

## Valentine Love Lines

Valentine Love Lines to be printed in the Feb. 11 edition of the *Leader* are available for \$8 for 25 words. Ads must be received by noon Tuesday, Feb. 9. Messages can be paid for in person, or a check and message may be mailed to the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, 11555 Beamer, Houston, TX 77089. They may also be left in one of the mail slots on either side of the front glass doors of the office. For a decorative ad with artwork, call the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 for rates.

## CBC MUD office closed

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed until 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, for an employee safety meeting. Payments may be left in the drop slot.

## Atkinson PTO scholarships

The Atkinson Elementary PTO will offer two \$500 scholarships to any graduating senior at Dobie High School who attended Atkinson at least two years, one being fifth grade.

Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie High School.

The application must be received by noon on Feb. 26, 2010, to be considered.

## Cowboys set cheer tryouts

The Sagmont Cowboys cheerleaders will hold tryouts on Feb. 12, following a cheerleading clinic on Feb. 9, 10 and 11. Participants must be 9 years old or a returning drill member. For information, contact Traci@sagmontcowboys.com.

## Library events scheduled

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

Play board games and more on game day, Thursday, Feb. 4, at 4 p.m.

A Black History Month Celebration will be held Saturday, Feb. 6. At 10:30 a.m., the Express Children's Theatre will present *Freedom Train*; at 1 p.m., an African-American genealogy workshop will be held; at 3 p.m., the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. will present a step show; and from 3 to 5 p.m., Hot 95.7 FM will broadcast from the library.

AARP volunteers will provide free income tax assistance every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the library for more information.

Workforce Solutions hosts free job search seminars on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. The next session, *Networking*, is Feb. 10.

A children's Valentine's Day craft for ages 5 and up will be held on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 4 p.m. Free tickets are required.

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

## Dobie yearbooks on sale

The deadline to order a 2010 Dobie yearbook is Feb. 26. There are a limited number of books still available that will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. To purchase a yearbook, go to [www.smart-pay.com](http://www.smart-pay.com) or order directly through the school by e-mailing [jwenson@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:jwenson@pasadenaisd.org). The books are \$65 and will be delivered on campus in May.

## Orchestra parents to meet

The Dobie High School Orchestra Booster Club will hold its next meeting Thursday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in the orchestra room. All orchestra parents are encouraged to attend.

## Cheer tryout meeting set

Dobie High School will hold its cheerleader tryout meeting on Monday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. It is mandatory for a parent to attend with each candidate.

## Daughters host bake sale

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Mother of Unity will host a bake sale Sunday, Feb. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until items are gone, in the social hall of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

## Sagmont Civic to meet

The Sagmont Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, located at 10811 Kirkfair Drive at Beamer and Kirkfair. Visit [Sagmontcivicclub.org](http://Sagmontcivicclub.org) for more.

## Frazier PTO scholarships

The Frazier Elementary PTO will offer six scholarships to any graduating senior at Dobie High School who attended Frazier in the fourth and fifth grades. Applications are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie and must be received by noon Friday, March 12, to be considered. The scholarships will be awarded at the May PTO meeting.

## Shippey speaks out

Linda Shippey will attend the Action Summit for Alzheimer's March 7 through 9 in Washington, D.C. The program will focus on working with politicians to improve the quality of life for those suffering from the disease. Shippey's husband, Dennis Shippey, has Alzheimer's and briefly went missing last year.

# Third low-income complex proposed

By James Bolen

A third developer has now applied to the state for tax credits to assist in building a low-income apartment complex in the South Belt area.

To be located in the northwest quadrant of Scarsdale and Interstate 45, Artisan Valley would be composed of 152 units, 100 percent of which would be for tenants with approximate incomes of less than or equal to 60 percent of the area's median income.

Of the total units, eight would house tenants who make less than 30 percent of the area's income. For a family of one, this is an approximate income level of \$13,400. For a family of two, this equals \$15,300. For a family of three, this income level is \$17,250, and the approximate in-

come level for a family of four is \$19,150.

Sixty-eight of the units will house tenants who earn less than 50 percent of the area's median income. For a family of one, this is an approximate income level of \$22,350. For a family of two, this equals \$25,500. For a family of three, this income level is \$28,700, and the approximate income level for a family of four is \$31,900.

The remaining 76 units will house tenants who make less than 60 percent of the area's median income. For a family of one, this is an approximate income level of \$26,820. For a family of two, this equals \$30,600. For a family of three, this income level is \$34,440, and the approximate income level for a family of four is \$38,280.

One-bedroom units will range in price from

\$281 to \$640. Two-bedroom units will range in price from \$323 to \$754. Three-bedroom units will range in price from \$360 to \$858, and four-bedroom units will range in price from \$389 to \$944.

While the other two developers who plan to build in the area (Dixie Gardens and Tarrington Court) have come forward saying their complexes would cater exclusively to seniors, Franklin Development, the company responsible for de-

veloping Artisan Valley, said its complex would be designed to accommodate families.

This is troublesome to many in the community, as it would place an added strain on local schools.

"Again, I do recognize the housing need, and I will serve any child that moves into our district," said Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis. "I'm just growing weary."

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## Two robbery suspects sought

The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office is seeking the public's assistance in identifying two suspects wanted for robbing a game room in the 12400 block of Scarsdale Sunday, Jan. 31.

The suspects entered the game room at roughly 8:15 a.m. when one of two men used a sledge hammer to smash through the building's door. The second man brandished a hand gun 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. None of the game room's four patrons were threatened.

The suspects are described as being Hispanic and were wearing masks. One of the suspects is said to be in his early 20s, while the other is described as being in his 40s. Both men are described as being thin and standing approximately 5 feet 3 inches tall.

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

## Filing begins for ISDs, MUDs

Monday, Feb. 8, marks the first day to file to run in the May 8 elections to fill vacancies on local school district and municipal utility district boards. The last day to file is Monday, March 8.

Two positions will be up for grabs on the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees. These are the seats currently held by Frank Braden and Jerry Speer.

The PISD election office is located at 1515 Cherrybrook, Room N101, and the telephone number is 713-740-0027.

There are also two open positions on the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees. These are the seats currently held by Ann Hammond and Bob Davee.

Applications are available at the CCISD Education Support Center located at 2425 E. Main Street in League City. For more information, call Cindy Grisham at 281-284-0181.

Local municipal utility districts holding board elections include Clear Brook City, Sagmeadow and Kirkmont.

## Officials inspect area ditch



The vegetation in the ditch that runs through Clear Brook Meadows has grown above the banks and is causing drainage issues. From left, David Matthews from Harris County Precinct 1, Curtis Lampley from the Harris County Flood Control District and Chris Clark of Clear Brook City MUD examine the trees and other plants growing in the ditch. The ditch has not been cleaned out because until recently, it was unclear as to whether the area is considered a wetland in the eyes of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

## Local ditch irks area residents

By Matt Griesmyer

Residents of Clear Brook Meadows and their homeowners' association have been complaining about the high foliage in the A-126 ditch that cuts through their subdivision. Complaints have been followed up with requests to clean out the overgrown vegetation in the ditch, but until recently, no true progress had been made.

The times are most definitely changing. In an effort to help ease the residents' minds, the Clear Brook Meadows MUD has been researching the process of cleaning out the ditch.

"Ditch A-126 has two intended purposes, the first being detention of rainfall," said Bob Heinly, Galveston District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "The ditch is not meant to convey water quickly out of the subdivision; rather, it is intended to hold water for a period of time."

The main delay in this cleaning process is determining if the waterway is identified by the Army Corps of Engineers as a wetland, which changes the cleaning process altogether.

This, however, has been rectified with the completion of the research by the Corps and official designation of A-126 as a wetland.

One thing that residents may not be aware of, however, is that the waterway is intended to have some vegetation in it.

The reason that the homeowners of Clear Brook Meadows have been unhappy with the status of the ditch is that the vegetation in it has been hindering the drainage of water throughout the area.

One thing that the Corps wants to ensure that residents understand is that there has always been an expectation for A-126 to hold water to maintain a certain level of vegetation.

Chris Clark, manager of the Clear Brook City MUD, says that if the vegetation slows down the water, the ditch is working the way it is supposed to.

Clark further agreed that the ditch does need to have some of the vegetation removed, including an inordinate number of tallow trees that have a tendency to hinder the flow of water more than intended.

"What we are talking about here are the junk trees that grow from the water's edge up," Clark said. "In a heavy storm, they would impede the flow."

There is quite a bit more that needs to be determined before the ditch is cleaned, including identifying the vegetation that needs to be removed, creating a plan for removal of said debris and submitting the completed cleaning plan to the Corps for approval.

## South Belt sky on fire



South Belt residents were treated to a majestic scene Monday, Jan. 25, when a fiery sunset blanketed the horizon. The above photograph was taken from the parking lot of the San Jacinto College South campus by art department faculty member Christina Potts.

## Multicar crash causes delays

A multiple-vehicle collision occurred Monday, Feb. 1, on Beltway 8 at Beamer at roughly 6 p.m., causing extensive traffic jams on both the tollway and the parallel feeder road.

According to Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office spokeswoman Pamela Greenwood, witnesses reported seeing the driver of a Pontiac begin to exit from the tollway onto Beamer but changed his mind at the last minute and steered

back onto the beltway.

Upon doing so, the driver struck a Chrysler, which set off a chain reaction of collisions.

Both the driver of the Pontiac and his passenger were taken by ambulance to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. No other injuries were reported.

At press time, no charges had been filed. The accident is still under investigation.

## After-school fighting reported

There has been a rash of fights in recent weeks outside both Beverly Hills Intermediate and Dobie High School.

According to Sgt. Zerick Guinn from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the fights have been primarily, but not exclusively, interracial.

Guinn further said the fighting was not limited

to students, as adults have been spotted fighting in areas near Dobie.

The fights around the Dobie area have been occurring daily for roughly two weeks straight, Guinn said.

At press time, no arrests or serious injuries had been reported. However, one adult who did not attend the school was ticketed.

## JFD track reunion set for Feb. 26; Some former team members sought

By John Bechtle

Thirty years after the school's track and field state championship, members of the 1981 Dobie High School team are planning a reunion.

The event is set for Friday, Feb. 26, at Cullen's restaurant on Space Center Boulevard.

Sammy Shimmfessell, one of the former Dobie stars who is helping organize the event along with Todd Whistler, is looking forward to an evening of fun and the sharing of memories.

As a bonus, head coach John Bryan is expected to attend, and he will be honored by his former athletes with a plaque and plenty of stories.

"I just think it's going to be a blast and a neat

way to get everybody together," Shimmfessell said. "All of us have gotten older, and I hope this is also a great night for coach Bryan. He is one of the legends in our sport, and we are looking forward to seeing him."

The committee, headed by Todd Whistler and Shimmfessell in Houston, has received commitments from quite a few of their teammates from 1981.

However, there are others the group is still seeking contact information for, including Armando Canales, Mark Forbes, Curtis McWoodson, Lawrence Mitchell, Pete Ramos and Joe Riojas.

Anyone with details on any of those is asked to call Shimmfessell at 281-924-9804.

## Gas station set for Dixie-Beamer

By Matt Griesmyer

The northeast corner of Dixie Farm Road at Beamer could very well have a new structure on it by year's end, if everything goes as scheduled.

Managers with Beamer Dixie LLC., Riyaz Makinajia, Rahim Momin and Melik Momin are planning on breaking ground on a new 6,000 to 7,000 square foot gas station and mini shopping center late this March or early April.

The main consumers that the group is targeting are residents traveling the Dixie-Beamer location and college students who attend the South campus of San Jacinto College less than half a mile from the proposed pumps.

Included in the plans is a gas station with modern upscale design and a fast food restaurant as well as a seating area complete with Wi-Fi internet access. The owners are intending to charge for the internet service, but only after giving the first hour gratis.

The design is not going to be that of a typical gas station. Plans are included to have a seating area in which students could sit, have their meal or have a cup of coffee and take care of homework.

The only competition for coffee from a dedicated location in the area comes from the Starbucks kiosk located within the student services building of San Jac South.

Makinajia, Momin and Momin believe that students will gladly visit their proposed location in favor of their lower priced coffee and availability of food, gasoline and internet access.

The plans for the gas station and mini shopping center dictate that around 5,000 square feet will be dedicated to the gas station with included fast food restaurant; the remaining space will be available for tenants.

Tentative plans call for the project to be served by the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District.

# Guest Editorials

## Comments on State of the Union Address

By U.S. Rep. Pete Olson

I share the President's opinion of the amazing spirit of the American people. As our nation has struggled through this recession, people have reinvented themselves and shifted their priorities to work through our economic challenges. American families have downsized their spending and expectations in an effort to push forward until we turn the corner.

US public debt stood at \$7.5 trillion at the end of 2009 and is projected to triple to \$22.1 trillion by 2020. The federal debt is already over \$100,000 per household. Our fiscal house is not in order. The President's call for a freeze on any spending is in my view a small step in the right direction, but sadly, does little to address the Democrats massive spending problem.

We need to put America back to

work by lowering tax rates and allowing businesses and the free market to determine where investments are needed to grow jobs. Government cannot and should not be in the business of cherry picking which industries are worthy of government tax dollars.

Job creation is not the result of government intervention, but rather, good old-fashioned American entrepreneurship. If government gets out of the way by dropping heavy handed proposals like cap-and-trade and a massive and costly mandate on health care, we can turn this economy around.

I urge the President to work with Republicans on meaningful job creation and look forward to working with my colleagues to provide real solutions that do not leave our children and grandchildren facing a legacy of debt.

## Texas helps reduce pollution

By State Rep. Ken Legler

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announced recently that the concentrations of benzene are no longer at levels of potential health concern in the Lynchburg Ferry area. Those who say Texas is doing a poor job in effectively reducing pollution should take a hard look at this reduction.

Benzene was added to the Lynchburg Ferry Air Pollutant Watch List in 2002 and had been a major problem for years near the ferry area. As stated by the TCEQ "a pollutant is added to the Watch List if persistent elevations of measured concentrations of the pollutant of interest are determined to be of concern for potential to cause adverse short- or long-term health effects (or both) or odor." To put that in simpler terms, it is bad stuff! When I served on the TCEQ small business panel eight years ago, benzene was a top concern and we made its reduction a major priority. TCEQ could not find the exact source of the benzene, whether it was from old leaking barges or a stationary source, it was hard to determine but we knew something had to be done. Resulting from combined efforts between local industry and the TCEQ, concentrations of benzene at the Lynchburg Ferry monitoring site have indicated an overall decline of 65% from 2005 to 2008. Early information for January 2009 to June of 2009 is showing a reduction of approximately 35%.

The removal of benzene from the Air Pollutant Watch List is hard evidence that Texans are serious about helping reduce containments in our air

and water. It is sad and infuriating that there are certain federal agencies who still insist that industries in the Houston area are unwatched, unregulated and only serve as major contributors to pollution. These agencies are closing their eyes to what is really going on; that is Texas is reducing the amounts of harmful chemicals on their own, without federal governmental interference. This is further proof that people at the local level are in the best position to know how to get results, by applying sound science and common sense to regulation, not relying on those who work 1500 miles away. This is a principle that I believe in and will adhere to, no voodoo science and voodoo witch doctors.

TCEQ states "a pollutant is removed from the watch list after monitored concentrations of the pollutant of interest in an area of concern indicate a downward trend over time and TCEQ determines that no potential to cause adverse short- or long-term health effects or odor remains." Again, to put that in simple terms that I am use to using, this situation it is a heck of a lot better now than it was in the past. This is great news for all citizens of southeast Harris County. Growing up in the Pasadena area, I remember how bad it was and I thank the good lord for the knowledge he gave us to help keep cleaning our environment. For we are the stewards of his creation. As the saying goes if a person is from Texas they will let you know and I am proud to let you know that Texans Do Know Best!

## Atkinson Science Fair winners named



The winners of the annual Atkinson Elementary Science Fair held on Jan. 21 are, left to right, Brandon Harder, fourth place; Tulu Sarkar, fourth-grade teacher; Lynda Grantham, second place; Destinee Garza, first place; Angelica Canales, fifth place; and Jacob Ferrell, third place. These students will represent the school in the district fair to be held on March 24. It was a tough competition, and the students had to break a tie in order to earn their respective places. All of the Atkinson fourth-graders worked hard on the projects and work submitted. Photo submitted

## Espinoza retires after 32 years



After 32 years in the Pasadena Independent School District, Leticia Espinoza is retiring. She has been the head custodian at Frazier Elementary for the past nine years. Espinoza was honored at a retirement reception at Frazier on Jan. 15, 2010. Pictured are, left to right, Espinoza and Frazier Principal Rhonda Parmer. Photo submitted

## Business Review

### Up Close Beauty, Max

The South Belt's newest upscale family salon and spa is owned by Michelle Mai. Her goal is to provide clients and the community with an environment suitable for the entire family.

Mai and her staff recently celebrated the grand opening of their relocated salon, Up Close Beauty, Max located at 12804 Gulf Freeway.

Mai, a hair designer, has been styling and coloring hair for more than 25 years. She has completed training in all aspects of the beauty industry.

The salon offers services including hair, body, skin, make-up, massage and body contour.

Mai said she is excited the salon will be offering more than just hair design and is looking forward to the skin care services.

"I have always enjoyed being creative with hair and having mastered many techniques, I now plan to focus on skin care and allow my staff to apply their talents in hair design," Mai said.

The salon staff, consisting of two nail technicians and five stylists, specializes in skin care, make-up, chemical peels, microdermabrasion, body contouring and body wraps.

The salon coordinates exclusive events designed for the entire family or larger groups featuring personalized spa and salon services.

## Rodeo scholarship deadline Feb. 19

It's that time of the year when students and their parents are filling out college applications, but there's another important deadline approaching that can help with the educational journey.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will offer scholarships.

The deadline for applying for Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Opportunity and Metropolitan scholarships is Friday, Feb. 19.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Opportunity and Metropolitan scholarships are open to students in public

schools in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller counties.

The largest of the show's scholarship programs, these scholarships are based on academics, leadership, community involvement and financial need.

Details are available at [www.rodeohouston.com/about/scholarship/apply.aspx](http://www.rodeohouston.com/about/scholarship/apply.aspx).

For more information on any part of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo educational programs, contact Candace Sigust at [sigust@rodeo-houston.com](mailto:sigust@rodeo-houston.com), 832-667-1113.

## Apartments . . .

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ry that it seems an inordinate number of these are being built in our district. As our percentage of students from poverty grows, it makes our teachers' work much more difficult.

Lewis' concern is not unfounded. There are currently already eight government-

subsidized apartment complexes between Alameda Mall and Dixie Farm Road.

In addition to the added strain placed on schools, low-income apartment complexes also typically have far more emergency calls than their counterparts.

In 2007, the low-income Highland Meadow Village apartment complex had five times more calls for police and ambulance service than local single-family residences, according to Chris Clark, manager of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District.

State law mandates that public hearings be held to receive community input on both of the proposed developments.

Information regarding the dates, times and locations of these hearings must be made available at least 30 days in advance.

If awarded state incentives, Artisan Valley would be ready for occupancy by approximately December 2011.

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## Deaths

### John Edward Elam Jr.



John Edward Elam Jr., 43, died on Jan. 27, 2010, at his home in Bellaire after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on April 19, 1966, in Kingsville, Texas.

Elam is survived by his wife, Jeanine Miller Elam, and his children, John Edward III, Kristin Delaine and Morgen Nicole.

Also surviving are Elam's parents, John Sr. and Mary Ella Elam of Houston; brothers David Elam and wife Amy of Boerne, Brad Elam and wife Kathleen of Dallas; and sister Kim Hryhorchuk and husband Derrek of Houston; father-in-law John Miller of Houston; mother-in-law Beverly Nolley of Houston; brothers-in-law David Miller and wife Leslie of The Woodlands and Bryan Miller of Houston; sister-in-law Amey Wizig and husband JJ of Cypress; nieces and nephews Natalie Elam, Ashley Hryhorchuk, Brittney Hryhorchuk, Claire Miller, Lauren Elam, Kate Elam, Nathan Elam, Garrett Miller, Brock Wizig, Brett Wizig, Nicklaus Elam and Austin Hryhorchuk.

Elam was a 1985 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School where he excelled in academics and athletics. He attended Texas A&M on an athletic scholarship and graduated in 1989 with a degree in finance.

While at A&M, Elam played on three Southwest Conference Championship teams and played in three Cotton Bowls - 1986, 1987

### Armando Cortez



Armando Cortez, 43, of South Belt, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. He was born Sept. 15, 1966.

Survivors include Cortez' mother, Margarita Aleman Cortez; father Emiliano Cortez Jr.; sister Nydia Cortez Alfaro; three sons, Marcelino Delgado, Armando Cortez Jr. and Michael Ray Cortez; and grandchildren.

A rosary was held Wednesday, Feb. 3, at SouthPark Funeral Home in Pearland. Burial is Thursday, Feb. 4.

### Orville L. Drake



Orville L. Drake, 73, died Jan. 30, 2010, at Park Manor South Belt in Houston. He was born Aug. 22, 1936, in Preston, Mo. He had lived in the Beverly Hills subdivision since the 1960s.

Drake was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Dorothy Drake of Hutchinson, Kan.

He is survived by his wife, Berniece Drake, of the South Belt area; four children, David Drake, Steve Drake, Beth Kidd and Jo Keim; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirfair, on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at noon.

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# Dobie High School announces third six-weeks honor roll students

Dobie High School recently released its honor roll list for the third six-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

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Eric James Everett, Felicia Brie Fernandez, Adrian Jesus Flores, Courtney Franklin, Erick Frias, Jorge Luis Fuentes, Christopher Jesus Garcia, Cody Andrew Garcia, Veronica Alejandra Garcia and Megan Alyce Gary.  
Loren Milton Gautney, Loyce James Gayo, Leon Vaughn Gilchrist, Samantha Gomes, Kimberly Carolyn Gonzales, Brandon Edgardo Gonzalez, Crystal Celeste Gonzalez, Diego Gonzalez and Paul Michael Goodin.  
Katherine Eufemia Gutierrez, Allison Kay Hall, Briana Maritza Harper, Dyna Tieda Hay, Tyara Xiomara Hernandez, Phuong Elizabeth Hoang, Mai Khanh Hoangle, Nguyen Bac Hong and Rachael Annalisa Jagdeo.  
Karen Johanna Jimenez, Jordan Armand Johnson, Betty Ann Jordan, Emely Maria Lara, Van Tuyet Le, Douglas Worthington Leighton, Edward Alexander Lewis, Zachery Morgan Long and Gabrielle Monique Loya.  
Jacob Andrew Lozano, Sang Minh Lu, Tony Lu, Phuong Kim Ly, Michelle Macias, Jennifer Clarissa Maciel, Nikoles Allen Manriquez, Karinna Isabel Marin and Taelor Ashley Marquettigadison.  
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Dustin Quangdinh Ngo, Alvin Tien Nguyen, Dana T. Nguyen, Kenny Nguyen, Nam Quoc Nguyen, Steph-

nie Nguyen, Tina Thi Nguyen, Tommy Thy Nguyen, Tri Nhan Ngyuen and Veronica Nicole Nicholson.  
Christopher Alan Nickelson, Chidi Carl Nnabuike, Shannon Oconnor, Miguel Angel Ovalle, Holly Nirmal Patel, Brandon Tyler Patsko, Rosa Patricia Perlera, Tyra Rose Perry, Trang Tran Thy Pham and Truc Ly Pham.  
Vy Thanh Nguyen Pham, Khanh Tran Uyen Phan, Jenny Thi Phung, Elizabeth Ann Pier, Emmitt Cade Pitts, Laura Iveth Placencia, Katie Elizabeth Posey, Jasmin Nicole Pruneda, Sazin Rahim and Ashley Noelle Ramirez.  
Priscila Noemi Ramirez, Yvonne Ramirez, Estefania Rangel, Ramish Rasool, Jorge Manuel Reta, Carmen Michelle Rijo, Carlos Adalberto Rivas, Maria Isabel Rivera, Anthony Geno Rocha and Bryan Dillon Rodriguez.  
Elena Lizeth Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez, Jose Carlos Sanchez, Juan Carlos Santos, Liz Arandi Santos, Katarina Judice Schott, Gabriella Elena Silva, Steven Patrick Smith and Meagan Darby Snyder.  
Christopher Ray Sorensen, Melissa Ann Sosa, Treg Edward Spigner, Bianca Monea Stallworth, Sheldon Avery Stockfleth, Zachary Randal Stockfleth, Kristhen Danielle Stolicki and Dajah Elies Swinton.  
Anatoli Hara Symeonidis, Tony Tieu, Carol To-uyen Tran, Dorothy Thyuyen Tran, Hoa Thanh Tran, Hong Tuyet Tran, Julie My Tran, Paul Huy Tran, Thomas Ray Trevino, Katie Victoria Tyer and Kenneth Javier Valerio.  
Stephania Valles, Andy Buuphat Van, Nyla Osiris Vasquez, Jose Luis Vega, Brenda Velasquez, Amber Rae Vives, Jasmine Gabrielle Walker, Kayla Marie Williams, Eric Anthony Wilson and Sergio Mauricio Zelaya.

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Amjad Shareef Abushaban, Javier Aguirre, Raquel Lasha Ardoin, Andres Armenta, Barry Allen-Michael Authenreith, Emily Nicole Averitt-Cleaveland, Michael Phillip Baez, Adam Scott Barker and Joshua Emmanuel Basquez.  
Brittney Brianna Bates, Lindsay D. Belus, Celeny Adriana Benitez, Cesar Bernal, Luis Blanco, Grace Anne Boelsche, Ceci Kasandra Brizuela, Kameko Shana Bryant, Kayla Corin Bryce and Christine Bui.  
Shaun Tuankhang Bui, Cindi Arismel Bustos, Roy Cantu, Duong Thuy Cao,

Dorothy Tramahn Dao, Kristine Casandrapatag David and Rebecca Angela Day.  
Phong Quoc Do, Cristina Jacqueline Dorantes, Aaron Scott Ebbinghaus, Justin Loyd Eckols, Juston Ryan Edwards, Jose Dejesus Escalera, Diana Guadalupe Espinoza, Zachary Allen Ezzell and Ashley Nicole Feyes.  
Katherine Fern Finney, Julianna Grace Fort, Caitlyn Elizabeth Francis, Amie Lynn Gallant, Solmayra Gallardo, Raquel Abigail Galo, Christopher Martin Garcia, Rosaura Jeannette Garcia and Kelley Suzanne Gartner.  
Ashley Danielle Garza, Devin Hannah Gettig, Malcolm Devan Glover, Karla Mireya Gomez, Alvaro Gonzalez, Eduardo Gonzalez, Kayla Nicole Guel, Selby Aron Guerra and Alina Rae Guerrero.  
Crisma Sandoval Guevara, Noeim Eliu Gutierrez, Haley Elizabeth Hackbarth, Amy Lynn Hall, Elise Ashley Harper, Erin Britanni Henderson, Carla E. Hernandez, Julian Augustine Hernandez and Nancy Yaneth Hernandez.  
Adriana Herrera, Hongnhung Thanh Ho, Ashley Danielle Hoggard, Katlyn Michelle Hoggard, Amrdrea Angelica Howard, Benjamin Carl Husband, Jessica Hanh Huynh and Christopher Michael Krivik.  
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## UHCL kicks off Black History Month

February is Black History Month, and the Office of Intercultural and International Student Services will kick off events and a display with a lecture by University of Houston African-American Studies Program Director James Conyers.  
The event will take place on Monday, Feb. 8, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Bayou Building, Garden Room, UH-Clear

Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.  
A monthlong display in Atrium I will focus on influential leaders and the history of struggle for African-Americans in the United States.  
For more information, contact Office of Intercultural and International Services Coordinator of Outreach Susana Hernandez at 281-283-2565 or e-mail hernandezsu@uhcl.edu.

## The Voices of Colour speaker series set

*Voices of Colour*, a speaker series at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, will be held Feb. 10, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Garden Room, Bayou Building, UHCL, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.  
The speaker series is a series of presentations and lectures the university's Office of Intercultural and International Student Services sponsors throughout the year.  
Each semester, on the sec-

ond Wednesday of the month, various speakers are invited to share their knowledge, background, or historical information. Speakers are to be announced. The event is free and open to the public.  
For more information, contact Coordinator of Women's and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Services Julie Smith by e-mail at smithj@uhcl.edu, or call 281-283-2578.

## Burnett releases second 9-weeks honor, merit rolls

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

**Honor roll**  
Sophia Aguirre, Maritza Arreola, Alaric Arriazola, Antonio Aviles, Amari Ayala, Jasmine Benitez, Narissa Blackwell, Bianca Curry, Kalicia Davis and Dieu Dinh.  
Victor Garcia, Aixa Guerra Gomez, Erica Hay, Sofia Malo, Jocelin Martinez, Valerie Martinez, Desiree Miller and Alex Morales.  
Bruce Nguyen, Lucas Nguyen, Celeste Ortiz, Jocelyn Robles, Lendi Santos, Madeline Schwausch, Gilly Spencer and Lauren Worley.  
**Second grade**  
Christopher Bowser, Jocelyn Bustos, Jolany Chevez, Courtney Chung, Enoc Curiel, Quang Do, Marissa Estrada and Nancy Flores.  
Andrew Garcia, Daniel Garza, Eduardo Gonzalez, James Hingle, Valerie Lara, Ashley Mathew, Christian Medina and Jesus Montes.

Seth Paulk, Naomi Rodriguez, Alex Rosalez, Cameron Serenil, Justin Silva, Christopher Thomas and Alissa Vara.  
**Third grade**  
Arismendy Aristy, Meloni Camacho, Omar Chapa, Preston Chung, Alan Contreras, Jessica Cruz and Dalilah DeLosSantos.  
Adriana Escamilla, Osvaldo Escamilla, Ann Marie Garcia, Stephanie Herrera, Katherine Martinez, Marco Mendoza and Tiffany Nguyen.  
Eduardo Pineda, Rijja Rasool, Joanna Salazar, Lauren Schwausch, Giovanni Solis, Ariana Toran, John Velarde and Marco Velazquez.  
**Fourth grade**  
Natalie Aviles, Jacquelin Ayala, Alyssa Chapa, Alan Escuadra, Jasmine Gallion, Alejandro Gonzalez, Michelle Gonzalez and Jasmine Jimenez.  
Tommy Nguyen, Maria Pedroza, Ricardo Ramos, Jacklyn Rendon, Leslie Rodriguez, Bryon Schwausch, Kathia Tamez and Vnam Tran.

Gail Alfalo, Alyvia Andrade, John Beltran, Sarah Corral, Jacob Cruz, Baldemar Lopez, Adrian Maldonado, Adriana Martinez, Maxine Mooring and Thao Nguyen.  
Hector Rendon, Danielle Rodriguez, Kendall Spafford, Tayvion Taylor, Kyrsten Tyler, Alexa Villarreal and Joshua Washington.  
**Second grade**  
Dominic Caballero, Xzaveon Cofield, Jaqurey Davis, Xavier Gutierrez, Ivyanna Lewis and Arryanna Martinez.  
Karina Medina, Martin Nandin, Carolina Rocha, Ashley Rodriguez, Alijah Salas, Amy Tieu and Kimberly Zometa.  
**Third grade**  
Angela Escamilla, Benito Garcia, Rishon Harvey, Joshua Phan-Coy, Roberto Rayos, Jesus Rios, Jayro Salamanca, Jakayla Smith, Emily Solis and Kianna Williams.  
**Fourth grade**  
Tyra Adams, Britney Castaneda, Jacquelyn Garcia, Caitlin Pineda, Nathalia Salazar, Dulce Santos, Sterling Smith and Jacob Stokes.

## Career Exploration Program opens doors for SJC students

The Career Exploration Program at NASA Johnson Space Center allows San Jacinto College students to add a powerful internship to their college resume.  
More than a dozen SJC students this year were able to take advantage of the program's year-long internships designed to further their knowledge of the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) career fields and provide insight into the NASA workforce.  
"The program experience transforms the knowledge, skills and attitude of participants by improving the overall understanding and awareness of space science and education," said Barbara Hammond, manager of the

program, who works with the Universities Space Research Association's Education Program Office.  
Students learn about NASA career fields through behind-the-scenes tours, an extensive mentoring network, and hands-on administrative and technical work, according to Hammond.  
Interning with NASA is a dream come true for dual-credit SJC student Amelia Giles of El Lago. The 12th-grader is spending her last year of high school learning about the various career options at one of her favorite agencies.  
"This was the perfect opportunity for me because I love learning about space, and NASA is so close to my

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# Physics, space science seminar series Feb. 8

The second of the spring University of Houston-Clear Lake Physics and Space Science Seminar Series will be Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Student Services Building at UHCL, Room 1100, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Hear how physics research can create a dramatic impact on society by attending the lecture *The Story of Giant Magnetoresistance: From the Laboratory to the Hard Drive* by Anne Reilly, grants development associate and adjunct professor of physics at UHCL. This lecture provides an

overview of the GMR phenomenon of computer hard drives and its history from discovery to the Nobel Prize in 2007.

The event is presented by the UH-Clear Lake's School of Science and Computer Engineering's Physics Program. All are invited to attend the lectures for a \$15 fee, with discounted series prices available.

For more information or to register, call the Center for Educational Programs at 281-283-3035 or visit <http://soe.uhcl.edu/BacktotheU>.

# Self speaks on citrus trees on Feb. 17

Ed Self, president of the local chapter of the Rare Fruit Society, will speak on the various citrus trees that do well in the Houston area on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 10

a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park (on the lake-side), 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

For more information, visit <http://hcmgap2.tamu.edu>.

# Over The Back Fence by Jan

**BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR AMANDA**  
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Amanda Bergeron-Robinson** from her sons, **Jayden Kade** and **Dylan Gage Robinson**, and boyfriend **Brad**, on her special day, Feb. 9. More birthday wishes come from her mom and dad, **Dave** and **Kaye Bergeron**, brothers **Matt** and **Joshua** and big sister and brother-in-law **Courtney** and **Joe Gordon**. Amanda grew up in the South Belt and graduated from Dobie in 1999.

**RYAN TURNS 15!**  
On Monday, Feb. 8, **Ryan De La Fuente** will blow out 15 candles. Ryan is in eighth grade at Thompson Intermediate. Lots of love, blessings, hugs, kisses and wishes are sent from proud parents **Yvonne** and **Rene**, sister **Jaclyn**, niece **Khloe** and brothers **Jacob**, **Rene**, **Ricky** and **Raiden**. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY DANA!**  
**Dana Lizik** celebrates a birthday Saturday, Feb. 6. Happy birthday wishes are sent to Dana from her family, friends and co-workers at the *Leader*.

**ANOTHER BIRTHDAY FOR CHRIS**  
**Chris Clark** celebrates his birthday Wednesday, Feb. 10. Happy birthday greetings are sent to him from wife **Mary**, "babies" **Matilda** and **Wynstn**, the staff at the *Leader*, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and the community.

**DOUBLE BIRTHDAY TRÉAT**  
**Bobby** and **Kenneth Griffin** send birthday wishes to two family members Feb. 8. Grandson **Kenney Griffin**, son of **Angela** and **David Griffin** of Perry, Ga., turns 19.

Son-in-law **Jim Giles** of Kirkwood South also celebrates the same birthday. 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. 4 through Feb. 10.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Terri Hernandez** Feb. 7. Sharing a birthday Feb. 10 are **Mary DeLos Santos** and **Maria Navarro**.

**Burnett Elementary**  
On Feb. 4, **Lisa Baumann** and **Ana Hernandez** enjoy a birthday.

**Frazier Elementary**  
**Mary Gonzalez** is sent birthday greetings Feb. 9.

**Jessup Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Michelle Andrus** Feb. 6.

**Meador Elementary**  
On Feb. 4, **Cindy Vantilburg** marks a birthday. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Felipe Saucedo** Feb. 5. **Maria Gonzalez** celebrates a birthday Feb. 8. Having a birthday Feb. 10 is **Sandra Richey**.

**Moore Elementary**  
The day for a birthday cake for **Debbie Pampell** is Feb. 4. On Feb. 6, **Angelica Perez** enjoys a birthday.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Celebrating a birthday Feb. 10 is **Lisa Leos**.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Dawn Tomlinson** Feb. 9.

**Morris Middle School**  
**Kelli Collins** celebrates a birthday Feb. 8.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
**Maria Umanzor** is wished a happy birthday Feb. 8. The day for a birthday party for **Deronda Pitre** is Feb. 9. Feb. 10 is the day for a cake for **Tina Garza**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
**Mark Varian** is sent birthday wishes Feb. 5. Special birthday greetings are sent to **Erin Richardson** Feb. 8. **Bill Kirchner** has a birthday Feb. 10.

**Challenger**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Cynthia Sandlin** Feb. 7.

**Dobie High**  
Enjoying a birthday Feb. 4 are **Sandra Villarreal** and **Jessica Zorn**. On Feb. 5, a triple birthday is celebrated by **Roy Grant**, **Nichole Kemp** and **Michael VanEssen**. Birthday wishes are sent to **Angela Garza** Feb. 7. **Sue Gilbert** enjoys a birthday Feb. 8. Double birthday greetings are sent to **Marissa Delossantos** and **Kelli Williams** Feb. 9. On Feb. 10, birthday wishes are sent to **Ruth Horton** and **Helen Torocco**.

**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**  
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# PISD educators participate during Day of Discovery

As members of the Texas Discovery Educator Network Leadership Council, **Lea Anne Daugherty** and **Kelli Erwin** from the Pasadena Independent School District will share their skills with educators from across Texas during TCEA 2010, the Texas Computer Education Association's annual conference in Austin on Feb. 8-12.

The council will host a Day of Discovery at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum on Feb. 9, during which national experts, educators and administrators will share ideas and best practices for engaging students with digital media to improve student achievement.

The Texas Discovery Educator Network Leadership Council is composed of educators who volunteer to organize and lead professional development events that support teachers as they integrate technology into existing curriculum.

The council is supported by Discovery Education, a division of Discovery Communications, whose networks include Discovery Channel and the Science Channel.

Daugherty and Erwin have been members of the council for the past year. As part of the events team, they help plan, organize and execute a variety of professional development opportunities throughout the year. The events aim to improve educators' technology skills in the classroom through trainings and networking opportunities with other educators in the state.

"Teachers will gain valuable Web 2.0 skills while learning practical applications for digital resources and connecting with peers facing similar challenges and opportunities in their classrooms."

The Day of Discovery event will focus on making meaningful ties between technology and curriculum.

Participants will be provided with classroom-tested strategies and tactics for enhancing classroom instruction and

improving student academic achievement through the integration of digital media.

Educators will learn how to use digital content and Web 2.0 tools as part of the instructional design of student learning centers, homework assignments and collaborative research projects.

"Lea Anne and Kelli have been integral in planning the upcoming Day of Discovery in Austin," said Scott Kinney, Discovery Education vice president of global outreach and learning initiatives.

"We at Discovery Education believe that successful integration of digital classroom resources can truly be a game changer for student learning, and we thank Lea Anne, Kelli and the other council members for their efforts to engage today's tech-savvy kids," Kinney added.

To learn more about the Texas Discovery Educator Network Leadership Council, visit <http://blog.discoveryeducation.com/texas/> or visit [www.discoveryeducation.com](http://www.discoveryeducation.com) or call 800-323-9084.



**Lea Anne Daugherty (left) and Kelli Erwin (right) from Pasadena Independent School District will share their skills with educators from across the country. As members of the Texas Discovery Educator Network Leadership Council, the two will participate in the Day of Discovery event on Feb. 9 at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. The professional development event will provide educators with classroom-tested strategies and tactics for engaging students with digital media to improve student achievement.**

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In spite of negative information presented by the 60 Minutes and 20/20 television shows, the chairman of the drive to establish a South Belt area Palmer Drug Abuse Program Center said he still felt the program had a lot to offer.

**25 years ago (1985)**  
Bridge railings for two reconstructed bridges and one for reconstruction over the Beamer Road ditch were being modified because of complaints the railings obstructed the way of traffic to the right.

**20 years ago (1990)**  
As testimony wrapped up in the Slaughter v. Monsanto trial, two of the last witnesses said documents were altered and Monsanto "cooked the books" relating to the Brio site.

Thompson Intermediate School faculty began an intense crisis information seminar to help recognize symptoms of drug use.

courtroom at the county annex on Scarsdale and Beamer.

**15 years ago (1995)**  
Houston police stepped up patrols in Scarsdale after the subdivision withdrew from the South Belt Security Alliance.

The Harris County District Attorney's office was conducting an investigation about alleged fraud charges with regard to the San Jacinto College regents election.

**10 years ago (2000)**  
Final Brio remediation began. The Brio Site Task Force began removing the underground pipelines.

**5 years ago (2005)**  
Gail Totman, 51-year-old Beverly Hills resident, was murdered after she arrived home and was confronted by an unknown suspect(s) as she got out of her car.

Local law enforcement officers kept busy working several home burglaries in Woodmeadow as well as a purse snatching in the Randall's parking lot on Fuqua. Deputies from Constable Gary Freeman's office conducted a warrant sweep and arrested 50 individuals, which cleared 105 warrants.

After a pause, construction on the new H-E-B store on Blackhawk resumed. The store opened October 26, 2005.

Dr. Daniel Darmadi was named the Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital's physician of the year.

Two plays were presented by local high schools. The Dobie Fine Arts Department performed *Bye Bye Birdie*, and the Clear Brook High School senior class performed *Damn Yankees*.

**1 year ago (2009)**  
City of Houston District E Councilmember Mike

Sullivan hosted a Capital Improvement Plan meeting to discuss future improvement projects for the South Belt area. Improvements included a new Bracewell Library, road repair and paving, sports field lighting, and additional parking at Blackhawk Park and a new Sagemont Community Center.

Former South Belt resident Susana De Jesus was abducted at gunpoint in a Pearland parking lot. De Jesus, 37, was leaving a strip shopping center with a co-worker when a masked gunman forced De Jesus into her car and drove away with her. Her car was later found by Houston police, but De Jesus remained missing. De Jesus' husband died in May 2008.

South Belt resident Guibaldo Perez, 31, died in a single-vehicle accident at the Gulf Freeway and Beltway 8. Perez was southbound on the connector road from the Gulf Freeway to the westbound side of the South Sam Houston Parkway when the driver lost control, causing the pickup truck to roll over. A second passenger in the truck suffered minor injuries.

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## Transfer day at SJC



More than 40 universities and four-year colleges from across the state of Texas attended Transfer Day 2010 at the three San Jacinto campuses. Sponsored by the student development office, Transfer Day is an annual event designed to allow students to speak with admission representatives about entrance requirements, steps to transfer and academic and extracurricular life at upper level schools. South campus student Michael Caltzint (right) talks with Brent Herrington (left) from Sam Houston State University during Transfer Day 2010 at the South campus. This year's event was held at all three San Jac campus locations over three days.

# Maldonado, Boquer marry

Francisco "Paco" S. Boquer III and Elisabeth Boquer, longtime residents of Sagemont. He is a 1996 graduate of Dobie High School and 2003 graduate of the University of Technology of The Hague, Netherlands. He is working with GE (formerly Hydri) Oil & Gas as a tooling designer and department supervisor responsible for the design, development and fabrication of specialty tools and fixtures for deepwater drilling and pressure control products. The couple reside in Houston at a home the groom acquired in 2007. They have plans to travel to Greece for a honeymoon in May.

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## GMAT at UHCL

University of Houston-Clear Lake will hold a GMAT Review Saturdays, Feb. 6, 13 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Bayou Building. The review is a three consecutive Saturday workshop created to improve test taking ability for those required to pass the GMAT or GRE exams. To register, visit [www.uhcl.edu/camp](http://www.uhcl.edu/camp), call 281-283-3121 or e-mail [camp@uhcl.edu](mailto:camp@uhcl.edu).

## Frazier hosts math night



More than 150 parents and students attended Frazier's Family Math Night recently. Parents learned how to use menus, grocery advertisements and food to talk about math and solve real life problems involving measurement, geometry, money and fractions. Many enjoyed learning ways to talk about math with everyday language. Pictured are, left to right, Katelyn Rokohl and her mother, Gloria.

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## Former South Belt resident brings Netherlands home

By Matt Griesmyer  
Lilian Garcia-Maas, RN, (pictured), former Beverly Hills resident and Dobie grad of 1985, has been living in the Netherlands for the past six years, but she has not completely left Houston. Throughout the past four years, Garcia-Maas, daughter of Sergio Garcia and the late Caroline Garcia, has brought 115 nurse practitioner students from the Netherlands to visit the Texas Medical Center. Students in this program spend a week participating in clinical observations and share best practice presentation. Before graduating from Dobie, Garcia-Maas, along with her siblings, attended Atkinson and Beverly Hills. Her father, still lives in the Beverly Hills subdivision. After Dobie, Garcia-Maas went to San Jacinto College Central campus and earned an associate degree in nursing. Following that, she studied at Texas Woman's University and graduated with a bachelor's in nursing then moved to Dallas and San Francisco. Eventually, Garcia-Maas



returned to Houston to pursue a master's degree in nursing and then taught at San Jacinto Central for 10 years. In 2001, she moved to Rotterdam, the Netherlands, where she currently serves as the international coordinator at Rotterdam University. "It makes me quite proud to show (the students) Houston and the Texas hospitality," Garcia-Maas said.

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# Dobie DECA in Houston Area District competition

The Dobie High School DECA chapter recently competed in the Houston Area District DECA Competition. Students competed in certain occupational areas related to individual job training. They are judged on their knowledge of marketing,

economics and management skills, as well as their social and selling skills. Business owners, managers and other community leaders were involved with the judging at the conference. Eleven Dobie DECA students were winners in their

events. They will advance to the state competition in Fort Worth at the end of the month. Winners are: Nathan Ratliff, Principles of Hospitality and Tourism; Kayla Brown, Quick Serve Restaurant Management; Josefa Maldonado,

Technical Sales; Curlin Swanson, Business Services Marketing; Ashley Spigner, Retail Merchandising; Alisha Chavez, Food Marketing; Crystal Martinez, Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making; Bryan Garcia, Restaurant and Food Service Management; Saury Dominguez, Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making; Alexis Assed, Business Services Marketing; and Johnny Moreno, Hotel and Lodging Management.



Dobie High School DECA members display awards after a recent competition. They are left to right, (front row) Nathan Ratliff, Josefa Maldonado, Alisha Chavez, Saury Dominguez, Johnny Moreno, (middle row) Kayla Brown, Ashley Spigner, Crystal Martinez, Alexis Assed, (back row) Curlin Swanson and Bryan Garcia. Photo Submitted

DECA is a club for students who are currently enrolled in a marketing class. These students work for local employers within the community and receive high school and college credit for their work experience.



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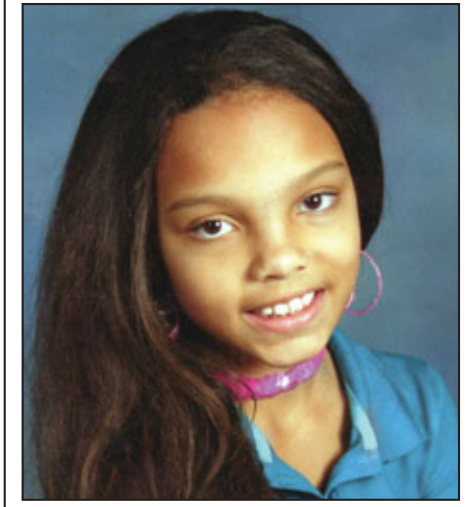
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## Valentine's Day Specials

## Thompson shoot out champion



Jocelyn Thompson, a fourth-grader at Moore Elementary School, won the grade-wide basketball shoot out. She will advance to compete against other fourth-grade girls in Pasadena Independent School District schools at Phillips Gym on Feb. 15. Photo submitted

## AARP offers free help on tax returns

AARP will offer free help with tax returns for low-mid income and senior taxpayers from Feb. 1 to April 15 at Parker Williams Library and other locations. AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest, free volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service. Volunteers have been IRS trained and certified. Tax Aide counselors help individual taxpayers determine their eligibility for tax credits such as Earned Income Tax Credit, child tax credit and education credits. They also calculate taxpayers' income and prepare their tax returns. Electronic filing of taxpayer's returns is provided for no cost at all Tax-Aide sites.

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### Lions Club meets Feb. 9

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## Key soccer matchups Brook gets Clear Lake; Dobie takes on Deer

The important games don't often get as big as these. The boys' and girls' soccer teams at Clear Brook and Dobie are about to be challenged big time.

Each of the teams has started the district season well. At 3-0 in District 24-5A action, the Brook boys and girls teams are feeling good after wins over Dickinson and Brazoswood.

The Brook boys defeated Dickinson 4-0 Jan. 29 and then came back to win a big one at home, 4-3, over Brazoswood Feb. 2.

Mark Gendi was the hero for the Wolverines, scoring a hat trick to help his team stay unbeaten in district play.

Brook's girls had an even easier time along the way, beating Dickinson 3-0 Jan. 29 and then traveling to Brazoswood Feb. 2 for a 6-0 win.

In the victory over Brazoswood, Beth Stratton scored a hat trick, and Hannah Briggs had a pair of goals.

Next up for Clear Brook is Clear Lake on Feb. 5. The Lady Wolverines will host Clear Lake while the boys play at Clear Lake High School. Both varsity games start at 7 p.m.

The Clear Lake girls, the defending Region III champions, are also unbeaten in district play.

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## University Interscholastic League realignment means more playoff teams for PISD schools

### Pearland joins 24, La Porte to 21

Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, the Pasadena Independent School District is guaranteed to have at least three of its schools included in the athletic team playoffs.

It's too far after the holidays to consider this a Christmas gift, but there's little doubt PISD was treated well.

Speculation prior to the announcement had Pearlman moving over to join the Clear Creek ISD schools and others.

That did happen, with Pearlman taking the place of Galveston Ball, which dropped to Class 4A.

LP, Pearlman move

The La Porte move may not be classified as a stunner, but it's close to it. PISD schools will not have to contend with Pear-

land or La Porte en route to the playoffs.

During this alignment period, which includes the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years, La Porte and Pearlman have made the varsity football and volleyball playoffs. Those same two schools were in the boys' basketball playoffs a season ago and will likely qualify this season.

In girls' basketball, La

Porte advanced last season and will again this year.

As for baseball and softball, the La Porte softball team did not advance last season, but Pearlman won the Region III crown.

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**District 22-5A**  
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Clear Springs  
Dickinson  
Pearland

## Dobie baseball slates fun-filled activities

Members of the Dobie High School baseball program will take part in the Longhorn Classic on Saturday, Feb. 6, at Longhorn Field.

A hit-a-thon fundraiser will be held at 9 a.m., followed by a varsity team practice.

At noon, current players will go against Dobie alumni in a softball game. The public is invited to attend.

Barbecue plates, drinks and Dobie baseball T-shirts and hats will be available for sale during the event.

Any players wishing to take part in the alumni softball game may call head coach Miguel Torres at 713-740-0370, ext. 04288.

Dobie is preparing to begin scrimmage action as the regular season nears.

The Longhorns' varsity team will host Channelview in a scrimmage Monday Feb. 8, at Dobie, beginning at 3:30 p.m. The varsity teams will play at Milby.

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## Phillips chosen as Dobie FB coach/AC Board session set for Feb. 8

Jim Phillips, winner of more than 100 games in 18 years at Waller High School, is expected to be named the varsity football head coach/athletic coordinator at Dobie High School.

The Pasadena Independent School District board will vote on Phillips' hiring in a session Feb. 1, and an approval will clear the way for Phillips to become just the eighth varsity head football coach in Dobie High School history dating back to 1969.

Phillips has spent the last two seasons in the same head coach/AC roles at Greenville High School but is best known for a lengthy and successful stay at Waller High School from 1991-2007, where he posted an overall record of 103-84.

At Waller, Phillips guided his varsity team to the playoffs 11 times, highlighted by a 10-4 run in 2007 (2007-2008 school year), when the Bulldogs went 10-4 en route to the regional semifinals.

Phillips' arrival at Dobie will bring a close to what has been an unstable few months within the Long-

horns' football program.

Bobby Cotton began his third season at the outset of 2009 but did not finish the season. Taking a medical leave of absence, Cotton missed the team's final five regular season games.

Carey Sink, Dobie's defensive coordinator, was named interim head coach for four of those final five games and has headed all offseason activities.

Derek Fitzhenry was board approved Jan. 19 to take over the Dobie roles but pulled out of his commitment days later and remains at Class 3A Giddings.

So Dobie now will turn to Phillips, a proven head coach who has been there and done that. His overall record says as much.

Dobie needs a jumpstart after missing the playoffs in each of the past five seasons. Phillips has shown the ability to turn things around.

Waller was 0-10 in 1990 before Phillips took over. Fast forward two years later, and Waller made the playoffs, going 9-3 en route to the area round.

From that point forward, Waller enjoyed its finest era

**Jim Phillips - at a glance**

**Career record: 129-101-1**  
**Coming from: Greenville (8-12 over 2 seasons)**  
**Best known as: head coach at Waller for 18 seasons, where he went 103-84 with 11 playoff appearances. In 2007, Waller advanced to the regional semifinals.**  
**Family: Wife, Diane, three sons**  
**Note: Was head coach at Panhandle State University in Oklahoma from 1984-87, delivering top-ranked defense in 1986.**

within the football program.

During his final season in 2007, Waller rolled to the regional semifinals before losing to Crosby.

At Greenville, the Lions had not posted a winning season in the previous four prior to Phillips' hiring. The Lions were 2-8 in 2008 but rebounded at 6-4 in 2009.

Phillips and his wife, Diane, have three sons - Jason, Jeremy and Justin.

The Phillipses' move to Greenville was made, at least in part, to be closer to

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## Hoops teams vie for position Dobie girls win championship in 22; Brook boys still in the mix in 24 race Dobie's boys alive in 22-5A; CB girls out

There is no drama with two games remaining in the varsity girls' basketball races, yet there are still all sorts of possibilities remaining in boys' play with five games to be played.

**Girls' races decided**

This much is true: The Dobie Lady Longhorns are the District 22-5A champions after moving to 12-0 with a 60-50 win at South Houston Feb. 2.

After a sluggish first half, the Lady Longhorns put together a 16-5 third-quarter surge to take control of the game.

After beating South Houston, the Lady Longhorns learned they had won the district title thanks to La Porte's 44-37 victory over second-place Deer Park.

So with back-to-back home games coming Feb. 5 against Deer Park (9-3) and La Porte (8-4) Feb. 9, Dobie simply must be concerned with staying focused on closing out the season strong.

With the top playoff seed in District 22-5A in hand, there is little time to celebrate because at this time of the year, a loss is never a good thing.

When the playoffs begin, Dobie will be joined by Deer Park, La Porte and Pearlman in the 22-5A ranks.

Clear Brook is out of the 24-5A playoff chase in girls' play after falling to Clear Springs 63-55 Feb. 2.

The Lady Wolverines (5-7) got 22 points from Kiara Redmon, but Dickinson

clinched the final playoff seed in the district with a win over Galveston Ball.

At 7-5, Dickinson has two victories over Clear Brook, giving the Lady Gators the edge in a tiebreaker scenario.

Clear Creek, Clear Lake, Clear Springs and Dickinson will represent District

24-5A in the playoffs.

**Boys' races a mess**

There are but a few certainties in the local boys' races.

In District 22-5A, Dobie defeated South Houston 56-54 Feb. 2, taking a one-game lead over the Trojans with five to play. Rayshad Joseph had 15 points and

Mike Selexman had 14 as the Longhorns held on for the win.

At 5-4, Dobie next faces consecutive road games against Deer Park (Feb. 5) and La Porte (Feb. 9). Since South Houston has earned tie-breaker rights over the Longhorns

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Clear Brook's Al Russ (left) and Darren Smith (5) pick up defensive pressure on Clear Springs' guard Trevon Randle (24) during Springs' 76-71 victory over Clear Brook Feb. 2 at Clear Brook High School. Smith led Clear Brook with 20 points, but the Wolverines, who trailed for much of the game, couldn't pull off the win.

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# Sports calendar

## BASKETBALL

**Friday, Feb. 5**

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

**Tuesday, Feb. 9**

Dobie varsity boys at La Porte, 7:30  
 Dobie varsity girls host La Porte, 7:30  
 Clear Brook varsity girls at Clear Creek, 7:00  
 Clear Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek, 7:00  
 Dobie JV boys at La Porte, 6:00  
 Dobie JV girls host La Porte, 6:00  
 Clear Brook JV girls at Clear Creek, 5:30  
 Clear Brook JV boys host Clear Creek, 5:30  
 Dobie sophomore boys at La Porte, 4:30  
 Clear Brook sophomore boys host Clear Creek, 5:30  
 Dobie freshman A boys at La Porte, 6:00  
 Clear Brook freshman A boys host Clear Creek, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A girls host La Porte, 4:30  
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 Dobie freshman B boys at La Porte, 4:30  
 Clear Brook freshman B boys host Clear Creek, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman B girls host La Porte, 6:00  
 Clear Brook freshman B girls at Clear Creek, 6:00

**Friday, Feb. 12**

Clear Brook varsity boys at Dickinson, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity boys host Pasadena, 7:30  
 Clear Brook JV boys at Dickinson, 5:30  
 Dobie JV boys host Pasadena, 6:00  
 Clear Brook sophomore boys at Dickinson, 5:30  
 Dobie sophomore boys host Pasadena, 4:30  
 Clear Brook freshman A boys at Dickinson, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A boys host Pasadena, 6:00  
 Clear Brook freshman B boys at Dickinson, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman B boys host Pasadena, 4:30

## SOCCER

**Thursday, Feb. 4**

Clear Brook sophomore boys host Clear Creek, 5:30

**Friday, Feb. 5**

Clear Brook varsity girls host Clear Lake, 7:00  
 Clear Brook varsity boys at Clear Lake, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity girls at Deer Park, Abshire, 7:00  
 Clear Brook JV girls host Clear Lake, 5:00  
 Clear Brook JV boys at Clear Lake, 5:00  
 Dobie JV girls at Deer Park, Abshire, 5:00

**Saturday, Feb. 6**

Dobie varsity boys host Deer Park, Newcomb, 10 a.m.  
 Dobie JV boys host Deer Park, Auxiliary, 10 a.m.  
 Dobie JV (B) girls at Clear Lake, noon  
 Clear Brook sophomore boys at Brazosport, 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 9**

Clear Brook varsity girls at Galveston Ball, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity boys host La Porte, Newcomb, 5:00  
 Dobie varsity girls at La Porte, 7:00  
 Clear Brook varsity boys host Galveston Ball, 7:00  
 Clear Brook JV girls at Galveston Ball, 5:00  
 Clear Brook JV boys host Galveston Ball, 5:00  
 Dobie JV girls at La Porte, 5:00  
 Dobie JV boys host La Porte, Auxiliary, 5:00

**Thursday, Feb. 11**

Dobie JV (B) girls at Sam Rayburn, 3:30

**Friday, Feb. 12**

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

**Saturday, Feb. 13**

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

## TENNIS

**Friday, Feb. 5**

Dobie hosts PISD tourn., all day

**Saturday, Feb. 6**

Dobie hosts PISD tourn., all day

## SWIMMING

**Friday, Feb. 5**

Dobie at 22-5A championships, Deer Park, 10 a.m.

## SOFTBALL

**Friday, Feb. 5**

Dobie JV at Alvin scrimmage, TBA

**Saturday, Feb. 5**

Dobie varsity at Alvin scrimmage, TBA

**Tuesday, Feb. 9**

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Creek scrimm., PISD, 5:30  
 Clear Brook varsity at Cinco Ranch scrimmage, 6:00  
 Dobie JV hosts Clear Creek scrimm., PISD, 4:30  
 Clear Brook JV at Cinco Ranch scrimmage, 4:30

## BASEBALL

**Monday, Feb. 8**

Dobie varsity hosts Channelview scrimm., Dobie, 3:30  
 Clear Brook varsity hosts La Porte scrimmage, 4:00  
 Dobie JV at Milby scrimmage, Mason Park, 3:30  
 Dobie sophomores at Milby scrimm., Mason Park, 3:30

**Tuesday, Feb. 9**

Clear Brook JV hosts La Porte, 4:00  
 Clear Brook sophomores host La Porte, 6:00

**Friday, Feb. 12**

Dobie varsity hosts Bay, Sterling scrimm., Maguire, TBA  
 Clear Brook varsity at Conroe scrimmage, 5:00  
 Dobie JV at Bay, Sterling scrimmage, TBA  
 Clear Brook JV hosts tri-scrimmage, 3:00  
 Dobie sophomores at Bay, Sterling scrimmage, 11 a.m.

## SWIMMING

**Friday, Feb. 5**

Dobie at 22-5A championships, Deer Park, 10 a.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 6**

Dobie at 22-5A championships, Deer Park, 10 a.m.

# Phillips on way to PISD board; Dobie names 2010 opponents

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The Longhorns are looking to get back to prominence after several down seasons.

Dobie High School search committee members believe they have found their man in Phillips.

If the district's board delivers approval as expected, Phillips could be on campus shortly thereafter.

Final details are yet to be worked out, but sources say Phillips would like to bring current Greenville offensive coordinator Damian Judge with him to Dobie. Phillips is said to have asked Carey Sink to remain on staff as the team's defensive leader.

## Dobie Longhorns' football

### Nondistrict opponents

*Alief Taylor  
 Dickinson  
 Channelview  
 Alvin  
 Humble*

### District 22-5A opponents

*Memorial  
 Pasadena  
 South Houston  
 Pasadena  
 Deer Park*

**(Dates and times to be determined)**

# South Belt Cardinal 11-12s take over Warriors in youth basketball opener

The South Belt Cardinals 11-12-year-old team started the season hot by defeating the Warriors and the Tigers in Pasadena Recreation Department youth basketball action.

### Cardinals 35 Warriors 15

In the season opener, the Cardinals showed that their hard work in preseason practices had paid off.

Tyson Thompson opened the game with a layup that sent the Cardinal fans roaring, and from there the Cardinals were in control.

Kaelon Woods added to the team's edge later in the quarter by making a jump shot.

With the help of Jalen Bolden, Anthony Owens and Isaiah Brooks, the Cardinals dominated and led

23-5 at halftime.

During the second half, the Cardinals' inside game took over with Joshua Shields, Evan Hausler and Mark Eldridge covering the lane defensively.

Nick Alvarez, Christian Perez, DeAndre Childs and Jalen Williams scored the final points that carried the Cardinals to their first victory, 35-15, over the Warriors.

### Cardinals 34 Tigers 26

Going against the Tigers in the second game of the season, the Cardinals faced a stiffer challenge but still came away with a 34-26 victory.

Kaelon Woods announced the Cardinals were ready to play a solid game as he drained a nice jumper

just seconds into the game to give the Cardinals an early lead.

From there, the Cardinals played well enough to take a halftime lead.

Tyson Thompson finished the first half with a flawless 3-pointer which brought the score to 14-11. Thompson finished the game with 15 points.

During the third quarter, Anthony Owens, Christian Perez, DeAndre Childs, Isaiah Brooks and Jalen Williams combined for solid play on the offensive end, bringing in an additional 17 points for the Cardinals.

With the team's exceptional defense led by Nick Alvarez, Jaylon Bolden, Joshua Shields, Mark Eldridge and Evan Hausler, the Cardinals moved to 2-0.

# Local sports news, notes

## SBHLL concession stand openings

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials will host a mandatory meeting for anyone wishing to work in the concession stand during the upcoming season. The meeting is set for Friday, Feb. 12, beginning at 6 p.m. at the concession stand. Applicants must be at least 14 years of age to work as part-time window and stocking assistants, 16 years of age to work the windows and 18 years of age to work windows and fryers full time. Those in attendance must fill out an application prior to attending a 45-minute meeting.

## Rising Stars track registration

The Rising Stars Track Club will host its first registration for the upcoming spring/summer season Saturday, Feb. 6, at Dobie High School from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration will continue each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Dobie through mid-March. Practice days are Fridays from 4:30 p.m. until dark, Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information about the team and its program, call Coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248 or Fran Herndon at 281-335-1878.

## SBGSA opening ceremonies

The South Belt Girls Softball Association will host opening ceremonies Saturday, March 6, in the community. The festivities will begin with a parade at 9 a.m. Opening ceremonies will begin around 10:45 a.m., with a carnival and scrimmage games set to begin at noon. Available concessions will include barbecued turkey legs, sandwiches, sausage on a stick, funnel cakes, kettle corn and more. There will be games, a rock wall and inflatables for all ages. League officials invite the community to join in for a day of fun. SBGSA will also accept vendors for the event, to be held at El Franco Lee Park. Call Yvette Rodriguez at 832-528-6391 for more details about setting up a vendor booth.

## SBYSC online sign up

South Belt Youth Soccer Club officials are still accepting online late registration for players wishing to compete in the upcoming 2010 season. Those interested may visit www.southbeltssoccer.org for details.

## SJC volleyball tryout

The San Jacinto College volleyball team will hold tryouts for the 2010 season on Friday, Feb. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tryouts will be held at Anders Gymnasium on the Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. The session is open to anyone interested in playing on the 2010 squad. Participants are required to bring with them a signed waiver (found online at www.sanjacsports.com); proper clothing, shoes and kneepads; a copy of their high school physical; and a copy of their high school and/or college transcript.

## San Jac soccer tryout

The San Jacinto College men's soccer team will hold tryouts for the 2010-2011 season at the South campus soccer field, located at 13735 Beamer Road. Tryouts are open to high school seniors or recent graduates and college students. Participants are required to bring their own shin guards and are encouraged to bring water. The tryout dates for this month include Feb. 8 and Feb. 22, both from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call head coach David Santesteban at 281-922-3475 or send e-mail requests to David.Santesteban@sjcd.edu.

## SB Dolphins to host fundraiser

The South Belt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host a barbecue fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or while quantities last) in front of Liberty Tax Service on Fuqua (next to Cici's Pizza). Team officials will sell sandwich plates, including chips and a drink, for \$5.

## Texans' 11-under select baseball fundraiser

The Texans' 11-under select baseball team will host a fundraiser featuring barbecue plates for sale on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 8100 Alameda-Genoa Road. The team, which competes in the United States Specialty Sports Association, is raising funds to cover costs during the upcoming spring/summer season. Team officials will deliver the plates, which are \$7 each, on orders of three or more. For more information, call Craig Redmon at 281-236-5112 or Rene Ramirez at 713-614-0278.

## SBHLL team mom meeting

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials will host a team mom meeting Friday, Feb. 12, beginning at 6 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Community Center, located inside El Franco Lee Park. The meeting is designed to help familiarize team moms with their responsibilities during the upcoming spring season.

## SBHLL scorekeeping meeting

Board members in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will host a scorekeeping meeting Friday, Feb. 12, beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Community Center, located inside El Franco Lee Park. At the meeting, league officials will help the respective team scorekeepers learn to handle their responsibilities in accordance with Little League policies.

# Beverly Hills, Thompson 7th Dark win tourneys

The Pasadena Independent School District hosted the 2010 seventh- and eighth-grade Dark basketball tournaments for both boys' and girls' teams Jan. 27-30.

A huge crowd was on hand at Phillips Field House for the championship games, and Beverly Hills and Thompson stood out.

In the girls' bracket for seventh-grade teams, Beverly Hills defeated Miller to win the tournament crown.

In the first round of the tournament, Beverly Hills defeated Bondy 19-18 to secure the regular-season district championship.

**Thompson 7 girls 3rd**  
 Thompson's seventh-grade girls' Dark team wound up third in the tournament.

The team got off to a good start in the first round, beating the Queens Hornets 15-11.

Despite missing several free throws down the stretch that would have iced the game, the Lady Lions used their defense to secure the win.

On Jan. 28, the Lions took on Park View. After a slow first half, the Lions turned it on in the third quarter to grab a 10-point

advantage. A late surge by the Cowboys fell short, as the Lions won, 16-14, earning a chance to avenge an early season loss to Beverly Hills.

In that game, the Lions were ready for the Bears but could not get much going offensively. In the fourth quarter, the Bears blew the game open and won 25-6.

Despite a tough loss, the Lions had to regain their focus to play Southmore in the second game of the night.

It was a back-and-forth game, but Thompson prevailed 13-8. Patrice Jackson was the leading scorer for the tournament with 21 points.

Valerie Colunga had 12 points, Alisa Gonzales added eight, and Everest Cox scored six for the Lions.

The Lions' defense was anchored by Valerie Colunga who was all over the court. Playing great defense all tournament long were Sasha McCoy, Everest Cox, Patrice Jackson, and Kiara Hart.

In the seventh-grade boys tournament, the Thompson Lions came away with a win over Miller to win the tournament crown.

PISD officials hosted out the season. The first seventh- and eighth-grade round was held Feb. 3 and Light tournaments to close will continue Feb. 4-5.

## PISD Intermediate Basketball

### Eighth-Grade Dark boys' finishes

*1st – Queens  
 2nd – San Jacinto  
 3rd – Thompson*

### Seventh-Grade Dark boys' finishes

*1st – Thompson  
 2nd – Miller  
 3rd – Beverly Hills*

### Eighth-Grade Dark girls' finishes

*1st – San Jacinto  
 2nd – Bondy  
 3rd – Southmore*

### Consolation – Beverly Hills

### Seventh-Grade Dark girls' finishes

*1st – Beverly Hills  
 2nd – Miller  
 3rd – Thompson*

### Consolation – Bondy

# Pasadena ISD Intermediate Schools

## Girls' Hoops Standings (After Jan. 27 games)

### Eighth Grade Light

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

### Scores Jan. 27

Miller 35, San Jacinto 23  
 Park View 34, Thompson 23  
 Queens 35, Thompson 32  
 Bondy 29, Beverly Hills 16  
 Southmore 29, South Houston 19

## Eighth Grade Dark

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

### Scores Jan. 27

San Jacinto 28, Miller 18  
 Park View 10, Jackson 6  
 Thompson 26, Queens 25  
 Bondy 31, Beverly Hills 26  
 Southmore 15, South Houston 12

## Seventh Grade Light

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

### Scores Jan. 27

Miller 40, San Jacinto 21  
 Park View 33, Jackson 30  
 Queens 23, Thompson 22  
 Bondy 39, Beverly Hills 27  
 Southmore 21, South Houston 13

## Seventh Grade Dark

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

### Scores Jan. 27

Miller 33, San Jacinto 17  
 Park View 26, Jackson 10  
 Thompson 15, Queens 11  
 Beverly Hills 19, Bondy 18  
 Southmore 24, South Houston 18

## Boys' Hoops Standings (After Jan. 27 games)

### Eighth Grade Light

Team	W	L
Queens	8	0
Beverly Hills	6	2
Park View	6	2
Bondy	5	3
San Jacinto	5	3
Southmore	4	3
Thompson	3	5
South Houston	3	5
Jackson	0	8
Miller	0	8

### Scores Jan. 27

Bondy 56, Beverly Hills 46  
 San Jacinto 52, Miller 18  
 Park View 71, Jackson 67 (3 OT)  
 South Houston 46, Southmore 33  
 Queens 72, Thompson 65

## Eighth Grade Dark

Team	W	L
Bondy	8	0
Beverly Hills	7	1
Queens	7	1
Thompson	4	4
San Jacinto	4	4
South Houston	3	5
Southmore	3	5
Park View	3	5
Jackson	1	7
Miller	0	8

### Scores Jan. 27

San Jacinto 45, Miller 16  
 Southmore 35, South Houston 31  
 Park View 3

# San Jacinto 2010 softball debuts at Galveston

San Jacinto College opens the 2010 softball season at the Galveston College Invitational Feb. 6-7 as Coyotes' head coach Kelly Saenz gets a chance to see her roster in spring action for the first time.

Like all coaches this time of year, when there have been no wins or losses determined, Saenz is confident in her San Jacinto group.

However, with 11 freshmen coming in along with one sophomore transfer, Saenz admits it may take a while to determine just where this team is headed.

"We are a little bit of an open book in the sense that we have quite a few first-year players to work into the mix," Saenz said.

"That much you can see by looking at the roster. But I do feel that overall we are two-deep at every position and that we have players

who have some versatility and can do a lot of things to win."

The Coyotes have re-loaded after losing the services of two players – pitcher Kelsey McClain and first baseman Courtney Pettit – who placed themselves in the school recordbooks with outstanding performances last season.

But that's the price of doing business at two-year colleges. Coaches must always deal with turnover, and Saenz is glad to have the 2010 group in place.

The team's top holdovers from last season include third baseman Courtney Oliphant, pitcher Jessica Davis and catcher Jean Fusilier.

Two other sophomores are expected to bounce back from injury. Outfielder Megan Knippa was a starter before she suffered a season-

ending knee injury early in the 2009 season.

Rae Cassel had a solid season at shortstop but then underwent shoulder surgery. She has yet to gain physicians' clearance, but is expected to return early in the season.

Destany Blanchard, another sophomore, saw a great bit of playing time last season.

Other than those players, Saenz will rely on her freshman class and pitcher Ashley Newberry, a La Porte High School graduate who is a sophomore transfer.

Games have yet to be played, but there's little doubt Saenz expects Newberry to be able to team with Davis and freshman Laura Martinez to give San Jacinto College three options in the circle.

"Those three pitchers have worked well in the workouts together, and they know what we want to get done," Saenz said.

"One of the biggest reasons I feel we'll be successful in the circle is not only because they have talent, but we also have options. Just as we'll do with our offense and defense, we'll go with the hot pitchers."

Hitting is streaky in softball. Sometimes an offense breaks out and scores 10 runs a game in a series, and sometimes the bats go cold. There's little a coach can do to avoid that pitfall.

But while Saenz does expect the offense to be more balanced and therefore able to avoid long droughts, she believes the team's defense and pitching will be plenty good enough to keep teams at bay.

"We really do have essentially two players who can get the job done at every spot," Saenz said. "Everybody can play good defense, which allows us to go with the hot hitters at the plate."

"As a coaching staff, we've been preaching offense all fall. If you hit, you'll play. It's as simple as that."

has an edge as a returning player who has shown in the past to be able to deliver power at the plate. Megan Matejka, a freshman from Deer Park, can also catch along with fellow freshman Kacy Hobbs.

Oliphant appears locked in at third base, but that may be the lone infield position that is set. Because of her shoulder injury recovery, Cassel may have to move to second base, where Jessica Beltran is also in the mix.

At shortstop, Saenz can turn to Shelby Parham, a freshman from Needville.

The Coyotes have Bethany Armstrong and Jessica Bryant as capable first base candidates.

In the outfield, Knippa has performed very well during her bounce back from injury. Nicole Andrade, a freshman from Dobie, has also performed well along with Landyn Myers, Blanchard and Caitlyn Wells.

In Galveston, the Coyotes will face McLennan at noon and Temple at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6. On Sunday, Feb. 7, San Jacinto will play three games.

The Coyotes have Western Texas at 8 a.m., followed by Ranger at noon and Seminole at 4 p.m.



San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz is hoping for a couple of days of sunshine during the Galveston tournament Feb. 6-7 as the Coyotes open the season with a five-game set at the event.

## San Jacinto College Coyotes 2010 Softball Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Yr.
1	Courtney Oliphant	Inf.	So.
2	Nicole Andrade	Util.	Fr.
3	Jessica Bryant	Inf.	Fr.
5	Landyn Myers	OF	Fr.
6	Destany Blanchard	Inf.	So.
7	Jessica Davis	P	So.
8	Bethany Armstrong	OF	Fr.
9	Kacy Hobbs	C	Fr.
10	Jessica Beltran	Inf.	Fr.
11	Caitlyn Wells	OF	So.
12	Megan Matejka	C	Fr.
13	Rae Cassel	Inf.	So.
14	Evan Babin	Inf.	Fr.
15	Megan Knippa	OF	So.
17	Jean Fusilier	C	So.
22	Shelby Parham	Inf.	Fr.
24	Laura Martinez	P	Fr.
27	Ashley Newberry	P	So.
--	Katie Vogt	P	Fr.

Head coach: Kelly Saenz  
 Assistant coach: Dionna Lopez  
 Assistant coach: Kevin Mentzel  
 Assistant coach: James Perry  
 Trainer: Troy Rabon

## Big soccer matches involve JFD, Brook

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A win or a loss does not make or break the season, but the winner of the respective games will take over the early lead in the District 24-5A races.

For Dobie, the games against Deer Park are equally as big.

In boys' play, Dobie, the defending district champion, needs a win to remain as the team to beat in the district.

The Longhorns opened the District 22-5A season with a 1-1 tie against Memorial, getting off to a sluggish start.

Dobie came back Feb. 1

## Dobie powerlifters finish strong at TC

Dobie High School's varsity powerlifting teams excelled at the Texas City Gulf Coast Powerlifting Classic. The Dobie boys captured third overall as a team. In the boys' competition, Michael McDonald, Ashante Joseph and Charles Tisby won their weight divisions, and Justin Rice was second in his division. Malcolm Glover was fifth in his weight class. At right, the winners included, left to right, (kneeling) Tisby, (standing) McDonald, Glover, Rice and Joseph.



Photos by Beth McDonald



The Dobie High School varsity powerlifting teams excelled at the Texas City Gulf Coast Powerlifting Classic. The Lady Longhorns' powerlifting team finished second as a team as Dorothy Tran won her weight division, and Megan Snyder, Madelyn Gar-

cia and Brianna Jamison all placed second in their respective weight divisions. Christina Dorantes produced a third-place finish. Members of the team included, left to right, (kneeling) Snyder, (standing) Jamison, Dorantes, Tran, Faith Roberts and Garcia.

# UIL sets realignment

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In short, more student-athletes in PISD will get a chance to experience the postseason, including many for the first time.

Each program in the PISD ranks will benefit. At Dobie, the varsity football team is the holder of the lengthiest playoff drought at five years, but that could soon end.

In fact, Dobie could be in line for a big improvement come 2010. The Longhorns will take on Alief Taylor, Alvin, Dickinson, Channelview and Humble in non-district play in both 2010 and 2011.

Among those five teams, only Alief Taylor and Dickinson made the playoffs last season. Taylor won the district title in 18-5A and made its way to the regional quarterfinals before falling to Brazoswood.

Dickinson, which made the Class 5A playoffs both seasons after making the move from 4A two years prior, advanced to the area round a season ago.

In district football play, Dobie will have its hands full as always with playoff regulars Memorial and Deer Park, but with the exception of 2008 when South Hous-

ton beat them, the Longhorns have had outstanding records against South Houston, Memorial and Pasadena.

As for many of the other team sports, Dobie has excelled for years even with the arrival of Memorial. The newest realignment simply provides greater chances for the others.

The overall power ranking of the new 22-5A alignment when matched against many others in Region III doesn't seem to be very lofty. Then again, that doesn't matter.

Many of PISD's young student-athletes have been given a greater hope, and it's bound to bolster the entire district.

Out in Deer Park, the respective coaches and athletes might be singing in the streets.

The Deer were already performing well across the board with La Porte and Pearland in the mix. With those athletic programs out of the mix, Deer Park's chances have increased even more.

**24-5A gets stronger**

For as much joy as there might have been in PISD after hearing the realignment announcement, there might

have been some groans in Clear Creek ISD.

As expected, Galveston Ball moved down a class to 4A. Ball is now grouped in District 24-4A with Friendswood, La Marque, Manvel, Pearland Dawson, Santa Fe and Texas City.

Now for the rebuilt District 24-5A.

Pearland replaces Ball, loading the 24-5A ranks with plenty of competition in the various team sports.

Give Ball its due for being a contender in most boys' sports, including its dominating boys' basketball program. But Ball cannot match Pearland's overall depth in both boys' and girls' sports.

So Clear Brook has been challenged in back-to-back realignments. Two years ago, Clear Springs and Dickinson were placed into District 24-5A and have performed very well.

Now, here comes Pearland, giving the new 24-5A alignment competition for all sides.

Realignment never brings delight for everyone involved. But it's a way of life every two years in Texas High School athletics. This time, the PISD folks have to be happy.

**Friday, Feb. 5 matches**  
**Dobie girls at Deer Park**  
 7 p.m., Abshire Stadium  
**Brook boys at Clear Lake**  
 7 p.m., Falcon Field  
**Brook girls host Clear Lake**  
 7 p.m., Wolverine Field  
**Saturday, Feb. 6 match**  
**Dobie boys host Deer Park**  
 10 a.m., Newcomb Field

## Clear Brook Wolverines Varsity baseball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 8	La Porte scrimmage	4 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Conroe tri-scrimmage	5 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Jersey Village scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 19	at quad-scrimm. (B. Sterling)	3 p.m.
Feb. 22	Morton Ranch	6 p.m.
Feb. 25-27	at La Porte tournament	TBA
March 1	Deer Park	6 p.m.
March 4-6	Clear Creek tournament	TBA
March 9	at St. Thomas	6 p.m.
March 11-13	at Spring tournament	TBA
March 16	*Clear Creek	7:30 p.m.
March 19	*at Dickinson	7:30 p.m.
March 23	*Brazoswood	7:30 p.m.
March 26	*at Clear Lake	7:30 p.m.
March 30	*at Galveston Ball	6 p.m.
April 1	*Clear Springs	7:30 p.m.
April 6	*Alvin	7:30 p.m.
April 9	*at Clear Creek	7:30 p.m.
April 13	*Dickinson	7:30 p.m.
April 16	*at Brazoswood	7:30 p.m.
April 20	*Clear Lake	7:30 p.m.
April 23	*Galveston Ball	7:30 p.m.
April 30	*at Clear Springs	7:30 p.m.
May 1	*at Alvin	1 p.m.

\* Denotes District 24-5A games

## Dobie Longhorns Varsity baseball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 8	Channelview scrimmage	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	B. Ster. scrimmage (Maguire)	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Alvin scrimmage	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	Barber's Hill scrimmage	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Friendswood	6 p.m.
Feb. 25-27	at Angleton tournament	TBA
March 2	at Dickinson	7 p.m.
March 4-6	Pasadena tournament	TBA
March 9	at Humble	7 p.m.
March 11-13	at Round Rock tourn.	TBA
March 16	*Memorial	noon
March 18	*South Houston (Maguire)	noon
March 23	*Deer Park	4 p.m.
March 26	*La Porte	4 p.m.
March 30	*Pasadena (Maguire)	4 p.m.
April 1	*Sam Rayburn	4 p.m.
April 6	*at Pearland	7 p.m.
April 9	*at Memorial	4 p.m.
April 13	*South Houston (Maguire)	4 p.m.
April 16	*at Deer Park	7 p.m.
April 20	*at La Porte	7 p.m.
April 23	*Pasadena (Maguire)	7 p.m.
April 27	*Sam Rayburn (Maguire)	4 p.m.
April 30	*Pearland	4 p.m.

\* Denotes District 22-5A games

# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, 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  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** – Free water exercise from 7 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 The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring** – St. Luke's offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail joe\_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

**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. 5**  
 7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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

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

**SATURDAY, FEB. 6**  
 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. 7**  
 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. 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 a.m.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** – Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

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

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

6:30 p.m.  
**Civil Air Patrol Meeting** – Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.

7 p.m.  
**Sagemont Civic Club** – Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair Dr.

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

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**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 New Democrats** - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 16603 Buccaneer Drive, across from the new Clear Lake Library. For more information, contact John Cobarruvias at john.cobarruvias@bayareanewdemocrats.org or visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

## CALENDAR

**TUESDAY, FEB. 9**  
 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, 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.

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

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**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.  
**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.hcmgpa2.tamu.edu or call 281-991-8437.

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

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

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10**  
 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.  
**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.

11:30 a.m.  
**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 mlnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

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11:30 a.m.  
**American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter** - Now meets at Perry's Italian Grill, 1001 Pinelock in Houston on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information or to R.S.V.P., call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202.

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

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

7 p.m.  
**Bay Area New Democrats** - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 16603 Buccaneer Drive, across from the new Clear Lake Library. For more information, contact John Cobarruvias at john.cobarruvias@bayareanewdemocrats.org or visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

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Derlesha Thomas (32) and her Dobie varsity girls' teammates have claimed a district title, but there is more to accomplish ahead.

## Dobie girls are district champs, but want two more big victories

### Horns' boys, CB boys trail playoff leaders

Continued from Page 1B due to positive point victory differential, the Longhorns will likely need to beat one of the three teams in front of them - La Porte, Deer Park or Pearland - to reach the playoffs.

With five games to go, a lot of things can happen, but the Longhorns could use a two-game or better winning streak in a big way.

The same goes for Clear Brook.

All but left out of the playoff mix after a road loss to Brazoswood to close out the first half of district play, the Wolverines forced their way back into things Feb. 29, handing Galveston Ball its first loss of the district campaign.

That win got the Wolverines back even in the District 24-5A standings at 4-4, and a win over Clear Springs at home Feb. 2 would have delivered big dividends.

The Wolverines rarely led in the game, trailing by three after one quarter and by 11 at halftime.

Clear Brook opened the second half with a 10-0 run that cut Springs' lead to 39-38, but the Chargers rushed back.

The two teams traded baskets for much of the rest of the way, with Springs able to hold on. Brook had its chances to tie or even

win the game but couldn't quite get there. A short jumper by Jarek Player with 17 seconds remaining fell off the mark, and Springs responded with two free throws for a 4-point lead.

In the end it came down to Clear Brook's inability to handle Springs' full court pressure, which resulted in several turnovers and easy baskets on Springs' end.

In turn, the Chargers were successfully able to break the Wolverines' press for easy layups or dunks.

But on a night when there were plenty of upsets in the district - Dickinson beat Ball and Brazoswood topped Clear Lake - the Wolverines might have found a silver lining.

If the Wolverines can put a winning streak together of more than a game or so, they will likely make the playoffs. After all, just a week ago Ball looked like the runaway champion at 7-0 but has since dropped a pair.

Meanwhile, there is a quiet celebration going on at Dobie, where the Lady Longhorns have claimed their first outright championship under head coach Shane Brown.

But while the title is in hand and there is well-deserved praise to be passed out, Brown is in no mood

to see the cake and punch passed out at practice.

The Lady Longhorns close the regular season against the No. 2 and No. 3 teams in the district before entering the playoffs.

If anything, it's time for Dobie to take it to an entirely different level. The team endured a shaky first half against South Houston before closing the deal. That cannot happen again.

"It's a mental thing. You have to be mentally prepared to play, and then physically, you'll be able to execute," Brown said of the South Houston game.

"We were not mentally ready to play, and it showed. We fought through South Houston's toughness and our own mistakes and got out of there with a win."

As for the title, Brown admitted some degree of pride.

"Winning a district championship is sweet reward for hard teamwork," he said. "That was one of our goals for the season, and it's a good feeling. The kids definitely deserve it."

However, that was only one of our goals. Now our focus is finishing this season strong against two of the toughest teams in the district, and then making a serious run in the post season."



Clear Springs' trapping defense hounded Clear Brook during the Chargers' win. On this play, Brook's Spencer Bowman (center) battled the Chargers' Teris Bourgeois (left) and Sam Richardson.



Clear Brook's Fred Richardson (30) had hoped to help his team defeat Clear Springs in a huge District 24-5A game, but the Chargers held on to win.

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

(As of Feb. 3)

Teams	W	L
Galveston Ball	7	2
Clear Creek	6	3
Clear Springs	6	3
Clear Lake	5	4
Clear Brook	4	5
Dickinson	4	5
Brazoswood	4	5
Alvin	0	9

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

(As of Feb. 3)

Teams	W	L
Clear Creek	12	0
Clear Springs	10	2
Clear Lake	8	4
Dickinson	7	5
Clear Brook	5	7
Brazoswood	3	9
Galveston Ball	3	9
Alvin	0	12

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

(As of Feb. 3)

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	8	1
La Porte	8	1
Pearland	7	2
Dobie	5	4
South Houston	4	5
Sam Rayburn	2	7
Memorial	2	7
Pasadena	0	9

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

(As of Feb. 3)

Teams	W	L
Dobie	12	0
Deer Park	9	3
La Porte	8	4
Pearland	8	4
Memorial	5	7
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