

# South Belt Leader

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## Dixie Farm at Inverness

To prepare for the Dixie Farm Road Phase II improvements this year, Exxon Mobil Pipeline started work at the intersection of Dixie Farm Road and Inverness Court Jan. 7. The work takes place on the south side of Inverness Court and will not impact the existing pavement.

There are no planned closures of the street during this work, but drivers should be aware of potential delays. Work should be complete within four weeks. Contact Andrea Brinkley at 281-652-1797 or [abrinkley@ci.pearland.tx.us](mailto:abrinkley@ci.pearland.tx.us) for questions or comments.

## Library events scheduled

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale: A children's winter craft is Thursday, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m. Free tickets are required.

The library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The February computer class schedule will be available Tuesday, Jan. 20. Space is limited.

Movie Madness is Thursday, Jan. 22, at 4 p.m. Call the library for feature title.

The next ESL tutor training session is Thursday, Jan. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For information or to register, call 281-484-2036.

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

## Lions Club meets Jan. 21

Hobby Airport Lions Club meets Wednesday, Jan. 21, at noon at Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. E-mail [HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com](mailto:HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com) for more information.

## Benefit for Mata Jan. 18

Outta' Control Cookers and the Nutty Bar will hold a benefit on Jan. 18 at 10943 Scarsdale Blvd. to raise money to help pay for treatment for longtime South Belt resident Willie Mata. Mata was recently diagnosed with stomach cancer. Children may attend. Barbecue plates will be sold, and raffles and poker tournaments will be held. For information, contact Jilena Mata at 713-498-8755.

## Softball registration set

The Southbelt Girls Softball Association will hold registration for spring ball at El Franco Lee Park as follows: Jan. 15, 20 and 22 from 6 to 8 p.m., and Jan. 17 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For updated information visit [www.eteamz.com/southbeltgirls](http://www.eteamz.com/southbeltgirls).

Registration will be \$70 per player with \$5 discounts per sibling only (no cousins, etc.).

Girls should be 4 through 14 years old by Jan. 1, 2009. Bring a copy of the player's birth certificate when registering. For information, call Ruben Garcia at 281-485-0287, or Kimberly Villarreal, at 713-582-2439.

## Frazier hosts course

Frazier Elementary will host *Building Confident Families*, a seven-week home improvement course. The public is invited. Classes will be held Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 26 through March 9. Classes are free. Babysitting will be provided. Call Susan Blue at 713-740-0564 for reservations.

## Communities meet Jan. 19

The Sageglen, Meadows of Clear Creek, Green Tee Terrace 6 & 8 and Estates of Green Tee Section 1 communities meet Monday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Sageglen Community Building.

## JFD choir boosters meet

Dobie Choir Booster Club will meet Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in the choir room. All choir parents are invited. The agenda includes a musical, lock in, and choir trip. For questions, call Silvia Luna at 832-512-8367.

## K of C sets spaghetti dinner

The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Raye Council No. 9201 will sponsor a charity fundraising spaghetti dinner on Friday, Jan. 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the St. Luke Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road.

The dinner will include all-you-can-eat spaghetti with KC 9201 Pasta Sauce, two homemade Italian meatballs, garden salad, French bread, Italian dressing, and iced tea or lemonade. Cost is \$6 per person, eat in or take out. Children under 12 are \$3 (eat in only).

## K of C free throw is Jan. 24

The Knights of Columbus will host the youth free throw shooting contest from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 24 at Dobie High School. The contest is open to boys and girls age 10 to 14. For information, call Chris Sorenson at 832-512-8371.

## Project Grad fund-raiser set

Dobie Project Graduation's next fund-raiser will be a parents' night out at Frazier Elementary on Jan. 23 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. with a limit of 70 children, first-come first-served. Kindergarten through fifth grade ages only. A cash-only payment of \$10 can be made at drop off. For more information, call Jeanie Monohan at 713-858-8746.

# Concerns raised over softball repair delays

By James Bolen

Registration for the Southbelt Girls Softball Association began Tuesday, Jan. 13, and league officials are hopeful that necessary repair work will be done to the group's fields by the beginning of the season in mid-March.

## Dolphins storage catches on fire

The Southbelt Dolphins football team's storage container at Blackhawk Park caught fire at roughly 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5.

The Houston Fire Department was dispatched to the scene, but the fire had already been extinguished by a park employee.

According to fire department officials, the fire had spread from a nearby dumpster. Arson is not suspected.

Almost all of the team's equipment stored in the container was destroyed, including field equipment, football equipment and drill team equipment.

The playing fields, located at El Franco Lee Park, suffered heavy damage from Hurricane Ike, and four months later, Harris County has done little to fix the problems incurred.

While the park's concession stand and bleachers were battered by the storm, the main obstacle prohibiting play is damage to the fields' fences and backstops. County workers have made repairs to the concession stand and begun work on the bleachers, but the fencing must be contracted out, and work has yet to begin.

Contract work on the fencing was originally given to Dow, but has since been switched to Foster Fencing, due to work overload.

# South Belter killed as result of police chase

By James Bolen

Highland Meadow resident Homero Rosales Jr. was killed Saturday, Jan. 10, after his car was struck by another vehicle fleeing from police in East Houston.

Houston police were chasing Frank Anthony Marron, 17, who was driving a stolen black Ford F-350, shortly before noon when he sped

through a yield sign at South 79th and Elwood near Harrisburg and smashed into Rosales' blue Ford Expedition, causing it to crash into a tree.

Rosales, 41, was pronounced dead at the scene. Rosales' passenger, Maurillo Alvarado, 53, was injured in the collision and taken to Ben Taub General Hospital. He is expected to survive.

Marron is charged with felony murder with bail set at \$100,000. He was already on probation

long the work would take to complete.

Malone further said there are currently no contingency plans on where else to play if the work is not completed by opening day.

Confounding matters, league volunteers are prohibited by the county out of safety concerns from cleaning and mowing the playing fields until the fence repairs have been done.

O'Connor is hopeful the county will stick to its word, as to avoid greater action from the league.

"Hopefully, they'll get the work done before we have to start flooding El Franco Lee's office with e-mails," she said. "Because that's where we're at."

# PISD to hold meetings to discuss boundary changes

The Pasadena Independent School District will hold a series of parent meetings next month to discuss the proposed boundary changes affecting local students for the 2009-2010 school year.

Many students currently attending Moore and Frazier elementaries will be transferring to the new South Belt Elementary in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. All affected students will receive a letter the last week of January.

Meetings will be held at both Moore and Frazier Monday, Feb. 9, to discuss the changes. Recently named South Belt Elementary principal Candy Bernsen will be on hand to field questions and concerns.

The meeting at Moore will be held at 5:30 p.m.

in the school's cafeteria. The meeting at Frazier will be held at 7 p.m. in the school's cafeteria.

Due to overcrowding at Bush Elementary, many of the school's students will be transferring to Meador for the 2009-2010 academic year. Again, all affected students will receive a letter the last week of January.

A meeting to discuss the changes will be held at Meador Thursday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Parental input and questions are encouraged.

Current fourth-grade students at Moore, Frazier and Meador elementaries who do not wish to transfer may be grandfathered in, provided space is available. Transportation, however, will not be provided by the school district.

# FEMA aid deadline extended

At the request of Gov. Rick Perry, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has extended the deadline for Texans seeking assistance for damages and losses caused by Hurricane Ike to Friday, Feb. 6.

The deadline had already been extended to Monday, Jan. 12, but was extended again due to a continued flow of new applications.

FEMA provides grants to help pay for tempo-

rary housing needs, essential home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance or other sources.

Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration are also available for homeowners, renters, businesses and non-profits.

To apply, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

# Free income tax service offered

Neighborhood Tax Centers, an affiliate of the nonprofit Neighborhood Centers, is offering free service to those earning \$45,000 or less annually. Eligible residents may have their taxes prepared for free by Internal Revenue Service-certified tax preparers at any local Neighborhood Tax Center. Services are offered in English and Spanish.

The centers will be operational from Friday, Jan. 16, through Wednesday, April 15, and will be open days, evenings and weekends. Each location, however, will have its own specific dates and hours. There are 17 locations throughout the Greater Houston area. For dates and hours, call 2-1-1 or visit [www.neighborhood-centers.org](http://www.neighborhood-centers.org).

# Leader looks back on 2008 highlights

The 2008 year in review continues as the *Leader* looks at the more significant stories of 2008.

June 5

A Harris County Precinct 2 deputy constable was forced to discharge his firearm on Saturday, May 31, as he attempted to apprehend an individual suspected of robbing someone at gunpoint the previous day. On Friday, May 30, deputies responded to a call at an apartment complex in the 11700 block of Beamer. The complainant told deputies he had been forced at gunpoint to go to an ATM and withdraw cash.

The gunman then proceeded to also rob the victim's apartment and take his vehicle. Deputy Juan Contreras was patrolling Hughes Road near Beamer Saturday at roughly 10 p.m. when he spotted the vehicle that had been taken during the robbery. When Contreras attempted to stop the car, the driver led the deputy on a high-speed chase. The vehicle pursuit ended in the 10200 block of Kingspoint when the driver, Arrington Floyd Burley, lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a ditch. Contreras attempted to apprehend Burley peacefully, but his verbal commands were ignored. As the suspect climbed out of his vehicle with a pistol in his hand, the deputy fired a single shot, but missed the suspect. Burley then dropped his weapon and fled on foot. By this time, Contreras was assisted by Deputy Dwayne Pacifico and Cpls. Fermin Vasquez and Raymond Lomelo. Additional units from the Harris County Sheriff and the Houston Police Department were also dispatched to the scene. A perimeter was established as an HPD helicopter and K-9 unit combed the area. The suspect was found near a ditch on Fuqua shortly thereafter. Burley, 21, was arrested and charged with aggravated robbery and aggravated kidnapping.

In other crime news, a man was charged with murder in a shooting at a Broadway apartment complex, following a carjacking near Alameda Mall, where a second victim was wounded. Justin

Patrick Nichols, 20, was accused of killing John Huey Edmonds, 25, around 4:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, in the 8400 block of Broadway. Police officials said at the time of the murder, Nichols was driving a red Pontiac Grand Am that he stole from April Jean Dukes, 22, earlier that morning during a carjacking in the 10100 block of Alameda Genoa. Edmonds was shot multiple times and pronounced dead at the scene. Dukes suffered a single gunshot wound to the pelvis. She was taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where she was treated and released. In addition to the murder charge for Edmonds, Nichols was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for the Dukes shooting.

June 12

A private ceremony was held to commemorate the final F-16 Falcon alert mission to be conducted by the Texas Air National Guard's 147th Fighter Wing. The wing had its air sovereignty duties replaced by a squadron of F-16s from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th Fighter Wing, located in Tulsa.

The decision stemmed from recommendations of the Department of Defense's 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, despite strong opposition from several local military and political leaders. The 147th performed alert duties along the Gulf Coast since 1958. Members of the 147th now control 12 unmanned MQ-1 Predator drones and are known as a reconnaissance wing, rather than a fighter wing.

James Hulme, the last original Dobie teacher, retired following the 2007-2008 school year. Hulme taught French and served as the head of the foreign language department at Dobie since it opened in 1968. He served under four different principals. Together with his wife Burnadette, Hulme has three children and six grandchildren, all of whom have attended schools within the Pasadena Independent School District. Longtime Kirkwood resident Raul "R.C." Ri-

vera was reported to be the first person nationwide to die from complications related to the outbreak of Salmonella Saintpaul. In an unfortunate turn of events, Rivera, 67, was eating a meal with his family to celebrate good news he had received regarding his ongoing bout with lymphoma when he contracted the rare disease, believed to be spread by eating contaminated raw tomatoes. Rivera had undergone eight chemotherapy and 14 radiation treatments to much success when he and four family members visited a Mexican restaurant on the southwest side of town, where they consumed pico de gallo, a tomato-based condiment. Two days after eating the tomatoes, Rivera began to suffer nausea, diarrhea and a high fever. Six days after the meal, Rivera required hospitalization. While the other family members also got sick, none required medical care. City health department officials said that salmonella poisoning is particularly dangerous for infants, the elderly and cancer patients and others with a depressed immune system.

June 19

A man was found dead inside a motel room in the 12400 block of the Gulf Freeway at North Featherwood on Saturday, June 14. Houston police said Ronald S. Taylor, 59, was discovered on the floor of the room by a motel employee. Taylor had black bruises around both of his eyes but no other visible signs of injury. While there were no signs of forced entry, there were indications of a struggle inside the room, with blood splattered throughout. Another man was found dead at the same motel the previous November.

Moore Elementary second-grade teacher Linda Bell retired after working in the Pasadena district for 40 years. Bell taught at Jenson and Teague elementaries before transferring to Moore in 1980, when the school opened.

A man died in a single-vehicle collision in the 13800 block of the Gulf Freeway service road on Monday, June 16. Houston police said Jaime

Castillo Leyva, 29, was driving a white Chevrolet Tahoe south on the Gulf Freeway when he got off at the Scarsdale exit at a high rate of speed. The victim then lost control of the vehicle and struck a light pole, causing the car to burst into flames. Leyva was pronounced dead at the scene.

June 26

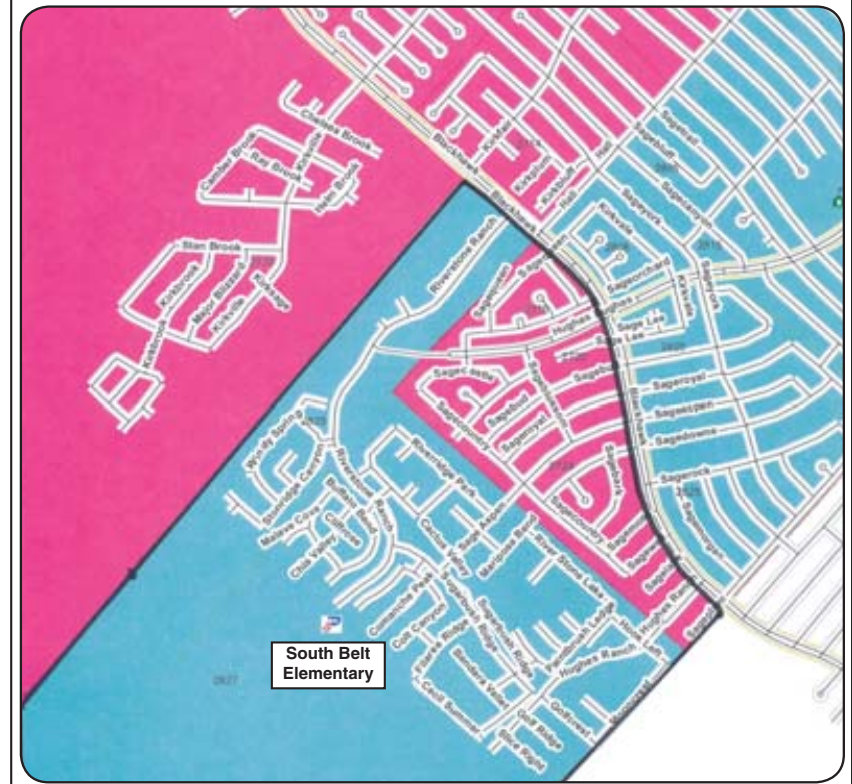
For the second time in one month, deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office arrested someone for attempting to pass a counterfeit bill. Deputy James May responded to a call on June 23 at a restaurant in the 10900 block of Scarsdale, where a man had reportedly tried to spend a counterfeit \$20 bill. The suspect, John Johnson, 60, was arrested and charged with a felony count of passing a counterfeit bill. Earlier in the month, deputies arrested suspect, William Henderson, for attempting to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill at two separate businesses in the 10900 block of Scarsdale. He, too, was charged with a felony count of passing a counterfeit bill.

In response to soaring gas prices, Sagemont Church treated 500 lucky drivers to \$10 worth of free gas at the Kroger at Sabo and Beltway 8. The event was part of the five-day Houston Missionary Project sponsored by the church's student ministry.

In a related story, a Bridgegate resident reported to police on June 17 that someone had stolen \$75 worth of gas from her vehicle parked in her driveway in the 10800 block of Bradford Way. Three suspects unsuccessfully attempted to steal an ATM machine from a store in the 10800 block of Scarsdale on June 15. According to deputies, three men backed a pickup truck through the storefront and tried to uproot the machine, which was heavily bolted down. Realizing their failure, the suspects quickly fled the scene.

The truck involved in the crime was found a few blocks away at the corner of Sagerock and Sagemont with the motor still running and the steering

## South Belt Elementary boundaries



The Pasadena Independent School District has released the proposed boundaries for the new South Belt Elementary School to open the 2009-2010 school year. Students residing within the outlined area above will attend the school. The area includes all streets west of Blackhawk between Sageplum and Riverstone Ranch. Students in the areas shown in pink currently attend Moore. Students in the areas shown in blue currently attend Frazier. Also attending the new school will be students who live in the Sycamore Valley subdivision and the apartment complexes on Dixie Farm Road east of I-45.

# Reader's Opinion

# Leader looks back, remembers top stories of 2008

## Loose dogs create dangerous situation

In the area of Hughes Rd. and Sage-wind two dogs are running loose and have killed several cats. One dog is a black and white German

Shepherd with floppy ears, the other is all tan and looks like a pit bull. Whoever owns these dogs should take the responsibility to keep them in. I have called animal control on these dogs. This is a very dangerous situation for other animals and small children.

Sandy Avenby

## Thompson, Dobie staff attend conference



Staff members from Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High School recently attended a conference on how to address "mean girls" or relational aggression issues in female students. RA girls sometimes devise and direct complex social/emotional games that victimize others through exclusion or isolation, rumors, gossip, eye-rolling, sarcasm, etc. In addition, girls who are targets of this type of socialized bullying often suffer lasting effects. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Dobie counselor Jennifer Boushley, Thompson Principal Angela Stallings, (back row) Dobie counselor Jennifer Haynes, Thompson Assistant Principal Temeka Brown and Thompson counselor Erin Richardson.

## FEMA Hurricane response comes to Jamaica Beach

Coastal homeowners with questions about the 4.5-foot line of elevation, FEMA buy-outs or other permitting issues can get answers at the General Land Office's mobile Hurricane Response Information Unit, which will be at Jamaica Beach Jan. 15 and 16. The trailer will be at Jamaica Beach City Hall, 16628 San Luis Pass Road, and will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. "Having this mobile command post pull up in the neighborhood means help is on the way for coastal home owners," said Jerry Patterson, commissioner of the Texas

General Land Office. "It will be as if the Land Office has set up shop in their backyard, ready to help with permits and rebuild." Deployment of the Hurricane Response Information Unit is just the latest effort by Patterson to help coastal homeowners rebuild after Ike. Recently, Patterson released GLO Earth, a Google Earth-based application that shows how the upper Texas coast looked before and after Ike. GLO Earth also shows where the new 4.5-foot line of elevation is, making crucial information easily available

for coastal property owners, wherever they may be. This line marks where the elevation is 4.5 feet above mean sea level and will be used to determine where new construction is allowed on the coast. As additional surveys are done on the ground, this 4.5-foot elevation line will be shown on GLO Earth for the rest of the upper Texas coast that was impacted by Ike. GLO Earth is available on CD or online on the GLO Hurricane Response page at www.GLO.state.tx.us at the Hurricane Ike Shoreline Assessment link.

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**July 3**  
In a surprising move on Friday, June 27, workers under the direction of the City of Friendswood Fire Marshal's Office shut down eight fireworks booths on Beamer between Astoria and Dixie Farm Road. The affected stands were the last remaining in the immediate South Belt area. While the shops were not technically located in Friendswood, city officials were still able to close the operations, citing extrajurisdictional jurisdiction (ETJ). ETJ is the legal ability of a government to exercise authority beyond its normal boundaries, given that an agreement has been reached with the legal authority in the external territory. In this instance, the City of Friendswood worked jointly with the City of Houston, the City of Pearland and Harris County. State law dictates that a governing body may exercise ETJ up to 5,000 feet outside of its established jurisdiction. The fireworks booths in question were located 1,800 feet outside of the Friendswood city limit, which extends to Beamer and Dixie Farm Road.

Lt. Jonathan Carter, a 1995 Dobie High School graduate, was selected the first representative from the U.S. Coast Guard to serve in the President's Emergency Operations Center at the White House. Located in the East Wing of the White House, the President's Emergency Operations Center is designed and maintained to handle nuclear contingencies. Carter was honored at a change of command ceremony at the Coast Guard base in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Lori Alexander was named the new director of the Dobie Larriettes. A Baytown native, Alexander attended Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, where she double majored in dance and math, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in December 2005. She graduated magna cum laude and was a recipient of the Katie Garrett Norton Dance Award. She is a lifelong dancer and has won numerous awards. Alexander is replacing outgoing director and new mother Shanna Grubb.

The need for the new regulations was necessitated by a 2006 request from the Federal Aviation Administration to the City of Houston asking that new measures be adopted to ensure the continued issuance of federal grants. City officials divided the areas surrounding the airports into three tiers. Tier 1 was the area closest to the airport runways. Tier 2 extended further and included areas that were associated with airport-related land use and service functions. Tier 3 extended 5 miles beyond the airport.

New construction in Tier 1 would be limited to warehouses and other industrial facilities. Tier 2 would allow more types of construction, but structures must include soundproofing. At that time, there were no restrictions in Tier 3. However, the city must notify property owners and potential buyers that the land was subject to future regulation. All existing buildings, if left unchanged, would not be affected. However, existing buildings could be affected if they were rebuilt, renovated or underwent other structural improvements. Once drafted, the regulations would go to City Council for approval. If approved, the regulations would become an ordinance.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee hosted a meeting on Monday, July 14, to discuss the school funding dilemma in the Pasadena Independent School District. Attending the meeting were PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis and House District 144 candidates Ken Legler and Joel Redmond. Grace Community Church announced its plan to erect two massive crosses along Interstate 45. To be located at the church's south campus near Dixie Farm Road and at the church's north campus near The Woodlands, the crosses would mark both the south and north entrances to the city, according to Grace's pastor, Steve Riggle. The two crosses, which could reach a height of 200 feet, would be among the largest in the world.

force. Larson, a 16-year veteran of the department, was off-duty with pay pending the outcome of the investigation. The pair were charged with misapplication of fiduciary property. Martin was also indicted on charges of theft by a public servant.

A man was fatally shot by a bouncer at a local strip club on Sunday, July 20. According to police, Jose Rogelio Alanis, 38, of McAllen, was asked to leave Sugar's Gentlemen's Club at Gulf Freeway and Dixie Farm Road due to disorderly behavior. Shortly thereafter, employees at the club were told that Alanis was slashing car tires in the parking lot with a knife. The club's bouncer, Travis Bohannon, along with another employee, went outside to investigate the matter. As Bohannon, 27, approached Alanis, the man raised the knife and moved toward the bouncer. Bohannon, who has a license to carry a concealed handgun, pulled out a pistol and fired a single shot at Alanis. Alanis was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital, where he later died. No charges were filed.

Units from three separate law enforcement agencies converged on a Clear Brook Meadows home Monday, July 21, and arrested a man following a federal investigation into child pornography. Suspect Joseph Montross was nabbed in a joint effort by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Investigations, the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit and the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Office. Montross, 28, was charged with possession and distribution of child pornography, indecency with a child and aggravated sexual assault of a child.

An individual was car-jacked Monday, July 21, at about 11 a.m. at a car wash in the 11400 block of Hall Road near Beamer. The driver of a late-model Lexus 300 was at the establishment when he was approached by a man who brandished a handgun and told him to walk away from the vehicle. The victim followed the man's instructions and walked away from the car wash, as the suspect jumped into the Lexus and sped away from the scene. No immediate arrests were made.

**July 31**  
A group of Pearland activists led by Rep. Mike O'Day approached the Alvin Community College Board of Regents at its regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, July 24, to discuss the possibility of switching Pearland schools over to San Jacinto College's service area. Speaking on behalf of the North Brazoria County Education Alliance, O'Day's recommendations stemmed from dissatisfaction associated with ACC's Pearland satellite location. Opened in 1995, the Pearland Center originally offered 41 academic classes and 25 continuing education classes. More than 250 students were enrolled at the school. While Pearland was in ACC's service area, it was not in its taxing district. However, when the satellite campus opened, it offered classes to Pearland Independent School District students without charging out-of-district fees. In 2003, the Alvin board voted to start charging Pearland residents out-of-district tuition and in 2005, voted to remove all college credit courses from the school. As a result, enrollment sharply dropped at the campus. During the 2006-2007 school year, a mere 68 students were enrolled at the center.

The suggestion to the board, however, related to much more than the dwindling conditions of the satellite center, according to O'Day, whose legislative area included both Alvin and Pearland. O'Day contended such a change of service area would benefit all parties involved. It was his position that the Pearland Center could be sold to the City of Pearland for a reasonable price, and the proceeds could be spent on a new facility in the growing area west of Texas 288 in ACC's taxing district. Additionally, O'Day said if ACC relinquished Pearland from its service area, San Jacinto College would likely be more accommodating to students in the area. While San Jacinto College was not allowed to promote itself within the Pearland ISD, more than three times the number of students in the district attended the college than attended Alvin. Following the 2006-2007 school year, 160 Pearland High School students enrolled at San Jacinto College South, whereas only 51 enrolled at Alvin. San Jacinto College

was also much closer in proximity for Pearland residents than ACC. The distance from Pearland High School to San Jacinto South was 7 miles, compared with the 11 mile drive from the high school to ACC. When Alvin's service area was set in 1995, it was also more difficult to commute between Pearland and San Jacinto South. Construction of new thoroughfares in the area made the drive much easier. If the Alvin Board of Regents opted not to redraw its service area, the switch would require legislative approval.

**Aug. 7**  
Tropical Storm Edouard threatened the Houston area, but fortunately never reached hurricane status. While the South Belt area was spared the brunt of the storm, local officials and residents accordingly prepared for the worst. All nonessential Harris County and City of Houston employees were told to stay at home on Tuesday, Aug. 5. Many area schools, courthouses and hospitals were also closed as a precaution. Local stores reported a significant spike in business, with some running out of emergency supplies such as water and gasoline.

A man was killed on Saturday, Aug. 2, in the 12200 block of the Gulf Freeway when he lost control of his motorcycle around 10 a.m. Sidney Marvin McKenzie III of League City was traveling north on the freeway on a red Yamaha motorcycle when he hit a curb. According to police, he then struck a light pole and was thrown from the bike onto the concrete. The impact of the crash caused the light pole to fall. McKenzie was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Texas Education Agency released its 2007-2008 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills results. Overall, the Pasadena Independent School District received an academically acceptable rating from the organization. Districtwide, nine schools earned exemplary ratings, while 24 schools achieved recognized status. Three South Belt schools earned exemplary status, while six received recognized ratings. Four schools received academically acceptable ratings. South Belt campuses earning exemplary ratings were Atkinson, Frazier and Moore elementary schools. Receiving recognized ratings were Genoa, Jessup, Meador, Stuchbery, Burnett and Laura Bush elementary schools. Dobie High School, Morris Fifth Grade Center, Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediate schools received academically acceptable ratings.

The Clear Creek Independent School District received a recognized rating for the 11th time out of 12 years. According to the TEA, 96 percent of students in the district passed reading, 97 percent passed writing, 97 percent passed social studies, 91 percent passed math and 89 percent passed science. Districtwide, 18 schools ranked as exemplary, 14 schools were recognized and six received an acceptable rating.

Exemplary campuses within the district included Clear Horizons Early College High School, Seabrook and Space Center intermediate schools, and Clear Lake City, Ross, Bay, Greene, Armand Bayou, Hall, Ward, Ferguson, Brookwood, North Pointe, Goforth, Bauerschlag, Falcon Pass, Robinson and Gilmore elementary. Recognized campuses included ClearView and Clear Springs high schools, League City, Creekside and Brookside intermediates, and White, League City, Stewart, McWhirter, Whitcomb, Landolt, Wedgewood, Hyde and Weber elementary. Acceptable campuses included Clear Creek, Clear Lake and Clear Brook high schools, and Clear Lake, Victory Lakes and Westbrook intermediates.

**Aug. 14**  
The U.S. Army's 75th Battle Command Training Division hosted an event at Ellington Field on Sunday, Aug. 10, to dedicate the new Joint Forces Reserve Center at the base and to honor the change of command for the division. The dedication of the new Joint Forces Reserve Center was attended by several area VIPs and politicians, including U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who served as the event's keynote speaker. Hutchison played a large role in assisting the move of the reserves' previous Old Spanish Trail location to the Ellington base. In April 2004, Hutchison orchestrated a deal with the Department of Defense that would allow M.D. Anderson Cancer Center to annex the reserve location near the Texas Medical Center to expand its University

The Kirkmont Municipal Utility District building was struck by lightning Wednesday, Aug. 20, destroying all of its electrical contents. Linda Arnone, Kirkmont MUD office manager, was sitting at her desk just a few feet away from where the lightning came through her computer after traveling from the roof, where it struck a vent. Heat from the bolt burned a hole in the carpet where it grounded. In all, the district lost two air conditioning units, a refrigerator, a stove, a television, a videocassette recorder, a computer and a printer in the incident.

City of Houston Councilman Mike Sullivan spoke at the Houston Police Department's monthly Positive Interaction Program meeting Aug. 19. Sullivan told those in attendance of the city's plan to construct a new Bracewell branch to the City of Houston Public Library System at the intersection of Kingspoint and Blackhawk. He also addressed the growing problem concerning the overcrowding at the METRO Fuqua Park & Ride. Sullivan also spoke on the issue of airport land use and proposed an initiative to spend \$211 million on drainage improvement projects in the area. He said the work would be funded through ad valorem taxes and would appear as an agenda item at an upcoming City Council meeting.

**Sept. 4**  
Fortunately for South Belt residents, the Houston area was spared the brunt of Hurricane Gustav, as it made landfall well east of the area. Cliff Swearingen, 57, longtime assistant principal of Moore Elementary School, died Sept. 2. Swearingen began working as a fifth-grade teacher at Moore in 1986 and became the school's assistant principal in 1987. He came to Pasadena ISD in 1974 as a teacher at Fisher Elementary, before coming to Moore.

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The Kirkmont Municipal Utility District building was struck by lightning Wednesday, Aug. 20, destroying all of its electrical contents. Linda Arnone, Kirkmont MUD office manager, was sitting at her desk just a few feet away from where the lightning came through her computer after traveling from the roof, where it struck a vent. Heat from the bolt burned a hole in the carpet where it grounded. In all, the district lost two air conditioning units, a refrigerator, a stove, a television, a videocassette recorder, a computer and a printer in the incident.

City of Houston Councilman Mike Sullivan spoke at the Houston Police Department's monthly Positive Interaction Program meeting Aug. 19. Sullivan told those in attendance of the city's plan to construct a new Bracewell branch to the City of Houston Public Library System at the intersection of Kingspoint and Blackhawk. He also addressed the growing problem concerning the overcrowding at the METRO Fuqua Park & Ride. Sullivan also spoke on the issue of airport land use and proposed an initiative to spend \$211 million on drainage improvement projects in the area. He said the work would be funded through ad valorem taxes and would appear as an agenda item at an upcoming City Council meeting.

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## Deaths

### Catherine Ann Butchee

Catherine Ann Butchee, formerly Prevost, died Sunday, Jan 11, 2009. Butchee was a 1982 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School. Family members are longtime residents of the South Belt area. Survivors include her two daughters, Deidre Fryfogle, a 2002 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School and husband Adam Fryfogle; Hannah Butchee, a student of Beverly Hills Intermediate; parents David and Rosalie Fullerton; brothers Michael Prevost, wife Terri Prevost and children Cameron and Kristin Prevost, Steven Prevost, and Billy Prevost and wife Dorothy; as well as numerous other relatives and an abundance of friends. A visitation and celebra-

tion of Butchee's life will be held Friday, Jan 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Niday Funeral home. The funeral will be held Saturday, Jan 17, at 11 a.m. at Niday Funeral Home. The burial at Forest Park Lawn-dale will follow immediately afterward. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any gifts come in the form of donations toward Hannah Butchee's continued education. Donations and gifts can be mailed to the surviving family members.



### Marie Giardina

Marie "Mama Ree" Giardina, 87, died Jan. 10, 2009. She was born Sept. 18, 1921, in Birmingham, Ala. Giardina was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Mike, her parents, one sister and three brothers. The funeral Mass will be held Thursday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery.



She and her family resided in Houston since 1964, and she worked for American Automobile Association for more than 20 years before retiring. The family lives in Sagamore and attends St. Luke's Catholic Church. Giardina is survived by her son, Michael, and wife Carol; son Charles and wife Natalie; daughter Joanne Rigg; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister Sara Oddo; brother Jake Lan-za; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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# Leader looks back and remembers highlights, major events of 2008

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 press time, he was listed in stable condition.

**Sept. 18**  
 The South Belt area was hit hard as Hurricane Ike made landfall early Saturday, Sept. 13, as a Category 2 storm with sustained winds up to 110 mph. The storm's strong winds caused widespread damage and massive power outages throughout the area. A shortage of gasoline and ice added to the frustration for many. Surprisingly, the South Belt community was spared from heavy flooding. Most of the discarded, wet carpet that lined area streets was from wind-damaged roofs rather than flood water. The storm delayed the publishing of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* for two days. The edition was put together at the *Leader* office without electricity being restored. The staff worked using generators. It was only the second time in more than 32 years that such an incident occurred. The first instance followed the flood of July 1979.

Members from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department were responsible for delivering a baby boy during the height of the storm.

Volunteers responded to a 4:30 a.m. call that Riverstone Ranch resident Norma Morales had gone into labor. The baby, Santiago Alan Morales, was delivered en route to St. Joseph's Hospital by volunteer medic Michael Vasquez at 5:20 a.m. For reasons unknown, gunshots were fired at the department's ambulance as it traveled northbound on Interstate 45 from a vehicle driving the opposite direction. Fortunately, no one was injured. The emergency vehicle suffered a flat tire, but it is uncertain if it was caused by a bullet or storm debris on the road. Assisting Vasquez were volunteers Chris Fonseca, Mark Ueding, Brad Fuller and Tom Gollightly. The baby's father is Heliodoro Morales.

**Sept. 25**  
 The controversial decision to remove the stop sign at Blackhawk and Amanda's Crossing near Weber Elementary was put on hold while Harris County studied the matter, according to Harris County Road and Bridge Superintendent Deotis Gay.

The murder trial of Lance Baxter Williams in the 208th State District Court ended in a mistrial, as the result of a hung jury. Williams, 21, was charged with the June 8, 2006, shooting of Beverly Hills resident Erik Garcia.

In the wake of Hurricane Ike, the treatment of sewage concerned many South Belt residents. Local wastewater plants were without power several days and were operating off gas-generated power. While the use of a generator to treat waste was preferable to doing nothing, it was insufficient, according to former City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Assistant Operations Manager Steve Buckman. He referred to the waste as poorly treated sewage rather than raw sewage.

**Oct. 2**

A full-service U.S. Postal Service branch office opened at Central Ace Hardware, 11676 Beamer. Unlike other postal and shipping vendors in the area, the new facility charges actual U.S. Postal Service rates, as it is licensed by the federal government and works on a commission basis. The facility is the sec-

ond such post office in the 77089 ZIP code area. The first is located within the student center at San Jacinto College South.

Rep. Nick Lampson, who represents the South Belt area, voted against the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout plan Monday, Sept. 29.

He was joined by seven other Texas Democrats and 15 Republicans. Voting in favor of the bailout were five Texas Democrats and four Republicans.

Deputy Marcus Anderson from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office was involved in a traffic accident Thursday, Sept. 25, at Hughes Road and Beltway 8 while responding to a weapons disturbance call. Fortunately, no one was injured.

A suspected drunk driver drove through Richard Pinkston's home in the 11100 block of Sagedowne. Pinkston was in his back yard with friends when he heard the vehicle crash through his den, study and garage. No one was injured.

**Oct. 9**

Almeda Mall General Manager Terry Felton announced Burlington Coat Factory will fill the location that formerly housed JC Penney. Founded in 1972, the company's first store, located in Burlington, N.J., sold coats exclusively, hence its moniker. Now with 394 stores in 44 states, the company has expanded its inventory to include men's and women's clothing, linens, baby products and home furnishings. Construction was delayed, however, due to damage caused by Hurricane Ike.

Houston police homicide investigators arrested Fredrick Douglas Wednesday, Oct. 1, for the Aug. 7 killing of Andrae Prentice Shelton. Douglas, 20, is a former Dobie student.

The Arlington Independent School District offered to aid the Pasadena Independent School District in its hurricane relief efforts. The offer stemmed from a friendship between PISD Board of Trustees Vice President Vickie Morgan and AISD Board of Trustee Bowie Hogg. The pair had met in August at an educational conference in Santa Fe, N.M. In addition to the PISD partnership, AISD set up a Web portal to encourage other school districts to help support districts affected by the storm.

**Oct. 16**

The San Jacinto College South campus celebrated its 30-year anniversary with a week of events featuring a 1970s' theme. As a way of giving back to the community, the college also hosted a blood drive sponsored by the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

The Texas Education Agency announced that school districts affected by Hurricane Ike would not be required to make up all of the time students missed. Districts affected by Ike were allowed to waive 10 days of the mandatory 180-day school year, according to TEA officials. However, districts did have the option of making up the lost time. The Pasadena Independent School District, which missed 11 school days, chose to make up one day. Teachers in the district were required to revise their lesson plans to include more information in fewer days. PISD principals met while schools were closed to draw up guidelines for instructors.

District teachers returned several days before students to adjust their schedules.

At a special meeting held Monday, Oct. 13, the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees decided to make up five of the district's 11 missed days. To accomplish this, district officials changed three professional development days into instructional days, canceled three late arrival days for high school students and canceled four early release days.

San Jacinto College decided to stick to its existing 16-week academic calendar, holiday schedule and exam schedule. No hours were added to classes, with the exception of courses that require clock hours, such as nursing and cosmetology. College officials came up with a plan to complete 100 percent of the learning objectives and still finish the semester according to the existing academic calendar.

The plan needed approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to be implemented. The plan was presented and approved.

**Oct. 23**

U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson hosted a town hall meeting Tuesday, Oct. 21, at San Jacinto College South. Sponsored by the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, the meeting also featured debates between local candidates running in the Nov. 4 general elections. Participants included Senate District 11 Republican incumbent Mike Jackson and Democratic challenger Joe Jaworski, House District 129 Republican incumbent John Davis and Democratic challenger Sherrie Matula and House District 144 Republican candidate Ken Legler and Democratic challenger Joel Redmond.

The Sagmont Civic Club proposed a revised set of deed restrictions for the longstanding subdivision. The existing restrictions were, "too weak, too ambiguous, and virtually impossible to enforce," according to Sagmont Civic Club President Julius Schindler. Schindler further proposed the Sagmont Maintenance Committee and Sagmont Civic Club merge into one entity and become a homeowners association, giving the group more power of enforcement. The proposed changes required annual fees to increase from \$50 to \$100. To pass, 51 percent of residents in the subdivision would have to vote to adopt the new restrictions.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held its 11th annual Evening of Cuisine and Car Fling Thursday, Oct. 23, giving attendees a chance to sample food from a wide variety of local restaurants and businesses. The event is the organization's largest fund-raiser of the year.

**Oct. 30**

A record number of early voters turned out for the Nov. 4 general elections. The number of Harris County voters who cast their votes on the first day of early voting more than doubled the number who voted in the 2004 presidential election. According to the secretary of state's office, 68,502 Harris County voters cast their ballots Monday, Oct. 20, as opposed to the 30,130 who cast their votes the previous presidential

election cycle.

Dobie celebrated its annual homecoming football game Thursday, Oct. 23, at Newcomb Field playing against the Pasadena Eagles. Michael Schwartz was crowned king and Amber Calderon as queen. Dobie won the game, 23-7.

The Pasadena Independent School District released its academic statistics from the 2007-2008 school year. While the district made significant improvements by statewide standards, it fell short of meeting national requirements. The Texas Education Agency rated nine of the district's 57 campuses as "Exemplary," 24 as "Recognized" and the remainder as "Acceptable," under the agency's rating system. As a whole, the district was rated "Acceptable." The district, however, failed to meet the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), as established by the national accountability system, No Child Left Behind.

The Clear Creek Independent School District was rated by the TEA as "Recognized" for the 2007-2008 school year for the 11th time out of 12 years. The district had 18 schools ranked as "Exemplary," 14 as "Recognized" and six as "Acceptable." All but two of CCISD's 38 schools met every national AYP criteria. Clear Brook High School was only one student shy of meeting the criteria in the area of mathematics among African-American students.

The 24th Wings Over Houston Airshow was held Oct. 25 and Oct. 26 at Ellington Field, giving attendees a chance to view historic and modern aircraft.

**Nov. 6**

With results tallied from the Nov. 4 general election, Democratic incumbent Nick Lampson lost his 22nd Congressional District seat to Republican challenger Pete Olson. Olson received 161,149 votes (52.5 percent) to Lampson's 138,948 (45.3 percent). Republican incumbent Mike Jackson retained his state Senate District 11 seat, easily defeating Democratic challenger Joe Jaworski. Jackson took home 56.7 percent of the vote with 152,816 total votes. Jaworski, an attorney and former Galveston City Council member, received 41 percent of the vote with 110,544 people casting in his favor. In the race for the House District 129 seat, Republican incumbent John Davis handily defeated Democratic challenger Sherrie Matula, a former teacher and school board member. Davis received 33,392 votes (58.5 percent) to Matula's 23,655 (41.5 percent). Republican businessman Ken Legler narrowly defeated Democrat mortgage broker Joel Redmond in the race for the House District 144 seat, formerly held by Robert Talton. Legler received 19,954 votes (51.2 percent) to Redmond's 19,046 (48.8 percent). Democratic incumbent Gary L. Freeman easily defeated Republican challenger Daniel Vela for the position of Harris County Precinct 2 constable. Freeman received 62.1 percent of the vote with 39,515 total votes. Vela received 37.9 percent of the votes with 24,112 people casting in his favor.

There was an attempted bank robbery at the Chase Bank at 11222 S. Sam Houston Parkway E. Nov. 3. Two men wearing ski masks entered the bank shortly before 11 a.m. One of the men wielded an assault rifle and immediately approached the teller's booth. The second man carried a white bag and ordered everyone inside the bank to lie on the floor. Bank customers, as well as the tellers, heeded the men's warnings and lay down on the floor. Once the men could no longer see the tellers, they unsuccessfully attempted to kick a door in to gain entrance behind the counter. When this proved futile, the men quickly left the bank with no money. The pair fled the scene in a silver sedan. No immediate arrests were made.

**Nov. 13**

The San Jacinto College men's soccer team advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Men's Soccer Championships in Phoenix. The team was one of eight in the nation to play in the tournament.

The identity of a victim who drowned Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the 11000 block of Sagevale was released by authorities. Martin Ledezma Jr., 24, was discovered by his brother at the bottom of their household swimming pool. According to police, Ledezma's brother, along with a second relative, pulled his sibling out of the pool and phoned 9-1-1. The Houston Fire Department arrived at

the scene and tried to administer CPR, but it was too late. Paramedics pronounced Ledezma dead at the scene. Officials said he had likely been deceased for several hours. Family members said Ledezma suffered from epilepsy and likely had a seizure. Houston police said no foul play was suspected in the incident.

Jessup Elementary celebrated its 50th anniversary with an old-fashioned carnival on the school grounds. Several former staff members and students were in attendance.

**Nov. 20**

Several Sagmont-Beverly Hills Little League board members, including board president Mike McCormack, abruptly resigned their posts. Several of the resigned members were contacted by the *Leader*, but refused to comment on record regarding the incident. One source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said two divided groups had formed and that making decisions with the best interest of the players had become difficult. McCormack had been president of the league for three years.

After months of construction, all four lanes of Dixie Farm Road opened to through traffic from Beamer Road to 1,500 feet south of FM 518. New traffic signals were also installed at Blackhawk, McDonald/Willits and McGinnis.

The FBI raided the M Saigon Cafe in the 10900 block of Scarsdale. A lone state trooper accompanied the undercover agents. While officers on the scene refused to tell *Leader* staff what prompted the raid, Sgt. Zerick Guinn of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Office confirmed it involved illegal gambling. A small sign on the cafe's door told potential customers no food was actually sold at the location.

**Nov. 27**

The San Jacinto College soccer team finished a school-best second at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Championships in Phoenix Nov. 23. The Coyotes defeated South Suburban and Mercer en route to the title game, where unbeaten Yavapai took a 1-0 win. San Jacinto finished its season at 18-2-2.

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Candy Bensen-Howard as the principal of the new South Belt Elementary School that will open at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. A former South Belt resident, Bensen-Howard served as principal of Jensen Elementary since 1999. She was assistant principal at Jensen from 1996 to 1998. Prior to this, Bensen-Howard was a music and fifth-grade teacher at Kruse Elementary for a combined 13 years. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and her master's from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. She resides in Friendswood and is married to Joe Howard. Their two daughters, Melanie and Lauren, are graduates of Dobie High School. South Belt Elementary is currently under construction in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. Funding for the construction of the campus was approved by voters in a 2004 bond issue.

Children's Memorial Hermann Southeast, the neonatal and pediatric service of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, was named one of the best in the state for screening newborn babies for hearing loss by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The center earned top marks with this certification as a Distinguished Newborn Hearing Screening Program, the highest possible rating.

The City of Houston was awarded a \$1 million state grant to construct an addition to the Sagmont Community Center on Hughes Road. The funds were part of a \$10 million program sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to improve parks throughout the state. The Sagmont center was one of only two facilities in Harris County to receive assistance. The 13,000-square-foot community center will feature a multipurpose gymnasium, a classroom, an arts-and-crafts room, a kitchen, a restroom, an office and storage and mechanical rooms.

The Arlington Independent School District donated \$7,475 and five pallets of school supplies to the Pasadena Independent School District. The act of generosity was part of AISD's "District2District" initiative to aid recovering school districts affected by Hurricane Ike. District students and staff were responsible for collecting the needed funds and materials.

**Dec. 4**  
 South Belt resident Thanh Pham was killed in an apparent robbery attempt Saturday, Nov. 29, at a liquor store in the 900 block of East NASA Parkway where he worked as a clerk. The suspect entered the store shortly before

7:45 p.m. and shot Pham, 35, twice with a .45-caliber handgun. The store's cash register was found open with an undisclosed amount of money missing. Pham was a member of the Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church on Kingspoint. The following

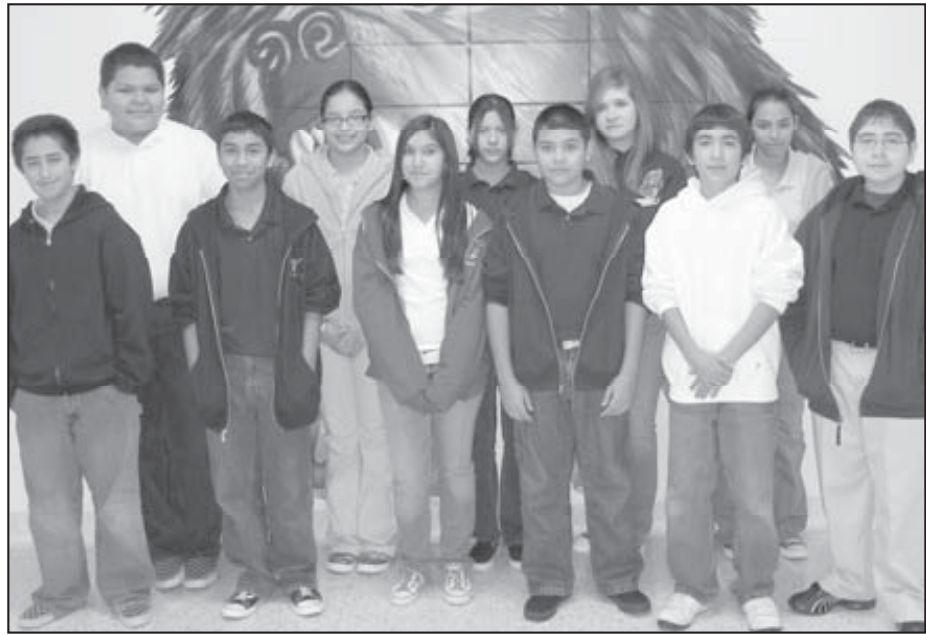
month would have marked his eighth anniversary to his wife, Phuong Vu. Pham left behind a 3-year-old son and a 5-year-old daughter.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 36th anniversary with a banquet and Christmas party.

Originally called the Sagmont Volunteer Fire Department, the group changed its name in 1974 when the City of Houston annexed the Sagmont subdivision. The department is now responsible for covering the local com-

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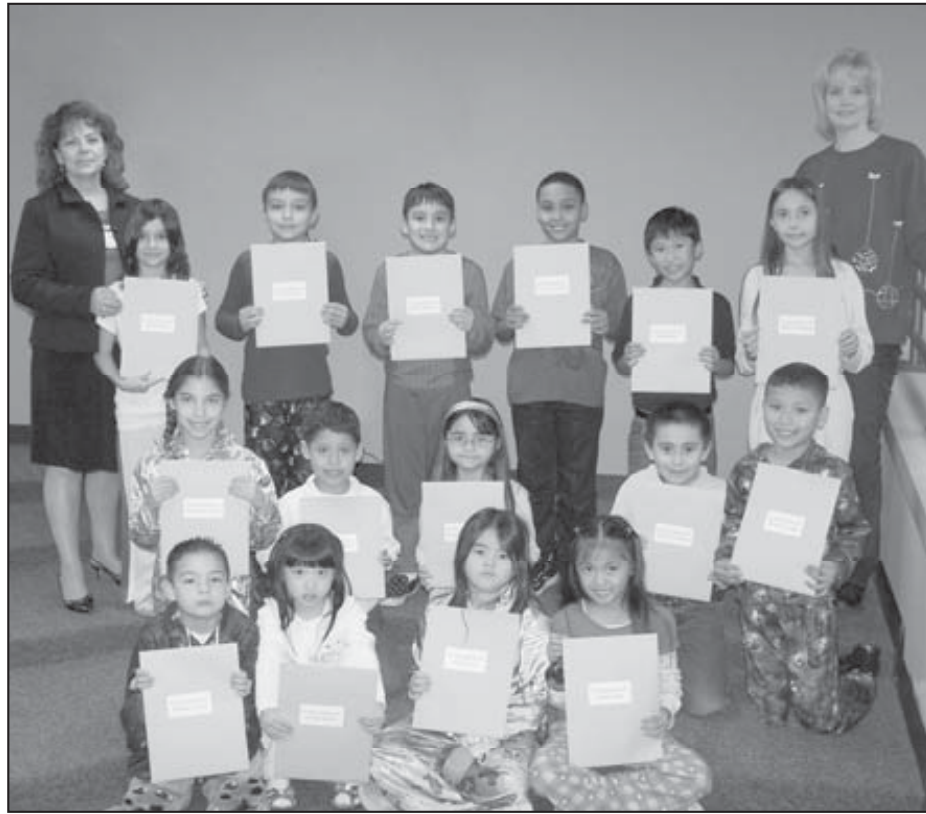
## Bears of the Month named



Several students were chosen recently as Bear of the Month at Beverly Hills Intermediate for the month of November. These students were chosen by their team of teachers for being positive role models, working hard in class and having a good attitude. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Erick Mejia, Sergio Salazar, Brianna Lopez, Gregorio Villegas, David Yzaguirre, Andrew Medrano, (back row) Javier Delgado, Lesley Preza, Cynthia Moreno, Rebecca Hauck and Evelin Garmendezreales. Not pictured is Maria Cardenas.

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## Bikes donated to Atkinson



Atkinson Elementary students were thrilled when their names were announced as winners of new bikes donated by Pasadena Area Dental. The bicycles were given to 34 Pasadena elementary schools as an effort to help students for the holidays. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Eduardo Carlos, Cindy Huynh, Kay Duong, Loann Lazo, (middle row) Samantha Olivas, Fabian Moreno Pico, Brianna Barrientos, Gerald Grimaldo, William Vargas, (back row) Principal Lena Ortiz, Karina Frias, Christian Ponce, Daniel Martinez, Michael Coscarelli, Rich Pham, Madison Graham and Assistant Principal Regina Barnes.

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## INSIDE CCISD classes forming

The Clear Creek Independent School District is looking for a few volunteers who are interested in joining a dynamic community program. Interested Neighbors Staying Informed on District Efforts, otherwise known as INSIDE CCISD, is being offered to community members and business leaders.

Participants will go "behind the scenes" of the Clear Creek Independent School District, meet the people who are responsible for programs and services, and see firsthand how the district creates a climate of success for the rapidly growing student population.

INSIDE CCISD is an opportunity to take part in an interactive, in-depth five month learning experience. The INSIDE CCISD spring class of 2009 will meet five times between February and June for approximately two hours once a month. While attendance each month is not mandatory, participants will be asked to attend as many sessions as possible.

The program agenda will be driven by the participants. Past topics have included public school funding, Clear Horizons Early College High School and Career and Technical Education. INSIDE application forms can be accessed from the dis-

trict's Web site at [www.ccisd.net/inside](http://www.ccisd.net/inside) or requested from the Office of Public Information at 281-284-0030.

Interested community members may fax the completed application to 281-284-9901 or mail the form to

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## Bolen gives selling book synopsis talk



Award-winning author Cheryl Bolen will talk on "Writing the Selling Synopsis" at the Jan. 20 meeting of the Bay Area chapter of Romance Writers of America.

Rescheduled from September because of Hurricane Ike, the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk Blvd., just south of the Sam Houston Tollway.

Bolen will discuss the dos and don'ts of encapsulating a novel into a couple of succinct pages, and she will show examples from her own published works.

While serving as news editor of the *Leader* in 1997, Bolen sold her first book, *A Duke Deceived*, to Harlequin Historical. That book earned her the title Notable New Author.

Eight more books and several other awards have followed, including receiving the Holt (Honoring Outstanding Literary Talent) Medallion in 2006 for best historical novel.

Bolen holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas, where she majored in English and journalism. She also earned a master's degree from the University of Houston at Clear Lake. In addition to working at the *Leader* for 12 years, Bolen taught English for six years in the Pearland school district.

A former Sagemont resident, she is the wife of San Jacinto College South instructor Dr. John Bolen. They have two sons: Johnny, an attorney who graduated from Dobie in 1986; and James Bo, a journalist who graduated from Dobie in 1990.

Further information on Bolen, including an archive of her articles on writing, can be found at [www.cherylbolen.com](http://www.cherylbolen.com). Information on the Bay Area romance writers is available at [www.hbarwa.com](http://www.hbarwa.com).

# Over The Back Fence by Jan

**MARY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
Mary Clark celebrates her birthday Tuesday, Jan. 20. Best wishes are sent to Mary from her husband, Chris, other family members and her friends at the *Leader*.

**FLICKINGERS CELEBRATE 47 YEARS**  
Marie and David Flickinger celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary Tuesday, Jan. 20. Best wishes for a happy day are sent to the couple from their family, friends and the staff at the *Leader*.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 15 through Jan. 21.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
On Jan. 17, a birthday wish is sent to Joy Edleman. Sharing a birthday Jan. 20 are Katy Glass and Lauren White.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Celebrating a birthday Jan. 19 is Domingo Flores.

**Bush Elementary**  
A birthday greeting is sent to Tami Metts Jan. 15. Marking a birthday Jan. 16 is Kathy Ching.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for Mary Oakley Jan. 16. On Jan. 20, Sarah Gray enjoys a birthday. Luz Virguez has a birthday Jan. 21.

**Jessup Elementary**  
Elaine Libby enjoys a birthday Jan. 17. Celebrating a birthday Jan. 18 is Carmen Renteria.

**Meador Elementary**  
Jan. 16 is the day for a birthday cake for Melissa Falcon. Birthday greetings are sent to Diane Patterson Jan. 17. The day for a birthday cake for Maria Gonzalez is Jan. 21.

**Moore Elementary**  
The day for a double birthday party for Maria Juarez and Sandra Rodriguez is Jan. 19. Celebrating a birthday Jan. 21 is Connie Birmingham.

**Meillo Middle School**  
Blow out the birthday candles for Brenda Hodges Jan. 16. Enjoying a birthday Jan. 18 is Jennifer Hoppe.

**Morris Middle School**  
Having a birthday Jan. 16 is Frankie Fountain. Amey Herrin is wished a happy

birthday Jan. 17. The day for a birthday cake for Angeline Escamilla is Jan. 21.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
The day for a birthday party for Linda Raley is Jan. 16.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Joyce Koska Jan. 15. Debbie Scheffer enjoys a birthday Jan. 17. On Jan. 19, Dolores Bakdounes marks a birthday.

**Challenger School**  
Jan. 21 is the day for a birthday party for Lisa Cunningham.

**Dobie High**  
Birthday greetings are sent to Nancy Cardenas Jan. 15. Three cheers for a happy birthday for Irene Flores, Jessy George and Dana Tarter on Jan. 16. Trish Boudra and Joseph Sabatell share a birthday Jan. 19. The day for a birthday cake for Jennifer Dill is Jan. 21.

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E-mail birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com) with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

## Brook speech, debate excel at Bay City High

Over the weekend of Dec. 5-6, the Clear Brook Speech and Debate team traveled to a tournament at Bay City High School. The team competed both Friday and Saturday, and won more awards than at any other tournament that year. Trophies, gavels and great memories were taken home as the team returned to Friendswood early Sunday morning.

Many of the novice team members competed in individual and group events and won numerous honors.

First-year member, Kim Maima, competed in music interpretation for the first time, and she advanced to finals and received a third-place trophy. She joined fel-

low team member Randi Askew, and competed in duet acting, winning an impressive sixth place. This earned them a first state point for the spring Texas Forensic Association state competition.

Maima also teamed up with first-year member Nathan Tamburello to compete in record mime, earning a second-place trophy.

These three members teamed up with newcomer Alexa Schnoor to compete in group improvisation, where they won sixth place.

Additionally, sophomore Kelly Hogg competed in novice impromptu and received first place.

The novices saw some of

their biggest victories in the realm of Lincoln-Douglas debate, in which each of the top five novice debaters was from Clear Brook High School. Nathan Tamburello won a third-place trophy, as did Neil Patel. Patel also competed in novice extemporaneous speaking and received seventh place.

Taking second place in novice Lincoln Douglas debate was senior Phillip Simpson. Winning first place was Nhi Do. Do also competed in novice extemporaneous speaking and placed fourth.

The team officers and captains also fared well in the competition. Extemporaneous Speaking Captain Mohamed Al-Hendy advanced

to semifinals in Champion Lincoln-Douglas debate, and he received third place. This earned him four points toward TFA State qualification.

Vice President of Individual Events Britny Johnson competed in storytelling and earned a sixth-place ranking in finals.

Team secretary Elyssa Klann competed in student Congress and earned a second-place trophy, for which she received six points toward TFA State qualification. She also entered in senior impromptu speaking and won a third-place trophy.

Klann then competed in domestic extemporaneous speaking and placed fourth,

earning her six points towards TFA State qualification, which she adds to her current two-point total.

The receiver of the most awards was Vice President Karl Schaefer. He competed in TV Commercial, winning a first-place trophy, and in senior impromptu speaking, receiving fifth place. Also, Schaefer placed third in domestic extemporaneous speaking, earning an additional eight points to his TFA State qualification for a total of 22 points.

Schaefer then teamed up with team President John Fossum and team historian Adnan Mohamed to win a first-place trophy in group improvisation.

## Musical auditions set at SJC

San Jacinto College Central departments of Theatre/Film and Music in Pasadena will be having auditions for their spring musical, *High School Musical*. Last year, more than 2,000 patrons saw the production of *The Sound of Music*. This year, the production is expected to be just as popular.

San Jacinto moved its production to the spring due to Hurricane Ike and is now preparing to cast 75 adults and children for the principal roles and chorus vacated from the original cast.

Roles vary in size but are open for men and women of all levels of experience. Auditions are open to everyone and no registration is needed.

Auditions will be held on the Central campus in the Slocomb Auditorium on Jan. 15, at 6 p.m. Materials need not be prepared in advance, and all persons auditioning should dress to move.

Performances are set for Feb. 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. Special matinee performances will be performed for area schools and day cares on Feb. 19 and 20 at 9:30 and Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. For more information, call 281-542-2039.



The Clear Brook Speech and Debate team took home many awards after participating in a tournament at Bay City High School. Students also earned several state points for the Texas Forensic Association state competition in the spring. Pictured left to right are (front row), Randi Askew, Alexa Schnoor, Neil Patel, Nhi Do, Elyssa Klann, (back row) Phillip Simpson, Kimberly Maima, Nathan Tamburello, Karl Schaefer, Adnan Mohamed, John Fossum and Kelly Hogg. Not pictured are Britny Johnson and Mohamed Al-Hendy.

Photo submitted

## Remember When

**30 years ago (1979)**  
Master Sgt. William A. Finnis won the Oklahoma Regional Service leg match with a score of 483 out of a possible 500.

Residents of the Sagemont subdivision were taxed by Harris County as if they were members of the San Jacinto College district even though they were not.

**25 years ago (1984)**  
Willie Moore and Ronald Parker were arrested for possession of a controlled substance. Three drug enforcement agencies combined their efforts to catch the two men. The officers seized a gallon and a half of PCP, the chemical used in making Angel Dust.

Charles Ray Ogden easily won re-election to the San Jacinto College Board of Regents with a vote count of 3,466 to 2,259.

**20 years ago (1989)**  
While a preliminary report from the Houston Board of Air Quality Control suggested no evidence of fallout from the Archem Co. explosion, the company continued to receive claims, according to a company representative.

Recommended safety actions by the city Traffic and Transportation Department were not believed to be enough by the South Belt Civic Coalition and the principals who said their

schools needed school zones with flashing lights.

**15 years ago (1994)**  
The program on local gang violence held at Dobie High School was so popular that it was repeated for a teacher inservice.

The Dobie boys' basketball team suffered a 49-43 defeat to Pasadena but bounced back to upset Clear Lake 58-44.

**10 years ago (1999)**  
An 11-year-old was killed in a hit-and-run accident while visiting his mother at the Pavilion Square Apartments.

The design for the connecting road between the South Belt area and the city of Pearland was revised, with the plans being less impacting to the South Belt area.

**5 years ago (2004)**  
The Dobie Academic Decathlon Team placed first in the Pasadena Independent School District competition.

Former J. Frank Dobie soccer coach Marvin Corley, 48, pleaded guilty to indecency with a child.

**1 year ago (2008)**  
The owner of the pit bull that threatened residents and deputies was served papers on Friday, Jan. 12, to appear in court should he choose to contest the status of his dog being declared dangerous.

St. Luke's pastor Stephen R. Horn was accused of sexual abuse of a minor. The incident reportedly occurred at Christ the King, where Horn served from 1981 to 1994. The relationship allegedly occurred between the years of 1989 and 1993. According to an informed source, the relationship was consensual and evolved, continuing as a friendship for several years. A letter from Cardinal Daniel DiNardo was read by Bishop Joe Vasquez at all weekend Masses to inform parishioners of the situation and of Horn's leave of absence. The pastor had reportedly been on a sabbatical since November.

In the state of Texas, the statute of limitations for sexual abuse of a minor is 10 years from the time the victim turns 18. The statute had run out, since the victim was 29. According to DiNardo, the victim said he was not interested in criminal prosecution or litigation against the church or Horn.

The pastor had served at St. Luke's since 1994. Deputies Jason Curry and Robert Sanchez from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office stopped a vehicle that was parked at a closed business in the 12500 block of Scarsdale. The car's passenger, Edward Delafuente, was found to be

## PLT presents Cheaters

Start the New Year off with a laugh by seeing *Cheaters* by Michael Jacobs at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road.

Directed by Judie Valentine, *Cheaters* opens Jan. 23 and will run weekends through Feb. 8. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Thursday, Feb. 5, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Sundays.

Allen and Michelle have been living together in the first real romance for each of them. Michelle thinks they should marry, but Allen isn't sure. She goes home to her parents for advice but doesn't realize that her parents are also having relationship issues with Allen's

parents. The pieces fall uproariously into place when the parents decide to meet the young lovers over dinner to lend their maturity and experience for the benefit of their children's relationship.

Cast and crew include Tim Raeke, Julie Owen, Steve Quimby, Jo Ann Levine, Colin Brock, Christine Jones, Judie Valentine, Joyce Barnett, Vanessa Pearson, Ann Bryant, Jimmy Anderson and Katie Reed.

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For additional information and online registration, go to [www.southbeltsoccer.org](http://www.southbeltsoccer.org)  
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## Singles dance Jan. 17

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, Jan. 17, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the VFW Lodge in Bacliff on FM 646, one-quarter mile west of Highway 146. Free dance lessons begin at 6 p.m. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

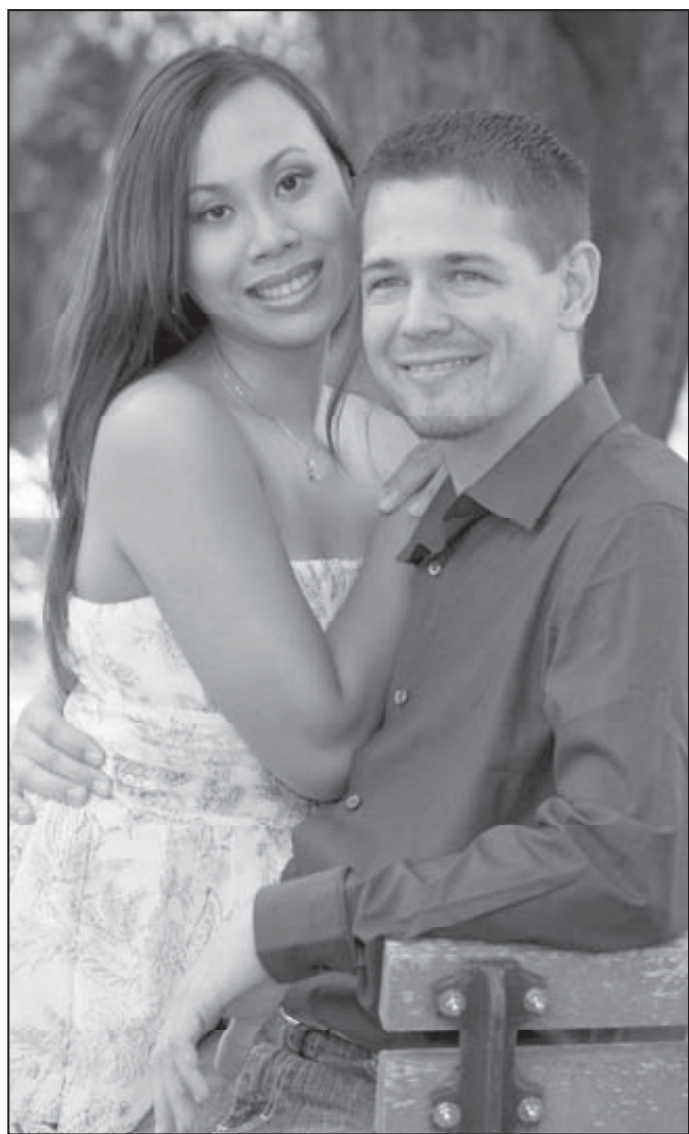
## Houston Space City Lions Club to meet

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

## Gospel Express concert set

Gospel Express, Houston's premier male gospel quartet, will present a concert at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair at Beamer on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. The concert will be followed by dinner. All are welcome. Admission is free; an offering will be taken to cover expenses.

## Ha, Borsché engaged



Chau Minh and Thuy-Lan Ngoc Ha of Pearland, formerly of Sagemont, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Lily Thang Ha, to David Carl Borsché, son of Donna Hale of Sagemont and Charles Borsché Sr. of Pearland, formerly of Sagemont. The bride-to-be graduated from Dobie High School in 2002. She obtained her pharmacy technician license in 2003 and graduated from the University of Houston Main Campus in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. She obtained her nurse technician license in 2007 and is currently attending the RN program at San Jacinto College Central campus and plans to graduate in spring 2010. The prospective groom graduated from Dobie High School in 1997 and graduated from ITT Tech in 2001 with a degree in computer networking. He is currently employed as an IR Tech 3 from Comcast. A March wedding is planned in Houston.

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## Frugia, Mills to marry



Lorae Frugia and Clifton Montieth of Pearland announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of her daughter, Michelle Frugia, to Jason Mills, son of Charlie Mills of Alvin and Clarice Shanks of La Porte. The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Dobie High School and attends the University of Houston-Clear Lake. The prospective groom is a 1993 graduate of La Porte High School. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years. Following a January wedding and reception at the Westside Church of Christ in Alvin, the couple will reside in their Friendswood home.

## Weatherford, Pearson to wed



Bill and Martha Weatherford, longtime Sagemeadow residents, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Stacy Ann Weatherford, to John Tyler Pearson, son of Larry and Sissy Pearson, of Friendswood. The bride-to-be attended Stuchbery Elementary and Thompson Intermediate and graduated in 2002 from J. Frank Dobie High School. She graduated in 2006 from Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in communication studies and a minor in psychology. She is a physical education teacher at Kruse Elementary in the Pasadena Independent School District. The prospective groom is a 2001 Friendswood High School graduate, and graduated in 2005 from Stephen F. Austin University with a bachelor's degree in marketing and a minor in management. He is an agent with American National Insurance Company. The couple is planning a late May wedding at Villa Antonia near Lake Travis, Texas.

## 2008 Remembered

Continued from 3A  
 that remain unincorporated. This includes the municipal utility districts of Kirkmont, Sagemeadow and Clear Brook City. The area covered is approximately five square miles in size and has roughly 25,000 residents. On Thanksgiving afternoon, a fire gutted a house in the 11000 block of Olivewood in the Highland Meadow subdivision. No one was home at the time of the fire, and it was only reported when flames and heavy smoke became visible to the neighbors. Arriving units from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department found a single-story home heavily involved, with the rear of the house in flames, and heavy, dense black smoke pouring from the front door. The fire was extinguished, but the contents of the house suffered extreme fire, heat and smoke damage. The structure of the dwelling remained intact due to the quick response of the fire department. Units from Forest Bend Volunteer Fire Department, as well as the Pearland Fire Department assisted in extinguishing the fire and the overhaul. The cause of the fire was not immediately determined by the Harris County Fire Marshal's office.

an integral role in bringing the "Freedom: A History of US" exhibit from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History to Dobie. An active member of TCSS, Allen also participates locally in the Southeast CSS, where she served as an officer and as part of a team that hosted two TCSS fall conferences at Galveston's Moody Gardens. Allen has been married to her husband Brian Allen for four years. The couple reside in Bayou Vista and are expecting their first child in May. Dr. Michael Warneke's two-year term as Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital's chief of staff ended. A 23-year resident of the South Belt community, Warneke had operated his Progressive Medical Clinic practice since 1985. The hospital expanded significantly during Warneke's tenure. The facility added a chest pain center with acute heart attack intervention capabilities. It also established a cancer center with state-of-the-art radiation equipment. A neonatal intensive care unit was also added, as was a recognized stroke center. Warneke received both a bachelor's degree and a doctorate in physics from the University of Houston before receiving his doctorate in medicine from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. Warneke's wife, Angelle Warneke, and his son, Richard Warneke, also run their own medical practices in the South Belt area.

**Dec. 11**  
 Sagemont Church held its second annual outdoor Christmas Festival on Saturday, Dec. 6, and Sunday, Dec. 7. The family event included a 50-foot-tall Christmas tree, simulated snow, arts and crafts, a petting zoo, a rock wall and games. The highlight of the festival was a presentation called "The Wonder of Christmas." The program featured music and art teams from the church, plus aerial ballet and acrobatics (similar to Cirque de Soleil) performed by the world-renowned Aerial Experience Productions. Roughly 10,000 people attended the event over the weekend.

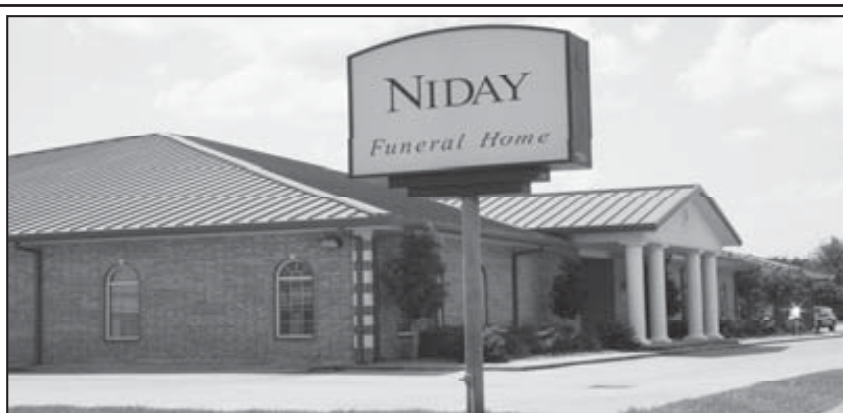
**Dec. 25**  
 On Wednesday, Dec. 17, Webster police arrested the suspect accused of killing South Belt resident Thanh Pham. Police said a 15-year-old juvenile was responsible for shooting Pham, 35, in an apparent robbery attempt Saturday, Nov. 29, at a liquor store in the 900 block of East NASA Parkway. The suspect was already in juvenile custody on an unrelated assault charge when Harris County prosecutors charged him with capital murder.

**Dec. 18**  
 Dobie staff member Melissa McCalla-Alen was named the 2008 Texas Council for the Social Studies (TCSS) Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year. Allen teaches advanced placement macroeconomics and U.S. history at the high school. She additionally serves as the school's peer facilitator. Prior to teaching at Dobie, Allen taught social studies at Southmore Intermediate. Originally from Broken Arrow, Okla., Allen moved to the Houston area in 1995. She graduated from Clear Creek High School in 1996 and continued her studies at the University of Houston, earning a bachelor's degree in history. Allen went on to receive a master's degree in educational management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Allen was responsible for developing a "virtual" U.S. history course for the Pasadena Independent School District. She further played

Moore Elementary named Demetria "Dee Dee" Pitts its new assistant principal. Pitts had been with the school since 2001 as a third-grade teacher. She was a fifth-grade teacher in Hall County, Ga., from 1999 to 2001. She received her bachelor's degree in early childhood education from North Georgia College and State University in 1998. She was completing her master's at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Pitts replaced longtime assistant principal Cliff Swearingen, who died earlier in the school year.

Sagemeadow resident Sherri Golightly was named the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department's Medic of the Year at the group's 36th anniversary awards banquet. An eight-year veteran of the department, Golightly had served as treasurer, secretary, medic and host of many of the functions held at the fire department each year. She helped initiate the annual Halloween festival at the station and put in many hours working behind the scenes. In addition to her work at the fire department, Golightly holds a full-time position at AB Products in Pearland. Golightly's husband, Tom Golightly, serves as the department's assistant chief. The couple have two sons, Luke Gardner, 21, and TJ Golightly, 17. Gardner, too, serves in the department as a firefighter. Golightly's younger son plans to also join once he turns 18 and already participates in nonhazardous training.



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The Healthcare business of Thomson Reuters recently named the Memorial Hermann hospital group that includes Southeast, to the nation's 100 Top Hospitals for cardiovascular care list. Only 30 community hospitals across the nation were selected for the

honor. "This recognition showcases the world-class care that our physicians and staff bring throughout Houston," said Carol Edwards, Memorial Hermann system executive for the heart and vascular service line. "By continually

advancing the level of cardiovascular care at our hospitals, we are able to save more patient lives; that's the bottom line."

According to the study, if all hospitals performed at the level of the benchmark hospitals, almost 6,000 lives per year would be saved and prevention of nonfatal complications in an additional 720 patients.

"These hospitals provide enormous value to their communities because heart disease is still the nation's number one killer. They have set the new national standard for cardiovascular disease outcomes, process of care, efficiency, and lower costs," said Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president for performance improvement and 100 Top Hospitals programs in the Healthcare business of Thomson Reuters.

The annual 2008 study examined the performance of 970 hospitals by analyzing clinical outcomes for patients diagnosed with heart failure and heart attacks and for those who received coronary bypass surgery and angioplasties. They scored hospitals in key performance areas: risk-adjusted medical mortality, risk-adjusted surgical mortality, risk-adjusted complications, core measures

score, percentage of coronary bypass patients with internal mammary artery use, procedure volume, severity-adjusted average length of stay, and wage- and severity-adjusted average cost.

The study found that the 100 Top Hospitals cardiovascular award winners, as a group, performed 63 percent more bypass surgeries and 42 percent more angioplasties than other hospitals. This may suggest that bypass surgery is increasingly performed in centers of excellence.

While the average mortality rate for cardiovascular patients is very low, 3.4 percent, the mortality rate for bypass surgery was 26 percent lower in the 100 Top Hospitals cardiovascular winners.

The award-winning hospitals demonstrated higher performance on the evidence-based core measures published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. For more information on this prestigious award, log onto [www.100tophospitals.com](http://www.100tophospitals.com).

# LSA 6th-graders write soldiers



Before Christmas, Lutheran South Academy wrote "Letters from Home," the school's sixth-grade service project. This a joint project between English classes and Bible classes at LSA. The students collected the names of service men and women from all over the world including the United States, Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany, Italy and Korea, from relatives and local churches. The sixth-graders then sent more than 350 Christmas cards containing warm wishes and encouraging scriptures to these deserving men and women. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Tristin Stevens, Riley Oliver, (second row) Thomas Reynolds, Avery Daniels, Haley Hennigan, Emma MacGregor, Abby Anello, Katlyn Vavrecka, (third row) George Ishac, Jack Brame, Eric Crosby, Andrea Orsak,

Carly Jackson, Rachel Springer, (fourth row) Aubrey Wells, Zeb Lunz, Christina Frederick, Madeline Stocker, Stephanie Schmidt, Jacob Digby, (fifth row) Kathleen Johnson, Anthony Eichberger, (sixth row) Audrey Roye, Morgan Parker, Sienna Condon, Gabbie Waller, (seventh row) Ava English, Marie Bailey, Jaime Dillon, Ryan Hosel, Justin Bui, (eighth row) Kara Harbin, Stephanie Zeller, Austin Dooley, Katie Galbraith, Joan Pace, (ninth row) Colson Anthony, Braden Shaffer, Enrique Garcia, Carly Weidemann, Drew Beaky, Tucker Oliver, Sophia Baggott, (going up the stairs) Trent Franzen, Ashley Poulson, Joseph Carrera Rohi, Lauren Surber, Julianna Hughes, Scotti Brown, Luke Lussier and Bryce Livingston.

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## Full-time Fridays at SJC

"Full-time Fridays," a program designed for students to earn 12 hours of general education credit by attending classes solely on Fridays, returns to the San Jacinto College South campus this spring semester.

Full-time Fridays was first introduced in the fall 2008 semester with the idea that it would help students save money and time by coming to campus once a week.

The college is guaranteeing that no courses in the Full-time Fridays program will be cancelled for low enrollment. All student services, such as tutoring, counseling, advising and the cafeteria, will be available to Full-time Fridays students.

All classes will be held in the Interactive Learning Center on the South campus, located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston.

Students can register for as many as four classes that meet on Friday, as the schedule provides a better opportunity to complete 12 credit hours by attending class one day per week from 8:30 a.m. to just before 10 p.m.

Full-time Fridays also affords students the chance to maintain full-time status by taking all four Friday-only courses. Breaks are built in to the schedule between classes so that students can have a meal or study.

Registration for the spring semester is now under way on each SJC campus and online at [www.sanjac.edu](http://www.sanjac.edu). Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009.

For more information about SJC, visit the Web site or call 281-998-6150.

## PLT holds auditions for Lend Me a Tenor

Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road, will hold auditions for *Lend Me a Tenor* by Ken Ludwig on Sunday, Jan. 25, and Monday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. Performances are weekends, March 13 through March 29.

This production is directed by Janet Sharpley and Jada August. For questions, contact the directors via e-mail, Sharpley at [actsharp@sbcglobe.net](mailto:actsharp@sbcglobe.net) and August at [jadapal@yahoo.com](mailto:jadapal@yahoo.com).

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Bring a bio and any schedule conflicts.

Four men and four women are needed. There is a possibility that the characters Max, Tito and the bellhop may sing in the production. These characters do not require trained singing voices, but the actors should be able to carry a tune and sing loudly. Be prepared to sing an operatic song, acappella. The directors may also choose to

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## Sports news, notes

### SBHLL sets registration

Sagamont-Beverly Hills Little League officials have set the league's registration dates for Jan. 15 and Jan. 17, 2009. Both sign-ups will take place at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park. Hours on Jan. 15 are 5 to 8 p.m. Hours Jan. 17 are from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Children must turn age 5 on or prior to April 30, 2009, to be eligible to compete.

**SBHLL helping out** - Officials in the Sagamont-Beverly Hills Little League are seeking donations of gently-used baseball equipment to help those players affected by Hurricane Ike in the West Isle (Galveston) Little League. Items to be considered for acceptance include hats, belts, cleats, gloves, pants, helmets, etc. The league lost everything during the hurricane but is still planning to compete this spring. Donations may be dropped off during any registration session at El Franco Lee Park.

### SBGSA ready to sign up

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has set six registration dates for the upcoming spring season. Officials will be on hand to sign up players Jan. 15, Jan. 20 and Jan. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park. On Jan. 17 and Jan. 24, league officials will accept registration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park. Registration fee is \$70 per player. There is a \$5 discount per sibling only. Girls must be age 4 through 14 as of Jan. 1, 2009. Families should bring a copy of the player's birth certificate when registering for officials to keep on file. For information call player agent Ruben Garcia at 281-485-0287 or secretary Kimberly Villarreal at 713-582-2439. Visit the league Web site at [www.eteamz.com/southbeltgirls](http://www.eteamz.com/southbeltgirls) for more details and updates about the season.

## Deer Park roughs up Dobie; Brook on track against Alvin

### Girls' playoff mold takes shape

A big night in the region's varsity basketball district races didn't go well for Dobie. Clear Brook, on the other hand, was able to earn a pair of wins over Alvin Jan. 13.

The Dobie girls fell to Deer Park 48-44, failing to capitalize on an off night by Katie Whitaker, the district's top offensive player.

The loss pushed Dobie to 4-2 in the standings, a game behind Deer Park (5-1) and two games back of unbeaten La Porte (6-0).

The Lady Longhorns will take on La Porte Jan. 16 at Dobie in a big game for both teams. Tip-off is 7 p.m.

Dobie's boys didn't fare any better against Deer Park on the road.

Deer Park led just 40-39 after three quarters but outscored Dobie 17-2 in the final eight minutes for an

easy 57-41 win. Next up, Dobie (2-1) travels to La Porte (2-1) Jan. 16 for a clash of two teams in need of a win.

In 24-5A, both the Clear Brook boys' and girls' teams got healthy courtesy of the Alvin Yellowjackets.

The Wolverine boys (2-1) won their second straight game, downing Alvin 72-61 as three players scored in double figures. Alvin led by three, 14-11, after the

**Dobie post player Ashley Johnson (center) had her work cut out for her in the middle going against Deer Park's freshman post Tabitha Hawthorne (32). In the end, Deer Park's Katie Whitaker (10) scored a game-high 20 points to guide her team to a 48-44 win.**

Photo by John Bechtle

first quarter. But the Wolverines, getting 16 points from Aaron Miller, went on

to the victory. Clear Brook (2-1) will look to stay on track when the team hosts

Clear Creek (1-2) Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. The Lady Wolverines,

needing to win to stay within range of the leaders in 24-5A, did just that with a 56-

20 victory over Alvin. Going on an 11-0 run to open

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## Success comes early to high school soccer teams

If opening weekend results hold true, it could be an exciting high school soccer season for the programs at Clear Brook and Dobie.

The Dobie boys' along with the Clear Brook and Dobie girls' varsity programs were in tournament action Jan. 8-10, and the results were favorable.

The Longhorn boys' team put together a great run at the Friendswood/Pearland tournament, making its way to the championship game.

Clear Brook's Lady Wolverines also fared well in a talent-laden Kilt Cup tournament at The Woodlands, winning two of three games.

Ditto for the Lady Longhorns of Dobie, who were victorious twice at the Lady Bucs Invitational at Brazoswood High School.

Now, the respective coaches simply hope the early positive results will lead to more down the road.

**Dobie girls at B-wood** Although the team struggled in a much-anticipated

rematch against Brazoswood in a 3-1 loss Jan. 9, the Dobie girls' team beat Travis and Hightower by identical 1-0 scores to start the season on a high note.

Dobie no doubt eyed the Brazoswood game for some time given it was the Lady Bucs who ended its season in the area round of the playoffs in 2008.

But Brazoswood came through once more this time, allowing only Ashlyn Leighton's penalty kick goal in a 3-1 victory over Dobie.

Dobie head coach Kersten Mullan said some "technical difficulties" within the team affected the outcome but also that her team missed out on some chances to change the game.

"I certainly think we held our own, and we had several goal-scoring opportunities that we didn't put away. I don't think Brazoswood took us out of the game. We took ourselves out of the game."

Sandwiched around the Brazoswood setback were

the Hightower and Travis wins. Dobie missed out on a chance to play in the trophy round by a single point.

Mullan, focused on getting the most out of a talented team this season, would have liked to have swept three wins.

As the season progresses, she will expect a lot from

the Lady Longhorns. "We should have been in the finals, and overall I think we had a great weekend," Mullan said. "I was proud of how the team recovered to come back and beat Hightower."

JFD boys make final Dobie's eventual 1-0 setback against state-ranked

Friendswood in the Friendswood/Pearland tournament game did not dim many moods.

Instead, it showed just

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### Local soccer teams at a glance

**Dobie girls at Westside**

Jan. 15, 4 p.m., Westside

**HISD Round Robin Jan. 17**

**Dobie boys vs. Foster, 10 a.m.**

**Dobie boys vs. Manvel, noon**

**Katy I-10 Shootout**

**Brook girls vs. Bastrop**

Jan. 15, 8 p.m., Seven Lakes

Jan. 20

**Brook boys host Channelview, 7 p.m.**

### Sophomore forward named all-American

## Brook grad is at home at SNU

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

With family on her mind, Rachel Eguren chose to attend Southern Nazarene University following her graduation from Clear Brook High School in 2007.

Now, midway through her academics and athletic career, Eguren has no doubt she made the correct choice.

The former all-district soccer player for the Lady Wolverines has enjoyed back-to-back breakout seasons as a member of the Crimson Storm.

As a freshman in 2007, Eguren posted seven goals and a pair of assists, getting off to a solid start. Then she went crazy as a sophomore.

Registering eight game-winning goals, Eguren scored 20 goals and had three assists, earning Sooner Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year honors along the way.

Eight of Eguren's 20 goals proved to be the eventual game-winner for the Crimson Storm, placing the standout forward first in the nation in that category.

Following the season, Eguren received another top

honor as she was named a third team all-American in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Teammate Beatriz Silva, also a forward, was an honorable mention all-American pick.

Southern Nazarene had a fine season at 14-2-3, but the team's dream of an appearance at the national tournament was cut short in the SAC semifinals as an overtime goal ended the season.

Eguren was excited with the all-American pick, but believes she and more of her teammates would have gained higher status with a nationals berth.

As it stands, Eguren and Southern Nazarene University have been great for one another.

**Family comes first**

Back in 2007, then SNU coach Mark Persson likely didn't have to work very hard in his recruitment of Eguren. Her parents, Sylvia and Ralph Eguren, both attended the university. Rachel's older brother, David, also attended SNU after graduating from Clear Brook in 2005.

Rachel Eguren had also

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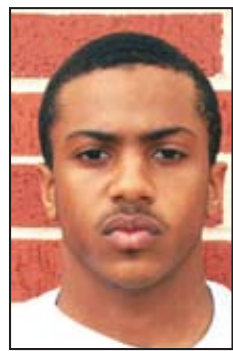
Rachel Eguren, a 2007 graduate of Clear Brook High School, has enjoyed a banner first half showing as her soccer playing career continues at Southern Nazarene University. She scored 20 goals as a sophomore.

## Longhorns' Spiller gains national attention

Andre Spiller, a senior running back and kickoff return specialist at Dobie High School, has been nominated as an Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year.

As a result of this achievement, Spiller is among a select group of players who are eligible to be selected as a national Red Zone Player of the Year and be honored in a full-page feature in USA Today in February.

For the eighth straight year, Old Spice will recognize high school football players who go above and



Derek Spiller

beyond the call of duty, particularly in the Red Zone.

The program honors athletes who are able to elevate their play and step up when the heat is really on.

These athletes embody leadership, performance and desire and serve as examples to their teammates on and off the field.

High school coaches across the country, including Dobie head coach Bobby Cotton, were asked to nominate one player from their team as their player of the year.

Each team's selection will receive a certificate to acknowledge his accomplishment. Spiller is eligible to be named one of 50 national players of the year.

The top 50 players nationwide will be named Red Zone players of the year and will receive a plaque and other awards.

Spiller, who led the Longhorns in rushing with more than 700 yards this season, was a second-team selection at running back and kick returner in District 22-5A.

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# Sports Calendar

# Deer Park betters Dobie twice; CB sweeps Alvin

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the game, Brook improved to 3-3.

**DP downs JFD girls**  
Thanks to an off night by the district's top scorer Katie Whitaker, the Dobie

girls' team was in a great position to claim the win at home.  
Derlesha Thomas came up with a steal and fastbreak basket that gave Dobie a 39-34 lead with six minutes to

play.  
But Whitaker, who missed a basket full of layups yet still managed to score 20 points, came back. Whitaker's 3-pointer on the ensuing possession

started an 8-0 Deer Park run. Down the stretch, the Lady Longhorns had numerous chances to either tie the game or take the lead yet came up empty each time.

Seemingly, the ball simply did not bounce Dobie's way. Shadae Shepherd, who led Dobie with 14 points, was bumped to the floor while dribbling and lost the ball out of bounds. No foul was called.

On another play, Dobie was called for an offensive charge on a collision on the sideline that could have been called either way.

Little did Brown know at the time that Pearland had pulled an upset over unbeaten La Porte.

La Porte and Deer Park are now 5-1, while Pearland and Dobie are 4-2. Unfortunately, Whitaker is arguably the district's best player and La Porte, at least until Jan. 13, was the district's best team.

"We have another challenge in front of us," Brown said. "The test comes first and then comes the lesson. Hopefully, we learned a lesson tonight and will be ready for that next big test Friday."

**Action fierce Jan. 9**  
Clear Brook's boys got their first district win, beating Clear Springs 77-76 in overtime behind four players in double figures.

The Lady Wolverines, however, fell 48-38 to Clear Springs.

Dobie's boys downed South Houston 52-44 as Deylan White had 19 points, and the girls won their game 68-24.

"We played hard, but we



**Dobie senior guard Dmehsha Hewitt (shooting) did her best to bring Dobie back in the final minutes against Deer Park Jan. 15 at Dobie. Her basket with 15 seconds remaining in the game got Dobie within 45-43, but she missed a free throw after a foul and Deer Park's Diana Hejtmanek made a free throw to push the lead to three once more. The Lady Longhorns closed to 46-44, but Deer Park went on to win. Hewitt, who has signed a letter of intent to play at the University of New Orleans this fall, scored eight points in the game. The decision allowed Deer Park to improve to 5-1 in the district, good enough for a first-place tie with La Porte. Dobie is now tied for third place at 4-2 with Pearland. The Lady Longhorns will host La Porte Jan. 16 at Dobie. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.**  
*Photo by John Bechtle*

## Former Dobie player injured

## Webb focused on bouncing back

**By John Bechtle Sports Editor**  
Warren Webb isn't about to allow the effects of a serious knee injury dim his hopes for a bright new year.

gotten past the anger stage and is determined to be back on the court perhaps in late summer or early fall.

won the Lone Star Conference title and went on to claim a second straight Div. II South Central Regional crown. At nationals, the Texans reached the Elite Eight.

Hoisted by crutches during a recent Dobie High School varsity girls' basketball game, Webb, a former Dobie hoops star, professed willingness and desire to make a full recovery.

While a student at Dobie, Webb became known as much for his positive perspective and leadership skills as his abilities on the court.

Playing his role, Webb worked hard in practice and then used the offseason to improve his stock.

It'll take time, but Webb, a sophomore at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, is intent on making his way back to the court. And he's chosen to use this downtime in a positive manner.

As a player, Webb helped the Longhorns' 2006-2007 team end a four-year playoff drought within the program. In the bidistrict round, the senior forward went off for 39 points as the Longhorns defeated a favored Port Arthur Memorial team to advance.

Before the injury, Webb was slated to start at the shooting guard or small forward slot for the Texans. And, although he is just a sophomore, Webb was selected as a team captain for that season.

Back on Oct. 25, Webb was lost for the 2008-2009 season after he suffered damage to his anterior cruciate ligament, medial collateral ligament and medial meniscus after a spill during an intrasquad scrimmage.

Webb's high school career ended Feb. 24, 2007, as the Longhorns lost to Clear Lake in the area round, but Webb had done enough to garner plenty of exposure.

At press time, Tarleton State has raced out to a 12-3 start this season.

The injury has left Webb, who underwent surgery Dec. 16, with no cartilage in his left knee. Doctors took measures during the arthroscopic procedure to create new tissue in the knee for Webb, but the recovery will be a long one.

Later in the spring, Webb signed a letter of intent to play for Tarleton State University and head coach Lonn Reisman.

Head coach Lonn Reisman, now in his 20th season, said Webb's loss has been felt despite his team's success.

After seemingly having his affairs in perfect order at Tarleton State, Webb was dealt a setback. But he's

It's been a perfect match since the day Webb arrived on campus.

"Warren is a tremendous, tremendous person first and foremost," Reisman said.



As a freshman during the 2007-2008 season, Warren Webb (center) played about nine minutes per game. Thanks to a strong offseason, Webb was due to start at Tarleton State before his knee injury.

## District 24-5A Standings Varsity Girls Basketball

(As of Jan. 15)

Teams	W	L
Clear Creek	5	1
Clear Springs	5	1
Clear Lake	4	2
Brazoswood	4	2
Clear Brook	3	3
Alvin	1	5
Dickinson	2	4
Galveston Ball	1	5

## District 24-5A Standings Varsity Boys Basketball

(As of Jan. 15)

Teams	W	L
Clear Lake	3	0
Galveston Ball	3	0
Clear Brook	2	1
Clear Springs	2	1
Clear Creek	1	2
Brazoswood	1	2
Alvin	0	3
Dickinson	0	3

## District 22-5A Standings Varsity Girls Basketball

(As of Jan. 15)

Teams	W	L
La Porte	5	1
Deer Park	5	1
Pearland	4	2
Dobie	4	2
Memorial	3	3
Sam Rayburn	2	4
South Houston	1	5
Pasadena	0	6

## District 22-5A Standings Varsity Boys Basketball

(As of Jan. 15)

Teams	W	L
Pearland	3	0
Deer Park	2	1
Dobie	2	1
La Porte	2	1
Sam Rayburn	1	2
South Houston	1	2
Memorial	1	2
Pasadena	0	3

## Dobie girls 68, South Houston 24

## Deer Park girls 48, Dobie 44

**Upcoming games: Jan. 16 – JFD hosts La Porte, 7 p.m.; Jan. 20 – JFD vs. Pasadena, Phillips Field House, 7 p.m.**

## Dobie boys 51, Memorial 43

## Deer Park boys 57, Dobie 41

**Upcoming games: Jan. 16 – JFD at La Porte, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 20 – JFD hosts Pasadena, 7:30 p.m.**

## Brook girls 65, Ball 45

## Brook girls 56, Alvin 20

**Upcoming games: Jan. 16 – Brook hosts Clear Creek, 7 p.m.; Jan. 20 – Brook at Dickinson, 7 p.m.**

## Brook boys 77, Clear Springs 76 (OT)

## Brook boys 72, Alvin 61

**Upcoming games: Jan. 16 – Brook at Clear Creek, 7 p.m.; Jan. 20 – Brook hosts Dickinson, 7 p.m.**

# San Jacinto College softball announces schedule

The San Jacinto College South softball team is set to get back on the field after a memorable 2008 season.

In all, eight players hail from the District 22-5A and District 24-5A ranks.

University of Houston-Victoria.

and it will be a difficult road been there and know what it takes to get back."

The Coyotes advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association's national tournament for the first time in school history.

Aside from McClain, a graduate of Pasadena Memorial High School, the Coyotes also have Courtney Pettit (Deer Park), Rae Cassel (Deer Park), Amy Ramirez (Pearland), Megan Knippa (Alvin), Eleni Coronado (Pasadena), Jean Fusilier (South Houston) and Destany Blanchard (Brazoswood).

Coronado is expected to play a key role offensively after missing last season with an injury. In 2007, Coronado hit .397 with four home runs and 45 RBIs. She also scored 34 runs.

## San Jacinto College Spring softball schedule

San Jacinto finished fourth overall, putting the final touches on a 48-17 record.

The Coyotes will have to replace former Dobie star Janet Rendon, who transferred to the University of New Mexico after gaining all-American status as a sophomore in 2008.

Cheyenne Parent is also back after gaining Region 14 first-team status as a freshman. The speedy Parent was second on the team with a .418 batting average.

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 5	McLennan	4:00/6:00
Feb. 6-7	at Galveston tourn.	TBA
Feb. 12	Iowa Western	4:00/6:00
Feb. 13	Grayson	4:00/6:00
Feb. 17	at LSU/Eunice	1:00/3:00
Feb. 20-21	at Midland tourn.	TBA
Feb. 25	Temple	1:00/3:00
March 4	at McLennan	1:00/3:00
March 7	Lamar State	4:00/6:00
March 11	at Galveston	2:00/4:00
March 13	Angelina	4:00/6:00
March 19	at Blinn	2:00/4:00
March 21	Galveston	noon/2:00
March 22	at Navarro	1:00/3:00
March 25	at Alvin	1:00/3:00
March 28	at Paris	1:00/3:00
March 29	at NW Texas	noon/2:00
April 1	Blinn	2:00/4:00
April 4	Trinity	TBA
April 5	Lon Morris	11 a.m./1:00
April 7	Baton Rouge	1:00/3:00
April 15	Alvin	4:00/6:00
April 17	LSU/Eunice	5:00/7:00
April 18	Bossier Parish	TBA
April 19	Texarkana	11 a.m./1 p.m.
April 22	at Lamar State	11 a.m./1 p.m.
April 25	at Angelina	1:00/3:00
April 30-May 2	Region 14 tourn.	TBA
May 14-16	NJCAA World Series	TBA

Now, sixth-year head coach Kelly Saenz believes she has the talent to get back to nationals again.

Using her prescription for success, Saenz has again built the roster using plenty of local players.

Three other players, Tasha Rotramel, Brittany Boren and Kasey Voyles, are now playing at the Uni-

### Coyote softball briefs

**Head coach: Kelly Saenz, 6th season**  
**2008 Record: 47-18 (4th at nationals)**

**Key returnees: Kelsey McClain, (P); Eleni Coronado (DH); Cheyenne Parent (OF); Krystal Plummer (IF)**

**Key losses: Janet Rendon (New Mexico); Brittany Boren, Tasha Rotramel and Kasey Voyles (all University of Houston-Victoria)**

**Notes: McClain, a graduate of Pasadena Memorial, won 20 games as a freshman pitcher in 2007, is back after missing last season with a knee injury**

## TENNIS

**Thursday, Jan. 22**  
Dobie varsity at Clear Brook, 2:30

**Friday, Feb. 23**  
Dobie varsity at Pearland tourn., TBA

**BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Jan. 15**  
Beverly Hills boys at 7th Dark tourn., Queens, TBA  
Beverly Hills boys at 8th Dark tourn., Southmore, TBA  
Thompson boys at 7th Dark tourn., Queens, TBA  
Thompson boys at 8th Dark tourn., Southmore, TBA

**Friday, Jan. 16**  
Dobie varsity girls host La Porte, 7:30  
Dobie varsity boys at La Porte, 7:30  
Clear Brook varsity girls host Alvin, 7:00  
Clear Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek, 7:00  
Clear Brook JV girls host Alvin, 5:30  
Clear Brook JV boys at Galveston Ball, 5:30  
Dobie JV girls host La Porte, 6:00  
Dobie JV boys at La Porte, 6:00  
Dobie sophomore boys at La Porte, 4:30  
Clear Brook sophomore boys host Clear Creek, 5:30  
Clear Brook freshman A girls host Alvin, 4:00  
Clear Brook freshman A boys host Clear Creek, 4:00  
Dobie freshman A boys at La Porte, 6:00  
Dobie freshman A girls host La Porte, 4:30  
Dobie freshman B boys at La Porte, 4:30  
Dobie freshman B girls host La Porte, 6:00  
Clear Brook freshman B boys host Clear Creek, 4:00

**Tuesday, Jan. 20**  
Clear Brook varsity girls host Dickinson, 7:00  
Clear Brook varsity boys at Dickinson, 7:00  
Dobie varsity boys host Pasadena, 7:30  
Dobie varsity girls vs. Pasadena, Phillips, 7:00  
Clear Brook JV boys at Dickinson, 5:30  
Clear Brook JV girls host Dickinson, 5:30  
Dobie JV boys host Pasadena, 6:00  
Dobie JV girls vs. Pasadena, Phillips, 5:30  
Clear Brook sophomore boys at Dickinson, 5:30  
Dobie sophomore boys host Pasadena, 4:30  
Clear Brook freshman A boys at Dickinson, 4:00  
Clear Brook freshman A girls host Dickinson, 4:00  
Dobie freshman A girls vs. Pasadena, Phillips, 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

**Wednesday, Jan. 21**  
Beverly Hills 8th Light girls host South Houston, 4:30  
Beverly Hills 8th Dark girls host South Houston, 5:45  
Beverly Hills 7th Light girls host South Houston, 4:30  
Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls host South Houston, 5:45  
Thompson 8th Light girls host Bondy, 4:30  
Thompson 8th Dark girls host Bondy, 5:45  
Thompson 7th Light girls host Bondy, 4:30  
Thompson 7th Dark girls host Bondy, 5:45  
Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys at South Houston, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 8th Light boys at South Houston, 6:15  
Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys at South Houston, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 7th Light boys at South Houston, 6:15  
Thompson 8th Dark boys at Bondy, 5:00  
Thompson 8th Light boys at Bondy, 6:15  
Thompson 7th Dark boys at Bondy, 5:00  
Thompson 7th Light boys at Bondy, 6:15

**Friday, Jan. 23**  
Clear Brook varsity girls at Brazoswood, 7:00  
Clear Brook varsity boys host Brazoswood, 7:00  
Dobie varsity boys at Sam Rayburn, 7:30  
Dobie varsity girls host Sam Rayburn, 7:00  
Clear Brook JV boys host Brazoswood, 5:30  
Clear Brook JV girls at Brazoswood, 5:30  
Dobie JV boys at Sam Rayburn, 6:00  
Dobie JV girls host Sam Rayburn, 5:30  
Clear Brook sophomore boys host Brazoswood, 5:30  
Dobie sophomore boys at Sam Rayburn, 4:30  
Clear Brook freshman A boys host Brazoswood, 4:00  
Clear Brook freshman A girls at Brazoswood, 4:00  
Dobie freshman A boys at Sam Rayburn, 6:00  
Dobie freshman A girls host Sam Rayburn, 4:00  
Clear Brook freshman B boys host Brazoswood, 4:00  
Dobie freshman B boys at Sam Rayburn, 4:30

**SOCCER**  
**Thursday, Jan. 15**  
Dobie varsity girls at Westside, 4:00  
Clear Brook varsity girls at I-10 Shootout, TBA  
Clear Brook sophomore boys at Clear Springs, 5:30  
Dobie JV girls at Westside, 4:00

**Friday, Jan. 16**  
Clear Brook varsity girls at I-10 Shootout, TBA

**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
Clear Brook varsity girls at I-10 Shootout, TBA  
Dobie varsity boys vs. Westside, HISD tourn., 10 a.m.  
Dobie varsity boys vs. Manvel, HISD tourn., noon  
Clear Brook sophomore boys at Manvel, 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 20**  
Clear Brook varsity boys host Channelview, 7:00  
Clear Brook varsity girls at Friendswood, 7:00  
Dobie varsity boys at Baytown Sterling, 7:00  
Dobie JV boys at Baytown Sterling, 5:00  
Clear Brook JV boys host Channelview, 5:00  
Clear Brook JV girls at Friendswood, 5:00

**Wednesday, Jan. 21**  
Dobie JV (B) girls at Sam Rayburn, 3:30

**Thursday, Jan. 22**  
Clear Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek tourn., TBA  
(\*Georgetown tournament)  
\*Dobie varsity girls vs. Arlington, 6:00

**Friday, Jan. 23**  
Clear Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek tourn., TBA  
(\*Georgetown tournament)  
\*Dobie varsity girls vs. Marble Falls, 6:00  
Dobie varsity boys at Mayde Creek, 7:30  
Dobie JV boys at Mayde Creek, 5:30  
Clear Brook JV boys host Friendswood, 7:00  
Clear Brook sophomore boys host Friendswood, 5:00

**Saturday, Jan. 24**  
Clear Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek tourn., TBA  
(\*Georgetown tournament)  
\*Dobie varsity girls vs. Pflugerville, 9 a.m.  
Clear Brook sophomores at Clear Creek, 10 a.m.

# Spring tennis season comes Jan. 22 at Dobie; Moreno also looking ahead to fall

More than three full months since the end of the varsity team tennis season, it's time for the spring tournament season to begin. Coming off a terrific fall season in which the Dobie team won a regional show-down for the first time this decade, many Longhorns are now eager to see what they can accomplish on the tournament circuit. Head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. usually uses this

portion of the schedule to gauge where his program stands overall. He will be looking for many younger and less experienced players to take a step or two forward. By the same token, Moreno will try to allow many of his deserving seniors to end their careers on a high note this spring. "We have had some great success in the past where some of our seniors have

either won events or played exceptionally well in the spring. I think we certainly have the opportunity to do that again this season," he said. In most spring tournaments, individual programs such as Dobie will enter boys' A and B doubles and singles players, girls' A and B doubles and singles players and two mixed doubles teams. It's Moreno's job to put

the right combinations on the court to ensure success, but he's also going to have some fun with it. He expects his players to do the same. "It's a serious season, but we also want to have some fun," Moreno said. "We didn't get a chance to play Clear Brook in the fall, so it will be nice to be able to play them in the opener (Jan. 22). "We'll bring out the big guns for them. Clear Brook

always has a great group of players." Along the way, Dobie will also compete in tournaments in Fort Bend, Pearland, Austin, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Kemah and more. The trips represent a chance for Dobie players to branch out a bit. At the Kemah Boardwalk tournament, Moreno said nine of the 16 teams entered are ranked within the state's top 25 programs. The Longhorns will also likely see state-ranked programs and players in Austin and Corpus Christi.

ly, are the two top singles players in the program. Both played in the No. 1 slots at regionals in the fall. However, Moreno thinks they have a chance to be very successful as a mixed doubles pair this spring. The coach has similar feelings about some of the other matchups he's created. Moreno can also make necessary adjustments as needed. "That's the other fun part of it," he said. "I'm always

going to put our kids in a position to be successful, but you have the ability to mix and match a little more in the spring. "I think it's going to be a lot of fun for us as we play this spring. In the end, I think we can have some success at district and then at regionals."

**A look ahead**  
Along the way, Moreno will look for other lesser-known players to make a name for themselves. Some

of the more experienced players are still young in terms of grade class. Some of those players have to emerge in the fall. "The dynasty is over," Moreno said of Dobie's solid run over the past several years. "We are going to have to reload, and some of these younger players are going to have to play very well for us to do some of the things we have in the past. The spring is a great time to start the climb."

## Dobie High School Spring tennis schedule

### Varsity level

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 22	at Clear Brook	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	Pearland tourn.	TBA
Jan. 30-31	Fort Bend tourn.	TBA
Feb. 13-14	Lake Travis invite (Austin)	TBA
Feb. 27-28	Spring Fling tourn. (Corpus Christi)	TBA
March 6-7	Spring Branch tourn.	TBA
March 13	Pasadena tourn.	TBA
March 27-28	Kemah invite	TBA
March 27-28	Hurricane Ike benefit (Galveston)	TBA
April 2	Houston St. John's	3:30 p.m.
April 8-9	District 22-5A tourn. (Strawberry Park)	TBA
April 21-22	Region III tourn. (Deer Park South)	TBA
May 11-12	State tournament (Austin)	TBA

### Junior varsity level

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 3	Pasadena tourn.	TBA
Feb. 10	Baytown tourn.	TBA
Feb. 18	Fort Bend tourn.	TBA
Feb. 25	Cy-Fair tourn.	TBA
March 6	La Porte tourn.	TBA
March 10	Katy tourn.	TBA
March 25	Clear Brook tourn.	TBA
March 31	Pasadena tourn.	TBA
April 3	Galveston tourn.	TBA
April 7	Houston St. John's	3:30 p.m.
April 16-17	District 22-5A tourn. (Strawberry)	TBA

### Freshman level

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 27	Pasadena tourn.	TBA
Feb. 5	Deer Park tourn.	TBA
Feb. 17	Alvin tourn.	TBA
Feb. 25	Cy-Fair tourn.	TBA
March 6	La Porte tourn.	TBA
March 10	Katy tourn.	TBA
March 24	Pasadena tourn.	TBA
April 1	Humble tourn.	TBA
April 16-17	District 22-5A tourn. (Strawberry)	TBA



**Seniors get last shot**  
Several seniors who have played such a key role in the overall success of the Dobie program the last four years are set to graduate in May. So this spring tennis season will give senior girls Allison Wells, Shohreh Abedinzadeh, Sholeh Abedinzadeh and Yen Le a final chance to shine. The same goes for boys' player Andy Peng. The Abedinzadeh sisters will play doubles together. Jisha Jose and Shelly Tran are also likely to team in

**During the spring tournament tennis schedule, Dobie senior Allison Wells (left) will likely focus on singles competition. Meanwhile, Lady Longhorns, from left in bottom photo, Jisha Jose and Shelly Tran, will form a doubles combination. Throughout the season, various Dobie players will compete in tournaments. The program is slated to compete in Fort Bend, Pearland, Austin, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Kemah and others during the season.**  
Photos by John Bechtle



## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Basketball

### Boys' standings

#### Eighth Grade Light Division

School	W	L
Bondy Patriots	6	0
San Jacinto Tigers	5	0
Thompson Lions	5	1
Beverly Hills Bears	4	2
South Houston Indians	4	2
Queens Hornets	2	4
Jackson Wildcats	1	5
Parkview Cowboys	1	5
Southmore Bulldogs	1	5
Miller Falcons	1	5

#### Eighth Grade Dark Division

School	W	L
Beverly Hills Bears	6	0
San Jacinto Tigers	5	1
Bondy Patriots	4	2
Thompson Lions	4	2
Queens Hornets	4	2
Jackson Wildcats	3	3
South Houston Indians	2	4
Southmore Bulldogs	2	4
Parkview Cowboys	0	6
Miller Falcons	0	6

#### Seventh Grade Light Division

School	W	L
Queens Hornets	6	0
Beverly Hills Bears	6	0
Bondy Patriots	4	2
Thompson Lions	4	2
Southmore Bulldogs	3	3
San Jacinto Tigers	3	3
South Houston Indians	3	3
Parkview Cowboys	1	5
Miller Falcons	0	6
Jackson Wildcats	0	6

#### Seventh Grade Dark Division

School	W	L
Bondy Patriots	6	0
Queens Hornets	5	1
San Jacinto Tigers	5	1
Beverly Hills Bears	4	2
Southmore Bulldogs	3	3
Thompson Lions	3	3
South Houston Indians	2	4
Parkview Cowboys	2	4
Miller Falcons	0	6
Jackson Wildcats	0	6

### Girls' Standings

#### Eighth Grade Light Division

School	W	L
Bondy Patriots	5	0
Miller Falcons	5	0
San Jacinto Tigers	4	1
Beverly Hills Bears	3	2
Southmore Bulldogs	2	3
Parkview Cowboys	2	3
Queens Hornets	2	3
Thompson Lions	1	4
South Houston Indians	1	4
Jackson Wildcats	0	5

#### Eighth Grade Dark Division

School	W	L
Bondy Patriots	5	0
Southmore Bulldogs	5	0
Queens Hornets	3	2
Miller Falcons	3	2
San Jacinto Tigers	3	2
Thompson Lions	2	3
Parkview Cowboys	2	3
Beverly Hills Bears	2	3
Jackson Wildcats	0	5
South Houston Indians	0	5

#### Seventh Grade Light Division

School	W	L
Bondy Patriots	5	0
Miller Falcons	5	0
San Jacinto Wildcats	4	1
Beverly Hills Bears	4	1
Thompson Lions	2	3
Parkview Cowboys	2	3
Southmore Bulldogs	1	4
South Houston Indians	1	4
Queens Hornets	1	4
Jackson Wildcats	0	5

#### Seventh Grade Dark Division

School	W	L
San Jacinto Wildcats	5	0
Bondy Patriots	5	0
Thompson Lions	4	1
Miller Falcons	3	2
Southmore Bulldogs	3	2
Beverly Hills Bears	3	2
Parkview Cowboys	2	3
Queens Hornets	0	5
South Houston Indians	0	5
Jackson Wildcats	0	5

# HELP WANTED

# CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15  
7 a.m.

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

11:15 a.m.

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

11:30 a.m.

**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - American Business Women's Association-South meets on the third Thursday of each month at Makenzies Grill, 9330 Broadway in Pearland. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynmperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

Noon

**AI-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.

5:30 p.m.

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

6 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16  
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, JANUARY 17  
6 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

**Bay Area Bluegrass Association** - Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, May and December are exceptions. Admission is free. The show is held at the League City Civic Center, 300 Walker. For more information, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18  
2 p.m.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 19  
7 a.m.

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

9 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

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

Noon

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

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## CALENDAR

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

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

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

**The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.** - Meets the third week of each month at the Clear Lake Park Building, 5001 NASA Parkway. Guests welcome. Designed to promote education and popular interest in the various earth sciences, hobbies dealing with the art of lapidaries and the science of minerals and fossils.



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20**

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

11 a.m.  
**The Bay Area Military Officers' Wives** - hold monthly luncheon meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at Bay Oaks Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Active duty or retired officers' wives are eligible. For information, contact Wanda Symmonds, president, at 832-425-2724 or www.WSYMMONDS@houston.rr.com or Wendy Peters, membership, at 281-333-3115 or www.WendyPeters@verizon.net.

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

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

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

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

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

6:30 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Toastmasters Club** - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 E 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.

**Pearland Area Republican Women's Club** - meets at Perry's Landmark Restaurant, 2501 S. Main. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

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

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

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**7 p.m.**  
**The Compassionate Friends** - TCF meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Friendswood United Methodist Church, 204 W. Edgewood (FM2351) in the Family Life Center, second floor, room 214. TCF is a nondenominational, self-help organization offering friendship, support and understanding to bereaved families who have lost a son, daughter or sibling. For information, call 281-332-2887 or 281-992-0145.

**Positive Interaction Program** - meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room 1st floor. Bring a friend or neighbor and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to help make neighborhoods safer. For more information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

**Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter** - A social group interested in early German settlements in Texas - the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call Ted or Ella at 713-944-5407 for more information.

**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victims/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21**

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

11:30 a.m.  
**Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. E-mail HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com for more information.

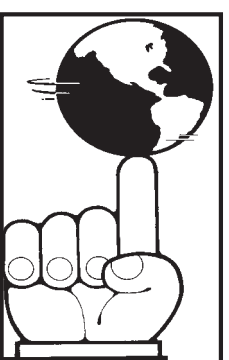
Noon  
**Free Exercise Class** - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.

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

6:30 p.m.  
**La Leche League of Pasadena** - Mothers who wish to breast-feed their babies will find support and information at the Fairmont Library on Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Meetings are held the third week of the month. Children and nursing babies welcome. For more information, call 281-998-1095.

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

7 p.m.  
**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. B.A.T.P. is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is



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11511 SAGEHOLLOW LN.: Sat., Jan. 17, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Huge estate sale. Refrigerator, freezer, furniture, treadmill, baby items, household items. Everything must go. Andrea 832-754-6687. 1-15

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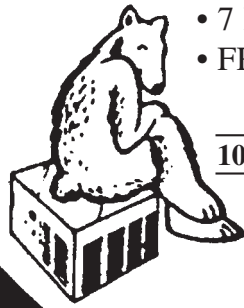
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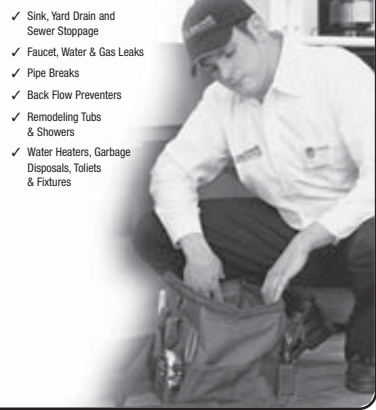
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# Dobie-ex Webb vows full recovery after knee surgery

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"He is a terrific player and a tremendous team leader. It is a big blow for us not to have him on the court this season."

Yet Reisman knows that despite the seriousness of Webb's injury and the long rehabilitation period the player faces, Webb will be back when the time is right.

"Just his enthusiasm and the way he looks at life in general is enough for me to be convinced he'll be back," Reisman said. "He doesn't take a day off in practice, and he's one of the captains of our team as a sophomore. That doesn't happen often. He truly has the respect of his teammates. We're all pulling for him."

The journey begins

Webb is due back for a doctor's visit Feb. 1. He hopes to be OK'd for rehab at that time. The journey to

recovery will then begin.

Realistically, it will be August before Webb sees the court. Webb has been told the recovery from his type of injury typically takes up to eight months.

"It was rough because my confidence was at a new level and I was playing so well," Webb said. "As a team, we were playing well in the offseason. I'm very happy the guys have stepped up and are playing so well."

While recovering, Webb has not shied away from team activities. He is a team captain after all, and pledges to live up to his responsibilities as a leader.

"I'm still a captain, and the guys look up to me," he said.

"My biggest thing is to stay as positive as possible. Before I underwent the MRI to reveal the injury, I was angry because I know



Warren Webb

my body, and I knew the seriousness of it. But being mad isn't going to help. It's time to move forward and heal."

And Webb is doing just that. Because he did not play a game this season, Webb will be granted a medical red-shirt season and will be a sophomore on the basket-

ball court next season.

In the classroom, Webb is a sophomore and is progressing along nicely in his studies.

He's in the fitness management field at Tarleton State and may one day aim at becoming an agent, perhaps getting into broadcasting or maybe even coaching.

"I'm going to use this off time to my advantage," Webb said. "With that extra year, I can get some work done toward my master's degree. I have to take the positives from this and use them."

The lone downside? Webb said he has used his time on the court to relieve stress and dismiss any worries surrounding other areas of his life. Although he cannot bounce a basketball right now, he will continue to surround himself in team

activities.

"I love basketball, and this is a bit of a runaway for me to be able to get away from other things," Webb said. "With that said, I am still with the guys. I can still pull them off to the side and provide encouragement or whatever they need at the time. Things will work out. Conference play is about to start, and we are looking forward to another big year."

Looking beyond this season, Webb, Reisman and everyone else in the Tarleton State University basketball program is excited.

"There's no doubt in

my mind that if anyone can come back strong from something like this, that person is Warren," Reisman said. "He means so much to our basketball family. I know when the time is right, he will be back and give us everything he has."

Webb professes his path will be long, but he will turn this situation into a positive. It's the Warren Webb way of doing things.

"The experience I will gain this season from watching from the sidelines will be great for me," Webb said. "I have no doubt that next season will be a breakout season for me."

# Eguren excels at SNU

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made up her mind to enter the biology field and knew Southern Nazarene University possessed a well-respected program. She signed a letter of intent in the spring of 2007 and was on her way to Bethany, Okla.

Soccer career going well

Eguren enjoyed a solid career at Clear Brook and perhaps could have landed a Division I soccer scholarship had she chosen to go that route.

But why? Southern Nazarene was and continues to

Dalcin Da Cas.

Silva finished second on the team in scoring behind Eguren, and Da Cas added her skills to the midfield, which became a team strength.

Things simply came together as strength in the midfield frequently allowed Southern Nazarene to shorten the field. Scoring opportunities were available for Eguren and Silva, and they took advantage of them.

Going forward, Eguren will continue to improve her fitness in the offseason.

She also plans to work on her mid-range shooting game since many of her goals came from close to the net.

Persson resigned during the holiday break and is now the head coach at Southwestern Oklahoma State.

Current assistant coach Julie Duncan, who just completed her sixth season, could be a candidate to replace Persson. Since the team graduates just one senior, Eguren thinks the transition to a new coach won't be difficult.

She is hopeful that someone like Duncan who knows the players and the program gets the job, but time will take care of that.

And while Eguren likely won't catch career leading scorer Becky Atkinson (111 goals from 1995 to 1998), she will rank high on several lists should she remain healthy over the next two seasons.

And of course Eguren has high hopes for the Southern Nazarene team. Perhaps nationals are next. "It's been great," she said. "This is definitely the college for me."



Rachel Eguren

be the place for her.

"I've had a great time here," she said. "Soccer has gone very well, and I am also doing well in my studies. The coaches understand that academics come first."

"Sometimes it gets a little tough to stay caught up when we are traveling as a team, but for the most part it's easy to handle both."

On the soccer field, Eguren could never have imagined a better two seasons.

Heading into the 2008 season (women's soccer is a fall sport in the collegiate ranks), Persson recruited a pair of Brazilian players, Silva and midfielder Bruna

# Early goals reached as soccer season begins

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what can happen when a talented group comes together and believes in one another.

Dobie did not make the playoffs a season ago, but head coach Jesse Saavedra has high hopes for the Longhorns this season.

It all started well in Friendswood as the team advanced to the title game for the third straight season.

The Longhorns opened the tournament with a 3-3 tie against Foster in pool play. Chris Torres, Pedro Mares and Omar Arreguin scored goals for Dobie. Torres also had two assists.

Saavedra said the Longhorns dominated the game for 70 minutes while playing exceptionally well. But Foster came away with three goals in the final 10 minutes of action to force the tie.

Not to be set back for long, Dobie came back with a sound 3-0 shutout over Galena Park.

Torres had two more assists, and Raul Jimenez, Salim Naser and Adrian Ramirez notched the goals. Goalkeeper Jose Balvaneda, a freshman, earned his first career shutout.

"It was a much better showing from us, and we were able to finish what

we started," Saavedra said. "It was a must-win for us if we wanted to have a shot at the finals, and our guys responded. We also played great team defense, led by Irving Garza, Hein Pham and Alex Herrera, along with Balvaneda."

Taking on a Brazoswood team that had also started the tournament strong, the Longhorns played great defense again. Balvaneda didn't allow a goal, and Torres assisted Leo Gallegos for the game's lone score in a 1-0 win.

Gallegos was able to score early to give the locals the lead, and the Longhorns also overcame having to play a man down for 60 minutes after a red card was issued to Torres.

The victory, the team's second in three pool play games, came with a berth in the championship game against Friendswood, ranked fourth in the region by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches in its pre-season poll.

Friendswood scored on a controversial call in which officials ruled a Mustangs' shot crossed the goal line for a score.

Dobie struggled offensively with Torres out. The

senior had delivered five assists and a goal in pool play, the Longhorns could not generate many scoring chances in his absence.

In 2007, Friendswood beat Dobie 3-0 in the final. A season ago, the Mustangs prevailed 2-1.

Despite the defeat this time around, Saavedra came away pleased.

"It's a good start for us," he said. "You always want to play well early, and we were able to do that."

"Now we head to Westside High School for the Houston Independent School District round robin tournament. Hopefully, we can build on a pretty good start."

Brook girls now 3-1

The Clear Brook varsity girls' team is off to a quick start thanks in large part to the strong offensive play of sophomore Beth Stratton and a good defensive effort.

Stratton, who won offensive player of the year honors as a freshman, is out of the gates with a big jump in 2009.

Stratton had five goals as the Lady Wolverines won two of three games at Kilt Cup Classic in The Woodlands Jan. 8-10.

The Lady Wolverines

were beaten 3-0 by Cinco Ranch, ultimately denying the team a chance to compete in the tournament round.

However, head coach Rhonda Berry-Gomez's team came back with a pair of wins. Stratton had a hat trick as Clear Brook blanked Lamar 5-0.

Kate Schladenhauffen and Chandler Duke also scored goals as the team came through with a win. In its final game in The Woodlands, Clear Brook topped St. Agnes 3-2 as Stratton added two more goals and Duke also found the net.

On Jan. 13, the Lady Wolverines came away with an impressive win over Pearlland, which is regionally ranked by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches.

Laura Higgins scored for the Lady Wolverines, giving the team three straight wins.

Now, the team is set to play in the 1-10 Shootout in Katy. Brook takes on Bastro in the opening round at Seven Lakes High School.

Other teams in Clear Brook's bracket include Cy-Fair, Cy-Springs, Seven Lakes, Bryan, Stratford and Pearlland.

# JFD boys' soccer makes Friendswood final



Dobie's varsity boys' soccer team reached the championship game at the Pearland/Friendswood tournament for the third straight season. The team eventually fell 1-0 but started the season strong with two wins and a tie. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jose Balvaneda, Douglass Leighton, Nathan Carcamo, Gilberto Tzintzun, Irving Garza, Pe-

dro Mares, Hien Pham, Omar Arreguin, (back row) Chris Torres, Raul Jimenez, Gibrian Vargas, Walter Andino, Salim Naser, Michael Valverde, Le Vu, Walter Anorou, Leo Gallegos, Marlon Pennington, Alex Herrera, Julian Romero, Adrian Ramirez and Alberto Narvaez. The team's head coach is Jesse Saavedra (not pictured).

High school softball practice begins Jan. 26, while baseball starts Jan. 30. Opening day for softball is Feb. 16, and baseball opens Feb. 23. Stay updated each week in the Leader

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