

Blackhawk garage sale set

The Blackhawk subdivision at Astoria and Blackhawk will hold a community garage sale Saturday, Dec. 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents can take advantage of the opportunity to make extra cash without the hassle of garage sale advertising. Shoppers can enjoy a one-stop shop for garage sales within houses of one another.

CBC MUD safety meeting

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 8, until 8:30 a.m. for an employee safety meeting. Payments may be left in the drop slot for convenience.

Messiah at SJC South

The San Jacinto College Community Choir will perform selections from George F. Handel's *The Messiah* on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theater in the Marie Flickinger Fine Arts Building on the South campus, 13735 Beamer Road.

Guests to the sing-along will enjoy pieces from the familiar Christmas oratorio such as *Hallelujah*, *Glory to God*, and *For Unto Us a Child is Born*. The community is encouraged to attend with family and friends to start the Christmas holiday with a classic touch. Some scores will be available to borrow for the performance.

The event is free to the public, with donations welcome. South Belt resident Marie Flickinger will serve as the guest conductor for *Hallelujah*.

ECC holds book fair

The Early Childhood Center at St. Luke's Catholic Church will hold its Winter Book Fair on Thursday, Dec. 2, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the social hall. The Scholastic Book Fair will offer a variety of books for children in preschool through elementary level. The public is invited to attend.

Lariaette dance clinic set

The Dobie Lariaettes will have their annual Winter Dance Clinic on Saturday, Dec. 11, at Dobie High School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The clinic is for girls and boys in kindergarten through 12th grade. Preregistration is \$40 by Dec. 3 or \$50 at the door, cash or money order only.

Clinic participants will receive a T-shirt and be invited to perform in the Lariaette spring show in May 2011. For more information, contact Pam Burns at prburns1@earthlink.net or at 281-412-7123.

Dobie offers European tours

Dobie High School teachers Allison Bowers and Lakeitha Kirven will sponsor a trip to Europe for the summer of 2012 to students ages 14-19 only. Prices are reasonable, and a discount is given if enrolled by Dec. 15, 2010. Bowers will take a 15-day tour of London, Paris, Lucerne, Swiss Alps, Florence, Rome and Assisi. Those who would like to find out more about this trip can e-mail her at Europeleisure2012@hotmail.com.

Kirven will take an 11-day tour of Paris, Milan, Florence and Rome. Those who would like more about this trip can e-mail her at Lkirven@pasadenaisd.org.

Wood Meadow II contest

The Wood Meadow Section II Association will hold a Christmas decorating contest for everyone in the community to participate in. The association will award a first- and second-place winner for the best Christmas decorations. Judging will take place on Dec. 18, 2010, and prizes will be awarded.

Christmas at The Gardens

Christmas at The Gardens will take place Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 12001 Beamer. More than 20 vendors will be on site selling handmade crafts and gifts. Local musicians will provide entertainment. A surprise visit is also planned by Mrs. Claus. A bake sale fundraiser and giftwrapping will benefit Action Ministries.

Dobie holds food drive

Dobie High School is hosting a school-wide food drive to benefit the Salvation Army. The goal is for each grade level to collect 5,000 items for a grand total of at least 20,000 items collected by the school.

Community members wanting to donate items can bring them to the front office of the school through Thursday, Dec. 16. For more information, contact Stefanie McKinney at 713-740-0370.

Award ceremony at Dobie

For any Dobie High School student (current or graduated) who earned a 2010 Dell Grant AP Incentive Award, a Celebration of Excellence to receive the Incentive Award will be held Thursday, Dec. 16, at 11:30 a.m. in the media room at Dobie High School.

To qualify for a Dell Grant, one must have scored a 3 or higher on either a math, science or English AP test. For more information, contact Kathleen Murrell at kmurrell@pasadenaisd.org.

New game room worries area residents

A gaming establishment set to open soon at the intersection of Blackhawk and Kirkville has many parents concerned, due to its proximity to multiple local schools.

Lucky 7 is currently obtaining its construction permits to open the facility in the area strip center less than half a mile away from both Dobie High School and Moore Elementary. Melillo Middle School and South Belt Elementary are both located roughly one mile from the proposed site.

According to sources close to the ongoing construction, the establishment plans to install nearly 100 video gaming machines, often referred to as "eight-liners," in the building, which is just more than 2,000 square feet in size.

While the location may seem inappropriate to some, there are currently no laws on the books that prohibit it, as gaming itself is not illegal unless it can be proved that gambling is taking place.

"Everyone knows it's illegal gambling, but you have to prove it," said Rep. Ken Legler, who compares the game rooms to illegal massage parlors.

Proving that the establishments are conduct-

ing illegal activities, however, is difficult due to their private nature. Set inside of nondescript storefronts with blacked-out windows and no signage, the game rooms often go unnoticed, and entry by outsiders is rare.

Eight-liner machines, called so because there are eight ways to win based on the combination of images on the screen, can also be found at several area convenience stores. There are a minimum of 15 such establishments in the 77089 ZIP code alone.

In 2007, the Houston Police Department estimated there were 300 to 400 game rooms throughout the city.

Under Texas law, it is illegal to operate gaming machines that award players with cash or merchandise having a value of more than 10 times the price to play the device or \$5 - whichever is less.

It is difficult, however, for police to collect a payout, as it entails extensive undercover investigative work, and departments are working with limited manpower and funds.

If a case is prosecuted, the penalty is generally a relatively small fine and no jail time.

Public hearing on Shaver repair work set for Dec. 9

The City of Houston and the Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting Thursday, Dec. 9, at the YES Prep Southeast School, 353 Crenshaw, to discuss the proposed widening of South Shaver Road from Interstate 45 to State Highway 3.

In the works for more than a decade, the project would replace the existing four-lane undivided road with a six-lane divided road, a raised median and curbs and gutters within the existing 120-foot wide right-of-way.

In addition, the project would widen 2,514 feet of the channel of Berry Bayou north of South Shaver and Berry Bayou.

The widening of South Shaver would not require additional right-of-way and would not displace residences or businesses.

The meeting will be in open-house format. Documents and exhibits will be available for viewing. There will be no formal presentation. The National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (pending final approval by the Federal Highway Administration) will also be available for inspection at the meeting.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting to express their views and discuss the project with TxDOT and City of Houston Public Works and Engineering representatives.

Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the District Public Information Officer at 713-802-5072 at least two working days before the meeting. Because the meeting will be conducted in English, requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least two working days before the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Part of the City of Houston's Capital Improvement Plan, the project is expected to cost \$14,726,000.

The project is jointly funded by the federal highway fund through TxDOT. Final design is complete pending TxDOT final review, a NEPA Environmental Assessment clearance and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 permitting that also considers environmental impact.

Construction is expected to begin in late 2011. Those who have questions about the design phase should contact the City of Houston Department of Public Works and Engineering Project Manager Mike Cordova at 832-395-2228 or mike.cordova@houston.tx.gov or John Kuo, assistant director Street and Bridge Engineering Section at 832-395-2234 or john.kuo@houston.tx.gov.

Sullivan calls for exemption for schools on Prop. 1 fees

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan has called for Mayor Annise Parker to exempt schools from the fees to be assessed by the recently passed Proposition 1.

"Mayor Parker arbitrarily decided on her own to impose these new fees on schools, without any input from City Council. I'm calling on her today to use some common sense and to exempt them," Sullivan said.

"It is absolutely outrageous to tax the school house," the councilmember continued. "It makes no sense at all for one taxing entity to tax another. Where I grew up, that was called 'double taxation.' It's just wrong, and it's absolutely bad public policy."

Four of the school districts located in Sullivan's council district have formally requested that they be exempted from the Prop. 1 fees.

"Humble ISD, Clear Creek ISD, Pasadena ISD and Houston ISD have all stated their opposition," Sullivan said. "They view it as an unnecessary tax that they should not have to pay."

Humble ISD Board President Keith Lapeze said, "The City of Houston has decided to imple-

ment a fee that will directly impact our school district. In these difficult times, the last thing we need is a new, significant expense that will take money away from our classrooms."

CCISD Superintendent Greg Smith stated, "The Houston drainage fee will adversely impact the Clear Creek ISD. It amounts to the equivalent of three teachers every year for CCISD alone. On behalf of the students, staff, and taxpayers of CCISD, I encourage the city to make the ethical provisions to its drainage fee proposal."

PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis said, "I can certainly applaud the mayor for addressing the drainage issues in our communities. It is an important issue. However, given the severe budget constraints placed on school districts, adding exorbitant fees to school districts as outlined in Proposition 1 seems only to pass the cost of drainage improvement from one taxing entity to another."

Lewis added, "When we build new facilities, we are already required by the city to add detention to our sites in an effort to ease the flooding concerns. This new proposal seems to be an added burden. We will continue to work with the mayor's office and through Councilman Mike Sullivan seeking an exemption for public schools."

"I realize there are problems with our infrastructure that need to be fixed, as do our school districts," Sullivan said. "It is just inherently unfair for the city to impose a fee on schools to pay for it though."



Mike Sullivan

Alert resident leads to arrest

A call from an alert member of the Kirkwood South Neighborhood Watch led to an arrest the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 1.

According to Sgt. Zerick Guinn of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the caller reported seeing two suspicious males in the parking lot of St. Luke's church. The men were reportedly seen traveling together in the same vehicle, but went their separate ways once parked.

Upon questioning the men, Guinn said the one

with the vehicle, who is from Missouri City, said he had to come to the area to visit a girl he had met online. He denied knowing the other male, who resides in Humble.

However, when the other individual was questioned, he said the two were friends and had traveled together.

The driver, Jerry Brown, 25, was found to have a suspended driver's license and was arrested. No charges were filed on the second male.

In the past five years, the *Leader* has been instrumental in having two local establishments raided by the HPD's Vice Division.

While police intervention is rare on a local level, multiple game rooms in the South Belt area have caught the eye of federal authorities in recent years.

In November 2008, agents from the FBI and the Internal Revenue Service executed search warrants on six related gaming establishments in Harris and Galveston counties, including the Coffee Shop located on Scarsdale.

The reported ringleader, 33-year-old Thanh V. (Tommy) Bui of Clear Lake, was sentenced this past June to 12 months in federal prison for conspiracy to launder funds and operating an illegal gambling business.

Bui was also fined \$114,000, and agents seized \$184,000 in cash, as well as a 2007 Mercedes Benz S550 and a 1991 Acura NSX.

The FBI estimates the illegal game rooms generated more than \$1 million a year between 2004 and 2008.

According to Bui's indictment, the establishments, which were open only to private members and operated 24 hours a day, had approximately 50 machines each - about half of what the new game room on Blackhawk intends to install.

This past July, two other South Belt game rooms were raided by authorities.

Club 45, located at 12505 Gulf Freeway at Fuqua, and the G-Spot, located at 15255 Gulf Freeway at Dixie Farm Road, were the targets of the raids.

Conducted by the Multi-Agency Gang Task Force and the Violent Crimes Task Force, includ-

ing undercover FBI agents and deputies from the Harris County Sheriff's office, the raids netted 14 arrests.

Of the 14 total arrests, 10 occurred at the Club 45 facility. Those arrested include George Somarakis, 57; Danny Collins, 39; Silverster Krenok, 59; Dexter Baier, 32; Reynaldo Ochoa, 31; Santos Martinez, 51; Danny Flores, 24; Danny Ray Rodriguez Jr., 26; Josefat Segovia, 50; and Joseph Leteff, 34.

The four arrested at the G-Spot location include Choi Van Vo, 32; Robert Guillen, unknown age; Edward James Espinosa, unknown age; and John Tran, 23.

All 14 suspects are said to have worked at the establishments and were charged with engaging in organized crime with an underlying offense of promoting gambling, a state jail felony.

If convicted, the range of punishment is six months to two years in state jail and up to a \$10,000 fine.

In past years, officials said part of the problem with prosecuting local offenders was a lack of physical space to store the confiscated eight-liner machines.

Legler said, however, steps were taken this past legislative session to aid in this area. Law enforcement agencies may now remove just the motherboard from the machines, rather than the entire machine.

Others see the only way of eradicating the illegal operations is to legalize gambling in the State of Texas.

According to Legler, 80 percent of his constituents who responded to a mailed survey this past election cycle supported such a measure.

Beamer water pipes burst



The *Leader* had a stroke of luck the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 1. While the staff was trying to choose a photo to run on Page 1A, a construction worker across the street on Beamer broke a water line while operating a backhoe, sending a shower into the air. The building with the green roof in the rear of the photo is the *Leader* office. The workers, from Traffic Control Devices, were installing new fiber optic cables along the area street. The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District reported similar problems. The break was quickly repaired.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Man dies in traffic accident

One man died and another was injured when their sport utility vehicle rolled over after hitting a pickup truck at 1550 Dixie Farm Road near Abrago about 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27.

The driver of the SUV, 27-year-old Christopher Watkins of Webster, died at the scene while his 31-year-old passenger was taken to Ben Taub General Hospital in serious condition.

According to police, Watkins was traveling west on Dixie Farm Road when he attempted to pass a Nissan Frontier.

Watkins reportedly struck the pickup and lost control of his vehicle, which then rolled over, throwing both him and his passenger from the SUV.

The pickup driver was not injured.

Leader Christmas program begins

The holiday season is here, and once again it's time for the annual *South Belt-Ellington Leader* Christmas program.

Now in its 28th year, the program is aimed at helping area families in need.

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 stranger said his family had been given food when he was young and requested the staff forward the meal to a needy family in the community.

This charitable behavior continues today with several different local organizations taking part. Past participants include Atkinson, Moore, Stuchbery and Frazier elementary schools, Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediate schools and Dobie High School's Future Farmers of America.

The American Legion Post 490 and Action Ministries have also donated food items in previous years.

Desired items include toys for children of all

ages, nonperishable food items, paper products and cash.

There is a particular need for gifts appropriate for older children and teens, such as clothing, sporting goods, makeup kits and gift cards.

All gifts should be new and unwrapped. Past recipients include single-parent families, families suffering from unemployment and Katrina evacuees. The *Leader* received a record number of applicants last year, and that trend is expected to continue, given the current economic conditions.

Many past beneficiaries have reciprocated and later donated items themselves.

All applicants must undergo a screening process to determine the family's need. This is done by various means, including verification from school nurses.

To qualify, one must be a South Belt resident and possess some form of identification.

Those wishing to donate items or apply for assistance should visit the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer.

Readers' Opinions

Glenski writes on health issues

I would like to take a moment of your time to express my personal feelings with respect to the nature of health care professionals that we deal with on occasion due to the specific needs that are required.

Do your homework! Today, you possess path to an enormous amount of information which can give you alternative paths towards a healthy recovery. My own experiences as well as my wife's have led me to re-think the choices I have made based on having a blind trust in my primary care physician.

Living in Houston gives us the ability to research our medical needs due to the fact that there so many fresh ideas within the up and coming well trained and educated medical community. Do not let this cloud the value of an ambulance ride which is provided by the dedicated Women and Men of this city's EMS and Fire Department organization. You can not put a monetary value on the services that they provide.

The only intent of this message is to hopefully lead anyone towards a path towards a healthy and complete recovery from whatever ails you.

Randall Glenski

Reams: Texans must speak out, again

On November 2nd the nation spoke clearly. To the elected official the message sent was--you work for us, we don't work for you. You do as we say. Your run as ruling class elites is over. The results of America speaking out was a conservative tsunami, nationwide.

In Texas it was also clear. The Texas House went from a Republican/Democrat mix of 76/74, to a new mix of 99/51. Far more conservative. Now the Texas House must listen to the will of the people and install conservative leadership. That leadership switch begins with the Speaker of the House, Joe Straus. Straus is a RINO and not a conservative. His tenure during the last session was not good for Texas. He was elected by a majority of democrats along with eleven other RINOs. He then appoints democrats as committee chairmen of key committees; he supports NARAL who rates him very high and was honored by Planned Parenthood; he kills voter ID bills. Straus killed 32 percent of Republican's bills last session and only 3% of Democrat's bills. The list of non-conservative actions and philosophy that Straus supports is very lengthy. He was the only person booed when he spoke to the Texas Republican Convention in Dallas back in June. Texas deserves better.

Unfortunately, the Good Ole Boy RINO Club, and their Democrat affiliates, are working behind the scenes to keep Straus as Speaker for the upcoming session and are rumored to be using threats and intimidation against those who would vote against him. We have Pelosi-like backroom deals and non-transparency at the state level too. Therefore, the same grass roots effort that spoke on Nov. 2 to the nation, needs to speak up again to their state representatives. The message is "do not support Joe Straus for Speaker. If you do, do so at your own peril. Instead, support a real conservative for Speaker." And, there is one in the race, Ken Paxton.

Do your own research, compare records and see who you want looking out for your interest. But do it quickly then voice your opinion to your state repre-

sentative. If Texans want to finish the job started a few weeks ago, we need to contact our respective state representatives (who become vulnerable to voters in two years) and demand they bypass Mr. Straus for a real conservative. One who will be more representative of the new make up in the Texas House and one that represents the will of Texans. This will be a crucial session for the Texas Legislature with redistricting on the agenda. The decisions made will effect us all for the next decade. Shouldn't we get it right?

Larry Reams

This holiday season don't give in to a thief

It's been said that the true spirit of the holiday season is in giving, not receiving. With this in mind, it's likely that you will be spending a bit of time shopping for presents, your credit card flying out of your wallet or purse like wind-blown snow.

But as you shop in stores and online, be sure you're not giving a surprise gift to an identity thief. Because the surprise will be on you -- and it won't be a good one.

Sometimes when you do business, you may be asked for your Social Security number. In many cases, those asking don't really need it. If anyone asks for your Social Security number or other identifying information, ask them why they want it and whether they absolutely need it. They can refuse you service if you don't provide it, but consider whether the service is worth the risk.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. Someone who steals your Social Security number can use it to get other personal information about you. Identity thieves can use your number to apply for more credit in your name. Then, they use the credit cards but leave the bills for you. Falling victim to identity theft can ruin your credit rating and make things difficult for months or years to come.

Identity thieves can obtain your Social Security number, credit card numbers, and personal information in a number of ways, including:

- Stealing wallets, purses and mail;
- Intercepting personal information you provide on an unsecured website, from business or personnel records at work, and personal information in your home;

- Rummaging through your trash, and public trash dumps, for personal information;

- Posing as someone who needs your information, such as a government agency, employer, bank or landlord; and
- Buying personal information from store clerks, employees, or other individuals who have the information.

There are things you can do to protect your identity. Don't give out your Social Security number to just anyone. Don't carry your card in your wallet or purse; keep your Social Security card locked away in a safe place with your other important papers. Check your credit reports once a year, which you can do for free at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Want to learn more? Read our online fact sheet, Identity Theft And Your Social Security Number, at www.ssa.gov/pubs/10064.html. If you think someone is using your number or identity, contact the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft, or call 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338) (TTY 1-866-653-4261.)

Protect your information this holiday season, and you'll enjoy a little more "peace on earth" in the year to come.

Shelly J. Robinson
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Sullivan invites public to meeting for South Shaver Road project

Councilmember Mike Sullivan advises the public of an upcoming public meeting for the proposed widening of South Shaver Road, from I-45 to Highway 3.

The Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Houston's Department of Public Works & Engineering will conduct a public meeting Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the YES Prep Southeast School located at 353 Crenshaw Road in Houston.

Since taking office, Sullivan has received numerous complaints about the lack of attention to Shaver Road. He has continued to work with Public Works and Tx DOT to ensure that this CIP Project is realized during his tenure.

After many delays with the other organizations involved in this project, Sullivan is anxious to see it scheduled to begin in the fall of 2011.

"Seeing the South Shaver Road project come to fruition has been a priority from day one," said Sullivan. "Not a week goes by without some form of communication from my constituents about their displeasure with this road."

The project includes widening South Shaver Road from a four-lane undivided roadway with open ditches to a six-lane divided roadway with a raised median, curb and gutter drainage, sidewalks, street lighting and improved underground utilities.

The project also includes channel improvements of a portion of the Berry Bayou and a new detention pond that outfalls from South Shaver Road.

Sullivan encourages residents to attend this meeting to express their concerns or input.

The meeting will be in an open house format with representatives from both the City of Houston and TxDOT present to answer questions.

Written comments on the proposed project may also be presented at the meeting, or submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation by Dec. 23, 2010.

For more information, contact Sullivan's office at 832-393-3008.

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Deaths

Elsie Mae Murphy



Elsie Mae Murphy of Sagemont, 72, died peacefully Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010, at her home. She was born on Feb. 26, 1938, in Elkton, Md.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Gerald Murphy, and her daughter, Elizabeth Murphy.

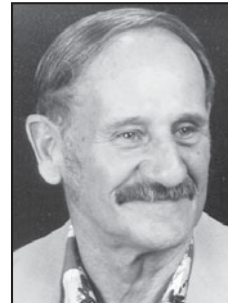
Murphy is survived by her children, Donald and wife Shari Murphy of Sagemont, Patrick and wife Debi Murphy of Sagemont, and Robert and wife Lisa Dietz of Riverstone Ranch; daughter Theresa Murphy of Sagemont; grandchildren Houston Murphy and wife Candi of Beverly Hills, Victoria Murphy of Sagemont, Crystal Murphy of Sagemont, Austin Dietz of Riverstone Ranch, Kristin Morales and husband Donny of Sagemont, and Jason Johnson and wife Amanda of Pearland (formerly of Sagemeadow); great-grand-

children Jacob and Jayden Murphy, and Luke, Isaac and Iva Morales.

Murphy loved spending time with her children and their families, especially at Lake Livingston. She also adored her dog, Travis, who was her constant companion for the past 14 years.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 20, at Niday Funeral Home in Houston. Pallbearers were Houston Murphy, Austin Dietz, Jason Johnson, Gerald Baker, Dustin Hall and John Charles Stephens. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Carl Dwight Detwiler



Carl Detwiler, 75, died Monday, Nov. 29, 2010. He was born Sept. 13, 1935, in Newcastle, Pa.

Detwiler was a South Belt area resident. He loved crafts, woodworking and people.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Lorena Detwiler.

Detwiler is survived by his wife of 24 years, Lynda; his son, Scott Keith Detwiler and

wife Lauri; daughter Alicia Salway and husband Brent; grandchildren Brandon, Joshua and Taylor; three sisters, Jean Mann, Esther Yoder and Bernice Schroeder; and his brother, Dale Detwiler.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

Mary Ann Peters



Mary Ann Goolsby Peters, 78, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010, in Houston. She was a South Belt area resident.

Peters is preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Joe Peters.

She is survived by her son, James Calvin Peters; daughter Mary Susan Peters; granddaughter Ashley Lawler; great-granddaughter Sydney Elizabeth Spencer; brother Joe Wallace Goolsby; and sister Cynthia Jane Goolsby.

A celebration of Peters' life was held Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010, at SouthPark Funeral Home in Pearland. Interment followed.

Family Christmas musical tickets on sale now at San Jac

Tickets are currently on sale for the San Jacinto College Central Department of Theatre and Film's 15th annual family Christmas play, *2010 Santa's Christmas Magic: The Musical*.

The play will be held Dec. 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 at 2:30 p.m. The performance will be held in the Powell Arena Theatre at San Jacinto College Central.

The musical fantasy centers on a sinister plot to steal Santa's magic. This year's

production has more than 110 performers (including more than 60 community children ages 4 and up).

According to Jerry Ivins, SJCC director of theater and the play's director, "This is an event filled with classic Christmas songs, elves and living toys. It is an opportunity for children to visit and have photos taken with Santa during intermission. Community and college singers, dancers and actors make this a very unique event."

Ivins is scheduled to play

the Grinch on Dec. 4, 10 and 11.

Tickets are \$10 per person for general admission. A discount is offered if tickets are purchased and picked up two days in advance at \$8 each.

The box office is open from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Call 281-476-1828 for more information or e-mail Jerry.ivins@sjcc.edu.

Become a fan of SJCC Department of Theatre and Film at www.facebook.com/SJCC.Theatre.Film.

Dancing in Bomb Shelters author to present at UHCL speaker series

Hear the spellbinding lecture titled *Dancing in Bomb Shelters*, by author Joanna Wycoff, scheduled for Friday, Dec. 3, from 10:30 to noon, in the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane.

Hosted by University of Houston-Clear Lake's Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs, the event is free and open to the public.

Wycoff, who was a teenager during the German occupation of Nijmegen, Netherlands, in May 1940, began writing her diary after Hitler's German army invaded her hometown.

Encouraged by her father to document events as they happened, Wycoff kept the diary between age 14 and 19 to chronicle her family's struggle to find food and clothing, hide Jewish friends, house searches and the brutality of the Gestapo and SS officers.

Sixty-five years later, she translated the diary for her

now published book *Dancing in Bomb Shelters: My Diary of Holland in World War II*, which is dedicated to the 82nd Airborne Division -- the family's first "Liberators." Wycoff immigrated to the United States after World War II.

For more information on the author, visit <http://dancinginbombshelters.com>.

Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs provides learning opportunities for area seniors and others interested in learning. All ages

are welcome, and registration is requested for all daytime speaker series events.

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

Dobie forensics excels at Clear Lake High School tournament

Dobie High School forensics had another outstanding competition recently at Clear Lake High School, placing

sixth overall.

In a tournament with only one event exclusively for first-year forensics students,

several Longhorns advanced beyond preliminary rounds.

Of 34 competitors, Brianna Herman placed second overall in original oratory. She also earned a second-place trophy in dramatic interpretation.

Edens receives scholarship



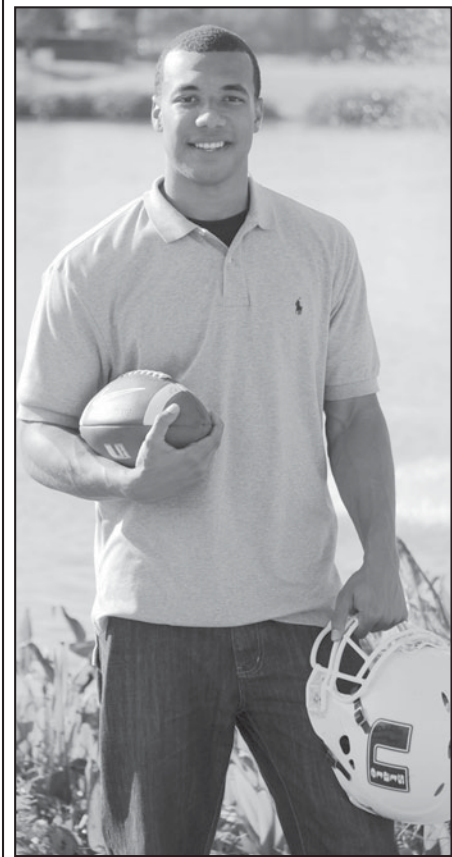
Christen Edens, a 2009 graduate of Dobie High School, recently received a \$2,000 scholarship from Texas Coastal Cattlewomen. She is a sophomore at Tarleton State University, majoring in animal science and animal production genetics. In order to qualify for the \$2,000 TCCW scholarship, a college student must have graduated from a Texas accredited high school or have been home-schooled in a county in which a TCCW member lives. One must have completed 30 college semester hours, maintained a GPA of 2.15 or better on a 4.0 grade scale, have declared a major in an agricultural related field, consumer science or restaurant management, and show financial need. For scholarship applications, contact Jessica Radley, P. O. Box 1636, El Campo, TX 77437-1636. Edens is the daughter of Bobby and Renee Edens of South Belt.

Group visits Germany, the Holy Land



Members of St. Luke's Catholic Church recently visited Germany and the Holy Land along with members of St. Ignatius of Loyola. While there, the group saw the Passion plays in Oberammergau, Germany, and toured Nazareth and other parts of Galilee. The Rev. Norbert Maduzia celebrated Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Shown on the steps of that church are, left to right, (front row) Amer Shehadeh (tour guide), (second row) the Rev. James Burkart, Margarete Nicholson, John Allgaier, Eva Hill, Shirley Rodgers, Linda Naguit, Cesar Naguit, (third row) the Rev. Norbert Maduzia Jr., Helen Nowak, Judy Bielamowicz, Hortense Richardson, Maria Palacios, Alexis Darbonne, (fourth row) Maureen Taillon, Juliet Connolly, Mary Galvan, (fifth row) Julie Garza, Helene Lipke, Naomi White, (sixth row) Argelia Piñon, Lorraine Gately, Harvey Gold, Carol Gold, Mary Alice Watson, (seventh row) Dottie Cantalamessa, Paula Thiltgen, Liz Montgomery, (eighth row) Liz Shugart, Jimmie Turner, Flo Turner, Chip Norra, Sharron Murphy, (ninth row) Peggy McFate, Gerry Silvasy, Bernadette Marie Cay, Joyce Bilski, Bob Watson, (tenth row) Bob Matt, Joan Matt, Vera Hardy, Bernadette Cay, (back row) Carl Zeitler, Sandy Zeitler, Gloria Aldridge, Wayne Burkett, Carolyn Burkett and Mary Bacon.

Bowman graduates



Xavier Bowman graduated from Utah State University, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services on Aug. 6, 2010, with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. Bowman earned a full athletic scholarship in football to USU and was a four-year starter and letterman at the wide receiver position. He was an offensive captain, active member of the Team Leadership Council, and served as a student athlete mentor. Bowman, a 2006 Dobie High School graduate, plans to pursue advance degrees in psychology and would like to work with persons with psychiatric disorders and addictions. He is the son of Wayne and Diane Bowman of Sagemont.

Woodfill inspires students to take advantage of higher education

Former Apollo 13 engineer Jerry Woodfill was a guest speaker at the Exploring Careers in Math and Science - Faculty Roundtables hosted by the San Jacinto College South Career and Employment Services Center and the Aerospace & Biotechnology Academy recently.

Woodfill shared his experiences with getting his education and the struggles of figuring out what career path to take.

In a highly motivational speech, he encouraged students to really explore the opportunities they are given at San Jacinto College and the benefits that come from getting a higher education. He also shared highlights of his work with the Apollo 13 crew and what it was like to be there in the control room

when the mission took a dangerous turn. "When that first explosion happened, that was my alarm system that went off that I helped build," said Woodfill.

For his efforts in helping with the Apollo 13 rescue, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1970 by President Nixon.

Faculty members also held roundtable discussions for students interested in careers in the math and science fields.

Nathalie Vega-Rhodes, math lab supervisor and writing center manager, headed up the mathematics careers table. "I find a lot of students are terrified of math," she said. "They need to know that if they're struggling, it's OK. If they truly have an interest in it, they should pursue it. A career in math doesn't ex-

actly mean you'll be a 'mathematician' solving proofs all day. The problem-solving and creative thinking skills you acquire with math are transferable to many different industries."

Deborah Smith, coordinator for the San Jacinto College South Career and Employment Services Center, was pleased that there is an interest among students to find more information on these career fields. "I hear from employers all the time that there aren't enough people entering these fields. These jobs are in very high demand, especially in this area," said Smith.

The Career and Employment Center plans to host another roundtable event for careers in business and behavioral sciences during the spring semester.

Wuenschel Citizen of the Year



Dr. Peter Wuenschel (center) was recently named the 2010 Citizen of the Year by Clear Creek Independent School District. Wuenschel is executive director of Communities in Schools - Bay Area, a dropout prevention program serving CCISD and Dickinson ISD. Dee Scott (left), president of the CCISD board of trustees, presented the award to Wuenschel at the recent Clear Creek Education Foundation Annual Community Breakfast. Joining them (right) is Ken Baliker, vice president of the board of trustees. The award is managed by the foundation. Wuenschel accepted the award on behalf of the program's staff, "who work intensively with students at risk of dropping out of school." For more information on the program, visit www.cisba.org.

Genoa announces honor, merit rolls

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

First grade Honor roll
Jailyn Araujo, Fatima Arif, Daniela Balderas, Bram Campbell, Torrell Davis, Yancy Deleon, Alexis Escobar, Victor Garcia, Ashley Hernandez, Erik Hernandez and Selina Huang.
Micaela Jimenez, Crimson Leonard, Hans Leza, Yessenia Lopez, Kimberly Mendoza, Ar-

turo Moreno, Joselyn Moreno, Tim Nguyen, Aidan Nino, Kaitlyn Posada and Mac Postel.
Alexa Quintanilla, Breanna Ramirez, Celeste Rodriguez, Duraius Tarpley-Gotcher, Shyla Torres, Oscar Vallejo, Ezequiel Villarreal and Julian Villarreal.

Merit roll
Suzeth Ballona Castro, Ana-hi Calderon, Jason Calero, Victoria Contreras, Michell Garza-Lopez, Priscila Jasso, Kashif Khan and Raynisha Lavalais.
Jesse Lawrence, Faith Lopez, Miryam Mendoza, Luis Moreno, Aileene Murillo, Ro-

drigo Rodriguez, Jorge Sosa, Christopher Thomas, Hillary Tran and Valerie Valdez.

Second grade Honor roll
Yenais Aguilar, Gulsoma Aziz, Caleb Dhaemers, Jocelyn Gallegostorres, Kathleen McNeil, Daniel Mejorado, Marianna Murchison, Edgar Rodriguez, Alexandra Ruiz, Omar Ruiz, Breanna Sanchez and Juliza Vidal.

Merit roll
Jocelyn Garcia, Mariah Gonzalez, Seth Guzman, Giselle Jimenez, Ralynn Payne,

Andrea Redor, Jessica Salazar, Amaya Toliver and Kenneth Yeates.

Third grade Honor roll
Daniel Arellano, Natalia Esparza, Katelyn Martinez, Wesley Ndag, Christopher Orellana, Alejandro Perez, Jorge Rodriguez, Melany Rodriguez, Gilberto Valdez, Vanessa Vazquez and Vanesa Villegas.

Merit roll
Jaqueline Chapa, Vanessa Lozano Virquez, Sebastian Nino, Xylan Price, Julissa Reyna, Nicholas Rojas, Catherine Silvacruz, Sofia Tamez, Vincent Torres and Jaylee Vera.

Fourth grade Honor roll
Samuel Diaz, Janice Dike, Mitsy Garza, Ginger Henry and Angel Martinez.

Merit roll
Kimberly Argueta, Thalia Cansino, Athziñ Cervantes, Selena Diaz, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Michelle Nguyen, Angelica Romero and Jason Vela.

Families enjoy Fall Fest 2010



San Jacinto College South recently held its annual Fall Fest, complete with family-fun activities for the tiny trick-or-treaters who came out from surrounding communities. The Student Center parking lot featured a petting zoo, a pumpkin dive, a cakewalk, pony rides, and fire truck and ambulance tours. Inside, a Beetlejuice MC kept the party going alongside games, a costume contest, crafts and plenty of food. Pictured, (front) Melissa Chadis of Pearland helps her 5-year-old daughter, Amaya, on a pony ride, as 2-year-old brother, Xavier Chadis (back), follows.

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Helm graduates



Pvt. Justin Helm graduated from the U.S. Army's OSUT (One Station Unit Training) at Fort Knox, Ky., as a cavalry scout. He will attend additional training for the Stryker vehicle before reporting to his next assignment at Fort Lewis, Wash. Helm is a 2010 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School. He is the son of longtime South Belt residents Deborah and Gary Helm and has a younger sister, Kayla.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

LOPEZ TRIPLETS ARE TURNING 5!
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Jorge, Jacob** and **Joshua Lopez** who will celebrate their 5th birthday on Dec. 10. Mommy (**Elva**) and Daddy (**Jorge**) send lots of love. Also, lots of birthday hugs and kisses are sent from grandmas **RoseMary** and **Esther** and grandpas **Jesse** and **Fransisco**.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR FRANCES
Carl Valigura wishes his beloved wife **Frances** a very happy diamond birthday on Dec. 5. Best wishes are also sent from children **David** and wife **Katha**, **Donna** and husband **Gary**, **Deborah Lea**, and **Carl Wayne** and wife **LuAnn**. Their 13 grandchildren and great-granddaughter **Riley** wish their beloved **MeMaw** the happiest of all birthdays and many more.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 2 through Dec. 8.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Robert Hughes** on Dec. 5. Birthday wishes are sent to **Mary Davitt** Dec. 6. On Dec. 7, **Miriam Cordova** enjoys a birthday.

Frazier Elementary
Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Pam Williams** Dec. 2.

Meador Elementary
Janet Armenta is sent birthday wishes Dec. 7.

South Belt Elementary
The day for a birthday cake for **Carmen Castelan** is Dec. 2. **Lupe Palacios** and **Kristi Vinzant** share a birthday Dec. 7.

Melillo Middle School
Dec. 5 is the day for a birthday party for **Melinda Quiroz-Guerra**.

Morris Middle School
Josh Lovoi celebrates a birthday Dec. 6.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
The day for a birthday cake for **Jorly Thomas** is Dec. 5. **Lasheena Koenig** has a birthday Dec. 6.

Thompson Intermediate
A birthday wish is sent to **Sarah Librojo** Dec. 5. The day for a birthday party for **Marta Ruiz** is Dec. 7. Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Toni Lopez** Dec. 8.

Dobie High
On Dec. 4, a double birthday is celebrated by **Joseph Horton** and **Jeanne Parlangei**. **Norma Castillo** is wished a happy birthday Dec. 5. The day for a birthday surprise for **Donna Branch** is Dec. 6. Birthday greetings are sent to **Patricia Landrum** Dec. 7.

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

SJC financial aid increases more than 50 percent

San Jacinto College distributed more than \$41 million in financial aid during the 2009-2010 academic year, almost a 53 percent increase from the previous year. Most of the increase resulted from federal funding of work force development. More students became eligible for financial aid after a change in regulations and increased enrollment, said Robert Merino, director of financial aid services.

"Financial aid tends to correlate with the economy," said Merino. "More people are going back to college, and the government is providing more aid to them."

Approximately 3,300 students received federal or state-awarded financial aid for technical education last year, a 45 percent increase from 2008-09. More than 6,300 students used federal or state-awarded financial aid for academic programs, a 32 percent increase from the previous year.

BHI child nutrition staff celebrates cancer awareness month



The child nutrition staff at Beverly Hills Intermediate celebrated cancer awareness on Thursdays during the month of October. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) **Indira Patel, Norma Alba, Andrea Garza, Thelma Trejo**, (second row) **Lucero Torres, Lelis Rivera, Maribel Juarez, Juana Vega, Lupe Cabrera**, assistant manager **Maria Noyola, Rosa Perez, Martina Barrera** and manager **Debbie Murray**. The staff participates in all special days during the school year. Photo submitted

Remember When

30 years ago (1980)
Volunteer firemen from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to four fire calls and four ambulance calls during the past week.

Texas Commerce Bank South Belt had 15,000 pounds of real snow hauled in for its second annual Christmas celebration.

Emergency personnel from the Sagemont station of the Houston Fire Department made five pumper calls and three ambulance calls over the past week.

A resident in the 10200 block of Sagecourt in Sageglen was hit by burglars for the fourth time, making off with \$28,000 in losses. It was believed a large truck pulled up to the home and loaded up with household furnishings.

25 years ago (1985)
A petition drive was under way by the South Belt Coalition asking the city of Houston for stricter enforcement of existing city ordinances pertaining to sexually oriented businesses.

Allison Keith, daughter of Rod and Laura Keith of Sageglen, was selected to portray one of the orphans for the Theatre Under the Stars' production of *Annie*.

Two Dobie students were taken into custody by PISD Security which had filed arson charges against the juveniles for allegedly setting fire to two of the school's boys' restrooms. The two were taken to the Harris County Detention Center. The arrests were made after a \$250 reward was offered for information about the fires.

Bob Reed, son of Robert and Jackie Reed of Sagevale, served as an extra in battle scenes for the film *North and South Part II*.

20 years ago (1990)
Nine of the 17 string players from the Dobie Orchestra program were selected for Region Orchestra.

Involved in various projects for Desert Shield military personnel from the South Belt area, Thompson students started a letter-writing campaign. Ninety-five students from Cindy McKinney's English classes wrote to soldiers and sailors specifically from the area.

Picked as the underdogs, Dobie's varsity football team sidestepped all the critics and were headed to the playoffs.

15 years ago (1995)
Sagemont Park's Doan Nguyen and her two passengers were transported to Ben Taub Hospital's trauma center following a traffic accident on Beltway 8 at Beamer where Nguyen's Cadillac collided with a dump truck.

A chancellor search committee presented the names of three candidates to the San Jacinto College District Board of Regents beginning the second and final stage in filling the college district's highest post.

The Clear Brook High School varsity football team had a 31-14 win over Jasper in the Region III semifinals.

Clear Brook's tennis coach Genie Kilpatrick was selected as 4A State Tennis Coach of the Year.

Thompson Intermediate eighth-grader Brandon Beebe won the logo design competition initiated by local businessman Chris Romero. The winning logo was to be featured on his company's business cards, work apparel and vehicles through the Houston area.

10 years ago (2000)
The Harris County-Pearland road study in final form was accepted by members of the Pearland City Council.

John Hoover received the prestigious NASA Space Flight Awareness Launch Honoree Award for the STS-92 mission.

5 years ago (2005)
A fire that shut down the Pizza Hut in the Scarsdale Village shopping center at the corner of Beamer Road revealed that a gameroom that had been previously raided had reopened. Firefighters opened the neighboring lease spaces for ventilation, and passersby were able to see gaming machines in plain view.

Houston Police were investigating the shooting death of a 19-year-old man at the Indigo Falls Apartments on the Gulf Freeway. He was shot in the head after a reported argument with a 21-year-old suspect.

San Jacinto College South campus President Dr. Linda Watkins was selected the San Jacinto College Association of Educational Office Personnel 2005 Boss of the Year.

Construction began on the Sagemont pool which had been closed for the previous two years after it began to leak. The *Leader*, local civic leaders and Councilmember Addie Wiseman worked to keep the pool in the community. Replacement began for the demolition and removal of the existing building and pool. The new pool and building were scheduled to reopen for the 2006 summer swimming season.

1 year ago (2009)
It was announced that Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital CEO George Gaston would leave his post to take on the CEO role for the Memorial Hermann Southwest campus. Throughout the recruitment process for a permanent CEO at Southeast, Jim Brown, CEO of Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital, would also serve as interim CEO of Southeast.

Meador Elementary and Morris Middle School were placed on lock down following a report that an armed suspect took a woman's purse near the two area schools. The schools were locked from roughly 9:30 to 10 a.m. while police searched the campuses for the suspect.

A Dobie High School student was found to be in possession of a loaded 9 mm handgun. According to district officials, the student, a 17-year-old sophomore, apparently had no intention of using the weapon but was merely showing it off to friends.

An Amber Alert issued for a 3-year-old boy who went missing from the Highland Meadow Village Apartments the previous afternoon was canceled later that afternoon when the child was found unharmed in the Third Ward area. The Harris County Sheriff's Office issued the alert after the boy disappeared from the area apartment complex. Investigators said he was being watched by his next-door neighbor when her common-law husband took the boy, along with his own son, to a friend's house the previous day.

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Veterans recognized at SJCS



In conjunction with Veterans Day, San Jacinto College South student services and organizations recognized student veterans on campus. Members from the San Jacinto South Student Veterans Association (SVA) provided free kolaches to all veterans on campus. Pictured are, left to right, Marjorie Victor; Nicholas Webster; Dr. B.K. Silva, faculty advisor; and Nick Martinez, SVA group leader.

Photo submitted

Theater company presents first production of 2010-11 season



The Red Door Theatre Company, 4513 Red Bluff Road in Pasadena, will present its first production of the season, *Hansel & Gretel*. Performances are set for Dec. 3-4 and Dec. 10-11 at 8 p.m.; and Dec. 5 and 12 at 3:30 p.m. Cast members pictured are, left to right, South Belt resident Wayne Vension, South Belt resident Bethany Machlachlan, Drucilla Rovito, South Belt resident Meg Velez, Jazzy Sao Marcos, Hayley Smith, Andrew Martinez, Hannah Smith and South Belt resident David Chapin. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for adults 55+, \$10 for children 12 and under, and \$10 for students with valid identification. For more information, visit the website at www.thereddoortheatre.com and on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. To reserve tickets, call 281-542-0500 or e-mail thecallboard@thereddoortheatrecompany.com.

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The Continuing and Professional Development division of San Jacinto College will offer a free information session about the Alternative Teacher Certification program, which provides the opportunity to become a certified teacher in the state of Texas. The free information session will be held Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the San Jacinto College North campus, located at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston. The session will take place in room 208B of the Edwin E. Lehr Library.

For more information about the free session, call 281-459-7619.

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ment productions while encouraging the improvement of college theater education.

"I am continually amazed and extremely proud of the dedication and hard work my students do to host this festival," said Sheleigh Carmichael, artistic director for the

San Jacinto College South theater program.

South was chosen for a sixth consecutive year to host the Texas festival. Other colleges that attended this year's event included Lone Star College-Cypress; Lone Star College-Montgomery; Texas

A&M University-Kingsville; and Angelo State University.

South students put on their comedy production of *Wonder of the World*, which tells the story of a woman's journey of self-discovery to Niagara Falls after finding out a secret about her husband.

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Above left to right, eighth-graders Alan Phan and Stephanie Dang enjoy a game of *Sorry!*. Below, eighth-graders Yenlynn Bahn and Linh Pham are sharpening their skills playing cards.

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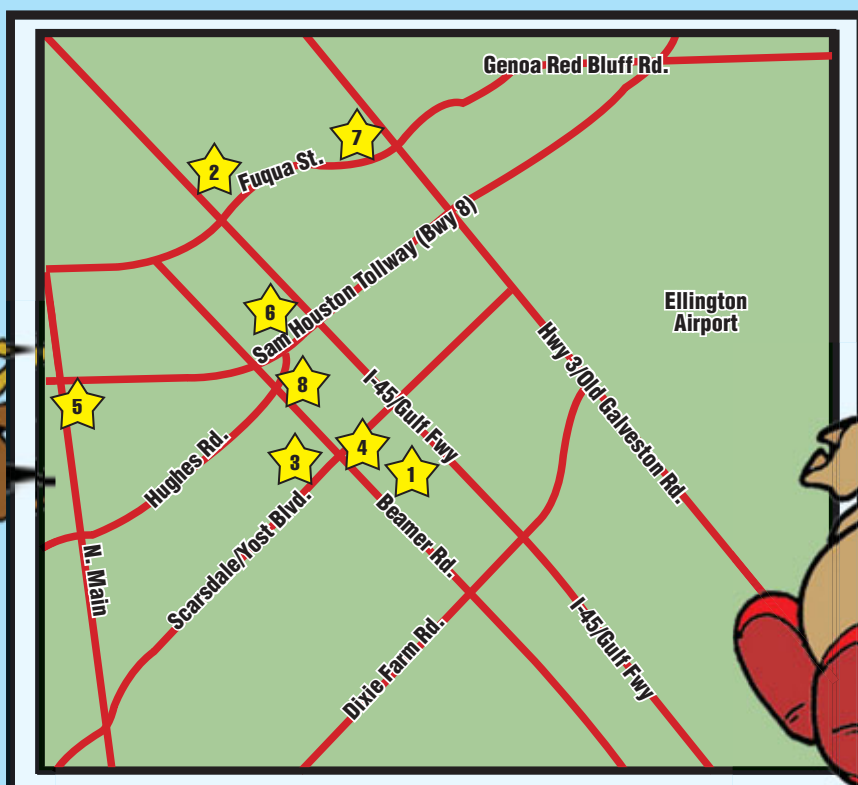
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Area basketball coaches approve teams' progress

Brook's boys start out 4-0; CCISD next

It's just another week in what is a long high school basketball season, but there seems to be plenty of reasons for optimism on the local scene.
Among the boys, both the Clear Brook and Dobie squads have played good basketball thus far.
In fact, the Wolverines have gotten off to a quick 4-0 start behind the strong play of several returning players, including Fred Richardson, Spencer Bowman and others.
Over at Dobie, the Longhorns will have to recover from a 62-52 loss to Mayde Creek Nov. 30, but head coach Kevin Cross has seen his squad get off to a solid start despite not having the benefit of a veteran team.
The girls' basketball season is a week or so ahead of the boys', and Clear Brook and Dobie are holding their own, if not better.
Clear Brook made a



big second-half run before falling 50-48 at home to Friendswood Nov. 30, but head coach Blair Redmon's team has played much better after an 0-2 start to the season.
Dobie, meanwhile, defeated Kingwood 50-39 behind 11 points from Jazmin Guerrero and Shanequa Gaston.
Due in part to a tough

Hoops fans! See upcoming games on 3B
schedule, the Lady Longhorns have yet to get on a big roll, but head coach Shane Brown appears to have his team on the move as district action gets closer and closer.
Area fans will get a chance to see the Dobie girls go against Clear Brook Friday, Dec. 3, as the Lady Wolverines host the game at 7 p.m.
Brook boys now 4-0
Granted, the always-tough Clear Creek Independent School District Classic beckons Dec. 2-4, and the Wolverines will have to contend with Tulosa Midway to start and possibly the likes of Cypress Woods, Clear Lake, Deer Park, Clear Creek or Clear Springs later in the event.

But with his team standing at 4-0, head coach Jason Pillow must feel as though his team is ready for any challenge.
"We have been rolling so far, and it is all due to the team believing that they have something to prove," Pillow said, noting that the District 24-5A ranks also house playoff contenders Clear Creek, Pearland, Clear Lake, Clear Springs and Brazoswood, which has played well early on.
"We have been picked to finish out of the playoff race by some, and quite frankly, that made us mad. We set the bar high each year and work our tails off to achieve our goals, and when someone gives us motivation, we love it."
"Our motto this year is 'never satisfied,' and the kids are taking these wins in stride. They know it means nothing right now."
Maybe so, but there has been plenty of validation in Brook's early wins.
Brook won its third straight game Nov. 22, downing Dekaney 71-70.
The team then hammered College Park 76-62 Nov. 23 as Richardson pumped in 31 points and Chris Camp-Continued on Page 6B

At right, Clear Brook forward Spencer Bowman has been just one of many players coming through in a big way for the Wolverines during a strong start this season.

League champion Longhorns rule district football honorees

RB Boyd, LB Edwards capture MVP awards

Dobie's first varsity football district championship in 11 seasons paid off in the form of lofty honors for several of the team's key players.
5A Coach of the Year.
The honors didn't stop there. DeMarcus Boyd, who led the 22-5A ranks in rushing, finished with 1,362
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22-5A Varsity Football Awards
Player of the Year
Daniel Talaverra, Memorial, Sr. (TE-DE)
Offensive Most Valuable Player
DeMarcus Boyd, Dobie, Sr. (RB)
Defensive Most Valuable Player
Juston Edwards, Dobie, Sr. (LB)
Newcomer of the Year
Jordin Harrison, Dobie, Soph. (LB)
Coach of the Year
Jim Phillips, Dobie

As expected, the Longhorns, who ran the table in 22-5A action with a 5-0 record, stole the headlines as the district's coaches revealed the 2010 all-District 22-5A selections.
Head coach Jim Phillips, given the controls of a program that had been struggling for several seasons prior to his arrival, delivered a quick return on Dobie's investment in him.
After an opening loss to a very good Alief Taylor team, the Longhorns won eight of their final nine regular season games on the way to an 8-2 finish.
At one point, Dobie won seven straight games, and the team outscored its 22-5A opponents by a combined 198-44 score in finishing unbeaten in district play for the first time since 1999.
Though quick to pass much of the credit to his assistant coaches, Phillips was the leader. For his work, Phillips was named the 22-



Senior linebacker Juston Edwards (86), making a tackle on Memorial's Jacobi Hopkins (42), was named the District 22-5A defensive most valuable player after a terrific season for the Longhorns. Edwards led the team in tackles as the Longhorns came through with the top defense in the district, allowing just over 235 yards per game for the season.
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22-5A champion Dobie Longhorns rule all-district football selections

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yards on the ground and 15 total touchdowns on his way to being named the 22-5A offensive Most Valuable Player.

On the defensive side, senior linebacker Justin Edwards edged out a couple of worthy teammates as he was named the district's defensive Most Valuable Player.

Edwards, a two-year starter, led the team in tackles in both 2009 and this season from his spot in the middle of the defense.

Another member of Dobie's outstanding line-backing crew, sophomore Jordin Harrison, was also on the 22-5A honor list.

Harrison made an immediate impact on the field as he was named the 22-5A Newcomer of the Year.

Dobie was beaten to

the punch on the league's top overall award. Memorial tight end/defensive end Daniel Talavera was named the Player of the Year in 22-5A as he made plays on both sides of the ball to help the Mavericks to second place at 4-1.

"Our guys have a lot to be proud of," Phillips said of not only the Longhorns' district honorees but the entire program.

"They bought into what we were trying to promote in terms of our offensive and defensive systems. From there, all of the credit goes to them for having the

skills and talents to go out and win football games."

Dobie's standout season does not come without a price. Boyd and Edwards are both members of the graduating class of 2011.

There will be other senior losses among the first-team honorees, including versatile Davion Hurst, offensive linemen Dylan Wall and Zach Fondal, defensive back Reggie Wilson, tight end Hunter Campbell and defensive end Cody Early.

As for the future, the Longhorns will return quite a bit of talent, including first-team performers Blake

Jackson at quarterback, running back Andrew Robinson, defensive tackle Kerry

Henderson and linebacker Chris Uzomah.

The Longhorns' second-

team picks included junior receiver Vance Leonard, senior defensive end Darrian Lavergne, senior deep snapper Chris Lopez, junior center Josh Basquez, senior offensive lineman Malcolm Glover and senior defensive end Devaughn Allen, junior linebacker Anthony Simmons and secondary players Andrew Nguyen and Jordan Monette.

With good reason, there were plenty of honors and high-fives to go around after the Longhorns' quickly turned their fortunes around in 2010. Several all-district players are set to return, so Phillips and company may just be getting started.

At right, Longhorns' tight end Hunter Campbell (44 in white) became a huge part of the team's offensive attack as a blocker. The senior was a unanimous selection at his position.

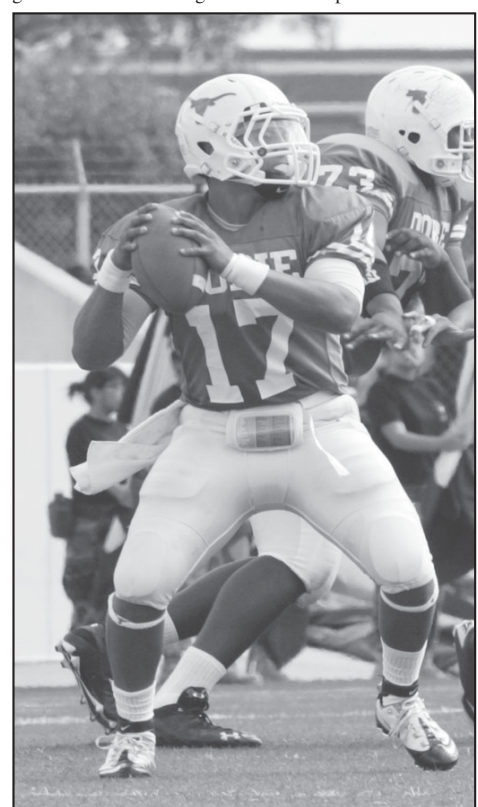
Photos by David Flickinger Leader President

Senior Davion Hurst was Dobie's most versatile player, handling duties in all phases of the game. Although he did not earn all-district accolades as a receiver, he was a first-team defensive back and kick returner. He also made the second team as a punter returner.

At right, Dobie defensive back Reggie Wilson had an interception in the season opener against Alief Taylor and used that successful debut to carry himself to a first-team, all-22-5A berth. Wilson, a senior, was a two-year starter for the Longhorns.



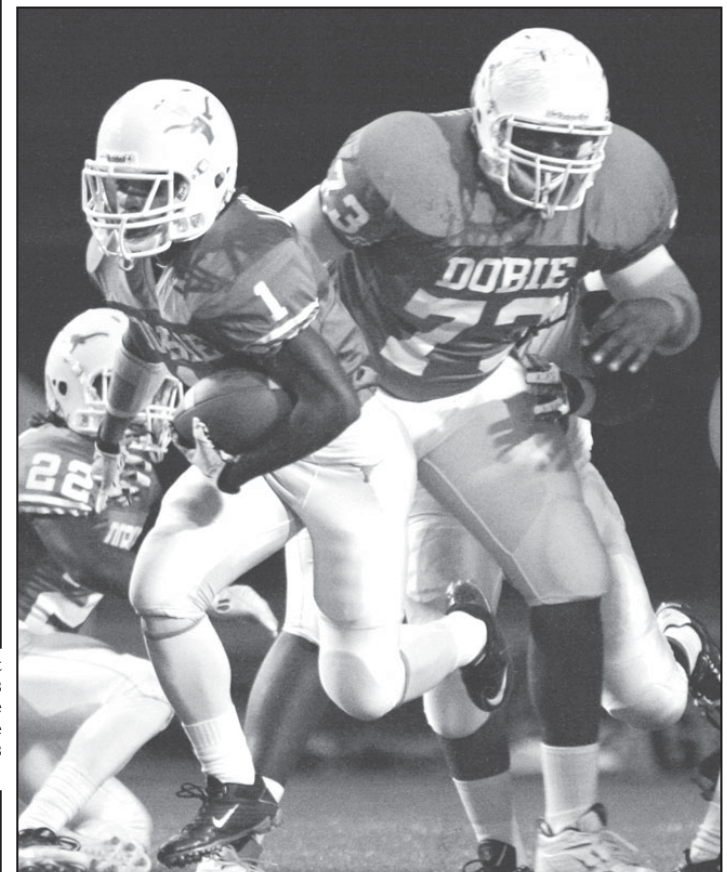
Dobie's defense allowed just more than 235 yards per game to lead the defense by a big margin, and defensive tackle Kerry Henderson, a first-team 22-5A pick, played a big role with his run-stuffing capabilities.



Dobie junior quarterback Blake Jackson (17) just about defeated Deer Park single-handedly with more than 190 yards rushing, but he was a force all season for the Longhorns, rushing for nine touchdowns and passing for 10 on his way to first-team 22-5A status.



Offensive guard Dylan Wall (64) earned first-team, all-22-5A status with a terrific performance this season, making life easier for Dobie quarterback Blake Jackson (17).



Offensive Most Valuable Player DeMarcus Boyd (1) of Dobie led the 22-5A ranks in rushing with nearly 1,400 yards while scoring 15 touchdowns. His job was made easier with the help of blocking by fellow all-district first team pick, left tackle Zach Fondal.



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Unanimously chosen as a first-team outside linebacker, Dobie junior Chris Uzomah (28) proved to be great at chasing receivers such as Memorial's Nathan Mourik (9).



Longhorns' defensive end Cody Early (90) came through with perhaps the team's most exciting defensive play of the year as he tipped a pass to himself and returned the interception for a touchdown against Sam Rayburn. The rest of the way, the 22-5A first-teamer spent his time harassing opposing quarterbacks.

First Team Offensive Unit

Quarterback

Blake Jackson, Dobie, Jr., 6'0", 185 lbs.

Running Backs

U – Andrew Robinson, Dobie, Jr., 5'9", 175 lbs.
U – Demetrius Banks, Deer Park, Jr., 6'0", 190 lbs.
Kris Ungacta, Pasadena, Sr., 5'11", 185 lbs.
Thaddeus Stewart, Memorial, Jr., 5'10", 185 lbs.

Fullbacks

Clay De La Garza, Deer Park, Jr., 5'9", 190 lbs.

Receivers

U – Nathan Mourik, Memorial, Sr., 6'2", 175 lbs.
Torre Daniel, South Houston, Soph., 5'11", 170 lbs.
Andres Molina, South Houston, Sr., 5'11", 185 lbs.

Tight End

U- Payden McVey, Deer Park, Sr., 6'1", 210 lbs.
U- Hunter Campbell, Dobie, Sr., 6'1", 235 lbs.

Center

Duncan Koonce, Deer Park, Sr., 5'11", 240 lbs.

Linemen

U – Zach Fondal, Dobie, Sr., 6'3", 290 lbs.
U – Travis Ellard, Deer Park, Sr., 6'4", 275 lbs.
U- Brandon Garrett, Deer Park, Sr., 6'4", 260 lbs.
Dylan Socie, Memorial, Sr., 6'3", 260 lbs.
Dylan Wall, Dobie, Sr., 5'10", 240 lbs.
Ben Montes, Sam Rayburn, Sr., 6'1", 250 lbs.
Armando Chavana, Pasadena, Jr., 5'11", 285 lbs.
L.V. Thompson, South Houston, Sr., 6'0", 285 lbs.

Kicker

Jacob O'Neill, Deer Park, Sr., 5'11", 150 lbs.

Kick Returners

Davion Hurst, Dobie, Sr., 5'9", 160 lbs.
Chandler Meyers, Deer Park, Sr., 5'10", 170 lbs.

Deep Snapper

Dunac Koonce, Deer Park, Sr., 5'11", 240 lbs.

U – Unanimous selection

First Team Defensive Unit

Defensive Ends

U – Cody Early, Dobie, Sr., 6'0", 260 lbs.
U – Taylor Friemuller, Deer Park, Sr., 5'10", 270 lbs.
Ben Montes, Sam Rayburn, Sr., 6'1", 250 lbs.

Defensive Tackles

U – Joe Allen, South Houston, Sr., 5'6", 230 lbs.
Kerry Henderson, Dobie, Jr., 5'7", 235 lbs.
Josh Caver, Memorial, Sr., 6'3", 270 lbs.

Inside Linebackers

U – Jordin Harrison, Dobie, Soph., 6'0", 230 lbs.
Casey Westmoreland, Deer Park, Jr., 5'10", 190 lbs.
Spencer Brooks, Memorial, Sr., 5'10", 190 lbs.

Outside Linebackers

U – Chris Uzomah, Dobie, Jr., 5'10", 175 lbs.
John Martinez, Deer Park, Jr., 6'0", 180 lbs.
Kenneth Marshall, South Houston, Jr., 6'0", 185 lbs.
Julian Nance, Pasadena, Jr., 5'10", 165 lbs.

Secondary

U – Reggie Wilson, Dobie, Sr., 5'8", 145 lbs.
U – Chandler Meyers, Deer Park, Sr., 5'10", 170 lbs.
U – Joe Arechiga, Memorial, Sr., 5'9", 160 lbs.
U – Leroy Scott, South Houston, Sr., 5'9", 175 lbs.
Davion Hurst, Dobie, Sr., 5'9", 160 lbs.

Punter

U – Sergio Jimenez, South Houston, Sr., 5'6", 230 lbs.

Punt Returner

Joe Arechiga, Memorial, Sr., 5'9", 160 lbs.

U – Unanimous selection

Second Team Defensive Unit

(Dobie selections)

Defensive Ends

Darrian Lavergne, Sr., 5'11", 235 lbs.

Defensive Tackles

Devaughn Allen, Sr., 5'6", 240 lbs.

Outside Linebackers

Anthony Simmons, Jr., 5'9", 185 lbs.

Secondary

Andrew Nguyen, Sr., 5'8", 145 lbs.
Jordan Monette, Sr., 5'8", 145 lbs.

Punt Returner

Davion Hurst, Dobie, Sr., 5'9", 160 lbs.

Second Team Offensive Unit

(Dobie selections)

Receivers

Vance Leonard, Jr., 6'3", 180 lbs.

Centers

Josh Basquez, Jr., 5'11", 240 lbs.

Linemen

Malcolm Glover, Sr., 5'11", 275 lbs.

Deep Snapper

Chris Lopez, Sr., 5'11", 205 lbs.

Sports news, notes

SBGSA early registration

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has announced a pair of early registration dates coming next month in preparation for the spring 2011 season. The first will be Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the other will be Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$70 per player. Both sessions will be held at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park. Additional registration dates will be held in January.

SJC softball hosts derby Dec. 2

The San Jacinto College softball team will host a home run derby Thursday, Dec. 2, on the South campus. There is a \$10 entry fee for all participants, and other monetary donations will be accepted. Prizes will be given to the first, second and third-place winners. The competition will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

SBHLL sets sign-up dates

Officials in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League have established registration dates for the upcoming 2011 spring season. The league has also announced the formation of a junior T-ball division for boys and girls ages 3 to 4. The junior T-ball league will be of the instructional variety, with no umpires involved. Coaches will umpire the games. The registration dates for all players include Thursday, Jan. 6 and Thursday, Jan. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday Jan. 8 and Saturday, Jan. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. All of the sessions will be held at US Spring Training, located at 10330 Blackhawk Blvd. Registration fee is \$100 per player from the 3 and 4-year-olds, and \$140 per player from those ages 5 to 14. There will be a \$10 discount applied for those families with more than one player registering. For more information, visit the SBHLL website at www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

Xcel 10-under softball wins Turkey Shoot



The Pasadena Xcel, a 10-under select softball team competing in its first year with this group of players, has started the season strong. The team went undefeated at the Baytown D-Krew Turkey Shoot-Out to claim the championship trophy. In all, the Xcel won five games to take the top spot. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Rae Rae Franco, Katelynn Torres, Alana Ortega, Angel Morales, (middle row) Raylene Martinez, Canaan Rivera, Adriana Martinez, Justice Maes, Gabriela Rojas, (back row) dugout assistant Jay Maes and coaches Cheryl Franco and Jimmy Martinez.

Upcoming High School Hoops Action

Dobie boys at Katy ISD tournament

Thursday, Dec. 2 – JFD vs. Kingwood Park, 11:30 a.m. at Langham Creek High School; JFD vs. Katy Taylor, 3:30 p.m. at Katy Taylor High School

Brook boys at Clear Creek ISD tournament

Thursday, Dec. 2 – Clear Brook boys vs. Tulosa-Midway, 4:30 p.m. at Krueger Field House (Clear Lake High School)

Friday Dec. 3 – Dobie varsity girls at Clear Brook, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 6 – Dobie varsity boys host Australian national team, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7 – Brook varsity boys host Australian national team, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7 – Dobie varsity girls host Dulles, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7 – Brook varsity girls at Bay, Sterling, 7 p.m.

Dobie grad Bias All-Southland at SFA

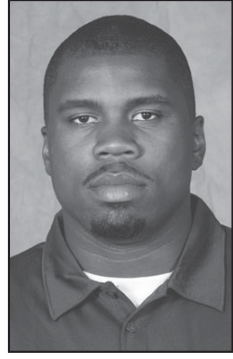
Dobie High School graduate George Bias has added to his list of accomplishments as a member of the Stephen F. Austin University football team.

Bias, a 6-foot-3, 305-pound offensive lineman, was named to the All-Southland Conference first team after helping the Lumberjacks to a 9-2 record during the regular season.

A 2007 high school graduate, Bias red-shirted during the 2007 season at SFA but has since been in the starting lineup for much of the past three seasons.

An All-SLC honorable mention pick in 2009, Bias was one of the league's best

this season as the Jacks have sported one of the top passing attacks in the nation.



George Bias

tion, with quarterback Jeremy Moses, a Baytown Lee High School graduate, managing the attack.

Now, the Lumberjacks are taking aim at the national championship.

SFA, ranked No. 2 in the Football Championship Subdivision poll entering the postseason, will open the playoffs Saturday, Dec. 4, by hosting defending national champion Villanova.

The SFA-Villanova game, slated to begin at 2:30 p.m., will be aired live on ESPN GamePlan.

Bias is the son of Lydia and Bobby Bias, who still reside in the Sagemont area.

Thompson boys' hoopsters net sweep over Park View

Thompson Intermediate's boys basketball team got off to a great start to the Pasadena Independent School District season with four wins over Park View.

Both 8s win
The Lions' eighth-grade Light team won its debut, taking a 51-29 victory over the Cowboys.

Meanwhile, Thompson's eighth-grade Dark squad took a 61-29 victory over Park View.

7 Dark wins debut
Thompson's seventh-grade Dark team enjoyed a great debut, hammering Park View 40-10.

The Lions didn't want there to be any doubt about the outcome. From the start, they ran, rebounded, defended and shot their way to a 34-1 lead.

The Cowboys scored a few baskets at the end of the game, but Thompson still finished with a 30-point win.

The entire team played great as Travores Gilbert, Chazz Williams, Oliver Francisco, Ty Williams and Craig Wilks set the tone early. Later in the action, Isaiah Brooks, A.J. Owens and Verek Leonard played exceptionally well to keep the Lions well in front.

7 Light wins easily
The Lions' seventh-grade Light team looked to build on the momentum from the Dark team's victory over Park View but had a tough time getting things going.

Over the first four minutes of the game, the Lions were only able to score one point on a free throw by Tyler Giron. However, the Lions eventually caught fire and finished the first half with a 30-18 lead.

Park View later closed the deficit to two points after a 3-pointer, but Giron hit a 3-pointer of his own to get the Lions' offense going again en route to a 52-35 win.

Jason Lester led the team in scoring and rebounding while also playing excellent defense.

Aggressive play by Giron, Tyson Thompson, Cameron Dolford, Sam Hart and Chandler Tisby contributed to the victory.

Smooth plays on offense and defense by wings Kaelon Woods, Malik Peters and Michael Rose also helped in the easy win.

Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 2

Brook varsity boys vs. Tulosa Midway, Krueger, 4:30
Dobie varsity boys at Katy tourn., TBA
Brook JV girls at Humble tourn. TBA
Brook freshman A girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Brook freshman B girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Friday, Dec. 3

Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek ISD tourn., Lake, TBA
Dobie varsity boys at Katy tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Clear Brook, 7:00
Brook JV girls at Humble tourn. TBA
Brook freshman A girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Brook freshman B girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Saturday, Dec. 4

Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek ISD tourn., Lake, TBA
Dobie varsity boys at Katy tourn., TBA
Brook JV girls at Humble tourn. TBA
Brook freshman A girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA
Brook freshman B girls at Deer Park tourn., TBA

Monday, Dec. 6

Dobie varsity boys host Australian national team, 7:00

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Brook varsity boys host Australian national team, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls host Dulles, 7:30
Dobie JV girls host Dulles, 6:00
Dobie freshman A girls host Dulles, 4:30

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys at South Houston, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Light boys at South Houston, 6:15
Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys at South Houston, 5:00
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Thompson 8th Dark boys at Bondy, 5:00
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South Houston 0 1 S. Houston 0 1
Southmore 0 1 Southmore 0 1
Park View 0 1 Thompson 0 1
Queens 0 1 Queens 0 1
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Thompson 7th Light girls host Bondy, 5:00

Thursday, Dec. 9

Brook varsity boys at Lee College tourn., TBA

Friday, Dec. 10

Dobie varsity girls at Angleton, 6:00
Brook varsity boys at Lee College tourn., TBA

Saturday, Dec. 11

Brook varsity boys at Lee College tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Dobie varsity boys at Clear Creek, 7:00

PISD Intermediate Basketball

Girls' Standings

7 Light	W	L	7 Dark	W	L
Thompson	1	0	Park View	1	0
Beverly Hills	1	0	Miller	1	0
Bondy	1	0	Bondy	1	0
San Jacinto	1	0	San Jacinto	1	0
Miller	1	0	Queens	1	0
South Houston	0	1	South Hous.	0	1
Southmore	0	1	Southmore	0	1
Park View	0	1	Thompson	0	1
Queens	0	1	Beverly Hills	0	1
Jackson	0	1	Jackson	0	1

Game Scores 7 Light

Beverly Hills 26, Queens 12
Bondy 27, Southmore 14
San Jacinto 40, South Houston 14
Thompson 16, Park View 15
Miller 25, Jackson 16

Game Scores 7 Dark

Queens 22, Beverly Hills 15
Bondy 19, Southmore 15
San Jacinto 36, South Houston 8
Park View 29, Thompson 11
Miller 22, Jackson 10

8 Light	W	L	8 Dark	W	L
Thompson	1	0	Park View	1	0
Beverly Hills	1	0	Miller	1	0
Bondy	1	0	Bondy	1	0
San Jacinto	1	0	San Jacinto	1	0
Miller	1	0	Beverly Hills	1	0
South Houston	0	1	S. Houston	0	1
Southmore	0	1	Southmore	0	1
Park View	0	1	Thompson	0	1
Queens	0	1	Queens	0	1
Jackson	0	1	Jackson	0	1

Game Scores 8 Light

Beverly Hills 33, Queens 27
Bondy 41, Southmore 24
San Jacinto 32, South Houston 17
Thompson 36, Park View 24
Miller 26, Jackson 12

Game Scores 8 Dark

Beverly Hills 20, Queens 9
Bondy 41, Southmore 16
San Jacinto 23, South Houston 7
Park View 18, Thompson 4
Miller 31, Jackson 8

PISD Intermediate Basketball

Boys' Standings

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

Game Scores 7 Light

Beverly Hills 31, Queens 29
Southmore 51, Bondy 32
San Jacinto 32, South Houston 24
Thompson 52, Park View 35
Miller 38, Jackson 18

Game Scores 7 Dark

Queens 23, Beverly Hills 20
Southmore 38, Bondy 33
South Houston 15, San Jacinto 13
Thompson 40, Park View 10
Jackson 29, Miller 16

8 Light	W	L	8 Dark	W	L
Thompson	1	0	S. Houston	1	0
Beverly Hills	1	0	Miller	1	0
Bondy	1	0	Bondy	1	0
San Jacinto	1	0	Thompson	1	0
Miller	1	0	Beverly Hills	1	0
South Houston	0	1	Park View	0	1
Southmore	0	1	Southmore	0	1
Park View	0	1	San Jacinto	0	1
Queens	0	1	Queens	0	1
Jackson	0	1	Jackson	0	1

Game Scores 8 Light

Beverly Hills 26, Queens 23
Bondy 32, Southmore 29
San Jacinto 42, South Houston 40
Thompson 51, Park View 29
Miller 51, Jackson 28

Game Scores 8 Dark

Beverly Hills 31, Queens 21
Bondy 53, Southmore 35
South Houston 45, San Jacinto 37
Thompson 61, Park View 29
Miller 51, Jackson 46

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

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

Noon

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

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

6:30 p.m.

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

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

7 p.m.

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

8:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

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

Noon

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

8 p.m.

Pasadena Little Theatre – Opening night for Pasadena Little Theatre's *Greetings!* by Tom Dudzick at 8 p.m. at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. The show runs through Dec. 19. Fridays and Saturdays performances are at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. One special priced Thursday show will be held at 8 p.m. on Dec. 16. Kathy Woods is the director. Make reservations online at pasadenalittletheatre.org or call 713-941-1758.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4

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.

8 p.m.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 5

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 – Pasadena Little Theatre presents a matinee performance of *Greetings!* by Tom Dudzick at 3 p.m. at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. The show runs through Dec. 19. Fridays and Saturdays performances are at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. One special priced Thursday show will be held at 8 p.m. on Dec. 16. Kathy Woods is the director. Make reservations online at pasadenalittletheatre.org or call 713-941-1758.

7 p.m.

Pasadena Little Theatre – Auditions for *The Curious Savage* by John Patrick will be held at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Auditions start at 7 p.m. and will consist of cold readings from the script. Six women and five men are needed. Visit the Website at pasadenalittletheatre.org for character descriptions or e-mail the director, Misty Banks Thompson, at mrsjtdt@comcast.net for more information.

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MONDAY, DEC. 6

7 a.m.

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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. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

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

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

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

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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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LOST! REWARD! Travis is a small white/tan pomerian, last seen on Sagecanyon & Hughes, Sunday 11/28/10 @ 7:30pm. He is 12 years old with cataracts, and isn't an outside dog. He was wearing a red striped sweater. Please contact Don Murphy at 832-256-4155.

CALENDAR

Continued from Page 3B TUESDAY, DEC. 7 7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 11:30 a.m. Local NARFE Meeting - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881. 1 p.m. Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria in Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobbie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main. For information, call 713-472-0565. 1:30 p.m. Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. 6:30 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Due to Sagemont Recreation Center closing for remodeling, TOPS will meet at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049. Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information. 7 p.m. St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com. 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. 8 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. 11:30 a.m. American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter - Now meets at Perry's Italian Grill, 1001 Pinelock in Houston on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information or to R.S.V.P., call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202. 4 p.m. Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. 6 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group - The free group meets the second Wednesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199 or 713-266-6400. 6:30 p.m. Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group. 7 p.m. 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. B.A.T.P. 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. Bay Area New Democrats - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 16603 Buccaneer Drive, across from the new Clear Lake Library. For more information, contact John Cobarruvias at john.cobarruvias@bayareanewdemocrats.org or visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

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High school basketball teams finding their grooves as the season moves closer to district

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bell followed with 20.
"We are getting scoring from multiple sources, and we play very well as a team," Pillow said.
We have a great mix of veterans and new players, and these kids believe in each other. The team chemistry is some of the best I

have ever seen.
"We have a long way to go before we even start the wars that are to come in district play. That is why we schedule such tough games now to get ready."
"I have no doubt that if these kids keep believing, then we will make some noise this year. I believe in

them."
JFD boys growing as team
Dobie's varsity boys' season began with just one letterman - Edward Peabody - owning any varsity experience.
That's usually not the

recipe for success, but the Longhorns so far have managed to play good basketball for the most part.
The team won three of five games at the Texas Invationals and then cruised past MacArthur to get another win.

After Thanksgiving, Dobie defeated Friendswood 55-43 after outscoring the Mustangs 23-10 in the fourth quarter as Peabody led the way with 12 points.
The Longhorns proceeded to give up a fourth-quarter lapse of their own in a 62-52 loss to Langham Creek Nov. 30, but the team is still at 5-3 heading into the Katy tournament Dec. 2-4.
The team's schedule has

been less than simple to navigate, but the Longhorns are putting some positive things together.
"I feel good about the way we are playing right now considering we only have one returner from last

year's playoff team," Cross said.
"Our schedule is intentionally tough. We try to play playoff-caliber teams to get us ready for district."
"We may take some lumps here and there, but it

is just to get ready for us to make a playoff run."
"We have a lot of great kids on this team, and they play as a team. As long as we continue on this path, we should have a great season when we're all done."



Dobie varsity boys' basketball head coach Kevin Cross has been through a few rough patches with his inexperienced team, but for the most part, the Longhorns have stepped up nicely early this season.

Brook's O'Connell picks NSU VB



Clear Brook High School senior volleyball player Caiti O'Connell (seated center) will continue her playing career and education at Northwestern State University of Louisiana after signing a letter of intent. Those with O'Connell at the signing included, left to right, (front row) Mike O'Connell (father) Nancy O'Connell (mother), (back row) Absolute Volleyball Academy recruiting coordinator Christy Crislip and AVA directors Jerry Linch and Katy Garza.

CB's Dittrich on to Central Arkansas VB



Clear Brook senior volleyball player Alicia Dittrich (seated center) has elected to continue her education and playing career at the University of Central Arkansas after signing a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Kenneth Dittrich (father), Fayllen Russell (mother), (back row) Donna Stone (Brook assistant coach), Jessica Curtis, (Brook varsity assistant volleyball coach), Kathy Supak (Brook girls' athletic trainer), Meredith Thompson (Brook varsity volleyball head coach), Tony Russell (stepfather) and Adrienne Miles (Brook assistant principal).

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More than 20 Craftsmen & Vendors selling their original handmade crafts & gifts.

Local musicians to entertain you while you shop and a surprise visit from Mrs. Claus!

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Heated Season

Free Parking
Free Tubes
Picnics Welcome
No glass or alcohol, please.

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10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
September 25, 2010
THROUGH December 31, 2010**

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