

Game room closed

The Lucky 7 game room at the intersection of Blackhawk and Kirkville was shut down by the Harris County Sheriff's office Tuesday, Feb. 15, after being open only a month. The establishment, which had roughly 100 gaming machines and reportedly paid out in cash, had upset many residents due to its proximity to area schools. See next week's *Leader* for more information.

Leagues set parade

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League and the South Belt Girls Softball Association will host a parade and festival Saturday, March 5, at El Franco Lee Park, beginning at 10 a.m. For additional information see Page 1B.

Junk waste pickup set

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

Clown ministry at Cokesbury

Cokesbury United Methodist Church will feature a free Clown Celebration program on Sunday, Feb. 20, during the 11 a.m. worship service. Randy Christensen, Greg Phillips and other local clowns will bring the fun of magic, comedy and a touch of ministry. For more information, contact Jennifer Howard at plumdcute@hotmail.com or 281-484-9243.

PW Library sets events

The following events are scheduled for the week of Feb. 17 through Feb. 23 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

On Saturday, Feb. 19, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

AAARP will be at the library to give income tax assistance on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This program is free. Bring all tax documents and a copy of last year's income tax return.

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

PTO scholarships available

Atkinson Elementary

The Atkinson Elementary PTO will offer \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Atkinson at least two years, one being fourth grade. Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie High School. The application must be received by Feb. 25 at noon to be considered.

Moore Elementary

The Moore Elementary PTO will offer scholarships to four graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore in fourth and fifth grades. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Monday, March 28, to be considered. The scholarships will be awarded at the May PTO meeting.

Frazier Elementary

Frazier Elementary will offer scholarships (\$500 to \$1,000) to six graduating seniors at Dobie High School. The students must have attended Frazier in fourth and fifth grades and must be a good citizen. Applications are available in the senior counselor's office at Dobie High School. The completed application must be turned in to the counselor's office at Dobie by Friday, March 25, to be considered.

European tours offered

Dobie High School teachers Allison Bowers and Lakeitha Kirven will sponsor trips to Europe for the summer of 2012.

Bowers will take a 15-day tour to London, Paris, Louvre, Swiss Alps, Florence, Rome and Assisi. To find out more information, e-mail her at Europeleisure2012@hotmail.com or Abinnicker@pasadenaisd.org.

Kirven will take an 11-day tour to Paris, Milan, Florence and Rome. For more information, e-mail her at Lkirven@pasadenaisd.org.

Prices are reasonable, and a discount is given to those who enroll by Feb. 28, 2012.

Only inquire about the trip if student is between the ages of 14-19 and currently attends J. Frank Dobie High School.

Thompson hosts fundraiser

The Thompson Booster Club will host a Powder Puff football game Saturday, Feb. 19, at El Franco Lee Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents of any student in the athletic program at Thompson Intermediate are eligible to participate in the dads-versus-dads or moms-versus-moms football game. Those interested should contact Yvette Giron or Rosemarie Espinoza at thompsonboosterclub@yahoo.com.

For details, contact the booster club at thompsonboosterclub@yahoo.com.

Lariaettes showoff Feb. 23

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes and Lassos will present their annual contest season showoffs on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie High School gym. Admission is \$5 (5 and under are free). The public is invited to support the Lariaettes and Lassos.

Community members oppose new fees

By James Bolen

Hundreds of South Belt's faithful attended a City of Houston meeting Monday, Feb. 14, to voice their opposition to Mayor Annise Parker about churches being assessed a mandated drainage fee.

Composed primarily of members of Sagemont Church and Grace Community Church, the crowd was estimated at roughly 350 people by Houston police.

The drainage fee in question, now referred to as Rebuild Houston, was voted on last November's ballot as Proposition 1. The proposition will create a dedicated fund for drainage and street renewal by using revenues from fees charged not only to businesses and homeowners, but also to churches and public schools.

The proposal, now officially part of the city charter, requires the city to collect a minimum of \$125 million annually. The fee is based on the amount of square feet of impervious surface, or concrete, that is located on each piece of property.

While the fee, which many argue is actually a tax, is estimated at only \$60 a year for the average residence, the normally tax-exempt Sagemont Church would be required to pay roughly \$75,000 annually.

Sagemont Church Executive Pastor Chuck Schneider finds this unacceptable.

"It's unconscionable, unconstitutional and unprecedented," Schneider said, resulting in one of many standing ovations during the meeting.

A former Clear Creek Independent School District board member, Schneider also disagrees that schools should be assessed the drainage fee.

"School districts will either have to raise taxes or give poorer service," Schneider said.

This sentiment is shared by Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis.

"It's shifting the burden from one taxing entity to another," Lewis said. "There's no place left to shift. We'll have to pass the tax on to the residents."

According to Lewis, PISD has 20 schools located in the City of Houston limits that would be

affected by the new fee. The combined total of the fees is estimated at approximately \$300,000, Lewis said. The estimated fee for just Dobie High School, where the meeting took place, is estimated at \$30,000 annually.

While the city charter requires the Rebuild Houston program to be implemented by July 1, 2011, Parker said City Council will have the final say whether or not churches and schools will be assessed the fee (state law mandates that state-run facilities and institutions of higher learning are exempt from the charges).

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan, who hosted the meeting, is vehemently opposed to the program.

"I've been opposed to it from the very beginning," Sullivan said, noting that only 48 percent of South Belt voters (and only 34 percent of Kingwood voters) cast their ballots in favor of the proposition.

Sullivan said the city allowed for very little input from the public on the issue and that people voted on it with little information.

This point was reiterated by San Jacinto College Board President and *Leader* Publisher Marie Flickinger, who noted that many South Belt residents would probably vote for anything they thought would improve the area's flooding situation.

"I've organized several flood meetings since

1979, but I don't like how this is going down," Flickinger said. "When we hold a bond election, it tells us exactly what is needed; this is just a dollar amount."

Flickinger also stressed her opposition to local school districts being charged the fee.

"Austin is doing enough to our schools," Flickinger said.

Sullivan encouraged those in attendance to voice their opposition to the program to city officials.

"This will be crammed down your throat if you do not reach out to your City Council members," Sullivan said.

The day following the meeting, Sen. Dan Patrick introduced legislation that would exempt churches and school from the imposed drainage fees.

Senate Bill 714 is companion legislation to House Bill 1022, which was already filed by Rep. Harold Dutton.

"This is an important bill because these new taxes, masked as fees, will place an onerous burden on our churches, synagogues, schools and other tax-exempt organizations," Patrick said in a press release.

Dutton concurs.

"When taxing jurisdictions begin taxing other jurisdictions and nonprofits, then we've got government on steroids," Dutton said.

Schneider addresses mayor



Sagemont Church Executive Pastor Chuck Schneider (far right) is shown above addressing concerns over the Rebuild Houston program with Mayor Annise Parker and Andy Icken, deputy director of public works, at a meeting on Monday, Feb. 14. Schneider and other religious leaders in the community believe churches should be exempt from paying the required drainage fee. See additional photo on Page 3A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

New subdivision moves forward

Pearland City Council voted Monday, Feb. 14, in favor of approving the first phase of development for the proposed The Preserve at Clear Creek subdivision.

Council voted unanimously to rezone the development from estate property to residential property.

City Council also voted 4-1 to annex the subdivision into the local municipal utility district. Councilmember Felicia Kyle cast the lone dissenting vote.

To be located in the South Belt portion of Har-

ris County in Pearland, east of Pearland Parkway, just west of Clear Brook Meadows subdivision, the proposed neighborhood is somewhat controversial, as it is to be built along the yet-unfinished Hughes Road/Barry Rose connection.

Harris County officials, however, are currently in the process of awarding the contract to go ahead with construction of the area thoroughfare.

A second vote and final reading on the matter will take place at Pearland City Council on Monday, Feb. 28.

Man fatally shot during fight

The Houston Police Department is investigating the fatal shooting of a man at 11045 Fuqua about 4:35 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13.

The victim, David Davila, 27, suffered a gunshot wound to the head and was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to police, Davila was inside Joe's Texas Club, an after-hours club, when he and two men began arguing. The argument escalated into a physical altercation, which then moved to

the sidewalk outside.

During the fight, one of the men produced a pistol and fired one time, fatally striking Davila.

The two suspects, described only as Hispanic males, approximately 27 to 28 years old, then fled the scene.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-8477(TIPS).

Veterans offered legal advice

The Houston Bar Association will offer free legal advice to Harris County veterans Saturday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. until noon, at the American Legion Post 490, located at 11702 Old Galveston Road.

Part of the HBA's Veterans' Legal Initiative, advice will be given on several issues, including family law, wills and probate, consumer issues, landlord/tenant law, worker's compensation, tax issues, bankruptcy, and veterans' benefits and disability claims.

Any veteran or spouse of a deceased veteran

can receive legal advice and counsel.

Veterans who need further legal representation and meet the eligibility requirements may be assigned to a pro bono attorney.

The guidelines have been adjusted for veterans so that they may have income up to 300 percent above the poverty level and still qualify for services.

For more information on services to veterans, call the HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program at 713-228-0732 and ask for the attorney in charge of veterans services.

Sagemont to hold auctions

In an effort to raise capital for its ongoing expansion, Sagemont Church will host a pair of auctions Saturday, Feb. 26.

The church, which operates on a debt-free basis, has already raised \$21.7 million toward its goal of \$26.5 million. All proceeds will benefit the Sagemont's Living Proof Project.

At press time, church members had donated 1,042 items, including antiques, apparel, art, automotive, bicycles, china and crystal, coins, electronics, event tickets, furniture, health and fitness, home and garden, hunting and fishing, jewelry, memorabilia, motorcycles, musical instruments, photography, real estate, services, sporting goods and travel.

The first event is a silent auction, taking place

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All bids must be placed in person at the auction location.

Winning bids must be paid and items must be picked up in person at the close of the auction at 3 p.m. Feb. 26.

This will be followed by a live auction, beginning at 4 p.m. The live auction will feature several items not available at the silent auction, as well as any items not sold in the silent auction.

Select items are available through an eBay auction. Items sold prior to 6 p.m. on Feb. 24 will not be available for bids at the silent auction.

The auction site will be open for a preview on Friday, Feb. 25, from 4 to 9 p.m.

For more information and to see an online preview, visit www.sagemontauction.org.

Filing begins for area elections

Monday, Feb. 14, marked the first day to file to run in the May 14 school board elections.

The last day to file is Monday, March 14.

Up for grabs in the Pasadena Independent School District election are the seats currently held by Marshall Kendrick, who serves as vice president, and Vickie Morgan, who serves as a member. Morgan is seeking her ninth term.

Both Kendrick and Morgan have filed to maintain their seats. Each of the positions is a three-year term. Kendrick is seeking his eighth term.

Those wishing to file should pick up an application at the PISD election office at 1515 Cherrybrook Room No. N101 in Pasadena from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

For more information, call 713-740-0027.

The Clear Creek Independent School District will hold a regular election, as well as a special election.

The regular election will be held to fill the vacancies of the District 2 seat currently held by Win Weber and the District 3 seat currently held by Ken Baliker. Both Weber and Baliker have filed to keep their positions.

The special election is to fulfill the unexpired term for the District 4 seat currently held by Page Rander, who was appointed to the position last September. Rander has also filed to maintain her post.

Those wishing to file should pick up a candidate application and information packet at the

CCISD Education Support Center located at 2425 E. Main Street in League City from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information or to request/submit an application, contact Melinda Perales at 281-284-0181 or mperales@ccisd.net.

San Jacinto College will hold an election to fill board of trustee Positions 1, 2 and 7.

Position 1 is a six-year term and is currently held by Ben Meador who has opted not to seek re-election.

Position 2 is also a six-year term and is currently held by Dr. Ruede Wheeler who has served on the board since 1986.

Wheeler is seeking re-election.

Pasadena resident Brad Hance has filed for Position 1. He currently is chair of the San Jacinto College Foundation and owner of MECO Inc.

Position 7 is a four-year unexpired term that was vacated in December 2010 upon the retirement of longtime board member C. Wayne Slovacek.

The location for filing for the election is the San Jacinto Community College District Sewell Administration Building located at 4624 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena. The hours for filing are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 5 p.m.

For additional information, call 281-998-6183.

Deep freeze strikes again



For the second time in one week, the South Belt area was struck by a hard freeze, with temperatures dropping into the mid-20s. The photo above shows an icicle tree that was made at the home of Keith and Sherry Lindsey on Sageaspen in the Sagemeadow subdivision. The photograph was taken by Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief Chuck Tylka.

Readers' Opinions

Turn is now a double left turn onto Beltway

Before I get started I would like to say I love the paper and look forward to it every week. I think everyone there is doing a FANTASTIC job.

The reason I'm writing is to beg for some type of BOLD message to the community about now being able to make a left turn going west from Beamer in your next issue.

I truly thank you for doing a request for lane converting as mentioned in the Nov 25th issue and the follow up article stating we are now able to make the double left turn in the Dec 16th issue. I have noticed there is a little sign on the signal light (the one after you cross under the beltway) that shows clearly it is NOW a double turn lane but it can't be seen until you are already at the light making the turn or going straight. When I noticed the sign I rejoiced and the next morning preceded to make the left turn.

Well low and behold I must be the only one between the hours of 7am-8am that is aware of this. I usually sit alone in the lane and when I go to make the left turn I have been sworn at, given the finger and this morning cut completely off forcing me to swerve into Shell's entrance to avoid being hit because the driver in the outer left lane think I am making an illegal turn.

I have thought of many was to let the community know it is now a double left turn by blowing my horn as I turn, yelling out the window "It's now a double left turn," hanging a sign out of my window saying "It's now a double left turn," or my kids favorite - stand at the intersection with the same sign - but then I thought of asking help from you guys.

As stated in the Dec 16 issue, the lane marking should be completed by March which is great but I'm afraid by that time I will be either in jail for being mistaken for someone with road rage because I'm blowing my horn and yelling out of the window or in the hospital because someone has ran into me. If there is anything you can do to help me I would really appreciate it.

Sincerely, Phyllis Maryland

Waits shares wisdom on city flood fees

What a great meeting we had at Dobie High School last Monday evening, discussing Rebuilding Houston and the CIP.

I would venture a guess that there were 300 or so citizens in attendance, most of them very passionate in their opposition to the recently passed Proposition #1, and its possible effects on schools and churches, having to pay a tax to the city of Houston with the limited funds they have.

Yogi Berra had a famous saying "It is deja vu all over again" that rings true for me about the way that legislation was pushed through the voting process. It reminds me of the way the citizens of our country were told that as soon as Obamacare would be passed, then they would know what was in the bill.

We are now learning that Proposition #1 was put on the ballot without specific projects in mind - just a \$125 million annual pot of money from the citizens of Houston to do things with in the name of flood control. That sounds a little loopy-goopy to me - how about you? It did not specify if churches and schools would be exempted - City Council will have the final say in that! Better let them know how you feel about that, or our schools will be forced into losing teachers and churches will have to deal with even tighter budgets in this weak economy.

Dobie 20-year reunion set

The Dobie High School Class of 1991 will hold its 20-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Treviso Restaurant & Ballroom, 6550 Bertner Ave. For information and/or ticket sales, visit <http://www.jfdobie91reunion.com/> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/dobieclassof91reunion>.

San Jac to perform campy musical *Evil Dead: The Musical*

San Jacinto College Central's theater and film department will perform *Evil Dead: The Musical*, a classic campy horror production complete with a splatter section.

Show dates are Feb. 24, 25 and 26; and March 3, 4 and 5. All productions begin at 7:30 p.m., in the Powell Arena Theatre on the Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

The show is recommended for adult audiences and is rated "R" for fake blood and

language. The play is based on Sam Raimi's 1980s cult classic film *Evil Dead: The Musical*, which features five college students who travel to a cabin in the woods and accidentally unleash an evil force. One reviewer states, "Although it may sound like a horror story, it's not. The songs are hilariously campy and the show is bursting with more farce than a Monty Python skit."

Other esteemed publications give the show thumbs-

up reviews, including the *New York Times* ("The next *Rocky Horror Show*"); *Variety* ("A ridiculous amount of fun"); and *Associated Press* ("Wickedly campy good time").

The cost is \$15 per person, with a discount price of \$13 per person for all who purchase and pick up tickets two days prior to production.

To purchase tickets, call the box office at 281-476-1828 from 1:30 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



A Dancing Zombie, Bre'Anna Follis, right, shows Ash, Michael Carver, left, her best Fonzie impersonation, as a House Spirit, Jacob Byrd of South Belt, watches intently, in San Jacinto College's production of *Evil Dead: The Musical*. Photo by Rob Vanya

Legler named to committees

Rep. Ken Legler, R-Pasadena, was appointed by Speaker Joe Strauss to serve on two of the most influential committees in the Texas House, the House Environmental Regulation and the Pension, Investments & Financial Services Committees.

"I am very excited about the appointment to both committees. With my 10 years experience on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Advisory Board and a lifelong resident of the largest industrial area in Texas, I am confident that I am able to bring a wealth of experience to the table. Additionally, as a small business owner, I look forward to serving on the committee that oversees the financial security of the State of Texas," stated Legler.

The House Committee on Environmental Regulation has jurisdiction over air, land and water pollution, regulation of waste disposal, environmental matters regulated

by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the impact of electricity generation on air and water quality.

The House Committee on Pension, Investments & Financial Services has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to banking and the state banking system; savings and loan associations; credit unions; the regulation of state and local bonded indebtedness; the lending of money; benefits or participation in benefits of a public retirement system and the financial obligations of a public retirement system; the regulation of securities and investments; privacy and identity theft; and the following state agencies: the Finance Commission of Texas, the Credit Union Commission, the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, the Office of Banking Commissioner, the Texas Department of Banking, the

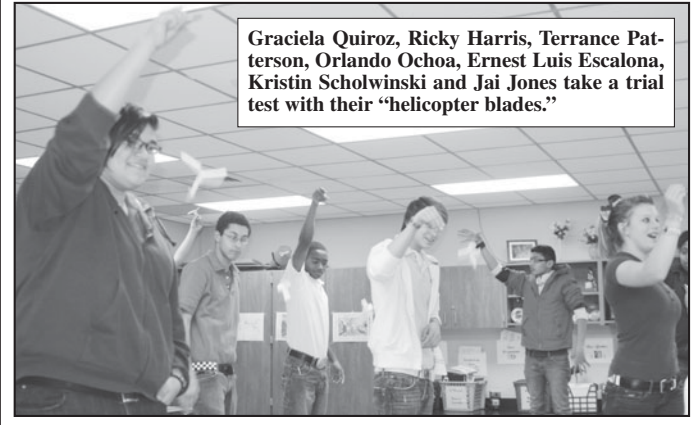
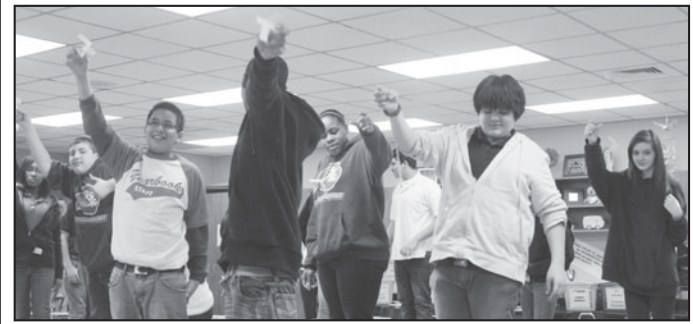
Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending, the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company, the Texas Public Finance Authority, the Bond Review Board, the Office of Fire Fighters' Pension Commissioner, the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the Board of Trustees of the Texas County and District Retirement System, the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal Retirement System, the State Pension Review Board, and the State Securities Board.

Legler's office is located in the Capitol Extension, E2.304, and can be reached by telephone at 512-463-0460.

Legler's office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. He can also be reached by e-mail at District144.Legler@house.state.tx.us or his website, <http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/dist144/legler>.

Come fly with us . . .

On Friday, Jan. 21, students in Carol Waters' eighth-grade science class conducted an experiment to test the effects of changing the direction of helicopter blades. Students loved to see the changes in the "flight" of the helicopter as they watched it spin clockwise and then counterclockwise. Directly below, left to right, Kasey Foots, Kevin Ramirez, Edward Velasquez, Johnathan Bedford, Jazmine Freeman, Shawn Small, Dillon, Killingsworth and Tammi Shofner test their blades.



Graciela Quiroz, Ricky Harris, Terrance Patterson, Orlando Ochoa, Ernest Luis Escalona, Kristin Scholwinski and Jai Jones take a trial test with their "helicopter blades."

Deaths

William "Billy" Sharp



William "Billy" Sharp, 54, longtime South Belt resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, after a long battle with cancer. He was born May 27, 1956.

Sharp worked at Home Depot for approximately 30 years. He attended South Houston High School and Sagemont Church.

Sharp is preceded in death by his father, John Sharp Sr.; maternal grandparents William and Lillian Wood; brothers Donnie, Johnny Ray and Johnny's son, Kenneth.

Survivors include his son, Dustin; mother Charlene; brother Mike; aunt JoAnn Dreaht; uncle Darrell Sr. and wife Wanda Wood; cousins Rick and Ronald Crawford, Darrel Jr.; ex-wife Cheryl; beloved friend June Hodges; and fiancée Teresa Webb and her daughter, Sara. He is also survived by many relatives on the Wood side as well as the

Sharp side and his beloved dogs, Charlie and Gabe. A memorial will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011, at South Houston Funeral Home, 1506 Houston Blvd. in South Houston.

with a vigil starting at 7 p.m. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, also at St. Luke's. Entombment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster.

Paul Richard Walko



Paul Richard Walko, 88, longtime South Belt resident, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2011. He was born April 1, 1922, to Stephen and Mary Walko, in Sharon, Pa.

Walko graduated from Youngstown State University and served with the U.S. Army Intelligence Signal Corps during World War II. For 35 years, he worked for the Harris County Hospital District as an accountant and spent many years with the Knights of Columbus at St. Luke's Catholic Church as a Fourth Degree Knight.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Juanita Marie Walko.

Walko is survived by his sister, Veronica Giurato; sons Rick, Steve, and Tommy and wife Laura of San Diego; grandchildren Melissa, Nick, Stephen, Katrina, Jonathan, David and Tommy; great-grandchildren Elizabeth Moore and T.J. Moore.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Jaquelyn Sue Simons

Jaquelyn Sue "Jackie" Simons, 44, of South Belt, died peacefully at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011. She was born May 12, 1966, in Ohio.

Simons was preceded in death by her mother, Marilyn Wood.

Survivors include her husband, Russell Simons; daughter Lillian "Lily" Simons; stepson Scott Simons; father William "Bill" Wood; mother-in-law Yvonne Milligan; brother-in-law Paul Simons; and several nephews, nieces and devoted friends.

A memorial service is pending.

Leader obituary policy
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Legal Notice

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

Project ID: # 3909

J. E. Dunn Construction Company as Construction Manager at Risk for San Jacinto College District is seeking sealed proposals for the New Science and Allied Health Building at South Campus until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, March 8, 2011. All inquiries should be directed to Coy McKinney or Skip Hartman at 713-521-4664. Plans and specs will be available for purchase at A&E Complex (713) 579-1234, or you may view them @ JE Dunn's plan room, 3500 S. Gessner, Suite 200 - Houston, TX 77063 after February 11, 2011. A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 24, 2011 in room 2110 of the Administration Building, 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena TX 77504.

Moore celebrates with 50s pep rally



Students and staff at Moore Elementary celebrated nine-weeks' success in academics and conduct with a 50s-themed pep rally.

Top left photo: Left to right, fourth-graders Alyssa Gonzalez, Sofia Hernandez and Juliana Hickman pose in 50s attire.

Bottom left photo: Staff members Gloria Guillen (head custodian), Silvia Luna (secretary) and Jill Lacamu (principal) join in the 50s festivities.

Bottom right photo: (front row) Beth Anne Mullen (peer facilitator), Kathy Young (fourth-grade teacher), Deedee Pitts (assistant principal), Cindy Walker (librarian), (back row) Melanie Hodge (music teacher), Gail Bailey (first-grade teacher) and Lacamu show pride in their high school by wearing their letter jackets. Photos submitted



College Goal Sunday Texas financial aid event coming to SJC campuses

Financial aid professionals will be on hand at each of the three San Jacinto College campuses to help students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as part of College Goal Sunday Texas on Feb. 27.

This free one-day event is designed to help students and their families with any questions or concerns they have in completing the application.

The FAFSA enables students to have access to federal and state-funded grants, scholarships, work-study programs, and loans to help pay for the cost of college.

Last year, Texas students received \$4 billion, with San Jacinto College students receiving more than \$42 million in both state and federal financial aid.

Students and parents will need to bring their latest tax information and a paystub from their 2010 employer(s). If these documents are not available, FAFSA will allow families to estimate financial information, which can be corrected after taxes have been completed.

To register for the event and to see a more detailed list of information and other helpful documents to bring,

visit www.collegegoalsundaytexas.org or visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CGSTexas.

College Goal Sunday Texas will be held in each of the college campuses' Interactive Learning Centers on Sunday, Feb. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. Registered participants will also be eligible to win \$250 toward their college textbooks.

San Jacinto College Central is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. The South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road, and the North campus is at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

South Belt Graphics & Printing

It's time to order Graduation Invitations!

Act now and beat the rush!

Call For Information

281-484-4337

South Belt Elementary names 2nd 9-weeks rolls

South Belt Elementary recently announced its awards and honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

Kindergarten Math Whiz Award
Mia Alexander, Michael Alvarez, Cristian Armas, Abdel Asadfeh, Rabab Asif, Saad Bhatti, Day'lan Boone, Andrew Cabrales, Chance Cadena, Kaitlyn Campos, Kaleb Campos, Alexa Cavazos, Abigail Cepeda, Thomas Cook and Alexander Couchman.

Victoria Couchman, Cecilia Dale, Colin Dang, Jenny Do, Avery Evans, Christian Evans, Avery Fuellenbach, Rafael Galan Jr., Sistine Galloway, Noah Garcia, Sistine Garcia, Michael Gaynor, Swazi Gurnell, Chasty Henry, Emma Hernandez and Jacob Hernandez.

Madeline Hernandez, Natalie Hernandez, Kaiden Hills, Ian Johnson, Justice Johnson, Shantay Jones, Rayyan Khan, Blake King, Mauricio Leal, Ivann Longoria, Caleb Lored, Keith Manson, Tevin Massie, Nathan Mena, Danielle Mendiola, Connor Mohwinkel and Alena Morin.

Anthony Morin, Andrew Mottu-Cox, Melody Nabi, Demah Naser, Joseph Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Desmond Olivier, Dominic Ortiz, Janice Padilla, Cole Palermo, Atonia Parker, Carissa Pena, Bella Perez, Gage Phillips, Nicholas Ponce, Juliana Pruneda, Miles Reed and Deshawn Rice.

Ryan Richard, Brandon Rife, Logan Riley, Chase Robinson, Sadie Roessler, Christian Schmidt, Mable Self, Caden Spiller, Alexis Stewart, Favian Tamez, Lillian Tankersley, Yvonne Thai, Giahian Tran, Alisa Vargas, Christian Vega, Robert Villatoro, Kate Wang, Lorelei Winnek and Antony Zavala.

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Mia Alexander, Michael Alvarez, Rabab Asif, Saad Bhatti, Chance Cadena, Kaitlyn Campos, Kaleb Campos, Alexa Cavazos, Abigail Cepeda, Kamilya Collin, Thomas Cook, Alexander Couchman, Victoria Couchman, Cecilia Dale, Colin Dang, Jenny Do and Christian Evans.

Avery Fuellenbach, Rafael Galan Jr., Sistine Garcia, Noah Garcia, Swazi Gurnell, Emma Hernandez, Jacob Hernandez, Natalie Hernandez, Kaiden Hills, Ian Johnson, Justice Johnson, Shantay Jones, Rayyan Khan, Mauricio Leal, Caleb Lored, Keith Manson and Tevin Massie.

Danielle Mendiola, Connor Mohwinkel, Alena Morin, Anthony Morin, Andrew Mottu-Cox, Melody Nabi, Demah Naser, Joseph Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Desmond Olivier, Dominic Ortiz, Janice Padilla, Cole Palermo, Atonia Parker, Carissa Pena, Bella Perez, Gage Phillips, Nicholas Ponce, Juliana Pruneda, Miles Reed and Fynnlan Ridge.

Brandon Rife, Logan Riley, Jordan Robertson, Chase Robinson, Sadie Roessler, Christian Schmidt, Mable Self, Caden Spiller, Alexis Stewart, Favian Tamez, Lillian Tankersley, Yvonne Thai, Giahian Tran, Alisa Vargas, Christian Vega, Robert Villatoro, Kate Wang, Lorelei Winnek and Antony Zavala.

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Swazi Gurnell, Chasty Henry, Jacob Hernandez, Natalie Hernandez, Kaiden Hills, Ian Johnson, Mauricio Leal, Salet Lovo, Tevin Massie, Melody Nabi, Demah Naser, Steven Nguyen, Dominic Ortiz and Janice Padilla.
Cole Palermo, Atonia Parker, Nicholas Ponce, Juliana Pruneda, Miles Reed, Jacob Roppolo, Christian Schmidt, Alexis Stewart, Alisa Vargas, Robert Villatoro, Kate Wang and Lorelei Winnek.

Helping Hands
Cristian Armas, Kaitlyn Campos, Rafael Galan Jr., Emma Hernandez, Shantee Jones, Caleb Lored, Fynnlan Ridge, Brandon Rife, Caden Spiller, Yvonne Thai, Giahian Tran and Kate Wang.

First grade Honor roll
Zaynab Asadfeh, Ava Ayala, Andre Barrientos, Miguel Bazaldua, Aaron Bezago, Crista Bralley, Brittany Burleigh, Madison Cai, Gabriella Campo, Makenzie Castillo, Matthew Collins, Di Dao, Jaxon Efrid, Cameron Galloway, Emily Gonzalez and Alaina Hampton.

Elijah Hernandez, Leslie Hernandez, Niklas Hernandez, Akira Jack, Isaac James, Anh Ky, Jocelyn Limon, Diego Melchor, Matthew Mendiola, Katelyn Mendoza, Kenneth Merritt, Marcus Mommie, Xavier Musquiz, Kelly Nguyen, Nathalia Norton and Jeremiah Palma.

Keith Parker, Levani Pelaez, Alexandra Ramos, Asher Ridge, Megan Rodriguez, Ryan Saxton, Kal Self, Dominic Serna, Kenzie Snook, Kielee Snook, Brianna Toro, Diego Torres, Ethan Valles, Zaire Walker, Abby Whitley and Taya Williams.

Merit roll
Keegan Ashworth, Jayden Balderaz, Rhiannon Barron, Aqib Bhatti, Brandon Cates, Vincent Gonzales, Johnathan Guerrero, Kevin Lewis, Caidence Martin, Adrian Quiroz, Kennedy Scimmons and Malik Williams.

Perfect attendance
Alana Arrington, Keegan Ashworth, Andre Barrientos, Rhiannon Barron, Miguel Bazaldua, Aqib Bhatti, D'aisha Bob, Cameron Brown, Anisa Burds, Brittany Burleigh, Brandon Cates, Alyssa Chapman, Isair Corona, Di Dao, Jaxon Efrid, Cameron Galloway and Vincent Gonzales.

Elijah Hernandez, Katelyn Hernandez, Madison Hoop, Lara Huynh, Emond Jackson, Isaac James, Anh Ky, Angelina Lam, Kevin Lewis, Jocelyn Limon, Celeste McBride, Katelyn Mendoza, Kenneth Merritt, Marcus Mommie, Xavier Musquiz, Kelly Nguyen and Sydney Olivier.

Jeremiah Palma, Sammy Paredes, Keith Parker, Jacob Puente, Justin Rhoden, Manuel Rodriguez, Kal Self, Kendon Smith, Brianna Toro, Diego Torres, Anni Tran, Derrick Turner, Ebony Velasquez, Luis Villarreal and Abby Whitley.

Good Citizen
Andre Barrientos, Rhiannon Barron, Anisa Burds, Gabriella Campo, Vincent Gonzales, Akira Jack, Emond Jackson, Celeste McBride, Matthew Mendiola, Keith Parker, Jacob Puente, Adrian Quiroz, Kielee Snook, Brianna Toro and Fernando Villarreal.

Principal's Award
Alyssa Alvarado, Gabby Arredondo, Zaynab Asadfeh, Ava Ayala, Jayden Balderaz, Andre Barrientos, Aaron Bezago, Jasmine Bethely, Aqib Bhatti, Christa Bralley, Anisa Burds, Madison Cai, Gabriella Campo, Makenzie Castillo and Izabella Cavazos.

Conlie Christmas, Matthew Collins, Angel Cores, Di Dao, Jaxon Efrid, Lizette Fonseca, Cameron Galloway, Vincent Gonzales, Emily Gonzalez, Johnathan Guerrero, Alaina Hampton, Trinity Harris, Elijah Hernandez and Katelyn Hernandez.

Leslie Hernandez, Niklas Hernandez, Sy'mora Holt, Akira Jack, Isaac James, Anh Ky, Jocelyn Limon, Caidence Martin, Celeste McBride, Diego Melchor, Matthew Mendiola, Katelyn Mendoza, Marcus Mommie, Xavier Musquiz and Kelly Nguyen.

Nathalia Norton, Sydney Olivier, Jeremiah Palma, Keith Parker, Levani Pelaez, Jacob Puente, Tyson Puryear, Adrian Quiroz, Alexandra Ramos, Colby Reed, Justin Rhoden, Daniel Rice, Alexander Rios, Manuel Rodriguez and Megan Rodriguez.

Perfect attendance
Abrianna Aguilar, Colby Arnold, Jacqueline Arrington, Tierra Bickems, Justin Blogg, Etna Bosso, Yenny Bui, Jessica Cano, Daijia Carter, Diego Cerda, Nicolas Cook, Shelby Couchman, Bailee Dang, Alex Dhuperior, Shaylyn Dunlap, Jacob Efrid, Elisabeth Elings and Efosa Ewansihia.

Raven Finister, Mackenzie Gilliland, Noah Gonzales, Kianna Groves, Xavier Hernandez, Elias James, Faith Johnson, Andrew Limon, Carla Lopez, Marissa Maxwell, Alexis Mottu, Hallie Nelms and Leslie Nguyen.

Flores, A.J. Garcia, Alonso Garza, Emily Gonzalez and Valerie Gonzalez.
Lily Gutierrez, Karisa Hernandez, Thomas Herrera, Savannah Herring, Anissa Howard, Reagan Jones, Brooklynn Lathan, Victoria Lazo, Erin Maslonka, Christina Moses, Janah Naser, Albert Nguyen and Alexis Nguyen.
Duy Nguyen, Trishta Nguyen, Jacob Perez, Morgan Pytka, Kyle Redmon, Ryan Roppolo, Lily Simons, Arianna Soza, Elliot Spiller, Alyssa Toro, Michael Vo, Alise Williams and Bella Woernley.

Merit roll
Heaven Cadena, Megan Godeke, Wesley Godwin, Clayton Goforth, Jeremy Gutierrez, Jordan Hayes, Jonathan Jean, Yasmine Lackey, Jose Martinez, Isaac Real and Garret Winnek.

Perfect attendance
Cheyenne Alexander, Bre' Leana Anderson, Jorge Arredondo, Mason Banhart, Kaitlyn Bess, Brandon Bui, Kamron Byrd, Heaven Cadena, Matthew Campos, Matthew Campuzano, Jaydon Carter, Luke Castillo, Devon Cook, Dominick Cruz, William Dao, Alexander Enriquez, Jacob Flores and A.J. Garcia.

Alonso Garza, Luke Giron, Wesley Godwin, Clayton Goforth, Emily Gonzalez, Anthony Gracia, Jeremy Gutierrez, Lily Gutierrez, Savannah Herring, Victoria Lazo, Adrian Lopez, Alex Lopez, Jose Martinez, Erin Maslonka, Taurean Millien, Janah Naser and Duy Nguyen.

Trishta Nguyen, Justin Padilla, Damian Parton, Morgan Pytka, Isaac Real, Roman Rodriguez, Ryan Roppolo, Brandon Salinas, Christian Sauter, Tristan Soria, Arianna Soza, Elliot Spiller, Ruth Tabarez, Marquise Terry, Alyssa Toro, Daqari Tuckson, Michael Vo, Vincent Vo, Bella Worenley and Enlai Yui.

Good Citizen
Mason Banhart, Leah De Hoyos, Nicole Embrey, Jacob Flores, A.J. Garcia, Karisa Hernandez, Micia Jones, Brooklynn Lathan, Christian Medina, Alexis Nguyen, Tristan Soria and Vincent Vo.

Principal's Award
Cheyenne Alexander, Bre' Leana Anderson, Zariah Aguilar, Jorge Arredondo, Mason Banhart, Kaitlyn Bess, Ayanna Brooks, Brandon Bui, Heaven Cadena, Matthew Campos, Matthew Campuzano, Jaydon Carter, Luke Castillo, Bruce Chavez and Moises Cisneros.

Dominick Cruz, William Dao, Leah De Hoyos, Yelizavet De La Cerda, Jarian Dhuperior, Laura Diaz, Nicole Embrey, Jacob Flores, A.J. Garcia, Alonso Garza, Luke Giron, Megan Godeke, Wesley Godwin, Emily Gonzalez, Lazarus Gonzalez and Valerie Gonzalez.

Jeremy Gutierrez, Lily Gutierrez, Carl Harris, Karisa Hernandez, Thomas Herrera, Savannah Herring, Anissa Howard, Jonathan Jean, Micia Jones, Reagan Jones, Yasmine Lackey, Brooklynn Lathan, Victoria Lazo, Mandy Le, Matthieu Lindsey, Adrian Lopez and Alex Lopez.

Jose Martinez, Erin Maslonka, Christian Medina, Kristene Mena, Taurean Millien, Christina Moses, Avly Munoz, Steven Myles, Janah Naser, Albert Nguyen, Alexis Nguyen, Duy Nguyen, Trishta Nguyen, Justin Padilla, Jacob Perez, Mary Pham and Morgan Pytka.

Isaac Real, Austin Rhoden, Ryan Roppolo, Isaac Salazar, Brandon Salinas, Christian Sauter, Lily Simons, Tristan Soria, Arianna Soza, Elliot Spiller, Alyssa Toro, Marco Torres, Everett Triplette, Daqari Tuckson, Michael Vo, Vincent Vo, Alise Williams, Bella Worenley and Enlai Yui.

Third grade Honor roll
Etna Bosso, Yenny Bui, Sophia Colmenares, Nicolas Cook, Alex Dhuperior, Jacob Efrid, Elisabeth Elings, Annette Eonne, Noah Gonzales, Jaylen Gonzalez, Tyler Guth, Hailey Henry, Tristan Hillman, Hallie Nelms, Madyson Nguyen, Eloy Sanchez, Samantha Schroder, Kobe Thompson, Jordan Tran, Isaiah Trevino and Zoe Whitley.

Merit roll
Rida Asif, Reid Ball, Olga Cisneros, Shelby Couchman, Bailee Dang, Efosa Ewansihia, Carson Fletcher, Abigail Hogan, Faith Johnson, Andrew Limon, Vivian Luu, Marissa Maxwell and Gracie Roessler.

Perfect attendance
Abrianna Aguilar, Colby Arnold, Jacqueline Arrington, Tierra Bickems, Justin Blogg, Etna Bosso, Yenny Bui, Jessica Cano, Daijia Carter, Diego Cerda, Nicolas Cook, Shelby Couchman, Bailee Dang, Alex Dhuperior, Shaylyn Dunlap, Jacob Efrid, Elisabeth Elings and Efosa Ewansihia.

Raven Finister, Mackenzie Gilliland, Noah Gonzales, Kianna Groves, Xavier Hernandez, Elias James, Faith Johnson, Andrew Limon, Carla Lopez, Marissa Maxwell, Alexis Mottu, Hallie Nelms, Leslie Nguyen, Jasmyn Peralta, Amya Ray, Nathan Rodriguez, Gracie Roessler, Brianna Salazar, Eloy Sanchez, Samantha Schroder, William Schroder and Quinton Simons.

well, D'untre Miller, Joshua Morin, Alexis Mottu, Hallie Nelms and Leslie Nguyen.
Madyson Nguyen, Nathan Rodriguez, Bianna Salazar, Eloy Sanchez, Samantha Schroder, Shaun Simpson, Randy Smith, Hunter Stevens, Kobe Thompson, Isiah Torres, Jordan Tran, Isaiah Trevino, Oscar Velasquez, Angela Vu, Zoe Whitley and Lian Yui.

Good Citizen
Brianna Andrade, Joshua Bickers, Yenny Bui, Olga Cisneros, Joshua Collins, Jonathan Garcia, Noah Gonzales, Faith Johnson, Andrew Limon, Carla Lopez, Marissa Maxwell, Alexis Mottu and Nathan Villanueva.

Principal's Award
Jaachi Aaron-Chukwunyere, Abrianna Aguilar, Ashleigh Alveranga, Brianna Andrade, Angel Aguilar, Jacqueline Arrington, Rida Asif, Yulissa Avitia, Joshua Bickers, Etna Bosso, Yenny Bui, Jessica Cano, Diego Cerda, Priscella Chavez, Olga Cisneros and Joshua Collins.

Sophia Colmenares, Shelby Couchman, Bailee Dang, Shaylyn Dunlap, Jacob Efrid, Elisabeth Elings, Annette Eonne, Justin Esquivel, Raven Finister, Carson Fletcher, Jonathan Garcia, Machenzie Gilliland, Noah Gonzales and Kianna Groves.

Kalya Guajardo, Tyler Guth, Mikayla Gutierrez, Hailey Henry, Andrew Hernandez, Xavier Hernandez, Yvette Hernandez, Abigail Hogan, Raymond Hung, Faith Johnson, Zain Khan, Carla Lopez, Rhett Lorring, Marissa Maxwell and Natalia Melchor.

Kaaynat Mistry, Joshua Morin, Alexis Mottu, Hallie Nelms, Leslie Nguyen, Jasmyn Peralta, Amya Ray, Nathan Rodriguez, Gracie Roessler, Brianna Salazar, Eloy Sanchez, Samantha Schroder, William Schroder and Quinton Simons.

Randy Smith, Caleb Tamez, Dominic Tamez, Everett Taylor, Mya Tello, Kobe Thompson, David Tran, Jordan Tran, Isiah Trevino, Oscar Velasquez, Nathan Villanueva, Angela Vu, Dylan White, Zoe Whitley, Vorian Wilcox, Erin Woodard and Lian Yui.

Fourth grade Honor roll
David Amaya, Danny Chu, Tiffany Duong, Uyi Ewansihia, Ruben Flores, Julysa Herrera, Stephanie Martinez, Madison Mendiola, Jonathan Moreno, Ramiro Moreno, Dalila Nguyen, Sara Otwell, Dominique Peralta, Alexa Rivas, Camille Smith, Adriana Toro and Nicholas Vega.

Merit roll
Yareli Garcia, Jayden Hayes, Trevor Hondros, Alec Johnson, Brianna Munoz, Ronald Nguyen, Lance Tanner and Lily Vitrella.

Perfect attendance
Elyssa Armenta, Andrea Arredondo, Christian Blackmon, Jasmine Cano, Kristin Cates, Devin Childs, Danny Chu, Kennedy Craven, Araceli Dale, Bella De La Garza, Sean Dempsey, Bianca Espinoza, Jennifer Flores, Ruben Flores and Hailey Fox.

Adam Gil, Karina Gonzalez, Jayden Hayes, Matthew Hernandez, Travis Hondros, Trevor Hondros, Alec Johnson, Brandon Julks, Anthony Limon, Adam Lopez, Lauren Martinez, Andres Melchor, Madison Mendiola, Jacob Montoya and Jeany Ngo.

Dalila Nguyen, Natalie Nguyen, Ronald Nguyen, Precious Oquamanam, Dennis Pham, Taylor Pleasants, Iris Quintana, Riena Ramnarine, Coby Riley, Alexa Rivas, Priscilla Rodriguez, Camille Smith, Rachel Smith, Adriana Toro and Lily Vitrella.

Good Citizen
Christian Blackmon, Celine Espinoza, Andres Melchor, Gavin Melchor, Jeany Ngo, Francis Nguyen, Precious Oquamanam, Iris Quintana, Reina Ramnarine, Tristin Sanchez and Nick Vega.

Principal's Award
Darielys Alexander, Elyssa Armenta, Christian Blackmon, Maisie Bralley, Bella De La Garza, Sean Dempsey, Tiffany Duong, DeAundra Edwards, Chase Erskin, Celine Espinoza, Bianca Espinoza, Uyi Ewansihia, Jennifer Flores and Ruben Flores.

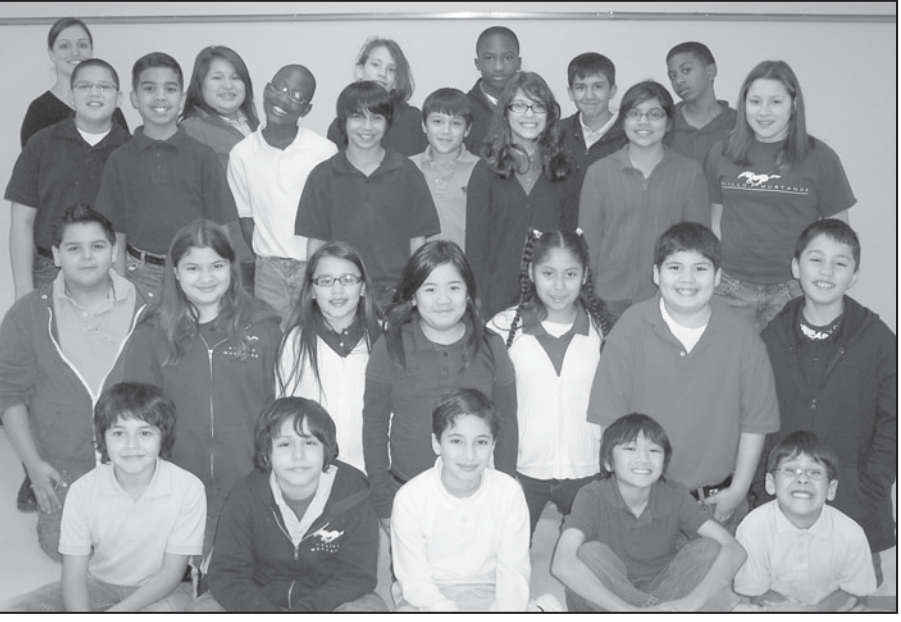
Hailey Fox, Yareli Garcia, Adam Gil, Karina Gonzalez, Keandre Green, Keishon Groves, Matthew Hernandez, Alec Johnson, Deshawn Jones, Brandon Julks, Anthony Limon, Adam Lopez Jr., Brianna Lored and Lauren Martinez.

Stephanie Martinez, Andres Melchor, Madison Mendiola, Jacob Montoya, Khaliyah Moore, Jonathan Moreno, Ramiro Moreno, Brianna Munoz, Jeany Ngo, Dalila Nguyen, Francis Nguyen, Precious Oquamanam, Sara Otwell and Dominique Peralta.

Melillo students earn sundae party



Melillo Middle School held a competition to determine which homeroom could bring in the most donations for the South Belt Leader Christmas Food and Toy Drive. Students in Deanna Keefer's homeroom were treated to an ice cream sundae party Jan. 14, compliments of Blackhawk H-E-B, because the students donated the most items. At left, left to right, students Carlos Cantu, Marissabelle Gonzales, Katherine Montes and Kirsten Nguyen enjoy their ice cream. Members of Keefer's class pictured below are, (front row) Leonardo Baez, Hector Arreola, Michael Adamo, Kevin Tran, Joseph Suarez, (second row) Felix Garza, Kaylee Segura, Katherine Montes, Kirsten Nguyen, Alicia Pizano, Xavier Salinas, Marcos Pruneda, (third row) Ivan Tagle, Abasi Dominguez, Mason Douglas, Louis Perez, Joel Zavala, Aleida Gonzales, Victoria Rangel, Breanna Mendez, (back row) Keefer, Marissabelle Gonzales, Cynthia Moore, Dezmund Carter, Carlos Cantu and Rocky Boyette.



CLASP sets digital motion pictures lecture

CLASP *Visions in Our Midst* will present a lecture on digital motion pictures Feb. 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Bayou Building, Garden Room 1510, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Digital Motion Pictures for the 21st Century is the topic of this lecture presented by filmmaker Marcus Havi- can of Space City Films.

Hosted by the university's Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs, this series is designed to provide learning opportunities for area seniors and others interested in learning. All ages are welcome. Admission is free.

For more information, contact clasp@uhcl.edu, call 281-283-2019 or visit the CLASP website at www.uhcl.edu/clasp. Classes are subject to cancellation or change in schedule.

THEA testing at UHCL

Quick THEA testing will be offered at the University of Houston-Clear Lake on Friday, Feb. 25, at 8 a.m. in the Student Services and Classroom Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 18, 11:30 a.m., with late registration Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m., for this 5-hour test

required for admission to Texas colleges and universities and teacher education programs. Fee is \$29 with an additional \$10 institution fee. Scores will be available in four to five business days.

For more information, call 512-927-5398 or visit http://www.thea.nesinc.com.

Legler wins award

Rep. Ken Legler, R-Pasadena, has been awarded the Guardian of Small Business award presented by the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

The award was presented to Legler for his 100 percent voting record in protection of the interests of small businesses during the 81st Legislative Session.

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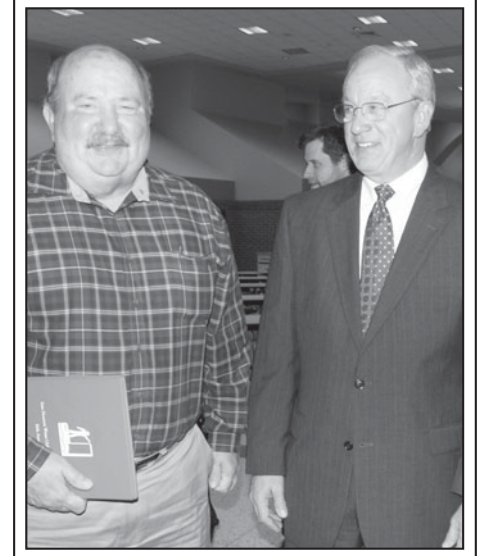
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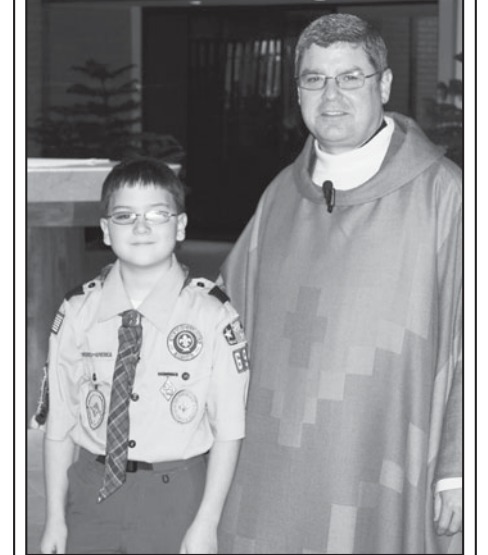
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Buckman visits Sullivan



South Belt resident and Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District board member Steve Buckman (left) is shown above visiting with Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan at a meeting Feb. 14. See related story and photo on Page 1A.

Wohleb earns medal



Jake Wohleb, left, a Webelo Scout with Pack 692, received the Parvuli Dei Catholic Emblem of Faith medal on Scout Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011, at St. Luke's Catholic Church. The Rev. James Burkart presented Wohleb the medal with his family, Scout Pack and congregation in attendance.

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Anti-bullying magic show at Meador



Meador Elementary students enjoyed awesome magic tricks recently and also learned some helpful tips on dealing with bullies. Pictured is magician and motivational speaker Jason Tolentino (left) who performed his Anti-Bullying Magic Show at the school. Pictured assisting Tolentino is second-grader Elizabeth Bui. Photo submitted

Autism lecture focuses on communication

University of Houston-Clear Lake applied behavior analysis student Lillie Wilson will present *Increasing Communication* as the university's Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities continues its Community Speaker Series Feb. 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The lecture will be held in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, Lecture Hall Room 1100, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The series is underwritten by Christus St. John Hospital and sponsored by Heg-

wood & Associates, P.C. and Johnson Space Center Federal Credit Union.

Sponsorship is provided by Johnson Space Center Federal Credit Union and Spectrum of Hope.

All lectures in this series are free and open to the public, but space is limited. RSVP by emailing AutismCenter@uhcl.edu.

For more information, visit <http://hsh.uhcl.edu/CADD> and click on the Autism Speaker Series icon or e-mail AutismCenter@uhcl.edu.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

JADE TURNS 3!!
Special happy birthday wishes are sent to **Jade Elizabeth** in Boston who will be 3 years old on Friday, Feb. 18. Jade is the daughter of Dobie High School graduates **Austin and Nicole (Wingo) Scarberry**. Hugs and kisses are sent to her from grandma **Jannie** and grandpa **Robert Scarberry**; aunts **Jenny Espinosa, Stacey Flowers, Nyssa Hayes**; uncles **Joey Hayes and Tyler Scarberry**; and cousins **Brayden and Baylee Espinosa** and **Kennedy and Owen Flowers**.

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

Atkinson Elementary
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Ludivina Perez** on Feb. 17. **Anastacio Rosas** has a birthday Feb. 19.
Laura Bush Elementary

Double birthday wishes are sent to **Pam Bennett** and **Angie Whitlock** on Feb. 17.
Meador Elementary
On Feb. 18, **Icela Escobar** enjoys a birthday.
Moore Elementary
Birthday greetings are sent to **Ashley Evans** Feb. 18.

Melillo Middle School
Feb. 17 is the day for a birthday party for **Maria Montenegro**. The day for a cake for **Stacy Paxton** is Feb. 20. Sharing a birthday Feb. 21 are **Norma De La Rosa** and **Wanda Soto**.

Morris Middle School
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Shuntel Gray** Feb. 22.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Triple birthday greetings are sent to **Joseph Fee, Angie Mishra** and **Quan Nguyen** Feb. 23.

Thompson Intermediate
The day for a cake for **Yolanda Grant** is

Feb. 19.
Challenger
A special birthday wish is sent to **Hilary Weaver** on Feb. 18.

Dobie High
Three cheers for a happy birthday are sent to **Joyce Hammersley, Jeri Joslin** and **Se'Brina Roy** Feb. 17. **Ginger Stalnaker** and **James Stevens** share a birthday Feb. 18. Blow out the birthday candles for **Deborah James** Feb. 19. The day for a triple birthday surprise for **Eric Brown, Dendy Farrar** and **Eleuteria Reyes** is Feb. 20. **Paul Kelly, Eva Vasquez** and **Robert Waloven** are wished a happy birthday Feb. 21. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Craig Sanders** Feb. 22.

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.

Thompson releases third 6-weeks rolls

Thompson Intermediate School recently announced its honor rolls for the third six-weeks grading period of the 2010-2011 school year. Students earning status are:

Honor roll
Seventh grade
Ahmad Hussein Abusafir, Luis Alan Adame, Beulah Chinyerem Akpan, Aliana Cristina Aleman, Adrianna Alise Allen, Cera Elizabeth Alvarado, Daniel Alvarez, Amandanicole Gabino Arambula, Cristian Ernesto Ascencio, Jaylon Deon Bolden and Daniel Joseph Brader.

Hannah Marie Brady, Robert Erving Brown, Jacqueline Bui, Brittany Renee Burnham, Daniela Campo, Kara Ashley Campos, Mandy Thuy Cao, Katie Ann Carnish, Anthony Noah Caughlin, Andrea Rene Cedeno, Deandre Alexander Childs, Garrett Victor Chollett and Brandon Van Chung.

Madeline Anastasia Colunga, Tristan Issac Cool, Kevin Joseph Cortez, Zoe Nicole Cortez, David Alejandro Cruz, Melissa Sarahi Cruz, Alyssa Nicole Cumpian, Nicole Marie Cypert, Allison Marie Dasilva, Onyx Itzageryh De Luna Palomino and Ashley Ann Deveza.

De Ann Celeste Dimas, Hung Tony Dinh, Aaleyah J. Dorman, Alex Amir Dosal, Jose Narciso Duarte, Ryan Vaughn Ehlinger, Jennifer Flores, Adriana Garcia, Aileen Victoria Garcia, Leslie Alejandra Garcia, Alexis Nicole Garza, Crystal Garza and Justin Allen Gee.

Andrew Davendra Ghanysam, Holly Sophia Gonzales, David Lee Gonzalez, Vanessa Alexandra Gonzalez, Stephanie Alexis Goudeau, Leann Marie Guerrero, Braelyn Paige Hamilton, Myles Avery Harris, Kallie Nicole Hart, Samuel Dontae Hart and Shelby Ann Henderer.

Amanda Guadalupe Hernandez, Michelle Ngoc Thao Hoang, Dechanelle Nickay Howell, Jason Huerta, Darius Larenz Hypolite, Aryn Danielle Ibarra, Esmeralda Ibarra, Sarathany Duong In, Jacob Ryan Izaguirre, Tea Ajuha Jackson and Brady Houston Jackson.

La'claudia Ty Kee Anna Labarrera, Anna Nguyen Le, Bobby Nhiyen Le, Emily Ngoc Le, Matthew Khang Le, Kacie Lyn Little, Sarah Ruth Loftin, Orlando Nigel Logan, Julia Michelle Lohse, Marissa Renay Longoria, Randall Andrew Cole MacNeil and Ana Martinez.

Briana Alexis Martinez, Evan Thomas Mauk, Marisa Mendieta, Timesha Jenea Miller, Jordan Chase Moreno, Jade Thi Mottu, Isaiah Armando Munoz, Summer Kamleh Naser, Karen Neira, Albert Trieu Nguyen, Elton Duy Long Nguyen and Mar-

nancy Trang Nguyen, Thuan Vu Nguyen, Tin Nhan Nguyen, Tina Mongduyten Nguyen, Rebecca Lynn Nickelson, Giselle Ailyn Oviedo, Brandon Angel Padilla, Jesus Manuel Paredes, Marcela Gabriella Pena, Ashley Christine Perez and Julissa Perez.

Thinh Duc Phan, Alyssa Michelle Pierce, Herberth Alejandro Polio Argueta, Faridhe Yamelli Puente, Anthony Quiroz, Benjamin Javier Reyes, Jacob Angel Reyes, Anfernee Jay Reyna, Julian Angel Rivera, Lesdy Iveth Rivera and Mateo A. Rivera.

Sanjuana Esperanza Romero, Luis Ramon Salazar, Megan Nicole Schuetz, Samantha Leigh Schwartz, Nicole Deniece Seals, Iris Krystal Sinisterra, Alaina Nicole Sitka, Davonte Moshe Smith, Alyssa Celia Solis and Michael Alonzo Spiller.

Laura Katherine Stephens, Mayalen Suarez, Tyson Alexander Thompson, Denise Hoang Tran, Joanne Tran, Kimmang Thi Tran, Vinh Qang Tran, Mariana Chavez Triana, Kellie Amanda Tyer, Abraham Joseph Valencia, Hugo Gilberto Velarde and Alexandra Velasquez.

Nicklaus Noel Velasquez, Jolissa Lynn Villalobos, Anthony Long Vu, Lorez Lonn Walker, Lauren Alexandria Watkins, Charish La Nae Williams, Skylar Elise Williams, Raven Anjell Wilson and Kaelon Jamaul Woods.

Eighth grade
Guadalupe Isabel Acosta, Daniel Otitidilichukwu Akpan, Savannah Joe Amaro, Jackelin Andrade, Yenlynn Hoang Banh, Gabriela Renee Barragan, Deneil Simone Bell, Johnna Ashley Blevins, Carli Elizabeth Blue, Zachary Grant Blue and Celeste Marissa Briones.

Xavier Darnell Brown, Trang Phuong Bui, Mayra Lucia Caisedo Bustillo, Danielle Ann Cisneros, Valerie Jane Colunga, Jamie Ricardo Coney, Sara Louise Cook, Benjamin Andrew Coronado, Julian Valdez Coronado, Alexis Marie Corpus and Ariana Lynn Croes.

Amina Ali Davis, Hailey Rachele Davis, Christopher Rayman Dufresne, Abdon

Jose Ferreira, Nathaniel Christian Flores, Sabrina Andreina Frias, Schawnee Rae Galicia, Luis Eduardo Garay, Tiffany Amber Garcia, Patrice Elaine Gilbert, Rachel Taylor Glass and Joshua Paul Godwin.

Luis Carlos Gonzalez, Anna Mae Goodman, Cameron Devante Guy, Kiara Doneisha Hart, Salina Hay, Carolina Alejandra Herrera, Caleb Josiah Hubenak, Jessie Ngoc Huynh, D'Andre Shuroid Jackson, Patrice Rochelle Jackson and Nicholas Daniel Jagdeo.

Jordan Luis Jimenez, Desiree Shantal Johnson, Rhohana Dnai Johnson, Jessica Jean Jones, Tia Jasmine Joseph, Daniel Jungmo Kim, Shaniece Nicole Lacour, Courtney Alanna Lindsey, Ralph Lopez, Ty Irvin Lozano and Israel Ernesto Martinez.

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Morris Spelling Bee winners named



Pictured are the winners of the Morris Middle School Spelling Bee. Michelle Tran (left) is the champion, and Cassandra Guevara (right) is the runner-up. Tran will participate in the district spelling bee for middle schools on Feb. 15. Photo submitted

AARP Chapter 199 meets

AARP Chapter 199 will meet Friday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook. This month, a program on crime prevention and identity theft is scheduled. Refreshments will be served. As always, the public is welcome to attend this free program.

Black History Month event to discuss education

Education and the Black Community is the topic of discussion presented by young professionals in the fields of education and business who will share their success overcoming challenges on their academic journeys. Panelists will also address current issues facing the black community.

The discussion will be presented on Feb. 22 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Bayou Building, Garden Room, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Coordinator of Educational Programs and Outreach Susana Hernandez at 281-283-2565 or e-mail her mandezsu@uhcl.edu.

SJCS center holds open house



Pictured, left to right, students John Tran, Stacey Lee and Irene Degala stop by the San Jacinto College South student success center open house. The center offers students free tutoring programs in a number of courses which include math, writing, biology, chemistry, government and accounting. The center is located on the second floor of the Parker Williams Library in Room 5201. This past November, faculty and administrators were on hand for the groundbreaking for the new student success center, scheduled to open the spring 2012 semester. The new two-story building will be a centralized location for enrollment services, advising, career and employment services, financial aid, and other student resources. For more information on tutoring services, call 281-998-6150, ext. 3868. Photo by Andrea Vasquez, San Jacinto College

Remember When

30 years ago (1981)
Six-year-old Brian Warwick was killed when a pick-up truck collided with the Big Wheel he was riding on.

Two Dobie students were arrested in connection with a burglary at the school. Approximately \$15,000 in equipment, including 16 IBM typewriters, a computer, a microwave oven and coins taken from the library Xerox machine and the school's candy and soft drink machines, was taken from the school.

25 years ago (1986)
As a precaution against possible contamination of its water supply by the nearby Brio toxic waste site, the South Bend Utility District made an agreement with Municipal Utility District 13 to purchase water for a period of up to one year.

A bomb scare sent Stuchbery Elementary's 460 students out of the building prior to dismissal.

20 years ago (1991)
Harris County and the utility districts Southbend and M.U.D. 13 and H.E.L.P. filed additional motions claiming EPA improperly allowed the handling of the information on Brio to be done by the Brio Task Force, rather than EPA.

Dozler read all 20 library books from the Texas Bluebonnet Award Reading Program for the second year in a row.

15 years ago (1996)
Dobie Lady Longhorn supporters and softball players met Chuck Norris at a restaurant while at a tournament in Brenham.

Dr. Susan Eason assumed the role of San Jacinto College South registrar.

10 years ago (2001)
A three-car accident on the feeder road of South Belt and I-45 left 11 victims recovering.

Hobby and Ellington airports were to undergo major improvements.

Fundraisers for 10-year-old Lindsay Simpson's heart surgery totaled more than \$31,000. Frazier teachers promised to wear pajamas to school if they reached a goal of \$5,000. Park View Intermediate principal Rob Hasson dressed like a woman due to the \$1,700 students raised. Three high schools made "love links" to decorate the trees and fences around the playground.

Various elementary, intermediate and high schools participated in the fundraising event.

5 years ago (2006)
Houston police were investigating the alleged attempted abduction of a Frazier Elementary fourth-grader as he was on his way home. The male student reported that he had been grabbed by an unknown man near the corner of Hughes and Sageburrow. The boy was not harmed and returned to school the following day.

A South Belt resident who found some money was seeking the owner so it could be returned. The Good Samaritan used the *Leader* as a point of contact and several persons called to claim the money. None, however, were able to accurately describe the amount of money nor the location where it was found. The money was eventually donated to the Good Samaritan's church.

Beverly Hills Intermediate principal Stephanie Wright announced plans to retire at the end of the school year.

1 year ago (2010)
Eighth-grade Thompson Intermediate student Alexander Mays won the Pasadena Independent School District's annual spelling bee, allowing him to advance to the citywide Houston PBS Spelling Bee. Mays won the competition by successfully spelling the word, *toucan*.

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Haulbrook named to STYSA hall of fame

Shannon marks 75 years

By Matt Griesmyer
A South Belt resident has recently been inducted into the South Texas Youth Soccer Association Hall of Fame.

Les Haulbrook, South Belt resident and proud University of Houston alumnus, was recently inducted into the STYSA hall of fame for his efforts in promoting youth soccer throughout the Houston area.

Haulbrook has been working as a volunteer in the sport since 1980 when he took up maintaining the fields of his local soccer club.

After that initial foray into the sport, he worked his way up through various positions over the last 30 years to where he is now, on the Houston Amateur Sports Park board of directors. His position as board member was achieved at the end of December 2010, when Houston Mayor Anise Parker nominated him for the position. Shortly after his nomination, the Houston City Council approved Haulbrook for the position.

A new HAS park will be located off Highway 288 and Airport Boulevard and will serve as the training facility for the Houston Dynamo as well as a major park for local amateur youth and adult soccer programs.

Haulbrook has resided in Green Tee Terrace for the past 10 years, and prior to that, he lived in Kirkmont and Sagemeadow. He and his wife, Donna, have two sons, Sean and Chase, and two grandchildren. He currently works with Exxon-Mobil and has been with them for 23 years.

Haulbrook's wife is also involved in the local area. She started the annual cookoff held at El Franco Lee Park, which in turn funds the July 4th fireworks.



The Haulbrooks gather for a picture with an autographed Houston Dynamo jersey commemorating Les' induction into the STYSA hall of fame. Pictured are, left to right, Sean, Donna, Les and Chase Haulbrook. Photo submitted

Longtime South Belt resident Joyce Shannon celebrated her 75th birthday on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011.

She and her husband, Bobby, have two daughters, Leslie and Lana, who both attended area schools, graduating from Dobie High School. She has two grandsons, Craig and Grayson, and three granddaughters, Kristin, Katelyn and Reagan.

Shannon is a faithful member of Sagemont Church where she serves on the Pastoral Care Committee, First Time Guest Registration, and Ordinance Committee. The Women's Ministry is also very dear to her heart, and she enjoys women's events and Bible studies there.

Shannon also enjoys attending athletic events of her grandchildren and also loves decorating, BUNCO, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

Shannon spent her birthday morning at Sagemont Church where friends enjoyed cake, coffee, and a special song by Brother Rex Forsyth. She spent the afternoon celebrating her big day with family.



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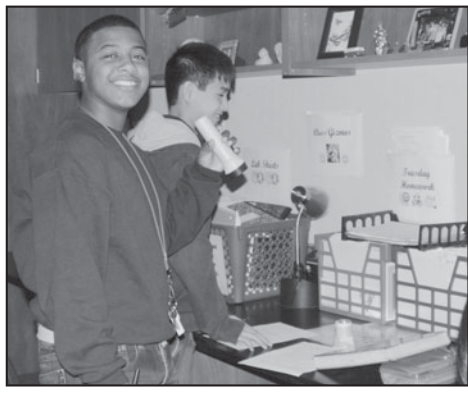
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Students learn about inertia during rolling blackouts

The recent rolling blackouts due to freezing temperatures didn't stop Thompson science students from learning. The eighth-grade students continued their inertia lab by candlelight during the blackouts.

Pictured at left are, left to right, Rashaad Randall and Richard Nguyen using a flashlight to see their experiment during the blackout. Shown directly below are Alex Carr, Travis Huynh, Denise Saravia and Xavier Brown. In the bottom photo are students Yesenia Herrera, Alex Martinez and Nick Houston.

Lions Club meets Feb. 22

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Stuchbery celebrates Asian Lunar New Year



Stuchbery Elementary recently celebrated Asian Lunar New Year. A multicultural group, consisting of students who are Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese, participated in a parade through the halls of the school, dressed in cultural clothing. At left, left to right, Jaime Rubio, Sergio Cano, Elias Saracho, Martha Gomez Ramirez, Abeha Rizvi and Jamie Smith watch as (parade participants, front to back) Irene Kim, Vinh Diep (the dragon), Tony Le and Julie Trinh march by. Directly below, Diep, Le and Trinh keep the parade going.



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Andrew Nguyen, Thao Lam, Randy Bui, Tony Le, (second row) Sandy Huynh, Julie Trinh, Bonny Le, Alexis Tran, (third row) Johnny Lam, Sierra-Grace Shepherd, Irene Kim, Kevin Tran, Tri Nguyen (Earth Genie), (fourth row) Stephanie Do, Jenny Lu, (back row) Stuchbery volunteer Laura Dong, ESL Instructional Aide Lehang Nguyen and Vinh Diep (Dragon).

Photos submitted

Campbell, O'Brien begin new roles at SJC

Pamela Campbell, now the assistant vice chancellor for educational partnerships, and Dr. Catherine O'Brien, recently named the associate vice chancellor for learning, will begin their new college-wide roles this year, furthering San Jacinto College's strategic goals of student success, the P-16 pipeline, workforce and economic development, and continued employee enrichment.

"You need a champion," said Campbell. "If you don't have a champion, it's not going to work. I can do this," she said confidently about taking on her position. Formerly the director of dual credit enrollment and the liaison for Clear Horizons Early College High School at the South campus, Campbell has worked with high school students in helping them transition into college-level courses.

In her new role as assistant vice chancellor for educational partnerships, she will now work with several four-year state universities to ensure a seamless transition for San Jacinto College students into their selected degree programs.

"This is my dream job," she said smiling. "It's something that I'm very passionate about. There are just so many unanswered questions when it comes to educational transitions."

Along with developing relationships with state universities, she will also be working the P-16 council at San Jacinto College. As one of the college's strategic goals, the P-16 (preschool, K-12, and post-secondary education) pipeline is a venture that works to ensure student success throughout all their academic institutions.

A partner in the Houston Pathways Initiative, a grant-funded data system used to track students' academic progress across all education levels, San Jacinto College is committed to providing quality education and service to its students.

As she continued to pack her South campus office, she stumbled upon a folder full of letters, cards, and e-mails from former students thanking her for helping them along their academic path that led to whatever career



Dr. Catherine O'Brien, associate vice chancellor for learning (left), and Pam Campbell, assistant vice chancellor for educational partnerships (right), begin their new college-wide roles this year, furthering San Jacinto's commitment to student success.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez, San Jacinto College marketing department

they now have. Having begun as a math teacher at the college 22 years ago, her impact is one that stays with students past and present.

"I'll miss the relationships with students," Campbell said. "When you're a teacher, it's in your blood."

Next to the folder was a box with a small stack of old papers folded together. With her same smile she took out the papers, explaining that they were homework assignments and tests from her summer spent at the National Science Foundation Summer Math Institute at Southern Methodist University in 1969.

She returned the next summer in 1970 as a counselor and math tutor. That summer she knew she wanted to be a teacher. "It may be strange to hold on to stuff like this, but to me it's a tangible memo-

ry. This was a life-changing event for me. So I may not be in the classroom teaching math anymore, but I'm teaching College 101 now."

Dr. Catherine O'Brien, now the associate vice chancellor for learning, is no stranger to the pace of everyday life at San Jacinto College.

Formerly serving as the dean of teaching and learning, she has experience overseeing curriculum planning and requirements, articulation agreements with four-year state universities, and other state education programs.

In her new role, O'Brien will continue working with state initiatives like the P-16 strategy, the K-16 Bridge, and the Houston Pathways Initiative, but other primary duties will be to ensure that all three San Jacinto College

campuses have streamlined quality academic and technical curriculums, and that as much of the administrative process is taken care of in order to allow faculty to focus their time on teaching.

"It's like the president said - everybody needs post-secondary education," said O'Brien. "Our job is to help students understand that whether they are in the military or getting out of the military, already in community college, or just getting technical training, you need more education beyond high school."

As part of her role in helping faculty devote more of their time to teaching, the college has instituted program reviews, which will be facilitated by O'Brien. These program reviews allow faculty and department heads to look at their own data that they've acquired and enable them to make better decisions that will improve teaching and learning.

"In education, we have what we like to call the CASE model; capture and steal everything," she laughed. "Education is about relationships. We like to meet new people,

get new ideas, and take a look at everything and see what works, what makes it easier for students to engage and participate in their own educational experience."

Given O'Brien's history, it's not surprising that she is a natural fit for this new position. Having seen firsthand how far technology and society have come, yet how much further there still is to go, she reveals her passion on ensuring that everyone has a chance at education, therefore opening up endless opportunities for their future.

"I was a Sputnik kid. I remember JFK on the television telling the American people that we were going into space. I remember seeing the monkey go up there and I thought that was the most amazing thing. Ever since, I've never missed a shuttle launch; I just think they're so neat!" she said. "I also remember getting my master's in marine microbiology and being looked at differently because I was a woman. Back then, we had to fight to be able to do what we wanted, even while getting our education. I remember one day after class, there was a group of guys standing around talking about collecting water samples offshore, but we would all have to go out on the boat. They looked at me and said, 'Well, we don't know if the captain will let you aboard the ship,' and I stared right back at them and said, 'Gentlemen, it's 1977. I'll see you all at the dock at 5 a.m.'"

O'Brien looks to open doors to a new generation the same way doors were opened for her. "While we've come so far, there are still battles to be fought. I want to help open the same doors that were open to me, but this time for minorities, especially young minority women. There are so many bright futures out there, and all they need is a chance to see that education is available. Education will enable you to do anything you want to do. You just have to start. We want students to dream their dreams, and we will do whatever we can to make that happen," said O'Brien.

These two administrators have students' interest first and foremost in their hearts. Campbell and O'Brien will keep moving forward to ensure that all students are successful in their education and career goals, whether they are stepping into their campus for the first time, or leaving the college with the quality foundation they'll need for their next chapter.

Clear Brook High School Choir invited to perform at Bay Area Chorus concert

Bay Area Chorus of Greater Houston and Musical Director Keith Dixon announce the next concert of the 2010-2011 season, *Flights of Fancy*. The Feb. 27 performance will be held at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 Main Street in Houston.

Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and \$12 for students and seniors over 65. Tickets may be purchased at www.bayareachorus.org or from any member. *Angels and Demons* featuring a choral repertoire spanning 300 years. The enduring

influence of angels is portrayed in works by Zoltan Kodaly, Felix Mendelssohn and Einojuhani Rautavaara, and the Bay Area Mixed Chorus performance of Joshua Shanks' contemporary setting of *Gabriel's Message*. The Bay Area Women's Chorus provides a spellbinding, theatrical visit to the land of dark spirits with *Aglepta*

by Arne Mellnäs. Featured guest choirs for Feb. 27 are the St. Paul's Choral Scholars, the award-winning Spring Oaks Middle School Varsity Choir and the Memorial Middle School Advanced Girls Choir, selected by audition to perform at the 2011 Texas Music Educators Association state convention.

Two choirs from the Clear Creek Independent School District will perform on Feb. 28: the Clear Creek High School Symphonic Chorus and the Clear Brook High School Company B.

Now in its 46th season, the all-volunteer Bay Area Chorus has grown to be a Houston area choral institution by earning a reputation for exhibiting the highest standard of musical excellence in performances throughout metropolitan Houston.

The chorus has collaborated with many noted choral conductors and musicians, including Alice Parker, Weston Noble, Nick Page, Barbara Johnson Tucker and Dr. Barbara Wesley Baker.

The Bay Area Women's Chorus has the honor of receiving an invitation to perform at the state convention of the Texas Choral Directors Association in San Antonio on July 30.

Moore names science fair winners



Winners of the Moore Elementary Science Fair are, left to right, Juliana Espinoza, Ashley Tsikis, Eli Donaho, Alina Herazo, Emmy Nguyen and Sam Donaho. All six students will go on to compete at the Pasadena Independent School District Science Fair this spring.

Photo submitted

Pre-K celebrates Chinese New Year



Pre-K students at Meador Elementary celebrated the Chinese New Year with a parade. They talked about the Chinese New Year in the classroom, read books about it and studied their traditions. They also decorated the hall, and the parade was for all the other grade levels at Meador who lined the hall. Pre-K students pictured are, left to right, Valerie Ly, Sienna Le, Ryan Le, Sang Lam and Casey Ly.

Photo submitted

Women's History Month display set

Women's History Month Display will be on exhibit Feb. 28 through March 31, all day in the Bayou Building, Atrium II Level 2, at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Now observed nationally, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in 1987, and a special presidential proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

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Musical 'Feaste' of songs and sweets at San Jacinto College South campus

The choral department at San Jacinto College South recently hosted the *Feaste of Sweets*. The Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building atrium provided a warm, inviting atmosphere for guests, complete with set tables and a performing area for the choir.

Guests were treated to table service and an array of homemade desserts from choir members, which were a big hit with everyone attending.

Some of the musical selections performed included renditions of Bruno Mars' *Marry You* by the small vocal ensemble, Sara Bareilles' *Between the Lines* by Courtney Conerly, and Elvis' *That's All Right* by Brandon Philbrick.

It was an evening filled with great performances and delicious desserts for all who came out.

Proceeds from the event will be used for the group's upcoming trip to New York for their Carnegie Hall performance set for May 29, 2011.

For more information on South campus arts events or donation opportunities, call 281-484-1900.



Courtney Conerly, small vocal ensemble, serves guests Martin Coppersmith (left) and Lisa Morfin (right) her version of "dessert sushi" made with Rice Krispies. Photo by Andrea Vasquez, San Jacinto College marketing department

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Boys' basketball playoffs Horns again draw P.A. Memorial; Brook must face Lake for fourth

The varsity boys' basketball playoff field is set — well, almost. Dobie, which defeated Deer Park 55-45 in the District 22-5A finale Feb. 15 to secure second place in the final standings, will take on Port Arthur Memorial in the bidistrict round either Feb. 20 or Feb. 21. Negotiations on the de-

tails for the game dragged past the *Leader* press deadline.

The one sure thing? Dobie and Port Arthur Memorial are meeting for the third straight season to open the playoffs, with Dobie winning two of those.

Longhorns' head coach Kevin Cross, having guided his team to an 8-2 finish in the district and a 20-win season, said he is ready for the playoffs.

"We are looking forward to the playoffs," Cross said. "We have reached a lot of our goals this year, and now we start on the most important phase — making a run in the playoffs."

South Houston finished first in 22-5A and will face La Porte. District 21-5A champion Channelview will take on Deer Park, while Baytown Sterling of 21-5A will play Pasadena Memorial.

Things are not as squared away in District 24-5A.

Clear Brook ended the regular season with a 66-54 record. **Continued on Page 6B**



In a back-and-forth bidistrict varsity girls basketball playoff game, Dobie stood tall in the end, holding off La Porte 62-61 at San Jacinto College Central Feb. 14. On this play, Dobie's Darrian Price (10) goes against La Porte's Caleah Kennedy (33) and the Lady Longhorns' Shanequa Gaston (22) is guarded by La Porte's Elise Rodriguez. Dobie won the game on a free throw by Gaston with two seconds remaining in regulation.

Girls' bidistrict hoops Lady Horns survive LP

It wasn't a thing of beauty, but the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team's val-

In the end, Gaston made the big shot as Dobie advanced to the area round for

the second straight season. The Lady Longhorns will take on Elkins, a 65-55 winner over Clear Creek in the first round, in a huge area-round game Feb. 18.

Dobie will be looking to avoid what occurred last season in the area round as Clear Lake used a 21-1 run in the opening minutes en route to an easy win.

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Area playoff round

Dobie vs. Elkins
Thursday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m.
Clear Brook High School

Fourth place play-in

Brook vs. Lake
Friday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.
Clear Creek High School

Bidistrict playoff

Brook/Lake vs. Travis
Monday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m.
Dawson High School

Bidistrict playoff

Dobie vs. P.A. Memorial
Game details decided Feb. 16, after press time

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Brook, Napoli blank Friendswood in season opener 2-0

In what is supposed to be a rebuilding year for the Clear Brook varsity softball team, the Lady Wolverines are still unbeaten after blanking Friendswood 2-0 Feb. 15 at Clear Brook.

Freshman Laura Napoli made a successful debut in the circle, going the distance for the victory.

Clear Brook missed out on a couple of scoring chances earlier in the game

but plated a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take the win.

Clear Brook will now head to the Bryan/College Station tournament for a 60-team tournament Feb. 17-19.

For now, the team has to have plenty of confidence after Napoli's effort and the late scoring to win.

We really needed that win," Clear Brook head

coach Ashley Pillow said. "With such a young group on the field, they need to feel what it's like to win,

and they need to learn how to win those types of games that we should win."

Despite the win, the Lady



Clear Brook second baseman Alexa Anzaldúa fires off first base for a putout during the Lady Wolverines' season-opening 2-0 win over Friendswood Feb. 15.

Dobie's comeback drops Kingwood

Ceci Gonzalez drove in Joanna Gutierrez with the winning run in the eighth inning as Dobie came from behind to defeat Kingwood 5-4 in the varsity girls' softball opener for both teams Feb. 14 at the Pasadena ISD sports complex.

Shannon O'Connor, Dobie's third-year starting pitcher, earned the win as she delivered nine strikeouts in the victory.

Shelby O'Brien was also a hero for Dobie, tripling

to score Kellen Gomez and Amie Gallant in the bottom of the seventh inning, erasing Kingwood's 3-1 lead.

Kingwood held leads of 2-0, 3-1 and 4-3 in the game, but could not hang onto them as the Lady Longhorns mounted rallies.

The two teams used the international tie-breaking system, beginning the top of the eighth inning with a Kingwood runner at second base.

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Lady Lions' 8 Light caps perfect 12-0 hoops run



Thompson Intermediate's eighth-grade girls' Light basketball team wrapped up a perfect 12-0 season after defeating Miller 39-25 in the championship game of the Pasadena Independent School District tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Racquel Delgado, Valerie Colunga, Carli

Blue, (middle row) Tia Joseph, Deneil Bell, Patrice Jackson, Emily Wolfe, coach Nicole Cannon, (back row) Oasis Wilson, Maria Mejia, Jessica Jones and Sarahi Gomez. Not pictured are Savannah Schneider and Amina Davis.

Lady Lions' 8 Light girls unbeaten

Victory over Miller the clincher in a memorable season

The Thompson Intermediate eighth-grade girls' Light team defeated the Miller Falcons 39-25 in the Pasadena Independent School District tournament championship game, capping off an incredible 12-0 season.

Despite Miller's best ef-

orts to contain the Lions, patience on the offensive end and stingy defense were the keys to victory for the locals.

The Lady Lions got a big game from Patrice Jackson, who scored a season-high 10 points.

Sending multiple defenders to guard Thompson leading scorer Emily Wolfe, the Falcons still had few answers for her, as Wolfe scored a game-high 20 points.

Tia Joseph, Jessica Jones and Sarah Gomez were key on the defensive end, while Valerie Colunga, Carli Blue,

and Wolfe were able to contain the Falcons' best player much of the way.

Other members of the Lady Lions' PISD girls' championship team include Savannah Schneider, Racquel Delgado, Amina Davis, Maria Mejia, Deneil Bell and Oasis Wilson.

Wolverines still have some work to do offensively.

In the second inning, Clear Brook had runners at second and third with no outs and did not score after a strikeout and a double play lineup.

"I'm still not at all comfortable with our hitting, so we have to improve there," Pillow said.

SBHLL parade is March 5

A parade celebrating the start of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League and South Belt Girls Softball Association seasons will be held Saturday, March 5, at 10 a.m.

The parade will begin at Weber Elementary and end at El Franco Lee Park. For details, visit www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

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Sports Calendar

SOCCER

Thursday, Feb. 17

Dobie JV (B) girls host Deer Park, Dobie, 4:00

Friday, Feb. 18

Brook varsity boys at Pearland, 7:00
Brook JV boys at Pearland, 5:00

Saturday, Feb. 19

Dobie varsity boys vs. Rayburn, Newcomb, noon
Dobie varsity girls vs. Rayburn, Newcomb, 2:00
Dobie JV Orange vs. Rayburn, Auxiliary, 2:00
Dobie JV girls vs. Rayburn, Auxiliary, noon
Dobie JV boys white vs. Rayburn, Auxiliary, 10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 21

Dobie varsity boys vs. South Houston, Newcomb, 7:00
Dobie JV Orange boys vs. S. Houston, Auxiliary, 5:00

Tuesday, Feb. 22

Brook varsity girls host Dickinson, 7:00
Brook varsity boys at Dickinson, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls vs. South Houston, Newcomb, 5:00
Brook JV girls host Dickinson, 5:00
Brook JV boys at Dickinson, 5:00
Dobie JV girls vs. South Houston, Auxiliary, 7:00

Thursday, Feb. 24

Dobie JV White boys hosts South Houston, Dobie, 4:00
Dobie JV (B) girls at Deer Park, 4:00

Friday, Feb. 25

Brook varsity girls host Alvin, 7:00
Brook varsity boys at Alvin, 7:00
Brook JV girls host Alvin, 5:00
Brook JV boys at Alvin, 5:00

Saturday, Feb. 26

Dobie varsity girls host Deer Park, Newcomb, 10 a.m.
Dobie JV White hosts North Shore, Dobie, 10 a.m.
Dobie JV (A) girls host Deer Park, Auxiliary, 10 a.m.

SOFTBALL

Thursday, Feb. 17

Dobie varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA

Friday, Feb. 18

San Jacinto College at McLennan tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA

Saturday, Feb. 19

San Jacinto College at McLennan tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Feb. 22

Dobie varsity at Brazoswood, 6:30
Brook varsity hosts Deer Park, 6:30
Dobie JV at Brazoswood, 5:00
Brook JV hosts Deer Park, 5:00

Pitching, defense lead San Jacinto College softball's early 6-1 start

The mix isn't perfect just yet, but the San Jacinto College women's softball team has so far created a recipe for winning that could become a fan favorite all season.

The team ran its record to 6-1 overall with a 1-0, 5-2 sweep of McLennan Feb. 11, at Coyote Field on the South campus.

Freshman pitcher Alexis Estrada got the win in the opener, going 6 1/3 innings. With one out and a runner on first base, San Jacin-

Nguyen, Navy win 3 games

Amanda Nguyen enjoyed a sparkling debut to her collegiate women's softball career, leading Navy to three wins in four games in Houston.

Nguyen, a 2010 Dobie High School graduate, collected eight hits over the four games, posting a .571 batting average to open the season.

Nguyen also stole five bases, scored four runs and drove in a pair of runs as Navy began the season with a 3-1 record for the first time since 2003.

Navy lost its season opener, 8-0, to Houston Baptist, but then followed with a 13-5 victory over HBU in the second game of a doubleheader Feb. 12.

On Feb. 13, Navy downed HBU 1-0, then completed its swing through the Houston area with a 9-0 win over Texas Southern.

to head coach Kelly Saenz turned to fellow freshman Shannon Millman in relief.

Two pitches later, San Jacinto closed out the 1-0 win as Millman coaxed a 5-4-3 double play ball to end the

game.

In the second game, Millman went the distance, getting the win after trailing 2-0 at one point. San Jacinto's four-run fourth inning, aided by a couple of

McLennan throwing errors, was the key.

Defensively, San Jacinto also turned a double play in the second game to help

quell a possible McLennan uprising.

Despite the six wins in seven games, San Jacinto has yet to break through offensively in a big way. Instead, the team is getting enough timely hits to be able to score enough runs to win.

The pitching has been the key, with Estrada and Millman leading the way.

"Our pitching has been able to keep us in the games

and give us a chance to win," Saenz said.

"Obviously we would like to be able to get a few more runs on the board, but it'll come.

"We need to make some adjustments offensively, but we have been pitching really well. Hopefully it will continue for us."

San Jacinto is headed to the McLennan tournament Feb. 18-19, and the team will then play at the Temple tournament Feb. 25-26.

After that, the Coyotes will make a trip to Florida for a tournament.

Then comes the majority of the Region XIV schedule.

Lakers' 7-8 basketball outlasts S.B. Warriors

Two South Belt area teams battled for supremacy in Pasadena Recreation Department's 7-8-year-old basketball action, with the Lakers taking a 26-14 victory over the Warriors.

The Lakers started quickly, putting together an 11-2 lead after the first quarter.

The Warriors then got their hot outside shooting going, closing the gap to 15-12 in favor of the Lakers by halftime.

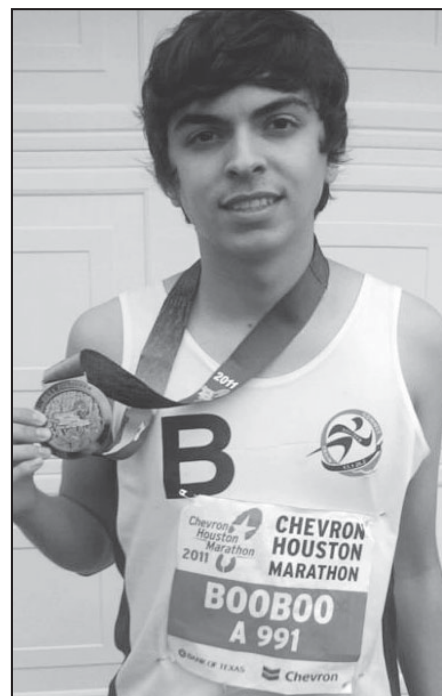
The Lakers led by six points entering the fourth

quarter and hung on for the victory to gain the edge in the neighborhood.

Scoring for the Lakers was Christian Cleaveley with 10 points, Marquis Scott with nine points, Kobe Ruiz with three points, and Dwayne Jones and Stacy LaGrone with two points apiece.

Defensively Robert Ernest, Miguel Smiley, Jayden Forges, Marco Sanchez and Tayvion Taylor did an excellent job for the Lakers in the win.

Owen runs marathon



South Belt area resident Chase Owen completed the Chevron Houston Marathon, making his way over the grueling 26.2-mile course. Currently a junior attending Clear Horizons Early College High School, Owen's passion for running is long-lasting. He usually competes in 5K and 10K events but also completed the Surfside Half Marathon last year in near-freezing conditions. Despite his heavy course load at Clear Horizons, Owen is also a teen volunteer at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and has been accepted as a high school intern under Jeffrey Weinberg, MD., in the Department of Neurosurgery at M.D. Anderson.

Amaya wins, again



David Amaya, a fourth-grade student at South Belt Elementary, won top honors at the Pasadena Independent School District's Big Shootout basketball skills competition for the second straight year.

PISD Quick Start tennis set

The Pasadena Independent School District is slated to begin its Scoop It Up Quick Start youth tennis program across the area.

Students attending the second through sixth grades are eligible to take part in the program.

The program, designed to help get the district's young students involved in the game of tennis at an ear-

ly age, will be taught by a variety of qualified instructors at each of the district's five high schools as well as Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Students may pick up an entry form from their physical education instructor at school. Cost of the program is \$25, which includes a racket, T-shirt and water bottle along with the lessons.

Student pick-up packet date is Saturday, April 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Phillips Field House in Pasadena.

The lesson dates include April 3, April 10, April 17 and May 1. Each of the lessons will run from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

For additional information, call Joey Pena at 832-788-4040.

Thompson's 8th Dark basketball posts 13-2 overall mark



Thompson's eighth-grade Dark team put together a 13-2 overall record this season, winning the Pasadena Independent School District regular season championship at 9-0. The team also won first place in the PISD Dark team tournament to close out the season. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Keyaudre

Conaway, Rashaad Randall, Jacob Lara, Keion Patterson, Zach Blue, Jared Wilson, Socrates Guzman, Ashton Craven, (back row) Daniel Carter, Xavier Dotson, Xavier Brown, Austin Perkins, Josh Alix, Jimmy Nevarez and coach Robert Boyes.

Lions' 8th Light hoops delivers 15-1 record



The Thompson Intermediate eighth-grade boys' Light basketball team went 15-1 overall and won the Pasadena Independent School District's regular-season championship with a perfect 9-0 record. The team also won the San Jacinto Invitational Silver Championship, and went on to take top honors in the

PISD eighth-grade Light tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Cedric Horton, Anthony Cantu, John Rico, Ryan Williams, David Casas, Isaiiah Hammons, Jonathan Shaw, (back row) D'Andre Jackson, Jarvis Lester, Xavier Rodriguez, Geron Hall, Ty Lozano and coach Robert Boyes.

Thompson Lions' 7th Dark hoops goes 14-2 overall



Thompson Intermediate's seventh-grade boys' Dark basketball team compiled a 14-2 record during the Pasadena Independent School District season. The team placed first at the PISD tournament, took second in the final regular-season standings and captured third place at the San Jacinto Invitational tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Isaiiah Brooks, Darius

Hypolite, Deandre Childs, Travores Gilbert, Derek Leonard, Jeremiah Franklin, (middle row) Oliver Fransisco, Chazz Williams, Reeno Green, Craig Willes, Miguel Lopez, AJ Owens, Jose Leal, (back row) coach Glen Russell, Adrian Flores, Ty Williams, BJ Ervin, DJ Hamilton and Jesse Paredes.

Lions' 7th boys' Light basketball is 13-3



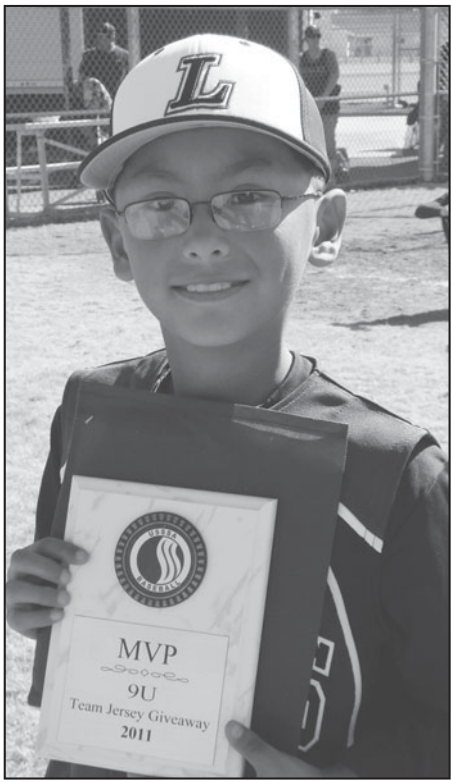
Thompson Intermediate's seventh-grade boys' Light basketball team completed the Pasadena Independent School District season with a 13-3 overall record. The team was second in the regular-season standings and also placed second in the PISD Light team tournament. The Lions took third place at the

San Jacinto Invitational tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Kaelon Woods, Tyson Thompson, Tyler Giron, Malik Peters, Jaylon Bolden (back row) coach Glen Russell, Chandler Tisby, Kenneth Gibson, Jason Lester, Kameron Dolford and Samuel Hart.

Legends 9U wins tourney; Garza takes MVP honors

At right, Daniel Garza of the Legends 9-under select baseball team showed off his plaque after winning Most Valuable Player honors at the United States Specialty Sports Association Team Jerseys Giveaway tournament at the Deepwater facility in Pasadena. Garza helped the Legends to the season-opening championship with a 3-1 victory over the Deer Park Bombs.

Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Adam Rodriguez, Joseph Mohammadi, Kacey McCoy, Jonathan Marroquin, Dylan White, (middle row) Rex Thompson, Alex Rodriguez, Gage Parham, Zachary Zamora, Christopher Thomas, Daniel Garza, (back row) coaches Jeff White and Danny Garza.



Wolverine swimmers excel at regional competition



The Clear Brook High School swimming and diving team sent a large contingent of athletes to the regional meet. Those in attendance included, left to right, (front row) Abby Monteith, Monica Pruet, Danielle Dolifka, Mady Walker, Taylor Karnilaw, (back row) Vashaad Fincher, Jacob Arend, Patrick LaBrode, Brandon

Steinkuehler, Chris Lunney, Christa Walker, Nick Clemmer, Kayla Cotter and Brie Braaten. Not pictured is Ana Robb. LaBrode will represent the school at the state meet Feb. 18-19 in Austin as he competes in the 500-yard freestyle event.

Clear Brook aquatics wraps up great season

LaBrode to state 500

The Clear Brook High School aquatics program topped the 2010-2011 season with a great effort at the District 24-5A and regional meets.

The Wolverines began the postseason with second-place finishes for both the boys' and girls' teams at the Pearl and Highland High School Natatorium.

Along the way, six boys and nine girls qualified for the regional championships. Patrick LaBrode was named the boys' Swimmer of the Meet, and Wolverines' coach Mandy Newton was named boys' Coach of the Year.

LaBrode, Chris Lunney and Brandon Steinkuehler

were double winners for the boys, finishing first in two individual events each.

Nick Clemmer, Vashaad Fincher, Lunney and Steinkuehler combined to win the 200-yard freestyle relay, and Jacob Arend, Fincher, LaBrode and Lunney combined to win the 400 free relay.

On the girls side, Monica Pruet was a double winner. After the district meet performance, everyone was looking forward to the Class 5A Region VI meet at the Don Cook Natatorium in Sugar Land.

The Wolverines did turn in some fine performances at regionals, but the going was definitely tougher than

at the District meet.

Each of the Clear Brook individual swimmers and relays advanced to the finals, but only three swimmers and one relay came away with medals, and just one swimmer, LaBrode, qualified for the state meet.

Medaling for the team was Pruet (third in the 200 individual medley and second in the 100 breaststroke), LaBrode (second in the 200 freestyle and first in the 500 freestyle), Steinkuehler (second in both the 200 in-

dividual medley and the 100 breaststroke), and the team of Arend, Steinkuehler, LaBrode and Lunney (third in the boys' 400-freestyle relay).

LaBrode's first-place finish in the 500 freestyle made him the lone qualifier for the state meet Feb. 18-19 in Austin.

Overall, the boys' team finished fifth, and the girls' team finished seventh.

Even though the team had a tough time at the Regional meet, Newton was

more than pleased with the way the Wolverines competed.

"I am extremely proud with how well our kids did," Newton said. "They pushed harder and swam faster than I had expected them to."

"Their times blew me away. I was also very proud of how they adapted to all the changes in scheduling and how well they still performed. I could not have asked for a better ending to our season. They were awesome."

Local sports news, notes

Rising Stars track sign up

The Rising Stars youth track and field club is now accepting registration each Saturday through the end of February. Dates will include Feb. 19 and Feb. 26, both from noon to 2 p.m. Practices will also be held in conjunction with the registration sessions. Other pre-season practice sessions will include each Friday from 4:30 p.m. until dark and each Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information about the Rising Stars' program, contact head coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248, assistant coach Erica Davis at 832-830-5029 or assistant coach Donald Walker at 832-283-7945. Those interested in other team information may also visit the team website at www.sportata.com/risingstars.

9U-12U select baseball tryouts

The Nightmare Amateur Sports 9-12-under select baseball program will host tryouts for team this month. The team will compete in the United States Specialty Sports Association, Nations, Amateur Athletic Union, open division and Global Sports tournaments. The team will have a partial sponsorship, which will keep player tournament fees low. To set an appointment for a tryout, contact coach Terrance Small at 832-212-3543.

Meador student excels at BSO



Geronimo Arce, a third-grade student at Meador Elementary, placed second in the Pasadena Independent School District's Big Shootout competition Feb. 7, at Phillips Field House in Pasadena. With Arce is Meador physical education instructor Cathy Taylor.

Moore honors Big Shootout winners



The Moore Elementary physical education department recognized its Big Shootout winners who eventually went on to compete in the Pasadena Independent School District event at Phillips Field House. Those who represented Moore included, left to right, Ana Hickman, Ashley Rodriguez, Elijah Dorsey and Eli Donaho. Rodriguez was later crowned the third-grade girls' champion at the districtwide competition.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 17

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, FEB. 18

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

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

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

Bay Area Bluegrass Association - Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, May and December are exceptions. The stage show begins at 7 p.m., but pickers are welcome to bring their instruments and come earlier. Admission is free. The show is held at the Johnny Aroff Civic Center, 300 Walker in League City. For more information, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.

SUNDAY, FEB. 20

Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.

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

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

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.

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.

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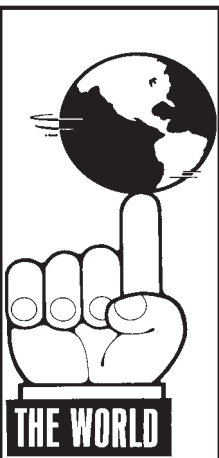
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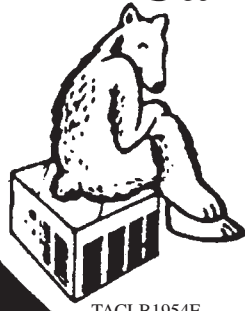
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Clear Brook baseball's Phu chooses Alvin C.C.



Clear Brook senior right-hander Andrew Phu (seated) will continue his education and playing career at Alvin Community College this fall after signing a letter of intent with the Dolphins. Those at the signing included, left to right, (standing) Chandra Phu (sister), Hanh Phu (mother), Michele Staley (Brook principal), Gene Flores (Brook head varsity baseball coach), Justin Phu (brother) and Hung Phu (father).

Varsity girls' basketball playoffs

Lady Longhorns' to take on talented Elkins in area

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It won't be any easier this time against District 23-5A champion Elkins, but Dobie head coach Shane Brown said his team has planned as well as possible.

"Elkins is going to make their runs, they're simply good enough to do it," Brown said. "But the key for us is to limit those runs and to then be able to counterattack with runs of our own."

"Playoff basketball is all about momentum swings. Last year we got caught up in Lake's early momentum. This time around, we are looking for a different outcome."

The Dobie-Elkins winner will likely face North Shore in the regional quarterfinals. But for now, the focus is on winning this game. Dobie has yet to make its way to the third round of the post-season under Brown.

Elkins will be favored in the game, but Brown knows anything can happen in a one-game scenario. The Lady Knights are led by Donnie Lee Breaux, a University of Kansas signee. Elkins also got great play from Breanna Barnett and K'Vonna Johnson in its win over Clear Creek.

"They are as athletic and as quick as the day is long," Brown said of Elkins.

"Breaux is one of the best individual players we have seen this season. Barnett has a strong body down low, and Johnson is a freshman sniper (shooter).

"The big thing for us is to come out as focused as possible and execute our game plan. When you make it to the area round, everybody left is good. Of course we can win, but we have to play our game to do so."

Dobie edges La Porte
For the second time this

season, Dobie edged La Porte in the closing seconds – this time to end the Lady Bulldogs' season.

Dobie scored first as Jazmin Guerrero nailed a 3-pointer, but La Porte systematically reeled off the next 12 points to take a big lead.

Dobie then came back to get within a basket after one quarter, and led by three points at halftime.

In the second half, neither team led by more than five points.

"The La Porte game was just a fun game to be a part of as players and as coaches," Brown said. It was a battle, and it was played in front of a great crowd. That's what playoff basketball is supposed to be about. I told our players they would remember that game for a long, long time."

As for La Porte's early run, Brown said the Lady Longhorns got in a hurry, trying to deliver a knockout blow in the opening minutes instead of settling into the action.

But as the game continued, neither team could get much distance from the other.

The referees made a pair of foul calls that needed to be made in the closing seconds, and Dobie was able to make a free throw to win.

"Calling a foul on a 3-pointer with 10 seconds to go was gutsy, but probably the right call," Brown said.

"But it was also a good foul call on Shanequa with two seconds left."

"La Porte's freshman (Rodriguez) made two free throws to tie the game, but then Shanequa showed a lot of poise to be able to make a free throw after missing those other two. It was just a great game between a couple of great teams."



Dobie point guard Chelsea Rodriguez (left) defends La Porte's Tori Wise during the first half of the bidistrict girls' basketball playoff game between the two teams Feb. 14 at San Jacinto College's Central campus. The Lady Longhorns won the game 62-61 to advance in the playoffs.

Lady Horn softball defeats Kingwood 5-4

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The Mustangs plated that runner for a 4-3 edge, but the Lady Longhorns came back with a pair of runs in the bottom of the eighth for the win.

"We had a few hiccups in the infield with a pair of new starters there, but anytime you get a win to open the season, it's a good thing," Dobie head coach

Robin Rackley said.

Dobie will now play in the Bryan-College Station tournament Feb. 17-19.

Rackley said the Lady Longhorns will open against Lockhart and then will likely play Tomball later in the event.

Having seen a solid pitching performance from O'Connor, the team's third-year starter in the circle,

Rackley may also take a look at Katie Lee, a sophomore pitcher, as well as freshman pitcher Stephanie Buenestro.

"We're going to use our three tournaments to solidify our infield in the middle and to see how our pitching depth looks," Rackley said.

"In the outfield, we have three returning all-district players (Gallant, Gomez

and O'Brien). We're also pretty good at catcher (Ariel Morgan) and on the corners (Faith Roberts at third base and Jenna Medina at first base).

"Our offense is still pretty tough, so if we can tighten up on defense, we should be fine in a lot of games. It's always good to get that first win of the season, but obviously we want more."

Brook, Dobie boys take to playoff road

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victory over Dickinson to finish at 8-6 after a four-game winning streak.

However, Clear Lake and Brazoswood, two teams that entered the final night of the regular season tied at 7-6, also won.

With three teams tied at 8-6, the respective coaches used a strength of schedule tie-breaker to decide the playoff seeds.

Doing so, Brazoswood was awarded third place in the mix, leaving Clear Lake and Clear Brook to vie for

the fourth and finale playoff seed.

The Wolverines will take on Clear Lake Friday, Feb. 18, at Clear Creek High School. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

The winner will enter the playoffs Monday, Feb. 21, against the No. 1 ranked team in the Houston area – Travis.

That bidistrict playoff round game is set for 6:30 p.m. at Dawson High School.

Either Lake or Clear Brook might enter that

game with a bit of an advantage. Travis will reportedly be forced to play the bidistrict game without three of its top players.

According to sources, the three players were involved in an on-court fight among

themselves Feb. 15 during Travis' game against Fort Bend Austin.

Travis was forced to forfeit the game, and the players involved will be held out of the first-round playoff game per district policy.

District 24-5A Final Standings

Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Feb. 15)

Teams	W	L
Clear Creek	12	2
Clear Springs	12	2
Brazoswood	8	6
Clear Lake	8	6
Clear Brook	8	6
Pearland	6	8
Dickinson	1	13
Alvin	0	14

District 22-5A Final Standings

Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Feb. 15)

Teams	W	L
South Houston	9	1
Dobie	8	2
Memorial	6	4
Deer Park	4	6
Sam Rayburn	1	9
Pasadena	1	9

Feb. 15 basketball results

Dobie boys 54, Deer Park 45
Brook boys 66, Dickinson 54

Feb. 11 basketball results

South Houston boys 52, Dobie 49
Clear Brook boys 47, Pearland 44

Brook, Dobie soccer teams battle district foes

The Dobie varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams have both gotten away to 2-0 starts in District 22-5A action, and the Clear Brook teams are holding their own in 24-5A.

Dobie girls win pair

There is still a long way to go in the District 22-5A race, but thus far, the Lady Longhorns have taken care of their business.

The team opened league play with a 1-0 victory over Pasadena. Dobie played the game shorthanded as several starters missed the game for a variety of reasons.

Dobie head coach Kristina Butler said Pasadena played very well defensively and was able to keep things close.

Luckily for the locals, Karen Treto was able to net the game's only goal after a corner kick by Brittany Hernandez.

In the victory over Memorial, Dobie got on the scoreboard as Hernandez scored on a direct kick.

Later in the game, freshman Alyssa Williams scored off a rebound after Niki Vigil blasted a shot into the body of the Memorial keeper.

Down 2-1, Memorial made several charges late in the game in an attempt to tie the game, but the Lady Longhorns came through with a great effort.

Treto and Tanya Palomares did a great job of controlling the midfield, and defenders Monika Rivera, Hernandez, Kendall Sifuentes and Marlen Narvaez performed exceptionally well against the Memorial front line.

Dobie sophomore goalkeeper Jackie Baade earned both of the wins in the nets.

The Lady Longhorns have another couple of tough games coming against the likes of Sam Rayburn and Deer Park, but so far, the young team has excelled.

"I feel as though we played to our potential against Memorial," Butler said. "I couldn't be any prouder of the girls. They

fought hard for the win."

Brook boys down Lake

Coming into the season, the Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer team listed one of its goals as beating Clear Lake. Well, the first part of that goal has been accomplished, and a second-round meeting between the two teams later this season could be for a playoff berth.

Clear Brook's 3-2 victory over the Falcons Feb. 15 at Clear Lake kept the Wolverines from falling into a little bit of a hole.

At 2-2-1 with first-round games to come against a very good Pearland team as well as 24-5A leader Dickinson, the Wolverines still have some work to do.

Against Clear Lake, the Wolverines found themselves in a 0-0 tie at half-time but bounced back in the final 40 minutes with a great effort.

"We played very well in our win against Lake," Brook head coach Chris Stromeyer said.

"We just came out ready to play in the second half. The goals were scored by Drew Anderson and Jake Stercula, with Colt Holmsomback adding two assists.

"We played the last 10 minutes of the game with only 10 men because one of my players received a red card, but we held on."

With seven points, Clear Brook is tied for fourth with Clear Creek but trails Dickinson by just six points.

The Wolverines host Pearland Feb. 18, then takes on Dickinson at Sam Vitanza Stadium in Dickinson to end the first half of district play Feb. 22.

Brook girls now 2-3

Brittany Wade had two goals and Victoria Sample assisted on each of Clear Lake's goals as the Lady Falcons held off Clear Brook 3-2 in a big District 22-5A matchup Feb. 15.

Clear Lake scored first and was able to hold an advantage throughout much of the game.

With games against Pearland and Dickinson re-



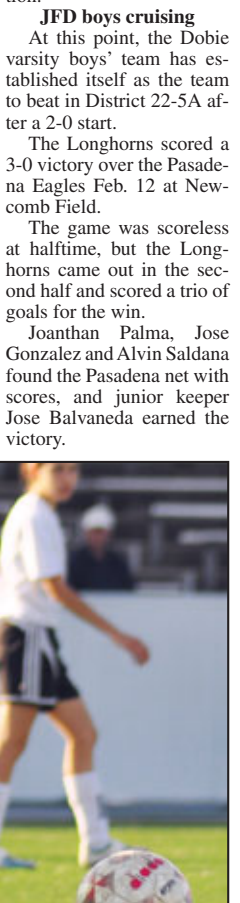
Dobie sophomore forward Niki Vigil (11) takes a shot on goal against Memorial Feb. 15 during the Lady Longhorns' 2-1 win at Newcomb Field. On the same play, Dobie's Alyssa Williams fielded the rebound and fired in a goal for a Dobie lead.

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Clear Brook defender Bethany Oetting (left) fights for control of the ball against Clear Lake's Rachel Smith in the first half of Clear Lake's 3-2 victory Feb. 15 at Clear Brook.

Photo by John Bechtle



Despite a four-game winning streak to close out the regular season, Clear Brook and forward Fred Richardson (30) still must beat Clear Lake once more to qualify for the postseason.

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The 2011 varsity baseball season will begin Monday, Feb. 21, as both the Dobie and Clear Brook varsity teams will be in action.

Dobie is set to open the regular season against the Friendswood Mustangs. The game is set for Feb. 21, at Maguire Field in Pasadena. Game time is 6 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Wolverines will start the regular season Feb. 21, at Morton

Ranch. The first pitch is at 6 p.m.

Following the season openers, both teams will play in tournament action Feb. 24-26.

Dobie is part of the field at the Humble ISD varsity tournament, while Clear Brook is headed to the La Porte ISD tournament. For more tournament details, see the Feb. 24 issue of the Leader.

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