

## Valentine Love Lines

Valentine Love Lines to be printed in the Feb. 10 edition of the *Leader* are available for \$10 for 25 words. Decorative larger ads will also be available. Ads must be received by noon Tuesday, Feb. 8. For a decorative ad with artwork, call the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 for rates.

## Dobie band sells BBQ

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will host its annual barbecue and silent auction fundraiser on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Entertainment will be provided by the Dobie bands. Silent auction items will be available. Tickets are on sale for \$7 each and can be purchased from any band student. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

## Valentine dance set

The Dobie Project Graduation 2011 Committee will sell tickets to the Feb. 11 Valentine Dance, to be held at Frazier Elementary, during all lunches for \$10 a ticket. All proceeds from the dance will go toward the June 3 Project Graduation event at Dobie.

## 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 Trevisio Restaurant & Ballroom. For information and/or tickets sales, visit [www.jfdobie91reunion.com/](http://www.jfdobie91reunion.com/) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/dobieclassof91reunion](http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/dobieclassof91reunion).

## GAT 8th-grade dance set

The Thompson Eighth-Grade Dance will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Hobby Hilton. Tickets are \$30, and students can purchase them during lunch. Students will also be allowed to make installment payments, if necessary; first payment of \$15 due by Feb. 4, and the last payment of \$15 is due by March 11. For more information, call Anna Flores at 281-221-5602.

## Dobie cheer clinic Feb. 12

The Dobie Cheer Clinic is Saturday, Feb. 12, beginning at 9 a.m. with a show-off for parents. Participants should register at 8:30 a.m. in the gym. The clinic is for ages 3-14. Participants receive a clinic shirt and snack. Cost is \$25 at the door or \$20 for early registration. For information, contact Carolyn Johnson at [cj4s@aol.com](mailto:cj4s@aol.com) or 832-665-8376.

## GAT dance meetings set

Thompson's Eighth-Grade Dance Committee will meet at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on these days: Feb. 15, March 8, March 22, April 12, May 3 and May 10. For information, call Anna Flores at 281-221-5602.

## SJC South choir performs

The San Jacinto College South choral department will host the *Feasts of Sweeties* on Feb. 4-5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building at the South campus. (For more information see Page 6A.)

## Atkinson PTO scholarships

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 information are available at the Dobie senior counselor's office. The application must be received by Feb. 25, 2011, at noon in order to be considered.

## Valentine balloons at GAT

The Thompson Eighth-Grade Dance Committee will sell Valentine balloons for \$1 during lunch. Balloons will be delivered to the recipients Mon., Feb. 14, during sixth period. Proceeds will go to the dance. For information, call Anna Flores at 281-221-5602.

## JFD debate fundraiser set

The Dobie High School Speech and Debate Team will host a Culture Night fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 5, at 6 p.m. in the Dobie cafeteria. Tickets are \$10, available from any debate student or at the door. Refreshments will be provided. For information, call 713-740-0370, ext. 04259 or e-mail [jjanis@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:jjanis@pasadenaisd.org) or [tnaylor@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:tnaylor@pasadenaisd.org).

## AARP meets

The South Belt AARP meets Friday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m. at El Franco Lee Community Center, on Hall Road. A musical program will be presented by the Men of Leisure. All seniors are invited. Lunch will follow.

## CPC fundraiser Feb. 11

Beltway 8 South Crisis Pregnancy Center will host its "Love for Life" annual gala banquet and silent auction Friday, Feb. 11, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Grace Community Church on the Gulf Freeway. The evening will feature singer and keynote speaker Rebecca St. James. The Australian-born St. James is a Grammy Award winner, author, and multiple Dove Award recipient. Visit [www.LifeLineCPC.org](http://www.LifeLineCPC.org) for more information and reservations.

# Dobie academic decathlon team dominates

Dobie High School's academic decathlon team captured first place in the Region V competition last weekend, with Clear Brook High School finishing second.

In all, Dobie scored 49,028 points, compared to Clear Brook's 42,381.

Dobie senior Jeremy Morris won gold medals in all seven objective tests.

Teammate Eddie Nunez achieved the eighth-highest score in Texas Academic Decathlon history. Every other member of the Dobie team medaled individually and contributed significantly to the team's overall effort.

Other team members include Mark Admani, Tad Walters, Jessica Huynh, Quinn Velasquez, Ed Gonzalez, Katey Miille and Julian Hernandez.

The team will now advance to the state tournament Feb. 25-27 in El Paso.

Longhorn coach Steve Higginbotham, a 1995 Dobie graduate, was once himself a member of the school's academic decathlon team. He has coached the team for five years and each time has led Dobie to state.

## Pedersen named new pastor

The Rev. Mark M. Pedersen was recently named the new pastor at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, giving his first sermon on Sunday, Jan. 16.

Pedersen grew up in Houston and graduated from Westchester High School in 1981. Following high school, the pastor attended Stephen F. Austin State University, where he earned a degree in business administration in 1991. He then attended Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, where he earned a master's of divinity in 1995.

In his ministry career, Pedersen has served in



Mark M. Pedersen

United Methodist Churches in Shelbyville, Canton, Kilgore, Clear Lake, Somerville, Frankston, Crystal Beach and Vidor.

Pedersen and his wife Vickie met while studying at Stephen F. Austin and have been married for 21 years. She has worked as a school teacher for more than 15 years and is looking for a job in the area. The couple have two sons, Gavin, 11, and Grant, 14.

The pastor is a black belt instructor in taekwon do and teaches lessons to children and adults in the community for free. Pedersen has also taught exercise class for mature adults in previous churches. When Pedersen is not working, he enjoys being with his family, modifying cars, reading, computers, Bible study, swimming and acting.

Pedersen is replacing William "Bill" Newcomb, who was transferred to Pattison United Methodist Church in Pattison.

## CenterPoint shuts down power

Many South Belters experienced a temporary power outage on Wednesday, Feb. 2. The blackouts were purposely implemented by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT).

The council, which oversees power supplies in Texas, asked electrical companies to institute "rotating outages" to compensate for increased

demands for electricity during the recent hard freeze that gripped the state.

In the Houston area, CenterPoint Energy officials said they began the periodic outages about 5:45 a.m. The outages were limited to no more than about 45 minutes, and an average of 330,000 customers were affected on a rotating basis.

## Hourani benefit set for Feb. 11

A benefit for long-time South Belt resident John "Prince" Hourani will take place Friday, Feb. 11, at the Deer Park Activity Center, 500 W. 13th St., in Deer Park from 7 p.m. to midnight.

A local disc jockey, Hourani is currently battling brain cancer for the second time around.

The B.Y.O.B. event will feature live music, a silent auction, a raffle, karaoke, dinner and door prizes.



John "Prince" Hourani

Current auction items include four concert tickets for Trace Adkins, a beach house rental, a spa/massage treatment, a certificate for a round of golf and Astros memorabilia.

Dinner tickets are \$10 each. Tickets without dinner are \$5 each. All proceeds will go toward Hourani's needs.

Due to alcohol being served, the fundraiser is adult-only.

For more information, call Trish Nix at 713-504-7776 or e-mail [panix3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:panix3@sbcglobal.net).

An account has also been set up at Bank of America. To donate, visit any Bank of America branch and make a deposit to John Hourani or John Prince, account No. 586-023-486-976.

## South Belter seeks lost mail

A South Belt resident is seeking the community's assistance in helping her locate some mail she lost on the afternoon of Thursday, Jan. 27.

The woman last saw the mail as she was cleaning out her truck near the intersection of Kirkfair and Beamer.

She placed the mail on top of her vehicle and

then proceeded to drive along Beamer to Beltway 8, where she then traveled west to Highway 288.

Among the pieces of mail that were lost was the woman's vehicle registration renewal.

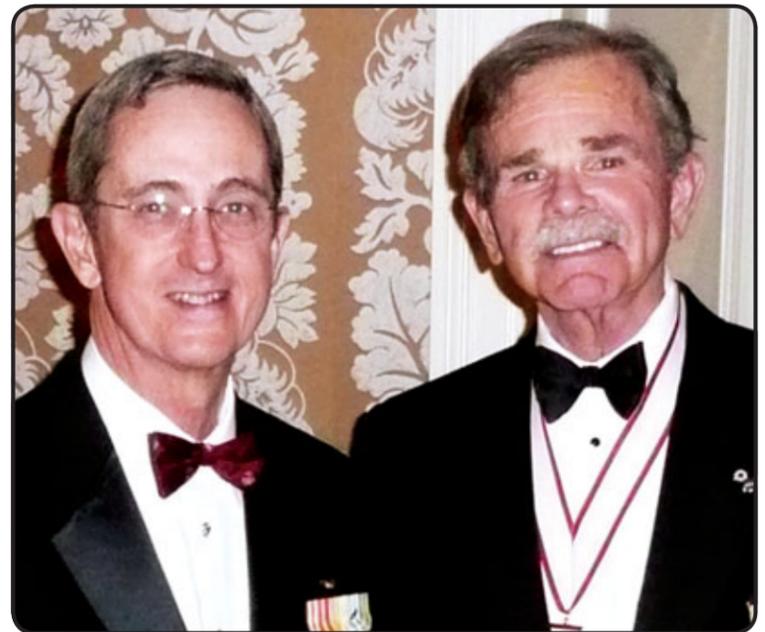
Anyone with any information regarding the whereabouts of the lost mail is urged to call the resident at 281-650-7068.

## MHSE holds open house



Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital held an open house on Thursday, Jan. 27, for its new Esophageal Disease Center. The center is the most advanced in Houston at diagnosing and treating reflux and other esophageal diseases. Shown above at the event are, left to right, Dr. Farzaneh Banki, director, Esophageal Disease Center; Erin Asprek, chief executive officer, Memorial Hermann Southeast; Kyle Price, chief operating officer, Memorial Hermann Southeast; and Dr. Michel Kafrouni, co-director, Esophageal Disease Center.

## Hoover meets land commissioner



The Southern Heritage Ball was held at the River Oaks Country Club Jan. 29. South Belt resident John Hoover (pictured right) was present as a member of the Southern Heritage Ball Board of Directors and had the opportunity to meet honorary chairman and former South Belt resident Jerry Patterson (pictured left), Texas land commissioner. The Southern Heritage Society celebrated its 44th anniversary this year. Photo submitted

## Clear Brook City MUD, others meet with Houston over charges

By Matt Griesmyer

In 2006, the Southeast water treatment plant, owned by 11 entities including Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, the City of Houston, the City of Pasadena and others, was in need of a contractor to take over control and operation of the facility. The Houston Public Works Department, through then-Deputy Director Jeff Taylor, agreed to a contract with the other owners to operate the facility, with certain stipulations.

Recently the City of Houston has started reviewing the costs for its operation of the facility and asking for extra money to cover its costs to the tune of \$3.34 million and \$1.79 million for fiscal years '09 and '10, respectively.

When the agreement was first struck between the 11 owners of the plant, Taylor quoted a price to the other cities that covered everything, including overhead. The other parties were skeptical, but Taylor was adamant about the price and was confident that the city would be able to handle the work at less than the cost of the previous managing operator.

Also part of the contract was a budget to be delivered two months prior to the end of the fiscal

year stating what the cities were being charged for, as well as an audit, called the true-up, to be done no later than 180 days after the close of the fiscal year, to acutely identify where costs were allocated and what money was still owed or to be refunded.

The 10 other entities that own the plant are claiming that according to the contract, the City of Houston is in violation of its side of the agreement by performing the true-up for FY '09 past the 180 day mark.

"The agreement with the co-owners was that the contract with the City of Houston was not going to cost more than American Water Services, and if it was, the city had a limited time to recover those costs," said Chris Clark, manager of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District. "This is like buying something at Walmart and then years later them coming to you and saying that they did not charge enough and asking you to pay the remaining balance."

A meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9 between representatives of the City of Houston and the other 10 owners to address and possibly resolve key issues.

## Pct. 2 deputies seek suspects

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office are seeking the public's assistance in locating two suspects wanted for burglarizing a home in the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision, where they tied up the homeowner.

According to Precinct 2 Sgt. Zerick Guinn, the homeowner, an elderly woman, was gardening in her backyard in the 10300 block of Stan Brook on Friday, Jan. 28, at roughly 11 a.m. when the two suspects grabbed her, forced her inside and tied her up as they ransacked her home.

The crooks got away with three guns (two pistols and a shotgun), some jewelry and a cellular phone.

The homeowner was not injured in the incident.

Both suspects are described as being Hispanic males in their 30s. One suspect is described as

standing approximately 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighing about 160 pounds, while the second suspect is described as standing roughly 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing 160 to 180 pounds.

Deputies have reason to believe that at least one of the suspects may have been to the victim's house a few days earlier to do some repair work, as the homeowner had picked up some laborers at a local hardware store to do some odd jobs.

Guinn advises residents to never allow strangers in their homes.

Another home in the subdivision was burglarized roughly two weeks earlier. The Clear Brook Meadows Homeowner's Association sent out a flier to all residents Monday, Feb. 1, notifying them of the crimes.

Anyone with any information on these crimes is urged to call 713-477-4070.

## CIP meeting scheduled for Feb. 14

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan will hold a District E Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) meeting Monday, Feb. 14, at J. Frank Dobie High School, 10220 Blackhawk, from 6 to 8 p.m.

CIP meetings are held every year to inform citizens of upcoming projects scheduled in their respective communities and to take input on fu-

ture capital needs.

The meetings also afford citizens an opportunity to voice their concerns and address their respective City Council member and City of Houston officials.

For more information and specific details of CIP projects in the South Belt area, visit [www.houstontx.gov/cip/index.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/cip/index.html).

# Publisher's Opinion

## Road opening would be beneficial

(This is partially in response to the letter from Stephan Montes as well as my thoughts on the issue.)

We received a letter opposing the connection of a new Pearland subdivision (South Belt-Ellington Leader story 1-27-11) which will connect to the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision. In part, the letter said, "As a responsible and long representative of this well established South Belt community I would expect a major 'fight' from this paper. Please do what you can to inform South Belt residents as to how we can keep Pearland out of our cherished community."

Since we have e-mailed the sender of the letter twice trying to confirm identity, and have not had a response, we are not running the letter, but will still address the concerns in the letter.

The main concern is allowing Pearland traffic to enter the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision. As a matter of disclosure, I too, live on a Clear Brook Meadows street near the proposed connection.

Sunday, I traveled the route vehicles from the subdivision would go if they used our subdivision as means of getting to Blackhawk. I can guarantee you very, very few will do so.

There would be four turns in approximately half a mile, even less mileage if the other of the two routes available were driven. In addition to the four turns, the motorists would encounter four stop signs in that half mile. If motorists have a choice of four stop signs plus four turns in half a mile versus driving on a four-lane divided thoroughfare, they are not going to drive through the neighborhood subdivision.

The cut through is more apt to be used by Clear Brook Meadows residents as a much better way to get through to the beltway going west rather than fight the terrible Blackhawk traffic.

A traffic study done for the new subdivision predicts that 80 percent of the traffic using the new Hughes-Barry Rose section will go west to Pearland Parkway. Twenty percent will go east to Blackhawk. The traffic predicted to go through Clear Brook Meadows was so small it was not considered.

I am also disappointed at the tone of keeping "Pearland out of our cherished community."

It reminds me of when we, members of the South Belt community, worked to get the connection open between Scarsdale and Yost. The Yost residents had a much more valid complaint, as over years, they had gotten used to their huge front yards, which, in fact, were easements for the roads dedicated in the 1960s. But they considered that "their" yard.

One comment made at Pearland City Council then was they needed to keep the road closed to keep out the South Belt "riffraff." That is some of what I am hearing now, but only in reverse.

The homes, contrary to rumors, are not zero lots, they are 55-, 65- and 75-foot lots. Good sized lots.

The homes will be priced in the \$175,000 to \$300,000 range. Certainly not trashy!

There is probably not a person in this community that loves the South Belt area more than I do. But I did not understand the Pearland residents who were opposed to South Belters, and I don't understand the negative attitude toward Pearlanders.

Many of those living in Pearland grew up in South Belt and still care about our community.

When I first moved here, you could hardly get to Pearland from here. Now we have many connections, Pearland Parkway, Dixie Farm, Scarsdale, and we are about to have Hughes-Barry Rose.

What the writer of the letter and others may not realize is our newest school, South Belt Elementary, is built in the city of Pearland.

Yes, the land it is on is Pearland. That part of Pearland, just like other new subdivisions, is going to be both South Belt communities and city of Pearland residents. St. Luke's Catholic Church which is currently on Hall Road has bought land for its new church. It is to be located across the street from South Belt Elementary. Yes, it too, will be in Pearland.

Those who will live in the proposed subdivision will attend Pasadena Independent School District schools, pay taxes to that district, pay taxes to San Jacinto College as they will be residents of the San Jac College district, and they will also pay Harris County taxes.

When built, the students from this subdivision will be classmates of students in the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision.

Another concern is for the students of both Clear Brook Meadows and the proposed subdivision. If the roadway is not open, that will mean that a number of schoolchildren will spend a considerable increase in bus riding time. This is not at all fair to the students. Plus, it will cost the taxpayers more.

The letter also brought up the concern of the local Municipal Utility District "treating rain water" from the proposed subdivision. No one in these surrounding communities treats rain water.

The rain water will not be drained through the MUD, or their ditches. It will be drained through the Pearland system, to Clear Creek, and transported by a ditch funded by Harris County Flood Control.

I could go on, but this is already much too long. But, I want you to know that much of the information on the street, as in the submitted letter, is incorrect.

Bottom line is the expansion of Hughes Road and the subdivisions it will promote will be good for the community, not bad.

The Hughes extension is being built because of the proposed and additional subdivisions which are being planned.

Comments I have gotten from people living in Clear Brook Meadows have been much stronger for the open connection than against it.

—Marie Flickinger

# Richardson honored for volunteerism



ABC Channel 13 recently named former long-time South Belt resident Lisa Richardson one of 10 Women of Distinction for 2011, an annual award bestowed upon outstanding volunteers in Houston.

Friends and family gathered at the Hilton-Americas Houston Hotel on Saturday, Jan. 22, to celebrate Richardson and the other honorees at the 24th Winter Ball, benefiting the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA).

Richardson is the wife of local insurance agent, Norwood Richardson.

A major in merchandising from Louisiana State University led Richardson to an early career as a retail buyer for former Los Angeles-based department store Gouchaux's/Maison Blanche.

In 1984, Richardson moved to Houston, where she still currently resides, to start an insurance business with her husband.

She managed the Scarsdale office for 12 years.

Shortly after her arrival in Houston, Richardson was diagnosed with acute ulcer-

ative colitis, a chronic and painful inflammatory digestive disease.

She turned to CCFCA's Houston Gulf Coast chapter for education and support, and it was instrumental in helping her cope with the impact of this disease on her life. She experienced firsthand the suffering that people endure when this chronic illness strikes, and how much their lives can improve when empowered with knowledge and resources. She also saw CCFCA's commitment to research aimed toward curing and preventing this debilitating disease.

Richardson became passionate in her support of Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America and began her volunteerism, on their behalf, more than 22 years ago.

She served the foundation in numerous leadership roles in Houston as well as the National Foundation, headquartered in New York City. Highlights of her work includes Houston board member, president of the Houston chapter from 2007 to 2010, chapter education chairman, chapter development co-chairman, national board member, national chapter administration chairman, national chairman of the board 1998-2001, national board chair emeritus and stakeholder reviewer for the National Scientific Advisory Committee's Senior Research Awards Grant Review Committee. She is also a co-facilitator for CCFCA's local support group that has met in their insurance office for the past 21 years.

As an energetic advocate for patients, Richardson assisted other organizations in the field of public health. Some of her roles have included Advisory Council member to the National In-

stitute of Health National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Research Board member for the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons; grant reviewer for the U.S. Department of Defense; panel member for the NIH Consensus Conference on Celiac Disease; and, panel member for the NIH State of the Science Conference on Urinary and Fecal Incontinence.

Richardson's tireless efforts in the interest of people affected by Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis have earned her numerous honors by CCFCA over the years. Richardson was named the Gold Key Outstanding Board Member of the Year; the Gold Key Volunteer of the Year - Education Award; Distinguished Service Award as National Chairperson of the Board; and, Lay Honoree of the Outstanding Leadership Award. Most recently, Richardson became the first recipient of the Rosenthal Award for Patient Care.

Richardson's own words show her commitment to and approval of the work being done by CCFCA. She says, "CCFA has wonderful chapters with great staff and volunteers at the helm. It is a distinct honor and privilege to volunteer for the leading organization in inflammatory bowel diseases.

With critical cutting edge research taking place in the field and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America's strong, strategic national leadership, the future is very bright for the patients we serve."

Richardson credits her spirit for volunteerism to her parents who inspired her by setting examples of compassion, generosity and commitment to community service in the New Orleans area throughout their lives.

# Deaths

## Berta Starustka



Berta Starustka, 84, of South Belt, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, after a battle with COPD, dementia, and other ailments. She was born on Aug. 21, 1926, near Wurzburg, Germany.

Starustka is preceded in death by her brothers, Sebastian and George; and sister Hilde.

She is survived by her sisters, Klara and Agnes; and her son, Eugene Starustka and wife Regina.

On Oct. 28, 1952, she married Army SFC Robert Starustka whom she met in Germany after the war. They moved to New York for a number of years, and eventually moved to Texas where she was a member of Blessed Sacrament parish until 1970.

After a brief period with St. Francis Cabrini parish, Starustka was part of the original family members who formed St. Luke's Parish.

Over the years, she enjoyed helping out at the church in whatever ways needed. She also visited the sick parishioners at various nursing homes in the area.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church with the Rev. Thomas Puthusseril officiating. Interment followed at Forest Park East in Webster.

Yvette Johnson and brother-in-law Willie Johnson of Houston; sister Christina Baker and brother-in-law Gerald Baker of Naylor, Ga.; sister Andrea King and brother-in-law MAJ Johnny King III of Fort Stewart, Ga.; sister Anita Bishop of Houston; brother Michael Bishop and sister-in-law Valerie Bishop of San Diego, Calif.; SFC Anita Cruz and brother-in-law SFC Ruben Cruz of Fort Knox, Ky.; sister Angela Adams and brother-in-law Lt. O'Sullivan Adams of Okinawa, Japan; brother Eric Bishop of Houston; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Bishop's trademark sense of humor touched the lives of many people. His greatest joys in life were spending time with family and friends, a love for food, playing basketball, and watching his favorite sports teams, the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Rockets.

The service celebrating Bishop's life was held Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at Houston Memorial Gardens in Pearland.

## Mary Virginia Minick



Mary Virginia Minick, 90, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2011. She was born of Portuguese parents, Manuel and Shandra Silvia, in Taunton, Mass. on Dec. 19, 1920.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Master Chief Red Minick, her parents and her brother.

Sunday was Minick's favorite day, full of dinner preparations, a meal with dessert, and the dishes were cleared away in time for the Cowboy game.

Mary, Mom, Nana, Auntie Mary - as she was called - love to knit, crochet and bake. As a young woman, she made her own clothes and modeled in Boston. She was a shrewd card player and loved to play Scrabble.

Minick is survived by her sister, Isabel McColl of Marshfield, Mass.; son Michael and wife Jacie; son Robert Minick of Dallas; daughter Sandra Norrell of Plano; daughter Mary Lee and husband Chris Clark of South Belt; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and close family friend Angela Blundell.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. at Restland, Abbey Chapel, 13005 Greenville Ave. in Dallas.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of

Mary Minick to the White Rock Center of Hope, 10021 #A, Garland Rd., Dallas, TX 75218.

## Jeff Waldrop



Jeff Waldrop, 36, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011.

Waldrop grew up in Sagemont and graduated from Dobbie High School in 1992.

He is survived by his parents, Rodney Keith and Sandra Waldrop; and brother Brian and his fiancée, Tammie.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 31, 2011, at Niday Funeral Home. Burial was at Forest Park East in Webster.

## Lillian Elizabeth Dill



Lillian Elizabeth Dill, 75, of South Belt, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2011. She was born in Schulenburg, Texas, to Charles and Emily Blaschke on July 3, 1935.

She is preceded in death by her son, Richard Dill; brothers Grady Blaschke and Leo Blaschke; and sisters Dorothy Othold and Virginia Fishbeck.

Dill is survived by her sons Larry Dill and Thomas Dill; daughters Cathy Richardson, Sandy Babin and Lisa Ware; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers Charlie Blaschke and Howard Gene Blaschke; sisters Vivian Clifton, Melba Hayden and Maydell Frazier.

Dill loved listening to music and working crossword puzzles. Her grandchildren were the love of her life.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at Niday Funeral Home.

The funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

In lieu of usual remembrances, memorial contributions in Dill's name may be made to the Leukemia Cancer Research Program of the MD Anderson Cancer Center at <http://www.mdanderson.org>.

## Kelvin Marcus Bishop



Kelvin Marcus Bishop, 28, of South Belt, died Wednesday, January 26, 2011.

He was born in Houston on Dec. 1, 1982, to the late Andrew Bishop Sr. and Verna Mae Bishop. He graduated from Park View Baptist High School. He was employed at AeroTek.

Bishop is preceded in death by his father, Andrew Bishop Sr.; brothers Andrew Bishop Jr., Derrick D. Bishop and Darrell L. Bishop.

He is survived by children Brianna and Jordan Bishop of Franklin, Tenn.; mother Verna Mae Bishop of Houston; grandmother Viola Ward of Cedar Lake, Texas; sister

Ruth's Chris steak and no one will take me to lunch I can take my gun and get my free steak? "I am sorry Your Honor, but I felt a need for beef." Every time I see a new Corvette drive by I feel a necessity to own one. I cannot afford one and so far the government will not give me one even though my taxes bought part of GM. Now I can get one! All I need is a gun. Really? That's the message from NBC's prime time show Harry's Law?

On Tuesday, I watched the State of the Union speech. Big mistake. I still don't know what President Obama thinks the state of the union is, but I do know that we are going to "win the future" by investing in high speed trains, more education, and solar panels. We are also going to freeze spending for five years. Wow, thank you Mr. President. Thank you for fixing our deficit problem by spending only a 1,500,000,000,000.00 budget deficit a year. I am going to try this out on my wife. I mean President Obama is a Harvard grad and therefore smarter than I am so he should know what he's doing. Help me with the wording on this. "Honey, I know that you said that I am spending 5 times what we earn and that you want me to stop. I really love you so I decided that I shall not spend any more than 5 times what we earn for the next 5 years. That's how much you mean to me, baby." Think that will work? I mean my wife is not a Harvard grad either therefore she may fail to see the savings, but if I can say it just right I may be able to get her to see things the president's way.

Finally, the last straw, Jack Lalanne died. I love Jack Lalanne. He has been an inspiration to millions. All the media has gone nuts about how he never smoked, never drank, was very careful about what he ate, and he constantly worked out and exercised. He lived to be 96 years old and was in great shape when he died.

The media says we should look to him as an example on how to live our lives. Stop already. George Burns smoked cigars every day, drank adult beverages, shunned exercise like the plague, and ate like a man who enjoys eating. He lived to be 100. Go figure.

George Valtasaros

# Readers' Opinions

## George Valtasaros reluctantly returns

What a week. I have not written to my editor for a long time. Between work and demands we stop writing stuff that some people disagree with I thought I would give you a break. However, this week is just too much to stay quiet about.

First came a new show that my wife and I decided to start watching. It stars Kathy Bates and we enjoy her acting ability. We DVR'ed the first two episodes and watched them back-to-back. The premise of the show is about a woman attorney that leaves her job of 30 years as a patent attorney and decides to open a new practice in a rundown area of town as a defense attorney. The first episode opens with Harry (the Kathy Bates character) sitting in her patent office smoking a joint and deciding that she needs a change in her life. She gets fired, has a black man fall on her, gets hit by a car driven by another attorney and opens her new practice in a shoe store. So far so good. Her first case is a young man that is addicted to drugs. He is arrested for possession for a third time and is looking at a jail sentence. Harry's defense before a jury is the argument that this young man should not go to jail because people like Rush Limbaugh are drug addicts and no one put Limbaugh behind bars. She of course fails to mention her own drug use or the fact that she is not in jail either. It is Rush Limbaugh's fault.

As if that was not enough to send me over the edge, the second episode is about Harry's representation of an 87-year-old woman that robs a convenience store at gunpoint. They have the entire robbery on security tape including the woman saying that unless the convenience store clerk gives her the money in the register she will shoot him in the head. Harry's defense? The woman is poor, she was hungry, the government will not help her, she has received all the help her neighbors can give her and she did this out of necessity. The verdict? "Not Guilty" Are you kidding me? Does that mean that if I feel a necessity to have a

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# Readers' Opinions

## Nguyen supports the road connection

I read with interest some South Belt area residents are concerned about the proposed Pearland subdivision which will adjoin Clear Brook Meadows.

As a fellow Clear Brook Meadows resident, I am in full support of the connection. It is unlikely that many people will come from the new subdivision through our subdivision because at a minimum, they will have to make four turns in less than 1/2 mile to get out of Clear Brook.

Who will be using the road will be Clear Brook residents going to the new Hughes Road and on to Pearland Parkway.

Those against the connection do not represent the vast majority of Clear Brook Meadows resident. You do not have the right to speak for us, so please don't.

I wonder how many of these people use or have used access through the subdivision Green Tee, Dixie Farm Road or Scarsdale to Yost. These are examples of roads that have been built where people did not want them. But communities are not segregated blocks of houses, they are subdivisions united by roads.

Residents in Yost fought for years to keep the connection of Scarsdale from being built, but now that four-lane divided thoroughfare is handy for many motorists, both Pearlanders and South Belters.

The new subdivision will not have its main, or even secondary entrance through our subdivision. Who wants to make four turns in such a short distance to get out of the subdivision. Motorists use the quickest, easiest routes.

That will be the four-lane major thoroughfare through the Hughes-Barry Rose connection. Our subdivision is in Harris County So is the proposed subdivision.

The woman who appeared from Clear Brook Meadow subdivision opposing this subdivision told the council she shopped in Pearland. Why the double standard, she can use Pearland streets, but Pearland residents can't use Harris County streets.

Oh, but wait a minute, her street is a Harris County street, and the new subdivision residents will be paying taxes to Harris County for the street she lives on. So tell me why she resents a few of her proposed new neighbors using a street they will be paying taxes for!

Cheryl Nguyen

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# Snooze you lose – Clear Brook HOSA makes sure you don't.

By Sierra Haq, Tracy Ngo, and Divya Antony  
 Clear Brook HOSA (Health Occupational Students of America) Community Awareness Team

Sleep. What is there to know about sleep besides how it's apparently "good" for people? That's what the Clear Brook Health Occupational Students of America Community Awareness team sought to find out. HOSA, a pre-professional medical group whose mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

In HOSA, students are encouraged to explore their health care interests through

competition, school, and community activities. One of the main highlights of HOSA is competition, where students compete in various events, ranging from individual to teamwork, speaking to writing to presenting to everything in between. There are events for everyone.

Clear Brook High School has had a strong HOSA chapter for the past years, with many Clear Brook students placing to Nationals. One of the competition events is Community Awareness, an event in which a team of two to four students work to promote what the event title essentially proclaims – community awareness.

The purpose of Community Awareness is "to develop a

project to promote community awareness using issues that may be of local, state, and/or national interest, assist communities to become more aware of the pros and cons of the issue, and to promote goodwill and public relations for local HOSA chapters." Clear Brook HOSA's Community Awareness team chose the importance of sleep as its issue for a number of reasons.

First of all, sleep affects everybody, regardless of age, race, religion, or gender. All parts of the community could be reached through the choice of sleep as an issue.

Secondly, there is so much to learn about when it comes to sleep. Sleep affects many aspects of life, and there was much to debunk and inform about the topic. Sleep is important. So, what to do?

The Clear Brook team took different steps to promote community awareness about the importance of sleep. After engulfing large amounts of information, essential facts were put on paper. Fliers were posted and brochures were handed out throughout the town, targeting places that were centers of different groups of people.

Places touched included the hospital, clinics, libraries, book stores, grocery stores like Food Town and Kroger, leisure spots like Starbucks and iYogurt, nursing home, and the DPS.

In an effort to promote goodwill and relations between local HOSA chapters, members also visited Pearl and High School and posted information there. On the Clear Brook campus, fliers were posted around the school where different masses of students were more likely to see the information. The HOSA newsletter also featured a full-length article on the topic.

Another important medium the team used was verbal presentation. Members will visit a local elementary school in the next few weeks to present the topic. By reaching the young children this way, members are able to give them a first-hand, more interesting view into sleep, and through surveys, will confirm the gain of knowledge. Within the upcoming weeks as well, members will do presentations at various school organizations such as Science National Honor Society and Children's Rights and You.

A video viewing will be held at the Freeman Library. This will be a comical yet informative video on sleep myths, tips, and important information. The Clear Brook HOSA Community Awareness team stretched to all parts of the community in all types of ways to work to achieve maximum community consciousness on sleep. Here are a few tips that could help in getting the ideal snooze.

Helpful Tips for Better Sleeping:

- Naps can be beneficial, if planned correctly. Naps that are too long or too close to bedtime can interfere with regular sleep.
- Make the room sleep-friendly. Keep it cool, quiet and dark. Curtains can be beneficial. Let in bright light in the morning to signal the body to wake up.
- No pills, vitamins or drinks can replace good sleep. Consuming caffeine close to bedtime can hurt sleep, so avoid coffee, tea, soda/pop and chocolate late in the day. Nicotine and alcohol also interfere with sleep.
- Establish a regular bed and wake-time and stick to it, coming as close as possible on the weekends. A consistent sleep schedule will help one feel less tired. It's easier to fall asleep at bedtime with this type of routine.
- Don't eat, drink, or exercise within a few hours of bedtime. Don't leave homework for the last minute. Try to avoid the TV, computer and telephone in the hour before bedtime. Stick to quiet, calm activities, to fall asleep much more easily!
- If one does the same things every night before sleeping, the body learns the signals that it's time for bed. Try taking a bath or shower (this will leave you extra time in the morning), or reading a book.
- Try keeping a diary or to-do lists. Jot notes down before going to sleep to be less likely to stay awake worrying or stressing.
- When a person is sleep deprived, he or she is as impaired as driving with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent, which is illegal for drivers in many states.
- Drowsy driving causes more than 100,000 crashes each year. Recognize sleep deprivation and call someone else for a ride. Only sleep can help.

# Dobie Band announces Region, Area honors



Pictured at left are Dobie Band students who were selected through an audition to participate in the TMEA Region 19 Bands and Orchestra. Dobie came in second place for the largest number of students selected to these honor ensembles. The concerts were held at Summer Creek High School on Jan. 15. Students selected were, left to right, (front row) Gabby DeLeon, Celery Benitez, Kristine Quintanilla, (second row) Briana Mazzola, April Henderson, Kayla Bryce, Delicia Duff, (third row) Jordan Johnson, Zack Reyes, Nick Engle, Venerson Villanueva, Julie Croce, (fourth row) Kevin Rodriguez, Edgardo Rodriguez, Leon Gilchrist, Vernon Rose, Chanse Morris, (fifth row) Bao Le, Carlos Gonzalez, Jason Giang, Dylan Guzman, Erik Flores, (sixth row) Daniel Alanis, Zach Ezzell, Joel Arhelger, Manuel Reyna, Alejandro Triana, (back row) Chris Lopez, Jacob Boelsche, Evin Prescott, Erick Frias and Taylor Surratt. Pictured above are Dobie Band students who were selected with TMEA Area Honors. These students advanced from Regionals and auditioned with students from all over the Greater Houston area for a chance to be selected to one of the Texas All-State Ensembles. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Briana Mazzola, April Henderson, Celery Benitez, Julie Croce, Nick Engle, (second row) Edgardo Rodriguez, Venerson Villanueva, Dylan Guzman, Chanse Morris, (third row) Daniel Alanis, Joel Arhelger, Manuel Reyna, Alejandro Triana, (back row) Jacob Boelsche, Evin Prescott, Erick Frias and Erik Flores.

Photos submitted



The Clear Brook HOSA community awareness team of Divya Antony (left), Sierra Haq (right) and Tracy Ngo keep busy spreading vital information about the importance of sleep. Here, they are posting fliers on Clear Brook's HOSA bulletin board. They posted fliers and spread awareness around their school, other nearby schools, and a variety of places such as hospitals, restaurants, grocery stores, libraries and bookstores.

Photo by Tracy Ngo

## Life Church members offer daily prayers

Life Church is here for the community ... and not just on Sundays. Life Church members pray daily for the city and especially for those in the neighborhoods surrounding the church. According to pastor Mike Carlen, the church is a Spirit-led community of compassion and has designated Tuesday evenings as a time devoted to praying for the needs of those in the area.

All those suffering due to the loss of a loved one, because of divorce or another family crises, or due to the effects of addictions, abuse or illness, will find help in the form of Spirit-filled prayer.

Prayer requests should be brought to Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa, on Tuesdays between 7 and 8 p.m.. A minister will pray with those attending.

## Memorial SE offers free women's health seminar

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital will host a free menopause management education program aimed at providing medical information and peer support to women dealing with the physical and psychological impact of menopause.

The seminar will be held Thursday, Feb. 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd. Rajan Kadakia, M.D., a cardiologist affiliated with Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, will present *The Beat Goes On: Understanding Heart Disease and Menopause*, which will include information about the connection between menopause and the risk for cardiovascular disease.

Kadakia will provide information on prevention and ways to lower risk factors.

Participants can enjoy red wine and dark chocolate

treats, with wine pairing available during the event.

The event is presented in conjunction with Red Hot Mamas, the nation's largest menopause management education program. Its mission is to broaden the base of women's knowledge about menopause and empower them to become educated health care

consumers. All women, their partners and family members are urged to attend this event to learn about this critical aspect of their health and become proactive in managing their own health care.

This event is free, but registration is required. To register, call 713-222-2273.

## UHCL faculty art exhibition Feb. 7

University of Houston-Clear Lake's faculty art exhibition is set for Feb. 7 through March 19 in the Bayou Building, Atrium I, Art Gallery, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The public is welcome at this unique art exhibition featuring the UHCL art faculty.

Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday from 9 to noon.

This free exhibition and the artists-in-residence are funded through the Art Exhibitions, Office of University Advancement, Cultural Arts, and the Dean of the School of Human Sciences and Humanities.

For more information, call Nick de Vries at 281-283-3377, or e-mail devries@uhcl.edu.

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**Project Grad meets Feb. 10**

Dobie Project Graduation will meet Thursday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie cafeteria. The group will put the final touches on the Feb. 11 Valentine's Dance fundraiser at Frazier. Additional fundraisers and volunteers are needed for the Dobie June 3 Project Graduation event.

The committee needs volunteers and parental support from the Class of 2011, as well as area businesses interested in lending support. For information, call Christine Duensing at 281-974-0867 or Sharon Finney at 281-793-5918.

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**Over The Back Fence** by Jan

**JOE TURNS 5**  
Joe Martinez turns 5 years old Thursday, Feb. 3. His birthday celebration will be Saturday. Best wishes and lots of love are sent to Joe by his dad, Joe Martinez; Gloria, Gloria Melissa, Vanessa, Clarissa, Jose and Tomas Villarreal; and grandma Martha Martinez.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DANA!**  
Dana Lizik celebrates a birthday Sunday, Feb. 6. Special birthday wishes are sent to Dana from her family, friends and former co-workers at the Leader.

**DOUBLE BIRTHDAY TREAT**  
Bobby and Kenneth Griffin send birthday wishes to two family members Feb. 8. Grandson Kenney Griffin, son of Angela and David Griffin of Plain City, Utah, turns 20. Son-in-law Jim Giles of Kirkwood South celebrates a birthday the same day. His wife, Tracy, and children Aaron, Cody and Kristen, join in sending birthday wishes.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 3 through Feb. 9.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
A birthday greeting is sent to Terri Hernandez Feb. 7.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for Genevieve

Medrano on Feb. 3. Feb. 4 is the day for a party for Lisa Baumann.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to Gerri Watkins Feb. 6. Mary Gonzalez has a birthday Feb. 9.

**Laura Bush Elementary**  
On Feb. 5, birthday wishes are sent to Ixida Quintero. Melanie Resendez enjoys a birthday Feb. 6.

**Meador Elementary**  
Birthday greetings are sent to Maria Henry Feb. 3. Cindy Vantillburg has a birthday Feb. 4. On Feb. 5, Felipe Saucedo enjoys a birthday. Feb. 8 is the day for a party for Maria Gonzalez.

**Moore Elementary**  
On Feb. 4, Debbie Pampell enjoys a birthday. A birthday is celebrated by Angelica Perez Feb. 6.

**South Belt Elementary**  
The day for a birthday cake for Jessica Arnold is Feb. 3. Marking a birthday Feb. 4 is Maria Montes.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
On Feb. 6, a birthday is enjoyed by Staci Stallings.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Feb. 3 is the day for a birthday party for Amy Ashby-Pike. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Dawn Tomlinson Feb. 9.

**Morris Middle School**  
Courtney Oliver marks a birthday Feb. 9.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Birthday greetings are sent to Maria Umazor Feb. 8.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Special birthday wishes are sent to Darby Hickman Feb. 4. Enjoying a birthday Feb. 5 is Mark Varian. The day for a cake for Erin Richardson is Feb. 8.

**Challenger**  
A special birthday wish is sent to Cynthia Sandlin on Feb. 7.

**Dobie High**  
Three cheers for a happy birthday are sent to Leslie Bond, Vanessa Buentello and Veronica Oyervides Feb. 3. Jessica Casteel and Sandra Villarreal share a birthday Feb. 4. The day for a triple birthday surprise for Roy Grant, Nichole Kemp and Michael Vanessen is Feb. 5. Blow out the birthday candles for Angela Garza Feb. 7. Carol Gilbert enjoys a birthday Feb. 8. Marissa Delossantos and Kelli Williams are wished a happy birthday Feb. 9.

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**Valenti wins Grand Champion Turkey**



Clear Creek Independent School District held its annual FFA Livestock Show & Auction the week of Jan. 24. Mike Valenti, son of Kathy and John Valenti, won Grand Champion Turkey. He is a junior at Clear Brook High School and holds the office of reporter for the 2010-2011 FFA Chapter of Clear Brook. Photo submitted

**Beverly Hills names 3rd 6-weeks rolls**

Beverly Hills Intermediate School recently released its honor rolls for the third six-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

**Honor roll**

**Seventh grade**

Maitte Albarran, Maria Ignacia Alvarez, Audra Breann Anderson, Edgar Arzate, Lidia Avitia, Keauhna Jhonea Bailey, Brandon Alexander Baker, Jocelyn Briana Banda, Adam Quinton Boswell, Jessica Yvette Bustamante, Takiara Nailah Butler and Gabriela Antonia Caceres.

Andrea Montserrat Cahue, Alan Steve Campos, Michelle Huyen Cao, Valentin Capulin, La'miles Darion Carter, Ashley Marie Castillo, Macalyn Marie Castro-Cardenas, Angelica Cervantes, Michael Jonathan Chavira, Kristy Jeanette Christmas and Colin Stone Cooper.

Kristopher Jonathon Cortes, Alexandra Rocio De Alejandro, Angelica Cuaping Dejesus, Ariel Jordan Delarosa, Joshua Arthur Dobbs, Raheem Shaquil Florence, Antaria Michelle Flowers, Daisy Guadalupe Fuentes, Yohana Galvan, Briana Lizeth Garcia and Brianna E. Garcia.

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**Eighth grade**  
Gerardo Acevedo, Abraham Alanis, Karina Selene Anguiano, Shikeem Bryant Anthony, Noemi Armenta, Alondra Arriaga, Janai Nicholle Baerga, Taylor Nicole Bainter, Jose Carlos Benavides Sanchez,

Gabriela Benavides, Victoria Alexis Blackmon and Quinton Joshua Bolling.

Carlos Enrique Borri, Kiyah Simone Brooks, Madeleine Nichole Buchman, Katherine Gibely Cabrera Martinez, Genovoy Lisette Cabrera, Gilberto Hernan Campa, Juan Carlos Carranza, Alyssa Castillo, Flavio Gabriel Castillo, Maria Alexis Charles and Nikeaven Issiah Chestnut.

Jessica Lisette Cortez, Erick Daza Aguilar, Samantha Jade Delacruz, John Matthew Delarosa, Damian Eliazar Depaz, Phung Bao Dinh, Christen Grace Dryden, Michael Anthony Duron, Gabriela Elizarraraz, Estefani Elyzabeth Estrada, Alan Flores and Gilbert Xavier Flores.

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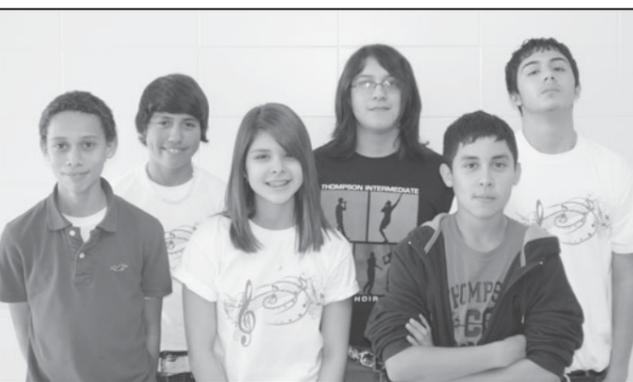
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**Thompson Region Choir students named**



Six eighth-grade Thompson Intermediate School Choir students were recently selected for Region Choir. They competed against hundreds of other middle school students in the region for only a small number of spots in the Region Choir. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Jorell Campos, Alexis Corpus, George Molina, (back row) Carlos Martinez, Caxton Petri and Jimmy Nevarez. Photo by Choir Director George Martin

**Remember When**

**35 years ago (1976)**

On Feb. 5, 1976, Marie Flickinger and Bobby Griffin started the South Belt Press. It became the Leader in October 1978, and the name Ellington was added for the July 30, 1987, edition, making it the South Belt-Ellington Leader.

**30 years ago (1981)**

A group of local residents led by Green Tee's Jerry Kacal attended a meeting of the Clear Creek school board to make a plea for construction of either an intermediate or high school to be located west of the Gulf Freeway or Old Galveston Road.

A proposed 1981 budget of \$18,521 was approved by the membership of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League at a meeting.

**25 years ago (1986)**

Danny Delafield and Carmen Orozco were elected to the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Justice Department attorney Robert Moore said the U.S. Justice Department was expected to rest its case alleging discriminatory hiring practices in PISD.

**20 years ago (1991)**

Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman began mounted patrol at El Franco Lee Park and South Belt Hike and Bike

**Trail.**

To better understand all the complicated data generated by the Brio Superfund Site, Homes, Environment, Lives in Peril (H.E.L.P.) received \$100,000 from two Technical Assistance Grants. The TAGs were made available to the general public by the Environmental Protection Agency to hire independent technical experts to study documents produced by the Potentially Responsible Parties and the EPA.

**15 years ago (1996)**

Dobie students Christopher Farris and Carl Walther were selected to the all-state band.

**10 years ago (2001)**

The South-Belt Ellington Leader celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Dobie's academic decathlon team won first in region.

Mayor Lee Brown and Councilman Rob Todd attended the Capital Improvement Projects meeting.

Three robbery suspects linked to 14 insurance heists were caught. Dobie cheerleaders vied for their third national title in Orlando, Fla.

**Harris County Precinct 2**

Constable Gary Freeman announced a countywide warrant sweep.

Metro shuttles provided the only transportation to the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest and Rodeo-Houston.

**5 years ago (2006)**

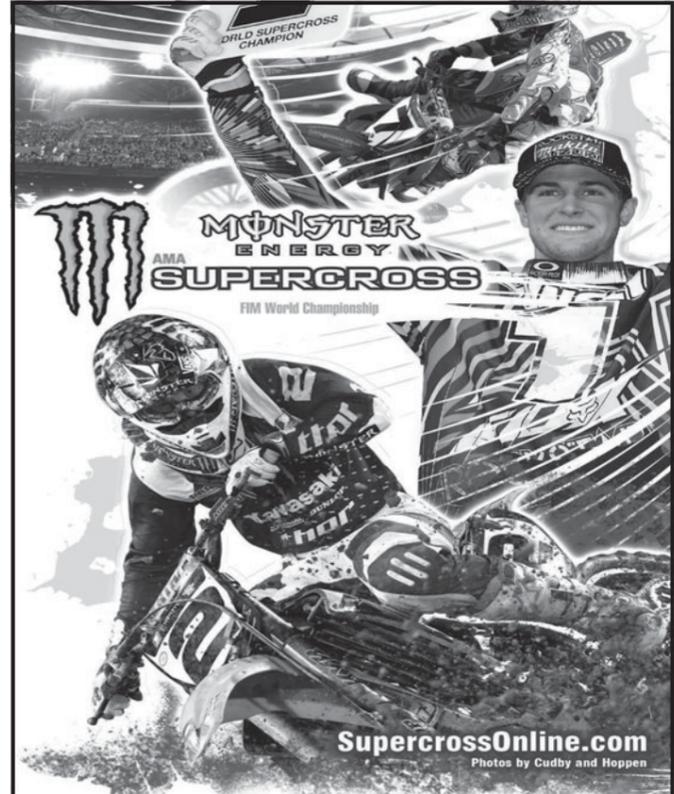
San Jacinto College South President Dr. Linda Watkins announced her retirement. The retirement was to be effective Aug. 31, 2006, but she later decided to postpone the date.

The upcoming 10th anniversary of the annual South Belt Cookoff was anticipated to be the largest to date.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, would mark the 30th anniversary of the South Belt-Ellington Leader.

**1 year ago (2010)**

A game room in the 12400 block of Scarsdale was robbed. The suspects entered the game room when one of two men used a sledge hammer to smash through the building's door. The second man brandished a handgun and demanded money from the facility's lone employee. The employee cooperated and gave the man roughly \$2,500 in cash. The two men then quickly fled the scene. No immediate arrests were made.



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# Atkinson releases second 9-weeks honor, merit rolls

Atkinson Elementary recently released its honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

**Honor roll**  
**First grade**  
 Stephanie Covarrubias, Delia Grantham, Estevan Guzman, Taylor Ha, Dylan Harris, Andrew Huynh, Tina Huynh, Jazmin Izaguirre, Mia Jones and Lance Joyce.  
 Min Koko, Marcus Lind, Angel Morales, Shayla Morrison, Jaclyn Nguyen, Andrea Nunez, Caroline Orta, Frida Ortiz, Fernando Perez, Amy Pham and Victoria Ramirez.  
 Aaron Rivas, Cristobal Ro-

driquez, Haley Salinas, Jesse Soto, Angelina Tomlinson, Nikole Welcome and Michael Zambrano.

**Second grade**  
 Liberty Anderson, Jordan Best, Danielle Bulman, Mariana Chavez, Nicholas Covarrubias, Matthew Dominguez, Erick Escobar and Lilliana Ferrell.  
 Aaron Garcia, Anthony Ho, Sandy Ho, Jason Huang, Cindy Huynh, Briana Keim, Jhalia Mathews and (Sofia) Ashley Miranda.  
 Neriah Nanez, Bryan Nguyen, Huy Nguyen, Adriana Padilla, Celeste Salazar, Gerardo Torres and Deborah Tran.

**Third grade**  
 Gisselle Alfaro, Jennifer Cao, Angela Chapa, Leah Ha, Duong Kay, Hannah Lazo, Thu Le, Jacob Leipold, Andrea Mendez, Samantha Narvaez and Ashley Nguyen.  
 Jessica Nguyen, Kevin Sanchez, Omar Shahriar, Charlyze Tamayo, Andrea Uribe, William Vargas and Nicholas Welcome.

**Fourth grade**  
 Erik Aguirre, Alyssa Carrico, Katherine Flores, Richard Fructus, Destinee Gonzales, Jeremiah Gray, Megan Harris and Bao Huynh.  
 Nicolas Luna, Austin Luu, Jorge Marquez, Khanh Nguyen, Wendy Pantoja, Gabriela Rodriguez, Daniel Saiz and Clare Vanpelt.

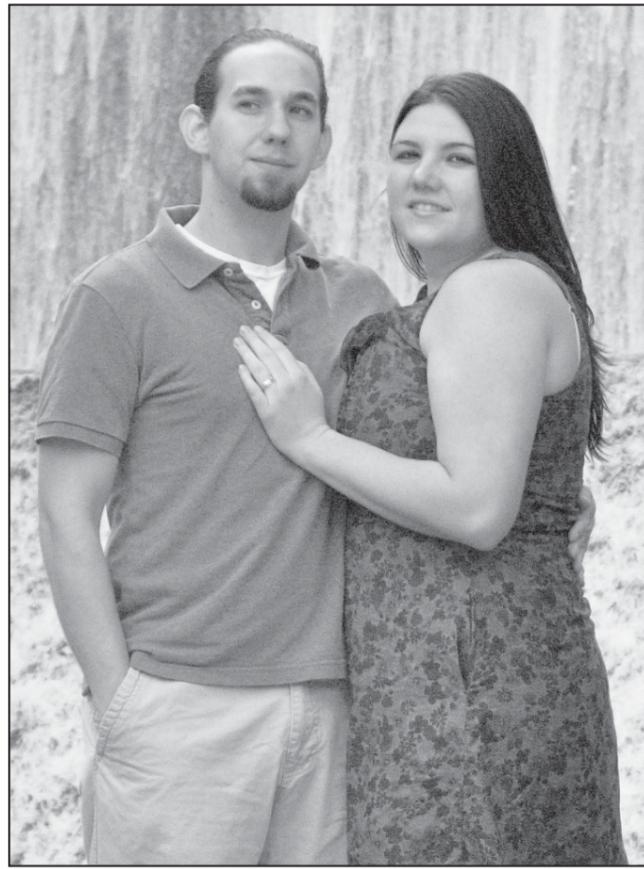
**Merit roll**  
**First grade**  
 Waverly Banegas, Andres Castorena, Noaven Culberson, Evian Dang, Evan Fuentes, Isaac Huizar, Chloe Nguyen, Kristyn Pham, Paloma Pombo, Oziel Reyes and Violet Tran.

**Second grade**  
 Reynaldo Barrientos, Malechah Faazah, Andres Gallegos, Patricia Medina, Alan Medrano, Jason Nguyen, John Norwood, Priscilla Perez, Francesca Reyes and Jazmine Rojas.

**Third grade**  
 Klunk Carlos, Tran Charlie, David Escobar, Viviana Frias, Madison Garrett, Ava Mendez, Joseph Perez Ruiz, Tommy Salinas, Nathan Tran and Huynh Vivian.

**Fourth grade**  
 Jasmine Ashworth, Cynthia Cervantes, Joanna Cruz, Eric Escobedo, Kevin Galvan, Mya Garcia, Victoria Huynh and Victoria Hyans.  
 Nicholas Lewis, Kathy Mai, Anthony Moreno, Jade Nanez, Michael Sartor, Kyana Shannon, Fernanda Torres, Lily Tran and Yesenia Valdez.

# Young, Kelly engaged



South Belt residents Jerilynn Farrias Johns and Robert Johns announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jana Michelle Young, to Keegan Bryant Kelly, son of Kevin and Kristen Kelly of Pearland. The bride-to-be, a 1999 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in biology and is currently employed at Tracer Industries. The prospective groom graduated in 1999 from Pearland High School, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Houston and is currently a store manager at Game Stop. The couple are planning an October 2011 wedding. Friends and family can send greetings to the couple on Facebook.

# Brook Speech, Debate places in top four in District 24-5A

Clear Creek Independent School District debate teams swept the recent UIL District Cross Examination meet held at Brazoswood High School on Jan. 22.

Placing third and serving as the primary alternate was the Clear Lake team of Romil Patel and Suriya Koothan. The second-place finishing team that will compete at University of Texas is the

Clear Lake team of Kiersten Strachan and Albert Yau. Joining Clear Lake High School at the annual state meet in March will be the Clear Brook High School first-place team of Hunter Bodiford and Daniel Hogg.



Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate Team members displaying trophies from the University Interscholastic League District Cross Examination meet held at Brazoswood High School are, left to right, Romil Patel, Suriya Koothan, Albert Yau, Kiersten Strachan, Kelly Hogg, Eric Stone, Daniel Hogg and Hunter Bodiford. Photo submitted

Brook and Clear Lake high schools found themselves named as the top four teams in District 24-5A. Placing fourth was the team of Kelly Hogg and Eric Stone from Clear Brook High School.

They will serve as the second alternate to the state meet to be held at the University of Texas at Austin beginning

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# Burnett announces second 9-weeks honor, merit rolls

Burnett Elementary recently released its honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks. Students earning status are:

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 Elissa Nandin, Han Nguyen, Tommy Nguyen, Vanessa Rocha, Lisette Rodriguez, Nikolas Rodriguez, Justin Trevino, Melanie Velazquez and Luke Wittenberg.

**Second grade**  
 Gail Alfalo, Jasmin Benitez, Erica Hay, Johana Jasso, Adrian Maldonado, Valerie Martinez, Desiree Miller, Bruce Nguyen and Madeline Schwausch.

**Third grade**  
 Jocelyn Bustos, Enoch Curiel, Quang Do, Nancy Flores, Andrew Garcia, Daniel Garza, Eduardo Gonzalez, Rogelio Guajardo and Milow Lozano.  
 Christian Medina, Annye Mendoza Aguilar, Jesus Montes, Martin Nandin, Naomi Rodriguez, Sergio Roman, Alex Rosalez and Justin Silva.

**Fourth grade**  
 Arismendy Aristy, Briana Cavazos, Omar Chapa, Preston Chung, Alan Contreras,

Ostin Elmore, Katherine Martinez and Tiffany Nguyen.  
 Rijja Rasool, Lauren Schwausch, Emily Solis, Giovanni Solis, Ariana Toran, John Velarde, Marco Velazquez and Kianna Williams.

**Merit roll**  
**First grade**  
 Daniel Cantu-Bravo, Anthony Lopez, Crystal Mejia, Brian Nguyen, Celia Rocha and Jocelyne Soto.

**Second grade**  
 Isabel Acevedo, Sophia Aguirre, Melisa Bonilla, Jorge Coreas, Sarah Corral, Bianca Curry, Galicia Davis, Aixa Guerra Gomez, Keyona Mathis and Lucas Nguyen.

Thao Nguyen, Celeste Ortiz, Hector Rendon, Mark Reyes, Melanie Rios, Jocelyn Robles, Gilly Spencer, Tay-Vi-on Taylor, Damayanti Wilson and Lauren Worley.

**Third grade**  
 Courtney Chung, Angelina Dong, Karina Medina, Caroline Rocha, Cameron Serenil, Amy Tieu, Stephanie Umanzor and Jacquelyn Velasquez.

**Fourth grade**  
 Marlene Balderas, Yessica Cruz, Dalilah Delossantos, Rishan Harvey, Laila Leija, Esteven Mata, Lexee Miller, Joshua Phan-Coy and Jesus Rios.

# BHI names rolls...

**Continued from Page 4A**  
 Daniel Powell, Alexandria Renee Reyes, Jailene Reyes, Juan Miguel Reyes, Alexander James Reyna and Jorge Ruben Reyna.  
 Athena Skye Robles, Alexis Renea Rodriguez, Andres Alejandro Rodriguez, Carlos Ivan Rodriguez, Erick Rodriguez, John Christian Rodriguez, Erica M. Romero, Franklin Ivan Roque, Angela Grace Geopano Rosales and Mark Alan Rosales.  
 Stephanie Johana Rosales, Angel Rosas, Hannah Ross,

Anthony Juanaramando Salazar, Reginald Tyson Salinas, Jacqueline Esmeralda Soria, Tony Tieu, Victoria Nicole Tijerina, Liliana Ruby Torres, Nikki Tinhdan Tran, Theresa Tran, Triny Ynhi Tran and Donna Nguyen Trinh.  
 Karla Melissa Turcios, Ruben Kalani Vargas, April Brittany Vasquez, Cristian Vega, Rosa Alicia Velazquez, Kaylan Araceli Velez, Isabella Adriana Villarreal, Jacquelyn Simone Villarreal, Khanh Quoc Vu, Jonathon Lee Webb, Alyxus Jade Workmon and Christian Tylor Wright.

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# SJCS choir performs; event includes choir-made desserts

The San Jacinto College South choral department will host the *Feaste of Sweetes* on Friday, Feb. 4, and Saturday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the fine arts center atrium.

Among a variety of musical performances, audience members will enjoy selections from the choir's upcoming performance at Carnegie Hall.

Pieces from the small vocal ensemble and selected solos, duets and trios will also be performed each night. Perhaps the "sweetest" expectations are the desserts, which

will be prepared by members of the choir. "I can tell you there are some excellent cooks in our group!" said Cynthia Stevens, visual and performing

arts department chair at the South campus. Admission to the event is \$20 per person with proceeds going toward the choir's trip to perform in New York's Carnegie Hall this May. Seating is limited; therefore, res-

ervations are encouraged. For reservation information, call 281-484-1900. All performances are held in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building at the South campus at 13735 Beamer Road.



San Jacinto College South's choral department will present *Feaste of Sweetes* on Friday, Feb. 4, and Saturday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building. Along with a variety of musical selections, guests will be able to enjoy desserts made by choir members. Male choir members shown are, left to right, Nathaniel Askey, Jeff Guice, Doug Pillow, Robert Lott, Ryan Lyons, Michael Corcoran, Karl Stager, Luis Linsangan, Brandon Glover, Darren Merrill, J.C. Flowers, Ken Jurgens, Matthew Dunnier and Darryl Stevens. Female members of the choir shown are, (first row) Charice Ellis, Schwann Pham, Teresa Valente, Rachel Coppersmith, Heather Collins, Sudi Kelso, (second row) Courtney Conerly, Jacky Cortiaus, Vickie Hodges, Ethel Cornforth, Bettye Phifer, Eva San Martin Lopez, Kari Cabrera, Christine Selvidge, (back row) Krystal Harper, Angelina Engbrock, Lindsay Stafford, Mignon Bryant, Ellen Mastin, Tammy Zurawski, Barbara Hassett and Ashley Rau.  
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## Playoff positioning starts for hoopsters

The high school varsity basketball playoffs are looming. There are just two games remaining in many of the girls' districts, three in Dobie's 22-5A mix and four left on the boys' side. How are things shaping up? Well, actually really good for the Dobie boys' and girls' teams thanks to a bit of a winning streak for both.

At 5-2, the Lady Longhorns are tied with Sam Rayburn for second place in the District 22-5A standings, with Deer Park at 6-1 to lead things. Fourth place currently belongs to Memorial at 4-4.

In the District 22-5A boys' race, the Longhorns have forged a first-place tie with South Houston at 5-1. Both teams are one game ahead of third-place Memorial, with the Longhorns set to host the Mavericks Feb. 4 at Dobie.

Because Pasadena and Sam Rayburn are both sitting at the bottom of the district at 1-5, any combination of one Dobie win or a loss by either of those teams will send the Longhorns to the playoffs.

Things are also looking good for the Clear Brook Lady Wolverines, currently tied with Clear Creek for third place in the 24-5A race at 6-6.

With a win over 1-11 Brazoswood at home Jan. 4, the Lady Wolverines will secure a playoff berth after missing the postseason a season ago.

It's getting a little more desperate for the Brook boys' team, however. After consecutive losses to Clear Creek and Clear Springs, the

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## 24-5A H.S. soccer openers delayed

### Dobie teams finish tourneys

The high school soccer season is about to deliver a little more intensity to statewide playoff hopefuls.

Many district races were set to begin Feb. 1-2 across the area, and the Dobie varsity boys (two nondistrict games remaining) and the Lady Longhorns (three nondistrict games left) are making their final preparations for league play.

Brook boys set to start  
The Clear Brook Wolverines' varsity boys' team went 2-1-1 in nondistrict play under first-year head coach Chris Stromeyer.

The team then opened District 24-5A action by hosting Alvin Feb. 2 after press time in a game that was postponed one day due to cold conditions.

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At 4-6 in District 24-5A action, Alex Pettigrew (33) and the Clear Brook Wolverines need a win at Brazoswood Feb. 4 to keep pace in the playoff chase.



Chris Stromeyer guided Clear Brook's varsity boys' soccer team to a 2-2-1 nondistrict record, and now District 24-5A play has arrived. The Wolverines hosted Alvin after press time Feb. 2 and will play Clear Creek Feb. 4 at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in League City.

## Frigid weather causing caution

The beginning of what was expected to be a four-day stretch of extremely cold and possibly wet weather in the Houston area quickly affected several athletic schedules at a variety of levels.

A couple of school districts in the area, including Houston and Clear Creek, postponed all high school soccer and softball action set for Feb. 1. However, most high school basketball action stayed the course.

With the conditions expected to linger Feb. 3 and possibly even deliver snow or sleet Feb. 4, various officials are carefully monitoring things.

Pasadena ISD assistant athletic director Rodney Chant said every precaution will be considered to protect the district's athletes, coaches and other personnel. However, as of Feb. 1, Chant said unless icy conditions emerge or snow falls, the show will go on.

As long as area conditions remain dry, athletic events set for Friday, Feb. 4, will be played as scheduled. If sleet or ice arrives, changes could come.

The cold blast of air has already forced Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials to move the late registration and tryout date for the junior division (ages 13-14) to Saturday, Feb. 5.

The tryouts will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on the major division field at El Franco Lee Park.

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## Comeback Coyotes sweep opening pair Seventh-inning rallies key to both victories

If it is possible to establish a trend just two games into a season, the San Jacinto College women's softball team has to like its chances moving forward.

Thanks to a pair of seventh-inning rallies, the Coyotes came through with a 2-1, 5-1 doubleheader sweep over LSU-Eunice Jan. 28 in Louisiana.

San Jacinto surrendered unearned runs in the sixth innings of both games, moving to the top of the seventh inning with 1-0 deficits.

But the locals refused to quit, getting their offense going in the nick of time to take wins in each.

"We did nothing in the first six innings of either game, but obviously it was nice to see us fight back and win the games," San Jacinto head coach Kelly Saenz said.

"Coming back to win games is always a nice trend. Hopefully we can get the offense going a little sooner, but the fact is we're 2-0, and we'll take it."

In the season-opening first game against LSU-Eunice, Bethany Armstrong started the seventh with a single.

Jaclyn Bechtel moved Armstrong to second base with a sacrifice bunt, and Jessica Beltran tied the



San Jacinto College head softball coach Kelly Saenz watched as her team delivered two comeback wins against LSU-Eunice to open the season.

game with an RBI double.

One out later, Beltran raced home on a single by Michaela Adams to give San Jacinto a 2-1 edge.

Reliever Katie Vogt, who entered the game in the bottom of the sixth, earned the win by closing out Eunice in the seventh.

In game two, San Jacinto again found itself in a 1-0 hole before scoring five runs in the top of the seventh inning.

The highlights included bunt hits by Evan Babin and Shelby Parham and RBI singles by Nicole Andrade and Armstrong.

Bechtel secured the win with a two-run double, making a winner out of starting pitcher Shannon Millman.

Millman, one of as many as five freshman pitchers for the team, was terrific.

Alexis Estrada started the first game, throwing five shutout frames, and Vogt was solid in relief.

"It's only the first weekend, but I feel like our pitching can keep games close, and it's up to the offense to get things going sooner," Saenz said.

"We'll do that. It was a good day for us."

Now, San Jacinto is about to take its degree of difficulty to another level.

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# Sports Calendar

## BASKETBALL Friday, Feb. 4

Brook varsity boys at Brazoswood, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity boys host Memorial, 7:30  
 Brook varsity girls host Brazoswood, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity girls at Memorial, 7:30  
 Brook JV boys at Brazoswood, 5:30  
 Brook JV girls host Brazoswood, 5:30  
 Dobie JV girls at Memorial, 6:00  
 Dobie JV boys host Memorial, 6:00  
 Dobie sophomore boys host Memorial, 4:30  
 Brook sophomore boys at Brazoswood, 5:30  
 Brook freshman A boys at Brazoswood, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A girls at Memorial, 4:30  
 Brook freshman A girls host Brazoswood, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A boys host Memorial, 6:00  
 Brook freshman B boys at Brazoswood, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman B girls at Memorial, 6:00  
 Dobie freshman B boys host Memorial, 4:30  
 Thompson 7th Light boys at PISD tourn., Jackson, TBA  
 Bev. Hills 7th Light boys at PISD tourn., Jackson, TBA  
 Thomp. 8th Light boys at PISD tourn., Southmore, TBA  
 Bev. Hills 8th Light boys at PISD tourn., Southmore, TBA  
 Thompson 7th Light girls at PISD tourn., San Jac, TBA  
 Bev. Hills 7th Light girls at PISD tourn., San Jac, TBA  
 Thomp. 8th Light girls at PISD tourn., Miller, TBA  
 Bev. Hills 8th Light girls at PISD tourn., Miller, TBA

## Saturday, Feb. 5

Thompson 7th Light girls at PISD tourn., San Jac, TBA  
 Bev. Hills 7th Light girls at PISD tourn., San Jac, TBA  
 Thomp. 8th Light girls at PISD tourn., Miller, TBA  
 Bev. Hills 8th Light girls at PISD tourn., Miller, TBA

## Tuesday, Feb. 8

Brook varsity boys hosts Clear Lake, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity boys at Sam Rayburn, 7:30  
 Brook varsity girls at Clear Lake, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity girls host Sam Rayburn, 7:30  
 Brook JV boys hosts Clear Lake, 5:30  
 Brook JV girls at Clear Lake, 5:30  
 Dobie JV girls host Sam Rayburn, 6:00  
 Dobie JV boys at Sam Rayburn, 6:00  
 Dobie sophomore boys at Sam Rayburn, 4:30  
 Brook sophomore boys hosts Clear Lake, 5:30  
 Brook freshman A boys hosts Clear Lake, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A girls host Sam Rayburn, 4:30  
 Brook freshman A girls at Clear Lake, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A boys at Sam Rayburn, 6:00  
 Brook freshman B boys hosts Clear Lake, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman B girls host Sam Rayburn, 6:00  
 Dobie freshman B boys at Sam Rayburn, 4:30

## Friday, Feb. 11

Brook varsity boys at Pearland, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity boys at South Houston, 7:30  
 Brook JV boys at Pearland, 5:30  
 Dobie JV boys at South Houston, 6:00  
 Dobie sophomore boys at South Houston, 4:30  
 Brook sophomore boys at Pearland, 5:30  
 Brook freshman A boys at Pearland, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A boys at South Houston, 6:00  
 Brook freshman B boys at Pearland, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman B boys at South Houston, 4:30

## Tuesday, Feb. 15

Brook varsity boys host Dickinson, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity boys host Deer Park, 7:30  
 Brook JV boys host Dickinson, 5:30  
 Dobie JV boys host Deer Park, 6:00  
 Dobie sophomore boys host Deer Park, 4:30  
 Brook sophomore boys host Dickinson, 5:30  
 Brook freshman A boys host Dickinson, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A boys host Deer Park, 6:00  
 Brook freshman B boys host Dickinson, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman B boys host Deer Park, 4:30

## SOCCER Friday, Feb. 4

Brook varsity girls host Clear Creek, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity boys at Huntsville, 7:00  
 Brook JV girls host Clear Creek, 5:00  
 Dobie JV Orange boys at Huntsville, 5:00

## Saturday, Feb. 5

Dobie JV/B girls at Brazoswood, noon

## Tuesday, Feb. 8

Dobie varsity boys at North Shore, GPISD, 7:00  
 Brook varsity boys at Clear Springs, 7:00  
 Brook varsity girls host Clear Springs, 7:00  
 Dobie JV boys at North Shore, GPISD, 5:00  
 Brook JV girls host Clear Springs, 5:00

## Thursday, Feb. 10

Dobie JV/White boys host Atascocita, 4:00  
 Dobie JV/B girls host Sam Rayburn, 4:00

## Saturday, Feb. 12

Dobie varsity boys vs. Pasadena, Newcomb, 10 a.m.  
 Dobie varsity girls vs. Pasadena, Newcomb, noon  
 Dobie JV/B girls vs. Pasadena, Auxiliary, noon  
 Dobie JV/A girls at Dickinson tourn., TBA

## TENNIS Friday, March 4

Dobie varsity at La Porte tourn., (Srs. only), TBA

## BASEBALL Monday, Feb. 7

Brook varsity host La Porte scrimmage, 4:00

## Tuesday, Feb. 8

Dobie varsity at Milby scrimmage, Mason, 3:30  
 Brook JV hosts La Porte scrimmage, 4:00  
 Brook sophomores host La Porte scrimmage, 6:00

## Friday, Feb. 11

Brook varsity at Conroe scrimmage, 4:30  
 Dobie varsity at Baytown Sterling scrim., 4:00

## Saturday, Feb. 12

Brook JV hosts Conroe scrimmage, 11 a.m.  
 Brook sophomores host Conroe scrimmage, 12:30

## SOFTBALL Saturday, Feb. 5

Dobie varsity at Alvin tri-scrimmage, TBA

## Tuesday, Feb. 8

Brook varsity hosts Pas. Memorial scrim., 5:30  
 Dobie varsity hosts Clear Creek scrim., PISD, 5:30  
 Brook JV hosts Pas. Memorial scrimmage, 4:00  
 Dobie JV hosts Clear Creek scrimmage, PISD, 4:30

## Saturday, Feb. 12

Dobie varsity hosts scrimmage, El Franco Lee, 8 a.m.

## TRACK AND FIELD Saturday, Feb. 12

Dobie varsity boys at Keithan Relays, Deer Park, 9 a.m.  
 Dobie varsity girls at Keithan Relays, Deer Park, 9 a.m.



# Coyote softball wins pair to open 2011

## SJC at Galveston tourney

**Saturday, Feb. 5: SJC vs. Temple, 10 a.m.; SJC vs. Western Texas, 2 p.m.**

**Sunday, Feb. 6: SJC vs. McLennan, 8 a.m.; SJC vs. Ranger, noon; SJC vs. Seminole, 4 p.m.**

*All games at Lassie League Field, Galv.*

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Aside from dealing with what is forecast to be frigid conditions in the coming days, San Jacinto is about to go to its first tournament.

At the Feb. 5-6 Galveston College Invitational,

Although she did not get the win, San Jacinto freshman pitcher Alexis Estrada (at left) was great in her collegiate debut, tossing five scoreless innings against LSU-Eunice on the road Jan. 28. The Coyotes eventually won the game 2-1 and went on to sweep the doubleheader with a 5-1 second-game victory.

*Photo by John Bechtle*

San Jacinto will play five games in two days, including action against nationally ranked McLennan (No. 16) and Seminole State (No. 18).

"The Galveston tournament always gives us a good view of where we are," Saenz said.

"There's always good teams there, and it's always good to play against those kind of programs early in the season."

Of course, San Jacinto would love to go 5-0 at the tournament and build some big momentum moving forward.

However, there are other things Saenz will be looking for. Her team did commit a couple of costly errors that

led to unearned runs against LSU-Eunice.

Also, the offense waited until the last possible moment to churn out some runs. That cannot continue.

The five games in two days may also give Saenz a chance to see how a couple of other pitchers perform. Estrada, Vogt and Millman got into action against Eunice and will continue to do so.

Two other freshmen, Adams and Torri Cummings, may also see some time in Galveston in the circle.

# Sports news, notes

## Youth soccer online registering

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is now accepting online registration for the upcoming spring season. Youth ages 4 to 18 are eligible to compete in the league. For more details or to register online, visit [www.southbeltsoccer.org](http://www.southbeltsoccer.org).

## 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. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26, each 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](http://www.sportata.com/risingstars).

# Dobie football recognized



Dobie High School varsity football player Juston Edwards (left) and varsity head coach Jim Phillips display the plaque the Longhorns' varsity football team received for being a finalist for the Touchdown Club of Houston's annual Sportsmanship Award. The finalists, including Clear Brook, Dobie, South Houston, Sam Rayburn, Pasadena Memorial and several other Houston area programs were recognized at a luncheon Jan. 27 at the J.W. Marriott in Houston. Pasadena Memorial won the award. *Photo by Al Carter/PISD*

# Beverly Hills Intermediate girls win three of four games over Lions

The Lady Bears of Beverly Hills won three of four games played against South Belt rival Thompson in intermediate girls' basketball play.

Beverly Hills won both seventh-grade games, holding Thompson to four points in each game.

### BHI 7th Dark girls 19 Thompson 4

In the seventh-grade Dark game, the Lady Bears were aggressive with their defense, which caused the Lions to go scoreless in the first half of the game.

From then on, the Lady Bears also controlled the second half on the way to a 19-4 victory.

Leading the way for Beverly Hills was Brittany Rodriguez, who had eight points, four rebounds and six steals.

Along with Rodriguez in the back court was Giselle

Landa, who gave the Bears five points, three offensive rebounds, and nine steals.

Melany Menjivar chipped in with four points, four rebounds and two steals. Sara Ramirez and Georgette Wandji added two each under the basket.

With the win, Beverly Hills stayed in a first-place tie with Bondy at 7-1. Thompson slipped to 2-6.

### BHI 7th Light girls 32 Thompson 4

The Lady Bears' seventh-grade Light team played well together and held the Lions scoreless in the first half as well on the way to an easy 32-4 victory.

Marina Allen did a great job, scoring six points and adding eight rebounds and three blocks.

Also helping under the basket was Kristy Christmas, who had two points, nine rebounds and three

steals.

Coming off the bench to help the Lady Bears was Gabrielle Jones and Macalyn Castro-Cardenas, who combined for four points, seven rebounds and a steal.

Justice Henderson had four points and three steals, while Jazmin Valdez had four points and five steals. Lada Heng scored two points.

Beverly Hills' victory allowed the team to stay unbeaten and in first place at 8-0 as Thompson fell to 3-5.

In the eighth-grade games, the Lady Lions' eighth-grade Light team remained unbeaten at 8-0 after knocking off Beverly Hills (5-3) by a 43-28 tally.

In the Dark game to decide the series outcome, the Lady Bears (7-1) claimed a 39-18 victory over Thompson (3-5).

# Beverly Hills, Thompson basketball battles to draw in Pasadena ISD play

The intermediate boys' basketball battle for neighborhood supremacy was a draw as the Beverly Hills and Thompson squads split a pair of games.

The Bears went on to win both seventh-grade games, while the Lions were victorious in each of the eighth-grade games.

### BHI 7th Dark boys 42 Thompson 34

In a big matchup between two of the Pasadena Independent School District's top intermediate boys' basketball programs, Beverly Hills seventh-grade Dark team led the entire way, beating the Thompson Lions 42-34.

Defensive pressure and rebounding were the keys as Beverly Hills limited the Lions to one shot per possession for much of the game. The Bears increased their record to 7-1, forcing a three-way tie with Thompson and Park View.

In the win over Thompson, the Bears' top offensive players were Tony Lozano and Rigo Fuentes. The top defensive players were Josh Dobbs and Jordan Lyons.

### BHI 7th Light boys 44 Thompson 34

With both teams going into the game with unbeaten records, Beverly Hills' seventh-grade boys' Light team emerged as district leaders after a 44-34 victory over Thompson.

Both teams came out ready to play, and the game was tied at 16-16 at halftime. After that, it was the Bears who picked up the intensity in the second half and came away with the victory.

# Lakers 7-8 hoops now 3-1

The 7-8-year-old South Belt Lakers went up against the Pasadena Suns in Pasadena Recreation basketball action, taking a 38-2 victory to improve to 3-1 this season.

The Lakers started fast as they quickly built a 12-0 lead by the end of the first period. They continued to build on their lead, going to halftime up 22-0.

By the end of the third period, the Lakers led 32-2.

Top scorers for the winners were Marquice Scott

with 14 points and Christian Cleckley and Robert Ernest with 10 points apiece.

Kobe Ruiz and Marco Sanchez had two points apiece to round out the scoring.

Defensively doing a good job were Ernest, Cleckley, Scott, Tayvion Taylor, Dwayne Jones, De'Mauri McDaniel, Stacy LaGrone, Miguel Smiley and Draven Lopez.

The Lakers' top rebounders were Ruiz, Sanchez, McDaniel and Scott.

# Bradens honored as top hoops volunteers



Frank Braden (left), former Dobie High School principal, and his wife Pat Braden (second from left), were recognized as the McDonald's Invitational basketball tournament's Volunteers of the Year by tournament founder Ben Meador (third from left) and Darla Haygood, the tournament's coordinator of volunteers. Since his retirement, Braden and his wife are frequent visitors to various PISD extracurricular activities. See related story and photo on Page 6B. *Photo by Al Carter/PISD*

## PISD Intermediate Basketball

### Girls' Standings

7 Light	W	L	7 Dark	W	L
Beverly Hills	8	0	Bondy	7	1
Bondy	7	1	Beverly Hills	7	1
Southmore	6	2	San Jacinto	6	2
Queens	5	3	Queens	5	3
San Jacinto	5	3	Park View	4	4
Thompson	3	5	Miller	4	4
Miller	3	5	Southmore	3	5
Park View	2	6	Thompson	2	6
South Houston	1	7	Jackson	1	7
Jackson	0	8	S. Houston	1	7

### Game Scores 7 Light

Southmore 46, Jackson 18  
 Bondy 28, Park View 15  
 Miller 18, South Houston 7  
 Beverly Hills 32, Thompson 4  
 San Jacinto 22, Queens 16

### Game Scores 7 Dark

Southmore 40, Jackson 8  
 Bondy 29, Park View 4  
 Miller 28, South Houston 6  
 Beverly Hills 19, Thompson 4  
 San Jacinto 18, Queens 16

### 8 Light W L 8 Dark W L

Thompson	8	0	Bondy	8	0
Bondy	7	1	Beverly Hills	7	1
Miller	6	2	Miller	6	2
Beverly Hills	5	3	Southmore	5	3
Queens	5	3	Queens	4	4
Park View	3	5	Park View	4	4
Southmore	3	5	Thompson	3	5
San Jacinto	2	6	San Jacinto	2	5
Jackson	1	7	Jackson	1	7
South Houston	0	8	S. Houston	0	8

### Game Scores 8 Light

Southmore 31, Jackson 13  
 Bondy 22, Park View 18  
 Miller 53, South Houston 16  
 Thompson 43, Beverly Hills 28  
 Queens 30, San Jacinto 25

### Game Scores 8 Dark

Southmore 31, Jackson 9  
 Bondy 37, Park View 17  
 Miller 65, South Houston 0  
 Beverly Hills 39, Thompson 18  
 San Jacinto 19, Queens 17

## PISD Intermediate Basketball

### Boys' Standings

7 Light	W	L	7 Dark	W	L
Beverly Hills	8	0	Thompson	7	1
Thompson	7	1	Beverly Hills	7	1
Park View	6	2	Queens	7	1
Queens	6	2	Southmore	6	2
Southmore	5	3	Jackson	3	5
San Jacinto	3	5	Bondy	3	5
Miller	2	6	San Jacinto	2	6
S. Houston	2	6	Park View	2	6
Bondy	1	7	S. Houston	2	6
Jackson	0	8	Miller	1	7

### Game Scores 7 Light

Park View 49, Bondy 22  
 Beverly Hills 44, Thompson 34  
 Southmore 42, Jackson 13  
 Queens 47, San Jacinto 33  
 South Houston 52, Miller 32

### Game Scores 7 Dark

Park View 34, Bondy 31  
 Beverly Hills 42, Thompson 14  
 Southmore 45, Jackson 37  
 Queens 49, San Jacinto 39  
 South Houston 28, Miller 10

### 8 Light W L 8 Dark W L

Thompson	8	0	Thompson	8	0
Park View	7	1	Miller	5	3
Beverly Hills	5	3	Beverly Hills	5	3
San Jacinto	5	3	S. Houston	5	3
South Houston	5	3	Bondy	5	3
Bondy	4	4	San Jacinto	5	3
Jackson	3	5	Queens	4	4
Miller	2	6	Southmore	2	6
Southmore	1	7	Park View	1	7
Queens	0	8	Jackson	0	8

### Game Scores 8 Light

Park View 55, Bondy 41  
 Thompson 53, Beverly Hills 44  
 Jackson 58, Southmore 34  
 San Jacinto 42, Queens 22  
 South Houston 40, Miller 35

### Game Scores 8 Dark

Bondy 36, Park View 25  
 Thompson 51, Beverly Hills 35  
 Southmore 43, Jackson 33  
 San Jacinto 40, Queens 36  
 South Houston 51, Miller 49 (OT)

## JFD, Brook softball scrimmages continue

**Saturday, Feb. 5:** Dobie varsity at Alvin scrimmage. Other teams to include Santa Fe and Baytown Sterling.

**Tuesday, Feb. 8:** Dobie varsity and JV host Clear Creek scrimmage at Pasadena ISD sports complex. JV action at 4:30 p.m., followed by varsity at 5:30 p.m.; Clear Brook varsity hosts Pasadena Memorial at 5:30 p.m., and JV play at 4 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 11:** Clear Brook varsity and JV scrimmage at Manvel. The JV game is at 4 p.m., followed by varsity at 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 12:** Dobie varsity hosts Manvel, MacArthur and Calhoun at El Franco Lee Park.

**Monday, Feb. 14:** Dobie varsity and JV open the regular season, hosting Kingwood at the PISD sports complex. The JV game is at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity game at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 15:** Clear Brook varsity and JV open the regular season, hosting Friendswood at Lady Wolverines' Field. The JV game is at 4 p.m., followed by the varsity game at 5:30 p.m.



Returning all-district outfielder Amie Gallant and her Dobie High School teammates are continuing preparations for the 2011 season. In 2010, Dobie was second in District 22-5A and eventually advanced to the area playoff round.



Omar Arreguin and the Dobie varsity boys' team have a couple of more nondistrict matches before getting ready for 22-5A action.



Clear Brook goalkeeper Francisco Campos (left) and teammate Jordan Neill will be looking to get off to a good start in 24-5A play when the team faces longtime rival Clear Creek Feb. 4 at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in League City.

## Soccer seasons shifts to focus on district matchups

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Despite the likes of Pearland, Clear Lake and others residing in District 24-5A, the Wolverines are intent on making a playoff push this season in Stromeyer's first season.

The same goes for the Clear Brook girls, who have operated under the radar

early in the season while some key players have tried to recover from injury setbacks.

At 2-5 this season, the Lady Wolverines are off the pace set by last year's team that eventually made its way to the Region III tournament.

But with the start of the

24-5A chase, the Lady Wolverines now have a chance to begin anew.

Clear Lake may be the favorite to win the 24-5A crown, but the Lady Wolverines should be in the mix the entire way.

As for the Lady Longhorns at Dobie, the team has had its share of ups and

downs during tournament play.

First-year head coach Kristina Butler has tried to both implement her system and learn the skills of first-year varsity players, both while the team has navigated a tough nondistrict schedule.

With 22-5A action set to

begin soon, the Lady Longhorns should be able to get well soon. Deer Park will certainly be a contender for the 22-5A title, but the other schools within the district don't figure to offer much resistance.

The Dobie boys, meanwhile, have their eyes set on the 22-5A title.

Head coach Jesse Saavedra likes the group that has assembled. And with six wins in seven games to start the season, why not.

Dobie should enter the 22-5A race as a leading title contender.



The Dobie High School varsity girls' powerlifting is off to a great start this season. After taking third overall to open the season at Chavez High School, the Lady Longhorns won their first overall team title at Texas City. Dorothy Tran was named most valuable performer on the heavy platform and Faith Roberts was named most

valuable performer on the light platform. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Bree Smith, Breanna Jamison, Madelyn Garcia, Meagan Snyder, (back row) Melissa Garcia, Brittney Bates, Christina Dorantes and Elizabeth Flores. Tran and Roberts are not pictured.

## Dobie powerlifters start strong in 2011 season

The season is in its early stages, but there are several telltale signs that indicate the Dobie powerlifting program just may be set for its best season yet.

The program is in its second full season under coach Kenneth Foster.

The varsity girls' team, led by two-time regional qualifier Dorothy Tran and Faith Roberts, has already won a team meet title.

The varsity boys' team, which is paced by 2010 regional qualifier Justin Rice, has also shown some positive signs this season.

**Girls excel at TC**

After beginning the season with a third-place finish at the Chavez High School meet, the program took an extra week in the weight room to prepare for the journey to Texas City.

Obviously, a little more hard work and attention to detail paid dividends for the Lady Longhorns.

Tran was named most valuable performer on the heavy platform, and fellow senior Roberts was honored as the most valuable performer on the light platform.

Strengthened by the work of those two, the Lady Longhorns took first place overall in the meet, and Foster was impressed.

"The ladies have been working very hard since we started the season," Foster said.

"They understand that with just eight ladies on the team, it takes a big effort to win a meet as a team. Newcomers Bree Smith and Brittney Bates have already proven they are ready for the big time. Both have medaled in each of our first two meets."

**Rice, Glover pace JFD boys**

The Dobie varsity boys' team is reloading after the loss of several talented performers from 2010.

But two veterans, Rice and Malcolm Glover, have led the way early on.

"We're expecting a lot from the boys' team as the season progresses," Foster said. "Rice has really started fast, and Glover has recovered nicely from a previous knee injury."

"We've seen a big increase in their lifts from the first meet into the second one at Texas City."

## High school track and field season to get started

The spring portion of the high school athletics calendar is about to get busier than before with the start of the 2011 track and field season during the second week of February.

At Dobie, the varsity boys' and girls' teams will get an early look at Deer

Park, one of the chief competitors for the 22-5A title. Both teams will attend the annual Jim Kethan Relays at Deer Park High School.

The Dobie boys have a good supply of returnees from last year's team in both the running and field events.

Meanwhile, the Lady Longhorns are reloading at the varsity level after the loss of a good portion of their sprinting to graduation.

The team must also replace 2010 senior Ashley Johnson, a regional qualifier in the weights.

The varsity teams at Clear Brook could very well be in heavy contention for the 24-5A crowns when the time comes.

Despite the addition of

Pearland to the district, Clear Brook has plenty of experience and talent on both the boys' and girls' sides.

The 24-5A ranks should be as tough as ever with the inclusion of Pearland and Dickinson. Each of the Clear Creek Independent School District programs

– Brook, Clear Lake, Clear Creek and Clear Springs – are expected to compete for crowns in both boys' and girls' action. The 22-5A meet is set for April 12-14 at PISD's Auxiliary Stadium. The 24-5A meet will be held April 12-14, at Sam Vintanza Stadium on the Dickinson High School campus.

The South Belt Track Club will host a registration and fundraising barbecue Saturday, Feb. 12, in The Gardens parking lot at 12053 Beamer.

Youth ages 6 to 18 are eligible to register for the program, which hosts practices at Dobie High School.

## South Belt Track to register, host barbecue fundraiser

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The registration fee is \$125, which includes a uniform and covers the cost of Amateur Athletic Union registration. For more information, direct e-mail to head coach Arthur Moore at run@southbelttrack.com.

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Dobie High School Varsity track/field schedule		
Date	Opponent	Teams
Feb. 12	at Kethan Relays	Boys/Girls
Feb. 18	at SoHo Relays (PISD)	Boys/Girls
Feb. 25	Brown Relays (PISD)	Boys/Girls
March 5	Bayshore Olympics (at La Porte)	Boys/Girls
March 11	Santa Fe Invitational	Boys/Girls
March 20-21	TSU Relays	Girls
March 25-26	Bayou Classic (Rice)	Boys
March 26	Rockhold Relays (Baytown)	Girls
April 1	Clear Springs Relays	Boys/Girls
April 12-14	22-5A meet (PISD)	Boys/Girls

Brook High School Varsity girls track/field schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 11	Brook Relays	4 p.m.
Feb. 19	at F.B. Marshall	8 a.m.
Feb. 25	Dickinson Relays	noon
March 4	George Ranch Relays	noon
March 11	Aldine Relays	noon
March 25-26	Bayou Classic (Rice)	TBA
April 1	Clear Springs Relays	TBA
April 12-14	24-5A meet (Dickinson)	TBA

## CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, FEB. 3**  
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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FRIDAY, FEB. 4**  
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.

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

**SATURDAY, FEB. 5**  
6 p.m.  
**Frontier Squares** – Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 6**  
2 p.m.  
**Grief Support Group** – For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 p.m.  
**Grief Support Group** – "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

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

9:30 a.m.  
**CCART** – The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, of September through May. They are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bay Area Community

Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook near the Landolt Pavilion. All Texas retired school employees from all surrounding school districts are welcome to attend and join this organization. Annual dues are \$35.

10 a.m.  
**American Begonia Society** – Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Pasadena Town Square Community Room. For more information, call 713-946-4237 or 713-941-7158.

10:30 a.m.  
**Tri-County Republican Women** – General meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month except June and July at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland. A luncheon is available. To make reservations, call 281-484-8083.

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

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

6:30 p.m.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** – Due to Sagemont Recreation Center closing for remodeling, TOPS will meet at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.

**Green Thumb Series** – The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening lectures the second Tuesday of each month at the Bass Pro Shops, Hwy. 288 @ the Sam Houston Tollway. Programs will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Visit the Web site for a list of topics and location at www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu or call 281-991-8437.

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

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

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

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**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.

**American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter** - Now meets at Perry's Italian Grill, 1001 Pinelock in Houston on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information or to R.S.V.P., call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202.

**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.

**Alzheimer's Support Group** - The free group meets the second Wednesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199 or 713-266-6400.

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

**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 10

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**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Fellowship of Friends, 144 Park Avenue in League City. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others to the interdenominational meeting.

**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - American Business Women's Association-South meets on the second Thursday of each month at MIMI's Cafe in the Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway Street, #1600. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

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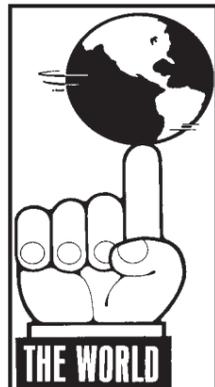
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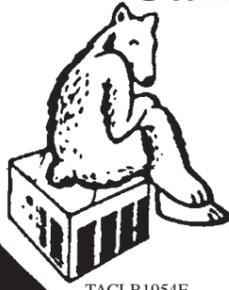
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# McDonald's Invitational hoops makes PISD donation

Local officials celebrated the collective efforts behind the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament with the presentation of a check that reflected yet another successful tournament and also a promising future for grant-funding of teacher projects.

Ben Meador, founder and chairman of the tournament, presented a check for \$145,000 to Bill Barmore, president of the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation, in a ceremony at the Pasadena Independent School District's administration building.

The check represented proceeds from the 2010 tournament, the biggest yet in terms of teams (84) and venues (14).

Foundation funds are used to generate grants for district teachers and underwrite other education projects.

Total revenue from the tournament over the past decade is thought to now be in the range of \$700,000.

Meador announced that

sponsor contributions for the tournament reached \$205,500, a new record.

He said the 2010 tournament's economic impact in the area was a record \$2

million.

The estimated impact from the 2009 tournament, Meador said, was \$1.5 million.

On behalf of the tournament organizing committee,

Meador and Darla Haygood, the coordinator of tournament volunteers, unveiled a new award, Volunteer of the Year Award.

The first recipients, Frank and Pat Braden, were presented a plaque in appreciation of their contributions (see related picture on Page 2B).



Pasadena Independent School District Education Foundation President Bill Barmore (left) accepts a check for \$145,000 from Ben Meador, chairman of the McDonald's Texas Invitational Tournament.

# Dobie's Edwards picks Incarnate Word football



Dobie High School varsity football player Juston Edwards (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio after signing a letter of intent with the Cardinals. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Dinah Edwards (mother), Kirk Edwards (father), (back row) Steve Jamail (Dobie principal), Jim Phillips (Dobie varsity head football coach) and Carey Sink (Dobie defensive coordinator).

Photo by Dezrea Trevino

# JFD softball's Morgan headed to San Jacinto College



Dobie High School varsity softball player Ariel Morgan (seated center) will continue her education and playing career at San Jacinto College this fall after signing a letter of intent with the Coyotes. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Kelly Saenz (San Jacinto head coach), Carlos Morgan Sr. (father), Felicia Nesfield (aunt), Natalie Spratt (cousin), (middle row) Chyna Phipps (friend), Chris Swinnen (Dobie

varsity assistant coach), Carmella Swinnen (Dobie JV softball coach), Robin Rackley (Dobie head varsity softball coach), (back row) Ces Morgan (uncle), Carlos Morgan Jr., (brother), Alfred Nesfield (uncle), Marcus Morgan (uncle), Steve Jamail (Dobie High School principal), Kirk Adams (Lady Stros club coach), Rob Brodt (Lady Stros club coach) and Jeremy Spratt (cousin).

# Dobie OL Fondal opts for Navarro



Dobie High School varsity football player Zachary Fondal (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at Navarro College in Corsicana after signing a letter of intent with the Bulldogs. Those with Fondal at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Theria Malone

(mother), Malcolm Glover (Dobie teammate), (back row) Jim Phillips (Dobie varsity head football coach), Darrian Laverne (Dobie teammate), Justin Rice (Dobie teammate) and Steve Jamail (Dobie principal).

Photo by Dezrea Trevino

# Dobie, Brook hoops squads keep pressure on leaders

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Wolverines are on the outside looking in where the

playoff race is concerned. To make the situation a little more difficult, the

Wolverines were defeated in the first round by each of the teams in front of them.

Clear Creek (10-0) and Clear Springs (9-1) will make the playoffs.

Brazoswood and Clear Lake are tied for third at 6-4, and the Wolverines play at Brazoswood Feb. 4.

Clear Brook head coach Jason Pillow concedes his team is in a pinch, but neither he nor his players will give up the chance until the math says it's no longer possible.

## Feb. 1 basketball results

- Dobie boys 62, Pasadena 57
- Dobie girls 44, Pasadena 32
- Springs girls 76, Brook 44
- Springs boys 73, Brook 55

## Jan. 28 basketball results

- Creek boys 65, Brook 62
- Dobie girls 54, Deer Park 46
- Brook girls 48, Creek 44
- Dobie boys 64, Deer Park 57

Clear Brook head coach Jason Pillow concedes his team is in a pinch, but neither he nor his players will give up the chance until the math says it's no longer possible.

"We are 4-6, and could very easily be much better than that," Pillow said. "It hurts that we have lost two buzzer-beaters to Creek but

that is the way it goes." As for what the future holds, Pillow knows a few more victories for his team are a must.

"If we win out, then we will be in third place assuming Brazoswood goes 2-2," Pillow said.

"We can actually afford a loss to Brazoswood *only* if we beat Lake, Pearlard and Dickinson, and Clear Lake doesn't surprise (any of the leaders). Hopefully we can get out of this hole we have dug for ourselves."

## District 22-5A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball

(As of Feb. 2)

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	7	1
Dobie	6	2
Sam Rayburn	5	3
Memorial	4	4
South Houston	2	6
Pasadena	0	8

## District 24-5A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball

(As of Feb. 2)

Teams	W	L
Clear Springs	12	0
Clear Lake	11	1
Clear Brook	6	6
Clear Creek	6	6
Pearland	5	7
Dickinson	5	7
Alvin	2	10
Brazoswood	1	11



Clear Brook varsity girls' guard Kia Love is just one of the many players who have had much better success over the past 10 games. After an 0-2 start to district play, Brook is now one win away from the playoffs.

The Longhorns have bounced back very well since dropping their first district game to South Houston Jan. 25.

The Longhorns have suddenly won two straight games to put themselves back in good standing in the 22-5A mix.

Despite losing its last two games against the district's two leaders, the Clear Brook varsity girls' team is now in a great position to make the playoffs.

## District 22-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Feb. 2)

Teams	W	L
South Houston	5	1
Dobie	5	1
Memorial	4	2
Deer Park	2	4
Sam Rayburn	1	5
Pasadena	1	5

## District 24-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Feb. 2)

Teams	W	L
Clear Creek	10	0
Clear Springs	9	1
Brazoswood	6	4
Clear Lake	6	4
Clear Brook	4	6
Pearland	4	6
Dickinson	1	9
Alvin	0	10

On the road against Deer Park, the Longhorns ran their record to 4-1 with a 64-57 victory over the Deer.

At home against Deer Park Jan. 28, the Lady Longhorns won 54-46 to come up with probably their biggest win of the season.

At 6-6, Brook has an edge over fourth place Clear Creek (also 6-6) because of a series sweep.

## District 22-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Feb. 2)

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Dobie	5	1
Memorial	4	2
Deer Park	2	4
Sam Rayburn	1	5
Pasadena	1	5

## District 24-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

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Brazoswood	6	4
Clear Lake	6	4
Clear Brook	4	6
Pearland	4	6
Dickinson	1	9
Alvin	0	10

To start the second half of district play, the Longhorns held off Pasadena 62-57.

Then came a 44-32 business-like victory over Pasadena.

The fifth-place teams, Pearlard and Dickinson, are both 5-7.

## District 22-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

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Pearland	4	6
Dickinson	1	9
Alvin	0	10

With a key game coming at home against Memorial, the Longhorns have a shot to make the championship run a two-team affair with themselves and South Houston dueling down the stretch.

The Lady Longhorns will play at Memorial Feb. 4 and then close out the regular season at home against Sam Rayburn Feb. 8.

Head coach Blair Redmon is in position to take the Lady Wolverines to the playoffs for the first time in her second season.

## District 22-5A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Feb. 2)

Teams	W	L
South Houston	5	1
Dobie	5	1
Memorial	4	2
Deer Park	2	4
Sam Rayburn	1	5
Pasadena	1	5

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