet, linebacker Miles Gay and punter Spencer Bowman.

First Team Defensive Unit

Defensive Ends

Justin Williams, Galveston Ball, Sr., 6'3", 250 lbs.
 Broderick Brown, Galveston Ball, Sr., 6'0", 260 lbs.
 Dartwan Bush, Brazoswood, Jr., 6'3", 240 lbs.
 Caleb Butler, Dickinson, Sr., 6'0", 230 lbs.
Jordan Norfleet, Clear Brook, Sr., 6'3", 225 lbs.

Linebackers

Miles Gay, Clear Brook, Sr., 5'11", 200 lbs.
 Kenny Mullins, Dickinson, Jr., 5'7", 180 lbs.
 Zach Duncavage, Clear Creek, Sr., 5'11", 195 lbs.
 Trevon Randle, Clear Springs, Soph., 6'2", 210 lbs.

Secondary

U – Regdric Malveaux, Clear Brook Sr., 5'9", 175 lbs.
 U – Nate Snow, Clear Lake, Sr., 5'11", 195 lbs.
 Kenneth Perkins, Galveston Ball, Sr., 5'10", 175 lbs.
 Kenion Peterson, Dickinson, Sr., 5'10", 175 lbs.
 Michael Thomas, Clear Creek, Sr., 5'10", 185 lbs.

Punter

Spencer Bowman, Clear Brook, Soph., 6'5", 200 lbs.

Punt Returner

U – Ashton Jefferson, Alvin, Sr., 6'2", 195 lbs.

First Team Offensive Unit

Quarterback

Lane Berry, Clear Brook, Sr., 5'8", 165 lbs.

Running Backs

U – Ashton Jefferson, Alvin, Sr., 6'2", 195 lbs.
 U – **Brandon Ellison, Clear Brook, Jr., 6'0", 195 lbs.**
 U – Jarred Mack, Clear Lake, Sr., 5'9", 195 lbs.
 U – Alvin Samuel, Brazoswood, Sr., 6'1", 210 lbs.

Receivers

Brian Boyd, Clear Creek, Sr., 5'8", 155 lbs.
 C.J. McElroy, Clear Creek, Soph., 5'10", 165 lbs.
 Kenneth Jenkins, Galveston Ball, Sr., 5'10", 175 lbs.
 Josh Honc, Dickinson, Sr., 5'8", 150 lbs.

Linemen

U – Ivory Wade, Dickinson, Sr., 6'5", 310 lbs.
 U – Ed Preston, Dickinson, Sr., 6'4", 300 lbs.
 Jared Baird, Clear Creek, Sr., 6'7", 290 lbs.
 Taylor Beamer, Clear Lake, Sr., 6'4", 260 lbs.
Austin Wallace, Clear Brook, Sr., 6'1", 315 lbs.

Kicker

Dustin Hopkins, Clear Lake, Sr., 6'2", 175 lbs.
 U – Unanimous selection

22-5A Top Performers

Player of the Year

Bo Snelson, Memorial, Sr., 5'8", 185 lbs.

Offensive Most Valuable Player

Kasey Carrier, Pearland, Sr., 5'8", 180 lbs.

Defensive Most Valuable Player

Jarrold Stewart, Pearland, Sr., 5'10", 190 lbs.

Coach of the Year

Tony Heath, Pearland

First Team Defensive Unit

Defensive Ends

U – Mario Turner, Pearland, Sr., 6'2", 200 lbs.
 Chris Loveless, South Houston, Sr., 6'4", 220 lbs.

Defensive Tackles

Cody Catney, Dobie, Sr., 6'2", 245 lbs.
 Ronnie Victor, Deer Park, Sr., 5'10", 225 lbs.
 Ian Ogando, La Porte, Sr., 6'1", 315 lbs.

Inside Linebackers

U – Jourdan Brogdon, Pearland, Sr., 5'8", 190 lbs.
Michael Schwartz, Dobie, Sr. 5'10", 160 lbs.
 Blas Gomez, Pasadena, Sr., 5'6", 220 lbs.

Outside Linebackers

U – Dennis Walls, Pearland, Sr., 6'0", 180 lbs.
 U – Jacob Hollub, Deer Park, Sr., 5'11", 185 lbs.
 Joshua Batiste, South Houston, Jr., 5'8", 170 lbs.

Secondary

U – Jarrod Stewart, Pearland, Sr., 5'10", 190 lbs.
 U – Devon Sutherland, La Porte, Sr., 6'1", 185 lbs.
 Travis Fetgatter, Deer Park, Sr., 5'9", 165 lbs.
 Leroy Scott, South Houston, Soph., 5'10", 185 lbs.

Punter

Kody Wright, La Porte, Sr., 6'1", 155 lbs.

Punt Returner

U – Chance Imhoff, Memorial, Sr., 6'0", 190 lbs.

First Team Offensive Unit

Quarterback

Sam Allen, Pearland, Sr., 6'1", 190 lbs.

Running Backs

U – Kasey Carrier, Pearland, Sr., 5'8", 180 lbs.
 U – Bo Snelson, Memorial, Sr., 5'8", 185 lbs.
 Travis Carter, Deer Park, Sr., 5'7", 150 lbs.

Fullbacks

Josh Burnett, Deer Park, Jr., 5'10", 180 lbs.

Receivers

U – Kevin Miller, Pearland, Sr., 6'1", 180 lbs.
 Chance Imhoff, Memorial, Sr., 6'0", 190 lbs.
 Jimmy Randle, La Porte, Sr., 6'5", 190 lbs.

Tight End

Jacob Garcia, Deer Park, Sr., 6'0", 200 lbs.

Centers

James Burden, Deer Park, Sr., 6'2", 240 lbs.
 Derek Hoffpauir, Pearland, Soph., 6'0", 225 lbs.

Linemen

U – Danny Vance, Memorial, Sr., 5'10", 270 lbs.
 U – Derrick Clark, Deer Park, Sr., 6'4", 270 lbs.
 U – Arturo Marrero, La Porte, Sr., 6'0", 275 lbs.
 Raul Chapa, Pasadena, Sr., 6'2", 265 lbs.
 Ian Gray, Pearland, Jr., 6'8", 315 lbs.

Kickers

Blake Allen, Pearland, Sr., 6'0", 170 lbs.
 Zach Gonzalez, Deer Park, Sr., 5'10", 165 lbs.

Kick Returner

Tyler Fetgatter, Deer Park, Sr., 5'9", 175 lbs.

Deep Snapper

Cody Catney, Dobie, Sr., 6'2", 245 lbs.

U – Unanimous selection

District 22-5A Second Team Picks

Defensive Ends

Darren Leaks, South Houston, Jr.
Daniel Robinson, Dobie, Sr.

Defensive Tackles

Taylor Staudt, Pearland, Sr.
Chris Lopez, La Porte, Sr.
Zach Logan, Deer Park, Jr.
David Velasquez, Sam Rayburn, Jr.

Inside Linebackers

Josh Hollub, Deer Park, Sr.
Andrew Estupinan, Sam Rayburn, Sr.
Bruce Livingston, Dobie, Sr.
Abel Garcia, La Porte, Sr.
Louis Rubin, Pearland, Sr.

Outside Linebackers

Eric Chege, Pearland, Sr.
Alex James, Deer Park, Jr.
Joshua Sliva, South Houston, Jr.

Secondary

Blake Marchal, La Porte, Sr.
Darrell Sears, Deer Park, Sr.
Marcus Chambliss, South Houston, Sr.
Anthony Phillips, Dobie, Sr.

Punter

Blake Allan, Pearland, Sr.

Punt Returner

Frank Hernandez, Sam Rayburn, Sr.

Quarterback

Hans Cook, Deer Park, Sr.

Running backs

Andre Spiller, Dobie Sr.
Kendrick Perkins La Porte, Jr.
Raheem Oladimeji, Deer Park, Sr.

Fullbacks

Chris Kolafa, La Porte, Sr.

Receivers

Natreon Moose, Deer Park, Sr.
Oneil Puga, Deer Park, Sr.
Myles Kanipes, Pearland, Soph.

Tight End

Landon Westbrook, Pearland, Sr.

Linemen

Jack Andrews, Pearland, Sr.
Alex Freas, Pearland, Jr.
Ricky Balderas, Deer Park, Sr.
Eric Nowetner, La Porte, Sr.
Rodell Duff, Dobie, Sr.

Kick Returner

Andre Spiller, Dobie, Sr.

Deep Snapper

Justin Carnes, La Porte, Sr.

Honorable mention – Dobie

Elias Fernandez, Jr. – Frank Perez, Jr.
Ashanti Joseph, Jr – Maurice Poullard, Jr.
Joseph Scott, Jr.

District 24-5A Second Team Picks

Defensive Linemen

Nick Trahan, Clear Creek, Sr.,
James Conyers, Clear Brook, Sr.
Nick Singletary, Dickinson, Sr.
Matt Sconiers, Clear Lake, Sr.
Kieshe Wilcox, Clear Springs, Soph.

Linebackers

Fabian Galavez, Galveston Ball, Sr.
Matt Bass, Alvin, Jr.
Clarence Green, Brazoswood, Soph.
Khary Alexee, Clear Springs, Jr.

Secondary

Javis Roberts, Clear Brook, Sr.
Bobby Bassett, Clear Creek, Sr.
Darius Dickerson, Dickinson, Sr.
Dylan Dement, Clear Lake, Sr.
Daryl Olison, Alvin, Sr.

Punter

Tommy Henshaw, Clear Creek, Sr.

Punt Returner

James Cunningham, Clear Springs, Jr.

Quarterback

Eric Canas, Clear Lake, Sr.

Running backs

Matt Bass, Alvin, Jr.
Kendall Brown, Brazoswood, Sr.
Endel Castillo, Clear Brook, Sr.
Randall Holliman, Clear Lake, Jr.
Ronnie McCloud, Clear Brook, Jr.

Receivers

Donald Hunter, Dickinson, Sr.
Andrew Wroth, Clear Brook, Sr.
Donte Brown, Dickinson, Sr.
James Cunningham, Clear Springs, Jr.

Linemen

Robert Jenko, Alvin, Jr.
Justin Hall, Galveston Ball, Jr.
Trace Schwerman, Clear Lake, Sr.
Jeremy Torres, Clear Springs, Jr.
Bryant Reinhart, Clear Creek, Sr.

Kicker

Tommy Henshaw, Clear Creek, Sr.

Honorable mention – Clear Brook

Jerald Hubbard, Sr. – Shelton Schultz, Sr.
Ikeanna Ikpeama, Sr.

Dobie High School football banquet is Jan. 11

The Dobie High School football booster club has set Jan. 11 for the annual Longhorns' banquet.

The event, which honors members of the each of the schools' football teams, will be held in the school cafeteria.

The banquet will include a dinner, and Longhorns' head coach Bobby Cotton will emcee the event.

Booster club scholarship award winners, team award winners and other honorees

will be recognized.

Dobie's varsity football team had a solid season, finishing at 4-5 overall and 3-4 in District 22-5A play.

Each of the subsvarsity football teams also put together strong seasons.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials have set the league's registration dates for Jan. 10, Jan. 15 and Jan. 17, 2009. All three sign-ups will

The banquet had been scheduled for earlier this month but had to be rescheduled to a conflict concerning usage of the school cafeteria.

Tickets are available through the booster club.

take place at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park. Hours on Jan. 10 and Jan. 17 are from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Hours

Varsity players may attend free of charge.

For more information about the banquet or other Dobie High School football activities, call booster club president Beth McDonald at 281-922-1391.

on Jan. 15 are 5 to 8 p.m. Children must turn age 5 on or prior to April 30, 2009, to be eligible to compete in the spring league.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Basketball

Boys' standings			Girls' Standings		
Eighth Grade Light Division			Eighth Grade Light Division		
School	W	L	School	W	L
San Jacinto Tigers	3	0	Bondy Patriots	3	0
Bondy Patriots	3	0	Miller Falcons	3	0
Beverly Hills Bears	2	1	San Jacinto Tigers	2	1
South Houston Indians	2	1	Beverly Hills Bears	2	1
Thompson Lions	2	1	Southmore Bulldogs	2	1
Jackson Wildcats	1	2	Thompson Lions	1	2
Queens Hornets	1	2	Queens Hornets	1	2
Parkview Cowboys	1	2	Parkview Cowboys	1	2
Southmore Bulldogs	1	2	South Houston Indians	0	3
Miller Falcons	0	3	Jackson Wildcats	0	3
Eighth Grade Dark Divison			Eighth Grade Dark Divison		
School	W	L	School	W	L
San Jacinto Tigers	3	0	Queens Hornets	3	0
Beverly Hills Bears	3	0	Bondy Patriots	3	0
Bondy Patriots	2	1	Southmore Bulldogs	3	0
Thompson Lions	2	1	Thompson Lions	2	1
Jackson Wildcats	2	1	Miller Falcons	2	1
Queens Hornets	1	2	San Jacinto Tigers	1	2
South Houston Indians	1	2	Parkview Cowboys	1	2
Southmore Bulldogs	1	2	Jackson Wildcats	0	3
Parkview Cowboys	0	3	Southmore Bulldogs	0	3
Miller Falcons	0	3	Beverly Hills Bears	0	3
Seventh Grade Light Division			Seventh Grade Light Division		
School	W	L	School	W	L
Queens Hornets	3	0	Bondy Patriots	3	0
Beverly Hills Bears	3	0	Miller Falcons	3	0
Bondy Patriots	2	1	San Jacinto Wildcats	2	1
Southmore Bulldogs	2	1	Beverly Hills Bears	2	1
San Jacinto Tigers	2	1	Thompson Lions	2	1
South Houston Indians	1	2	Southmore Bulldogs	1	2
Thompson Lions	1	2	Parkview Cowboys	1	2
Parkview Cowboys	1	2	South Houston Indians	1	2
Miller Falcons	0	3	Jackson Wildcats	0	3
Jackson Wildcats	0	3	Queens Hornets	0	3
Seventh Grade Dark Divison			Seventh Grade Dark Divison		
School	W	L	School	W	L
Queens Hornets	3	0	San Jacinto Wildcats	3	0
Bondy Patriots	3	0	Bondy Patriots	3	0
Beverly Hills Bears	2	1	Thompson Lions	3	0
Southmore Bulldogs	2	1	Miller Falcons	2	1
San Jacinto Tigers	2	1	Southmore Bulldogs	2	1
South Houston Indians	1	2	Beverly Hills Bears	1	2
Thompson Lions	1	2	Parkview Cowboys	1	2
Parkview Cowboys	1	2	Queens Hornets	0	3
Miller Falcons	0	3	South Houston Indians	0	3
Jackson Wildcats	0	3	Jackson Wildcats	0	3

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 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.

11:15 a.m.
Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club – Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club, in affiliation with Stonecroft Ministries, hosts monthly luncheons at Golfcrest Country Club from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. The luncheon includes a buffet, an informative program and an inspirational speaker. Cost is \$16 all inclusive. All ladies are welcome, but reservations are necessary. A complimentary nursery is provided. For information, call 281-992-1675 or 281-482-9727.

11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network – American Business Women's Association-South meets on the third Thursday of each month at Makenzie's Grill, 9330 Broadway in Pearland. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

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

6 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church – Free tutoring for all ages is available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Education Building at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road. For information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

7 p.m.
Korean War Veteran Association – The Texas Lone Star Chapter meets the third Thursday of each month at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 West Center. For information, call 713-774-3662.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

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, DECEMBER 20
6 p.m.
Frontier Squares – Meets to square dance at the NASA Gilruth Center on Space Center. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or George Wieland at 281-286-5682, or visit www.frontiersquares.com.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 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.

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.

10 a.m.
Free Walking Classes – for plus size women are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Let's move together. Registration required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

11:30 a.m.
American Begonia Society – Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 303 East Main in League City. For more information, call 281-585-3672.

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 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

5 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free water therapy from 5 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

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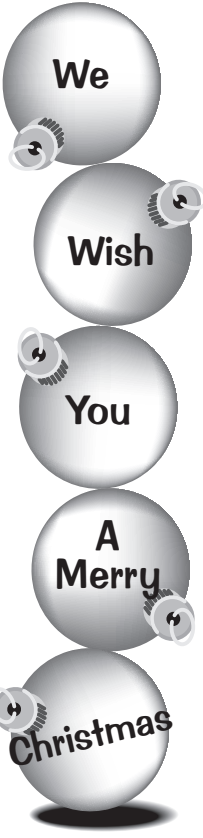
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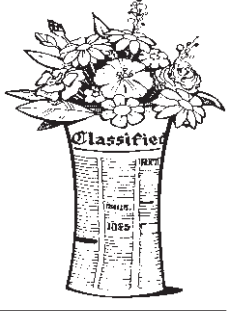
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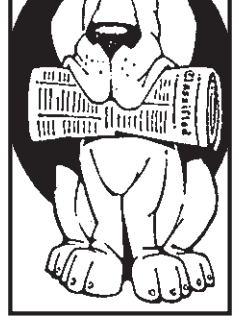
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6:30 p.m.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.

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

7:30 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For more information and locations, contact Brenda Fitch at 713-533-4508 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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

10 a.m.
Free Walking Classes - for plus size women are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Let's move together. Registration required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

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.

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

6:30 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.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BATP is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

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Girls' district openers: locals win

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For Dobie, perhaps the win can be the start of something new after a slow start to the season. D'mesha Hewitt had 14 points, and Tavaccia Davis turned in 10 points as the Lady Longhorns easily won. Overall, it was Dobie's fourth win against 11 losses. After taking on Sam Rayburn Dec. 19, the Lady Longhorns will take

a break from 22-5A play until Jan. 3. That's when the locals begin a key five-game stretch that includes home games against playoff contenders Pasadena Memorial (Jan. 6), Deer Park (Jan. 13) and La Porte (Jan. 16). Since Dobie will play those three teams on the road in the second half of district play, the month of January will likely go a long way toward determining whether or not the Lady Longhorns are playoff bound this season. After its big win over Dickinson, Clear Brook is feeling as though it has a bit of an advantage over others in the 24-5A field. There does not appear to be a dominant team in the league. Instead, Clear Brook is likely to fight it out with Clear Lake, Clear Creek, Dickinson and varsity newcomer Clear Springs for much of the season.

Dobie boys slip up at Creek

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Westfield. Six of the teams reside in Dobie's 22-5A district. The tournament will begin Dec. 27 and resume Dec. 29-30. The gold bracket girls' final is Dec. 30 at 7 p.m., to be followed by the gold bracket boys' final at 8:30 p.m. Both title games will be played at Alvin High School in the competition gymnasium. Cross is looking for his team to benefit from the return of Randy Owens, who has missed the season to this point after suffering a knee injury during the football season.



Dobie's varsity boys' basketball team, including forward Cy Fondal, is now 8-7 after a loss to Clear Creek Dec. 16. The team hosts Channelview Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the tournament go toward aiding a variety of charities in the Alvin and Houston areas. For more information, visit the tournament Web site at www.alvinlionsholi dayclassic.org. **Creek bests Dobie**
Dobie's season continued its roller coaster ride after a 58-45 loss at Clear Creek Dec. 16. With the loss, the Longhorns fell to 8-7 with one remaining nondistrict game coming against Channelview Dec. 19 at Dobie. Despite the double-digit loss, the Longhorns were competitive for three of the four quarters. "We were up by a point at half and were outscored 17-3 in the third quarter," Dobie head coach Kevin Cross said. "That was the dagger. Deylan White (second in the area at 23 points per game) did not play in the game because of injury. Also, Jarvis Charles was injured and did not play."

Blinn football goes 11th; Dobie ex honored

A pair of former competitors from the old District 23-5A varsity football ranks helped the Blinn College Bucs finish the 2008 season ranked 11th in the final National Junior College Athletic Association poll. Prentice Joseph, a 2005

Dobie graduate, was a second-team Region 14 selection after being one of the Bucs' leading tacklers from his linebacking position. Joseph, a two-time all-district performer for the Longhorns, had a red-shirt season at Blinn and also

missed another season while recovering from shoulder surgery. During Joseph's injury-plagued 2006 season, Blinn won the national championship.

Terrance Cain, who starred at North Shore High School, was named a first team all-American and was honored as the offensive player of the year. Joseph is said to be choosing colleges between Lamar and Texas Southern.

Dobie football players get academic all-state

Three Dobie High School varsity football players have been recognized by the Texas High School Coaches Association as academic all-state members.



Michael Schwartz

Each qualifying member must be a class of 2009 senior who has maintained a grade average of at least 92 for his freshman, sophomore and junior years plus the first six weeks of his senior year.



Bruce Livingston

Dobie linebacker Michael Schwartz, who also made the 22-5A first team as a player, was a state all-academic first teamer. Teammate Bruce Livingston made the second team, and Juan Perez Jr. was an honorable mention selection.



Juan Perez Jr.

The THSCA recognized athletes in all classifications, including six-man through 5A. "We are all tremendously proud of these young men," Dobie head coach Bobby Cotton said. "They understand that academics and athletics go hand in hand, and they strive to be at their best in both areas."

In 2007, Dobie senior Scott Pace was named to the academic all-state team.

Cotton said the District 22-5A all-academic teams are set to be released soon. Pearland ISD officials are compiling the master list. Cotton expects as many as 15 Longhorns to be honored.

Sports Calendar

- BASKETBALL**
Friday, Dec. 19
Dobie varsity boys host Channelview, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls at Sam Rayburn, 7:30
Clear Brook varsity girls host Brazoswood, 7:00
Clear Brook varsity boys at Memorial, Philips, 7:00
Dobie JV boys host Channelview, 5:30
Dobie JV girls at Sam Rayburn, 6:00
Clear Brook JV girls host Brazoswood, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys host Channelview, 4:00
Dobie freshman A boys at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Dobie freshman A girls at Sam Rayburn, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman A girls host Brazoswood, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys host Channelview, 4:00
Dobie freshman B girls at Sam Rayburn, 6:00
- Tuesday, Dec. 23**
Clear Brook varsity boys host Humble, 1:00
Clear Brook JV boys host Humble, 11:30 a.m.
Clear Brook sophomore boys host Humble, 10 a.m.
Clear Brook freshman A boys host Humble, 11:30 a.m.
Clear Brook freshman B boys host Humble, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 27**
Alvin Lions Club tournament
Dobie varsity boys vs. Angleton, Alvin H.S., 9 a.m.
Dobie varsity boys vs. Cy-Creek, Alvin C.C., 2p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 29**
Dobie varsity boys at Alvin Lions tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity girls at College Station tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity boys at Springdale, Ark., tourn., TBA
- Tuesday, Dec. 30**
Dobie varsity boys at Alvin Lions tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity girls host Elkins, 7:00
Clear Brook varsity boys at Springdale, Ark., tourn., TBA
Clear Brook JV girls host Elkins, 5:30
Clear Brook freshman A girls host Elkins, 4:00
- Wednesday, Dec. 31**
Clear Brook varsity boys at Springdale, Ark., tourn., TBA

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South Belt youth soccer sets spring registration

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All registering players via the online method must fax a copy of their birth certificate to 713-559-6200. The league registration fee includes uniform (shirt, shorts and socks). Parents must provide shin guards, soccer cleats and soccer ball. Practices starting in February will be held twice per week in the early evenings. Games begin in March and will be played on Sunday afternoons for eight weeks at El Franco Lee Park. For more details, visit the league Web site at www.southbeltsoccer.org.

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