

Tree waste pickup set

Tree waste will be picked up Thursday, July 22, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

Larriette dance clinic set

The Dobie Larriettes will hold their annual summer dance clinic, *Fun In the Sun*, Thursday and Friday, July 29 and July 30, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dobie High School. Cost will be \$50 at the door (cash or money order only). Lunch and a snack will be provided along with a certificate and camp souvenir. Show-off of camp routines will be at 3 p.m. on July 30.

To register for the clinic or for more information, contact Lori Perez at 281-797-8370 or e-mail lp.loriperez@gmail.com.

Algebra I Jump Start offered

Dobie High School will offer Algebra I Jump Start Monday through Thursday, Aug. 2-5, from 9 to 11:15 a.m. at the school. To register, call 713-740-0370 (only 100 spots are available).

The program is designed for students who would like extra help to be prepared for the first six weeks of Algebra I.

Dobie choir alum to reunite

A reunion for Dobie High School Choir alumni under Debbie Tidwell's direction (1982-2002) is in the works. The planning committee needs help finding former choir members.

Join the Facebook group "J. Frank Dobie High School Choir Alumni 1982-2002" or e-mail contact information to DobieChoirReunion@yahoo.com. More information about the reunion will be forthcoming.

VBS at Easthaven

Easthaven Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 25, through Thursday, July 29, from 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. The theme is *Saddle Ridge Ranch*. For more information, call 281-922-5520 or visit www.easthavenchurch.com to register online.

Early registration at Dobie

Dobie High School will hold new student early registration as follows:

Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 11 and 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 14, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and Wednesday, Aug. 18, from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call the school at 713-740-0370.

Dobie Project Grad to meet

A meeting for Dobie Project Graduation 2011 is scheduled for Monday, July 26, at 7 p.m., in the Kirkmont MUD Building at 10102 Blackhawk.

Senior parents who are interested in helping with fundraising and the planning of this event are invited to attend. For more information or to volunteer, call Dina Edwards at 281-923-1265.

Wood Meadow II meets

Wood Meadow II will meet Tuesday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parker Williams Library meeting room.

SJC cheer tryouts July 26

San Jacinto College will hold tryouts for the 2010-2011 cheerleading squad on July 26. The squad, housed on the Central campus, is looking to recruit both male and female cheerleaders and a mascot.

Interested participants are required to attend clinics from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, at Anders Gymnasium. Tryouts will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, July 26, at the same location.

The Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena, is home to the SJC men's basketball and volleyball teams.

For more information about cheerleading tryouts, call Levis Francis at 818-481-8284. For information about San Jacinto College athletics, visit www.sanjacsports.com.

Library events scheduled

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

Movie Madness is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, and Thursday, July 29, at 2:30 p.m. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for feature title.

On Saturday, July 24, Vietnamese Storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., intermediate storytime at 11 a.m., and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

The genealogy discussion group meets Monday, July 26, at 2 p.m. The Friends of the Parker Williams Library will meet at 7 p.m.

A variety show will be held Tuesday, July 27, at 2:30 p.m. Free tickets are required.

A teen movie will be shown on Wednesday, July 28, at 3 p.m. Call the library for more information.

Preschool storytime, designed for ages 3-6, is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, and toddler storytime, geared toward children who are walking to age 3, is at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays.

An ESL tutor information and training session is set for Saturday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call the library for details.

Sullivan hosts meeting on drainage

By James Bolen

City, county and federal officials spoke on local flooding and drainage issues Wednesday, July 14, at a town hall meeting hosted by Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan.

The function was the latest in a series Sullivan has held to keep South Belt residents abreast of ongoing and future projects in the South Belt community.

A hot topic at the meeting was flooding along Sabo Road near the Sagemont Park Townhomes.

Art Kidder, assistant director of the drainage maintenance branch of the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department, spoke on the restrictor on the linear detention pond the Harris County Flood Control District refers to as A119-09-00.

The detention pond, which runs parallel to the townhomes, currently has a brick wall at Sabo that limits the flow of water to the south. While this may help alleviate flooding in areas located downstream, it worsens it in areas adjacent to

Sabo, and many residents want the restrictor either enlarged or removed.

Kidder said no city work could be done at the site until debris was first cleared out downstream by Harris County.

HCFCD Precinct Project Manager Curtis Lampley retorted that the channel, which feeds into Turkey Creek, has been desilted at least three times in the past seven or eight years and would be lower than the nearby culverts if dug any deeper.

Lampley said a study needs to be conducted to see what improvements could be made to Turkey Creek itself before any alterations could be made to the restrictor.

"There are many challenges preventing us from addressing that issue at this time," Lampley said.

One Sagemont Park Townhome resident asked Lampley if the channel's slopes could be altered to increase water capacity, since it can't be any deeper.

Lampley explained that the ditch is an inline

detention channel and works as it was designed.

The upset resident responded, "Did you design it to overflow into our townhomes and onto people's property?"

A second angry resident asked Lampley, "How long is flood control planning on using my garage as a retention pond?"

A 1999 analysis of the Sabo Road restrictor performed by Dannenbaum Engineering recommended providing additional storage upstream of Sabo. This is problematic, however, as available land in the area has become scarce in recent years.

"In a lot of ways the Dannenbaum study was right on point," Lampley said. "But times have changed."

Lampley also discussed the ongoing project to repair and clean the Beamer ditch (A120-00-00). Begun earlier this month, the project is broken down into two phases, Lampley said.

The first phase is the removal of silt mounds from Astoria Boulevard to Beltway 8. The second phase of the project will repair 12 slope failures that have been identified along the channel.

The work is being done by Lindsey Construction and will cost roughly \$265,000.

A similar HCFCD project will clean the adjoining equalizer ditch (A119-10-00) that runs behind Sagedowne and connects to Turkey Creek.

To begin the first week of August, the project will cost approximately \$23,000 and will take 20 working days to complete.

Also brought up at the meeting was the HCFCD's attempt to purchase 120 acres of land near San Jacinto College South to be used as storm water detention. According to Lampley, an offer was made to purchase the property from

the current land owners, but was rejected. A condemnation hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 3, to see if a settlement can be reached or if litigation will be required to acquire the desired land.

Newly elected Houston At-Large, Position 1 City Councilmember Stephen Costello, who chairs the Committee on Flooding and Drainage, was in attendance and spoke on the recently proposed Renew Houston program.

If approved by voters in November, the proposal would create a dedicated fund for city drainage and street renewal ventures, using revenues from fees charged to homeowners, businesses, and developers, as well as a portion of property tax money that is currently being used to pay off debt associated with infrastructure projects.

Currently, Houston drainage and street repairs are paid for using money from the city's general fund, with such projects often taking a backseat to other city needs in this time of economic hardship.

Costello, an engineer by trade, noted there is currently a 17-year waiting period to have street repairs completed.

"We'll never catch up," Costello said. "I think that is unacceptable."

This point did not go unnoticed by Gulf Meadows and Arlington Heights residents in attendance who complained about the length of time it has taken to begin repairs to South Shaver Street.

Part of the City of Houston's ever-changing Capital Improvement Plan, the project to repair the area street from the Gulf Freeway to Highway 3 has been in the planning stages for more than a decade.

Flores named Morris principal

Nancy Flores was recently named the new principal at Morris Middle School.

She will replace Susan Blalock, who is retiring.

Flores attended the University of Houston-Clear Lake, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology in 1994. She continued her education at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, also earning a Master of Arts in psychology in 2001.



Nancy Flores

She began her professional career at Alvin High School in the Alvin Independent School District, where she served as a special education teacher and department chair from 1996 to 2002.

Flores then moved to Santa Fe Intermediate in the Santa Fe Independent School District, where she served as assistant principal for the 2002-2003 school year.

In 2003, Flores returned to Alvin High School, where she served as principal of the Freshman Center until 2005.

Most recently, Flores served as principal of Harby Junior High in the Alvin ISD.

Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis is enthusiastic about working with Flores.

"We are excited about Nancy Flores joining our PISD family at Morris Middle School. She will be a valuable asset to the district and the community," Lewis said.

Mosquitoes invade South Belt

Many residents have called the *Leader* recently in regards to the high presence of mosquitoes in the South Belt area.

According to Sandy Kachur, spokeswoman for the Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services Mosquito Control Division, areas are treated by the county only if there are confirmed cases of mosquito-borne diseases, such as the West Nile Virus.

These types of diseases are primarily transmitted by the Culex mosquito population.

The Mosquito Control Division has 268 traps spread throughout the county and routinely checks for disease.

Once an area has a confirmed case of WNV,

it is sprayed three times a week, while adjacent areas are sprayed once a week.

At this time, there have been no confirmed cases in the South Belt community.

While the county sprays only in areas with confirmed cases of disease-carrying mosquitoes, many homeowners associations do spray for general pest control.

Kachur said residents should use precaution against disease by using repellent when outside and by emptying all standing water, such as in children's swimming pools, pet dishes and drainage gutters.

For more information, visit www.hcphe.org/hemosquitoctrl or call 713-440-4800.

Suspected gambling hall raided

Multiple law enforcement agencies raided a suspected illegal gambling operation in the 12500 block of the Gulf Freeway at Fuqua Tuesday, July 20, at about 10:30 p.m.

Undercover FBI agents, deputies from the Harris County Sheriff's Office and officers from the Houston Police Department conducted the raid, which netted 14 arrests.

Police describe the location as a nondescript storefront with no signage, but noted the facility

was equipped with multiple surveillance cameras.

At press time, the Harris County District Attorney's Office was in the process of filing charges on those arrested for various gambling violations, and no names had been released.

Authorities say the operation is believed to be an underground poker house.

The suspects were taken away in police cars and a Harris County Sheriff's Office bus.

Thieves target Toyota trucks

There has been a recent wave in the South Belt area of thefts of catalytic converters from Toyota trucks and sport utility vehicles.

According to Sgt. Zerick Guinn of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the items have been taken from at least eight separate vehicles in the last few weeks.

Guinn said the catalytic converters are stolen primarily from late '90s model Toyota 4Runners but have also been reported missing from Toyota Sequoias and Tundras.

The crooks use a hacksaw to cut the items free from the vehicles, and unsuspecting drivers generally do not realize the theft has occurred until they start their car and hear a loud roaring

sound. They are commonly taken from SUVs and trucks because they have a higher clearance and are easier to get under.

Authorities say the catalytic converters are popular among thieves because they contain platinum and can cost up to \$1,400 to replace.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office has also reported a recent rash of the thefts, particularly in the Heritage Park subdivision in Friendswood.

Guinn advises owners of these vehicles to take preventative measures to ensure their safety.

"If you have one of the vehicles, use extra precaution," Guinn said. "A lot of these vehicles didn't have alarms, and you should always try to park in a garage."

Good Samaritans ripped off

A couple who reside in the 11400 block of Sageberry thought they were doing a good deed by allowing two homeless men to do odd jobs at their home, but became the victims of theft.

On Tuesday, July 20, at roughly 10:30 a.m., the pair of men agreed to trim some trees for the area residents, who paid the men up front.

The men told the homeowner they needed a piece to repair their chain saw and suggested the resident go to the hardware store to purchase it while they waited at the home.

Once the homeowner left, the two men told the

man's wife they were going to the store to buy a pack of cigarettes and would be right back.

The pair did not return to the residence.

When the homeowner returned, he noticed his pressure washer was missing and phoned police.

District Officer Dennis Cooper of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office spotted the two men, Roger Dale Picou, 38, and Christopher Garbs, 42, attempting to sell the described item at an area pawn shop.

Both men were arrested and charged with Class B theft.

Doubling space at Park & Ride



On Monday, July 12, the South Point Park and Ride expansion project finalized with the ribbon cutting for the new facility located at 12410 Kirland at Interstate 45 South. The capacity of the facility was more than doubled. The project was initiated by a report to the *Leader* by South Belt resident Donna Hetzler who reported that the Fuqua Park and Ride had exceeded capacity and cars were being towed due to parking in non-approved spaces. This was reported in a story written by Steven Barmore in the Aug. 21, 2008, edition of the *Leader*. Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan got the Metropolitan Transit Authority involved. They reported that the Fuqua facility was built out to capacity. METRO then agreed to increase the South Point facility. The facility will provide 390 extra parking spots in addition to the 376 existing spots for commuters on the 297 South Point/Monroe route. The cost for the expansion and improvements to the South Point facility was \$1.3 million. Some of those in attendance at the ribbon cutting were Sullivan, South Belt Chamber of Commerce vice-president Chris Clark, South Belt Chamber executive director Sally Mitchell, Donna Coleman representing Sen. Mike Jackson's office and representatives of METRO. Pictured are, left to right, Clark, Mitchell and Sullivan.

Photo by Matt Griesmyer

CCISD receives grant from BP

The Clear Creek Independent School District recently announced it will receive a \$3.4 million grant from BP America to convert 44 of its school buses to run on compressed natural gas.

The grant will also provide for the construction of a new fueling station, a compressed natural gas vehicle maintenance bay and additional parking at the school district's central support facility.

The money is part of a settlement the energy company reached with the federal government to compensate for the environmental impact of the 2005 Texas City refinery explosions that killed 15 people.

Under the settlement, BP America agreed to

pay \$12 million in penalties, spend \$161 million to reduce emissions at the Texas City refinery and set aside \$6 million to convert city vehicles and school buses from diesel to compressed natural gas.

CCISD officials said the conversion of the vehicles to compressed natural gas will come at no cost to the district.

In fact, the move is expected to save the school district money, as the converted buses will have better gas mileage.

Further, compressed natural gas produces less greenhouse gases than either gasoline or diesel.

The district, however, will still operate an additional 157 buses that run on diesel.

Reader's Opinion

Hughhins family thanks sponsors

The Hughhins Family would like thank everyone that helped make the Michael Joe Hughhins Benefit a success!
The benefit was held at The Nutty Bar on Saturday, July 10 and featured raffle

and auction items along with BBQ plates for sale; all monies received helped reduce the medical and funeral expenses incurred.

Members of the Hughhins Family would like to thank all the area businesses who supported this event with their generosity.

Hughhins Family

Guest Editorials

Build bases in America

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

For the future security posture of U.S. military forces and for the fiscal health of our nation, our military construction agenda should be guided by these words: build in America.

At the end of the Cold War, the U.S. military determined that our armed forces would be best trained and equipped for service when stationed on U.S. soil. Thus, our military adopted a "force protection" strategy that allows service members to deploy from home, rather than being based primarily overseas.

The Overseas Basing Commission reaffirmed the force projection strategy in 2005. It lauded the insights and vision behind Defense Department initiatives to transform the military and re-station tens of thousands of military personnel back on U.S. soil. Congress has legislated and appropriated accordingly.

We've now invested more than \$14 billion to build housing, stationing, training and deployment capacities at major military installations. Deployment of U.S. forces from Germany to Iraq, for example, was complicated by denials of air and ground routes through several European countries. We have proved we can best deploy from the United States — and we can do it more cost effectively.

However, the DoD's current military construction proposal would set in motion a worldwide transformation of U.S. basing that would expand our overseas presence. DoD is pursuing expensive, and in some cases duplicative, military construction projects in Europe, South Korea and Guam, without demonstrating adequate cost efficiencies, projected costs or a broader basing strategy.

This shift in global posture fundamentally disconnects with stateside basing capabilities and reverses the Overseas Basing Commission's recommendations. In Germany, massive plans are under way to move U.S. Army headquarters from Heidelberg to Wiesbaden — though European and African commands already have substantial infrastructure in Stuttgart, where more efficiencies would be available.

Not only would the projects create thousands of foreign jobs; they would also require continuous taxpayer funding to maintain facilities and training capabilities. This is a poor investment given the serious limitations to U.S. military training and deployment capabilities overseas. And it would create duplicate headquarters at several locations.

It costs nearly 15 percent less to build in the United States than in Germany. In addition, the U.S. military has invested \$1.4 billion in German infrastructure from 2006 to 2010, while Germany's contribution has averaged \$20 million per year — or less than 10 percent.

Our troops must have access to training areas where they can maneuver freely, conduct live-fire exercises and work with night-vision devices. Many overseas locations prohibit such intensive training. Others allow only certain aspects of the training to be done under closely circumscribed conditions.

These limitations hinder the readiness

Is your degree worth the cost?

By Mark Conrad, Owner - Express Employment Professionals Bay Area-Houston/Galveston, Texas

You've graduated from college. You have your degree in hand, and you're eager to join the work force. However, as a recent graduate you're entering the work force amidst high unemployment rates, and it may be difficult to land that first great job.

There is no doubt that you might be wondering if your degree is worth the cost since the average yearly price tag to attend a four-year public university was \$7,020 in 2009-2010, according to the College Board. The annual cost for attending a private university this past year was nearly four times greater than a public university at an average of \$26,273.

The monetary and time investment required to complete your degree is definitely worth the cost. You are more marketable, and you possess proven discipline to accomplish your goals. Recent studies also confirm college degrees can result in higher earnings and lower unemployment.

Over the course of a college graduate's working life, they typically earn more than a high school graduate. According to a study conducted by PayScale for Bloomberg Businessweek, a college degree may earn you closer to \$400,000 more than a high school degree over 30 years.

PayScale's study also revealed which colleges are most worth the money. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) topped the list for best annual return on investment (ROI). The average cost in 2009 to attend MIT was \$189,300. However, the 30-year ROI is calculated at \$1,688,000. This is an annual return of 12.6 percent.

In addition, top jobs for 2009-10 bachelor's degrees are for software design and development and field engineering. Results of a summer 2010 salary survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers show these degrees respectively garner average sal-

ary offers of \$62,505 and \$60,920.

It's a tough job market, but in May 2010, the unemployment rate for individuals with a bachelor's degree was 4.7 percent, half the rate for high school graduates. The unemployment rate for high school graduates was 10.9 percent.

A college degree will help you stand out in the crowd and is often required just to get your foot in the door at certain companies or within certain fields. Once you get your foot in the door, there are several things you can do to get the most out of your degree and increase your value within the company.

Show your leadership skills. You have had numerous opportunities in college to develop your leadership skills. Try putting those skills to work by taking the lead on new projects. Or, if you see opportunities for process improvement, make a presentation to your boss on how your suggested improvements can impact the bottom line.

Be professional. Prove that you are a professional by preparing for meetings, doing your research, and dressing for the job you want, not the job you have. Brush up on your e-mail etiquette and writing skills. Begin networking with professional groups, and volunteer for the tasks at work that others don't want to tackle.

Offer solutions. Show your value by being creative, thinking strategically and offering solutions. Sometimes it is easy to get so involved in details that you miss the overall picture. Approach each project strategically by setting goals and objectives. Strategic thinking will lead to more solutions and will help lead to more opportunities for your career growth.

A college degree is valuable and can put you at a greater advantage in the job market. By putting these tips into practice, you can help improve the value of your degree and your worth to the company.

Jackson appointed to chair committee

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst recently announced the appointment of Sen. Mike Jackson, R-LaPorte, as chair of the Senate Economic Development Committee.

"Senator Jackson is a successful Texas businessman and seasoned legislator. He understands first-hand what it takes to attract business, grow our economy and create jobs here in Texas," said Dewhurst.

The Senate Economic Development Committee is responsible for legislation and policy relating to economic development and job creation in Texas, including the Texas

Enterprise Fund and the Texas Emerging Technology Fund.

The committee will address legislation that will continue to improve the Texas work force allowing the state to remain a national leader in job growth and one of the strongest economies in the nation.

"I appreciate the hard work and dedication of all of the 31 fine members of the Texas Senate. Each is deeply committed to ensuring a bright future for the people they represent in their respective districts and all of our state's 25 million citizens," said Dewhurst.

Gov. Perry to help Texans obtain GEDs

Gov. Rick Perry recently proposed an initiative that will provide a business tax credit that in turn will help working Texans who never finished high school return to school to earn a diploma or GED.

"A single dropout is one dropout too many, so we must continue pursuing sensible education options that give every Texan a shot at a better life," Perry said. "With the help of the 82nd Legislature, we can continue this collaborative approach to improving education and keep removing the barriers that stand in the way of dropouts completing their education and taking their rightful place in our work force."

The proposal, which requires legislative action, would provide a tax incentive to employers who grant their employees two hours a week of paid time off to return to school or study for their GED. Once the employees have received their diploma or GED, the employer is then eligible to receive \$1,500 per student in credit toward sales tax liability.

Over the next biennium, the proposal would grant an estimated \$15 million in sales tax credits, based on an estimated 5,000 dropouts a year taking advantage of the program. The program would be restricted to high school dropouts age 18 and over who are legal residents of the state. All employers who pay sales taxes or directly remit sales taxes to the state and are in good standing, will be eligible to participate.

Ensuring that Texas remains a leader in job creation depends on the development of our workforce and is imperative to Texas' future prosper-

ity. Perry has previously outlined several education initiatives for the 2011 legislative session, including:

- A \$160 million expansion of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program, increasing the number and scope of T-STEM Academies and funding STEM scholarships to help ensure students receive a competitive education in these subjects.

- Expansion of the Virtual School Network (VSN) to improve access to high-quality courses for students who have dropped out of traditional high schools. The VSN was created during the 2007 Legislative session to establish a statewide network of online courses available to students across the state.

These virtual courses give students access to classes their schools may not offer, additional access to dual credit opportunities, and additional flexibility to help keep students in school.

- Generation Adelante/Generación Adelante, which encourages Texas high school graduates to pursue higher education by providing them with information about college applications, financial aid and college visits. These college fairs also give students the opportunity to speak with representatives from more than 30 colleges, universities and technical colleges from across the state.

- Requiring high school students to be enrolled in school or working toward a GED to be eligible to for a Texas driver license.

For more information about the governor's education priorities, visit <http://governor.state.tx.us/priorities/education/>.

McKay named Dance Student of the Year

Kennedy Dance Theatre, KDT, recently honored Michelle McKay as Student of the Year at its annual recital for all of her hard work and dedication throughout the year. She was also recog-

nized for being a positive role model for the KDT family. She is the daughter of Randy and Carla McKay of Sagemont.

McKay began dancing at the age of 4 at Miss Ja-

son's Children of the Future after-school dance program, and has been with KDT ever since. She has attended numerous dance competitions including KAR and Showstoppers and has also chor-

ographed several duets, winning first place.

In 2005, McKay performed in *The Nutcracker* with the Festival Ballet, and in 2006 she joined the Ballet Ensemble of Texas. She has studied at Broadway Dance Center in New York and recently attended the Space City Tap Fest where she performed with the TNT Tappers.

Currently McKay dances with KDT's Pre-Professional Company and serves as an assistant teacher at the studio. She was recently accepted into Ballet Austin's Summer 2010 Intensive.

In addition to dancing, McKay will begin her junior year as an honor student at Dobie High School in the fall. McKay aspires to continue dancing as part of her career, "It's a great way to express yourself, and it makes me happy. I can't imagine life without it!"

As Student of the Year, McKay was awarded a full scholarship to KDT's Summer Workshops where she will be dancing in the annual *I Love NY* performance held on Aug. 6 at the University of Houston. For more information, call 281-480-8441 or visit www.kenedydance.com.



Dobie student Michelle McKay, right, receives Kennedy Dance Theatre's Student of the Year award from Mary Lee Kennedy of KDT. Photo submitted

St. Luke's installs CDC officers



The newly elected officers of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Mother of Unity #2292 of The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist were recently installed. The installation ceremony was presided by the Rev. Thomas Puthusseril, parochial vicar at St. Luke's and the Texas State Court Regent Shelia Martinka of Deer Park. Members new to the court were led in the formal pledge. After the ceremony, attendees were invited to St. Luke's Social Hall to help celebrate the Court's 23rd birthday. The Court meets on the second Tuesday of each month with the exception of July and August at St. Luke's Social Hall at 6:45

p.m. for food and fellowship. The business meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. All Catholic women in good standing in the area are invited to attend any meeting. One need not be a parishoner at St. Luke's to become a member of the Court. For further information about the Court and its activities, call 281-484-4170. New officers pictured are, left to right, (front row) Carolyn Friend, vice regent; Yvette Gonzalez, treasurer; Stephanie Piccola, financial secretary; Hortense Richardson, recording secretary; (back row) Sheila Martinka, CDA state regent; Puthusseril; and Gere Korenek, regent.

Photo submitted

Deaths

Mildred F. Campbell

Mildred F. Campbell, 84, died Thursday, July 15, 2010, surrounded by family and close friends. She was a South Belt resident.

Campbell was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Ray Campbell.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Angelle, granddaughter Stacey Martinez, niece Charlotte Floyd, and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held at Niday Funeral Home on July 21, 2010. Campbell was laid to rest with her husband at Veterans Memorial Cemetery on July 22, 2010.

Elmer Lee Cameron

Elmer Lee Cameron, 63, of South Belt, died Thursday, July 15, 2010, at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital after a five-year battle with lung cancer.

He was born in Arkansas on June 12, 1947, and lived there with his mother, two sisters and one brother until he served in the U.S. Army as an aircraft mechanic during the Vietnam War. His last place of employment was Bob Jones RV.

Cameron is survived by



his wife, Tonya Cameron of Houston, his daughter and son-in-law, Van and Keith Shotwell of Alvin, and his daughter and son-in-law Allison and Rodd Rizzo of Pearland.

Other survivors include seven grandchildren: Breigh, Drew, Brooke and Reese Shotwell, and Cameron, Bryce and Aiden Rizzo. He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Norman Duvall, sister and brother-in-law Katy and David Kenison, and brother Wayne Simms, who all reside in Arkansas with their families.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Anna Lee Simms, niece Sherry Raggio, and his baby daughter, Kristie Cameron.

A funeral service was held Saturday, July 17, 2010, at Forest Park East Funeral Home in Webster with burial following.

Leader Obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the Leader are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the Leader style.

TxDOT begins survey of traffic to, from different businesses

The Texas Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, is conducting a survey of Houston-Galveston area businesses to obtain information about the amount of traffic going to and from different types of businesses.

Visitors to some area businesses may soon be asked to participate in a brief travel survey being conducted by TxDOT. Over the next few months, TxDOT-sponsored surveyors will be stationed at some area businesses to ask visitors to answer a few questions about their travel to the location. TxDOT encourages all who are asked to participate in the survey but emphasizes that participation is totally voluntary.

The purpose of this workplace travel survey is to help local and state officials in deciding:

- where new roads and transit service should be planned;
- what existing roads and transit routes should be improved; and
- which roadway projects being considered over the next few years will be of greatest benefit to the residents of the H-GAC study

area. TxDOT and H-GAC plan for transportation improvement projects every year for Houston-Galveston and the surrounding counties located within the area boundary.

TxDOT and H-GAC develop a computer model of major roadways to help in planning and prioritizing area transportation projects. The model will evaluate future traffic conditions based on factors such as traffic generated by residents and businesses within the study area and traffic coming from outside the area.

The survey will collect information on the amount of traffic going to and from local businesses needed as input into the model.

The workplace survey is being conducted along with a commercial vehicle survey to study traffic amounts and patterns. A household survey was just completed. Area businesses will be randomly contacted by phone and invited to take part in the survey. The Weighted Systematic Sampling Procedure will be used to select a business. All area businesses have an equal chance in being selected. TxDOT encourages

all employers who are called to participate, but again emphasizes that participation is totally voluntary. TxDOT says employers may find the survey informative and use-

ful. For more information about this study, contact Charlie Hall, TxDOT Travel Survey Program manager, at 512-486-5120.

Olson opposes EPA Air Permit Program

Rep. Pete Olson issued the following statement in opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency's disapproval of the flexible permit program that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality submitted for inclusion in its clean-air implementation plan:

"I'm deeply disappointed with the EPA's decision to reject the flexible air permits of 122 facilities in Texas, leaving them without legal operating permits. The federal government must regulate sensibly and consider the practical implications of its actions. The inflexibility of EPA's regulatory mandate will cost Texas thousands of jobs.

"TCEQ has been willing to work with EPA to adopt different standards and have been rebuffed. There has been a 22 percent reduction

in ozone and 46 percent decrease in NOX emissions in Texas since 2000, all while increasing output. From 2000 to 2009, Texas' annual refinery operable crude oil distillation capacity increased by 11.9 percent. There should be a solution that protects the flexible program — which has improved air quality in Texas — without the heavy hand of the federal government."

The TCEQ approved proposed revisions to the state's flexible permit rules. The public comment period on the rules package runs through Aug. 2, 2010. The state must then finalize its proposal and submit it to EPA for review. EPA will examine the new rules when submitted, but has taken early action to disapprove the permits now.

Rivera, Rezek named two of Houston's 10 Outstanding Nurses



Marina Rivera

she did inspire her to pursue a path in health care.

"My mother yearned to be a nurse, and I always wanted to be a doctor," she said. "I got married early and moved to Germany. When I returned, I thought I was too old to become a doctor. I felt I needed to hurry and move on with my career."

Rivera still wanted to work in medicine, but it would not be as a physician. Instead, she began her career in health care as a housekeeping secretary in a large hospital. She soon moved to admitting where the schedule allowed her to continue her education.

Rivera earned an associate degree in San Jacinto College's nursing program. Going to school in the day, working evenings, pulling all-nighters to complete class work and exams, Rivera proved she was determined and committed to her dream. Later, with a daughter and son at home, Rivera balanced work and home life while earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch.

Every day, she continues to hone her skills and advance her medical knowledge.

Next spring Rivera plans to earn a Master of Arts as a nurse practitioner - a degree she will be proud to have. She knows it may not be the medical doctor degree she hoped for as a child healing her dolls, but she says to her it is even better.

As a nurse practitioner, she plans to be more involved with her patients. "I want to be more interactive with patients and make more decisions; basically work more like a doctor," Rivera said.

St. Joseph Medical Center is more to Rivera than the place that first hired her six years ago; it is her sanctuary. "I came here for a job, but I stay here because I love this place," said Rivera. "My work has allowed me to personally grow. I would like

to teach so that I can inspire students to become better nurses."

She's already an inspiration to her colleagues through her giving nature toward patients, colleagues and doctors.

"Every day I leave St. Joseph I re-evaluate my day," Rivera said. "I ask, 'What could I have done better? How can I improve? How can I help others improve?' I want to know that I've done my best to care for patients who put their trust in me."

Rivera's dedication to quality care helped save one patient's life in the emergency room, said Trish Guthrie, St. Joseph's nursing operations manager, who nominated Rivera for the Outstanding Nurse award.

A patient arrived in the emergency room with severe leg pain on a busy night. As he waited to see the doctor, he became impatient and told Rivera he was leaving. Rivera convinced him to stay for a few minutes while she went to the ER physician and shared her assessment and concern that the patient was suffering from deep vein thrombosis. The doctor agreed to see the patient next.

Rivera rushed to tell the patient the doctor would meet with him. She also expressed her concern that he could not wait until the next day to see his personal doctor. He needed immediate attention. The patient opted to stay and get the care he needed, which included surgery.

"Throughout surgery, recovery and outpatient follow-up, this patient reminded Marina if it had not been for her persistence he would have lost his leg," said Guthrie. "He was grateful to Marina for his ability to walk; he'll never forget how important it was to be seen in the ER."

Guthrie saw Rivera in a new light. She already respected and trusted her colleague, but now valued her medical opinions even more.

So when Guthrie required a similar surgery, she turned to her friend for help. "I was scared to death about a similar procedure scheduled for me. Marina shared an article written by my surgeon, which reassured me," Guthrie said.

In thinking through her career, Rivera recalled a patient whose demanding wife stood vigil by his side. While some saw her as difficult, Rivera reminded them that the patient's wife was just doing what nurses do every day, giving of herself to ensure her husband would return to good health.

"She used all her zeal and energy to do what was needed for her husband, including calling a radio station to start a blood drive when her husband needed platelets," Rivera remembered.

Giving her all is a characteristic, Rivera brings to her job every day.

One patient told her he was dying and did not have much time left. She clasped his hand, promising to be with him until the end. He requested his family be by his side. Rivera did everything she could to reach them.

When there was no answer at home, she begged St. Joseph security to contact Houston police.

They tracked down the patient's family before it was too late. They joined Rivera at their father's side before he died.

When asked what advice she would give aspiring nurses to help them shine in the nursing field, Rivera's answer was simple. She said, "Always stay focused on your dreams and do not ever lose sight that your task is caring for people. The minute you forget your primary role is to take care of your patient, what I call the humanistic approach to caring for patients, you need to find another line of work," Rivera adds, becoming emotional about a nurse's role. "Nurses who provide humanistic care help patients heal."



Christina Rezek

ing, Rezek attended nursing school in Mesa, Ariz., while caring for her two young children. After graduating, she worked for a year in labor and delivery and high-risk obstetrics at Mesa Samaritan Hospital.

Another conversation with her sister would encourage Rezek to move to Houston for a better nursing career, improved pay, and a better family life. At the time, her brother-in-law worked at St. Joseph and recommended she talk with nursing director. Rezek paged the director, and, to her surprise, the director called back. Following a 40-minute conversation, Rezek was convinced to look for a nursing job in Houston.

St. Joseph was her first interview. After the tour of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and a job offer, Rezek cancelled all other interviews and started her career in the NICU. "I was scared to death of working in the NICU," Rezek recalls. "But they called me back, offered me the job and promised to train me. Now, I would not work anywhere else."

Rezek received the promised training and has excelled. "I do everything I can do to educate myself so that I can be better prepared to help the families," Rezek said. She also does everything she can to help educate other nurses. She is known to her colleagues as the bereavement care expert, and she teaches classes on neonatal resuscitation and a unique process for caring for NICU babies call S.T.A.B.L.E. which provides nurses an understanding of how to monitor sugar, temperature, airways, blood pressure and lab work, as well as emotions in dealing with some of the tiniest of

When asked to respond to the honor, Rezek quickly pointed out that St. Joseph had two nurses place among the top 10. "I am so proud that Marina Rivera and I were honored as outstanding nurses. It shows the caliber of nurses we have on staff at St. Joseph," she said. "We have a great team. I am just one person among the hundreds of nurses here at St. Joseph with similar stories who compassionately care for their patients.

"It is a great honor. I was floored, absolutely floored, when I read the achievements of the other nurses honored," she said.

It is the teamwork that drew Rezek to the hospital. During a job interview she toured St. Joseph's Neonatal Unit and was moved as she watched nurses working together, helping each other and interacting as a family. "They all knew one another's names," she recalls. "At a big hospital, they would not know me from Joe."

Working, caring and family are important to Rezek who developed an interest in nursing while struggling with her own difficult pregnancy. She spent time in a hospital and noticed how nurses cared for her and her baby. "I can do that," she recalls thinking.

Her sister, who works as a nurse in Houston, and her father encouraged her to pursue nursing. Her father believed that nursing was a good career and that it could take her places. He has since died but Rezek is sure he was smiling as he watched her receive the top nursing honor.

With the family's blessing,

babies.

In contrast to her reluctance to stand in the spotlight, Rezek aggressively seeks out opportunities to become the primary nurse for the most challenging and complex NICU patients, according to her NICU colleague Gail Werkman. "One of Christina's areas of expertise is caring for babies who are dying," Werkman said. "She makes sure the families understand the care being provided, involves families in caring for their infant, and helps them create lasting memories."

Rezek makes sure families get to hold their dying child and she creates mementos for the families to cherish - an idea she borrowed from her

children.

One Mother's Day she received a plaster handprint from one of her children. Some time later as she watched parents clutch ink copies of their babies' hand and footprints, she remembered the plaster handprint from her own children and considered that as a cherished gift to families of her NICU babies. She drove to Hobby Lobby, purchased plaster and practiced making plaster hand and footprints. She spent three days teaching other NICU nurses how to make hand, foot and ear prints for the NICU families, now a cherished tradition in the St. Joseph Neonatal Unit.

Each year the NICU hosts

a reunion for its patients and families. Rezek attends all the reunions and shares stories and hugs with families. She also runs into families of her NICU babies out in the community. The families remember her compassionate care.

In fact, she will be attending a 1-year birthday party for one of her NICU babies who was not expected to survive.

"We are here to provide the best care we can to our babies," Rezek said. "It is a tough job; I shed plenty of tears. Yet every week we have positive experiences when our care delivers miracles and we can watch the babies grow up along with their families."

SJC awarded \$4.7 million for health care training

The U.S. Department of Labor announced this week that San Jacinto College has been awarded more than \$4.7 million in federal funding to train potential and incumbent workers in a variety of health care fields.

In partnership with Brazosport College, Lee College, College of the Mainland, and health care industry partners, the Gulf Coast Health Care Partnership Project seeks to increase the number of trained health care professionals to meet the increasing demands of local employers within a five-county area.

The four colleges will target more than 1,500 residents, including those who may be new to the field, as well as unemployed and incumbent health care workers residing in the Texas Gulf Coast region. Funding will cover tuition and fees, equipment purchases and instructional costs.

The project will cover training in the areas of certified nursing assist, phlebotomy, EKG technician, licensed vocational nursing, LVN to associate degree nursing, and medical laboratory technician. Credentials range from industry certification to associate degree. The project is designed on a career ladder concept facilitating entry and upward movement regardless of education level or skills.

"This career ladder con-

cept gives participants an option to enter their respective training program and obtain certification at the entry level or continue the program to earn an associate degree," said Kelly Simons, vice president for resource development at San Jacinto College. "For example, a student could enter without any credentials and become an aide, or if they have the first credential and wish to advance in their career, they could enter as a medical assistant or an LVN to become a medical lab technician or transition to a registered nurse degree."

"In this global economy where we have to compete with the entire world, it's important that all Texans gain the skills and get the education they need to qualify for good paying jobs," said U.S. Sen. John Cornyn. "If we have the best educated and best trained work force possible, then Texans can compete with anybody, anywhere in the world."

Health care is one of the country's largest industries, providing more than 14.3 million jobs in the United States in 2008, according to the DOL. The industry is expected to generate 3.2 million new wage and salary jobs between 2008 and 2018, more than any other industry, and salaries are projected to increase 22 percent by 2018.

Industry partners on this

project include the Texas Medical Center, the world's largest medical complex; community hospitals; and the Hospital Corporation of America, the primary corporate partner for the GCHC Partnership Project, and Harris County's 11th largest employer.

"This is another example of collaboration between education and industry partners to bring federal funding to the Texas Gulf Coast area to promote work force training," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "We appreciate Senator Cornyn for making us aware of this incredible opportunity."

Since Sept. 2009, San Jacinto College has received more than \$18 million in grant funding across a broad spectrum of disciplines to train local workers - half of which is a collaborative effort with community, industry, and education partners. In March, San Jacinto College was awarded a \$4.7 million grant from the DOL to collaborate with Brazosport College and Lee College to train workers in the petrochemical and energy industries.

San Jacinto College is the only community college in this area to receive this Community-Based Job Training Grant from the DOL.

For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.

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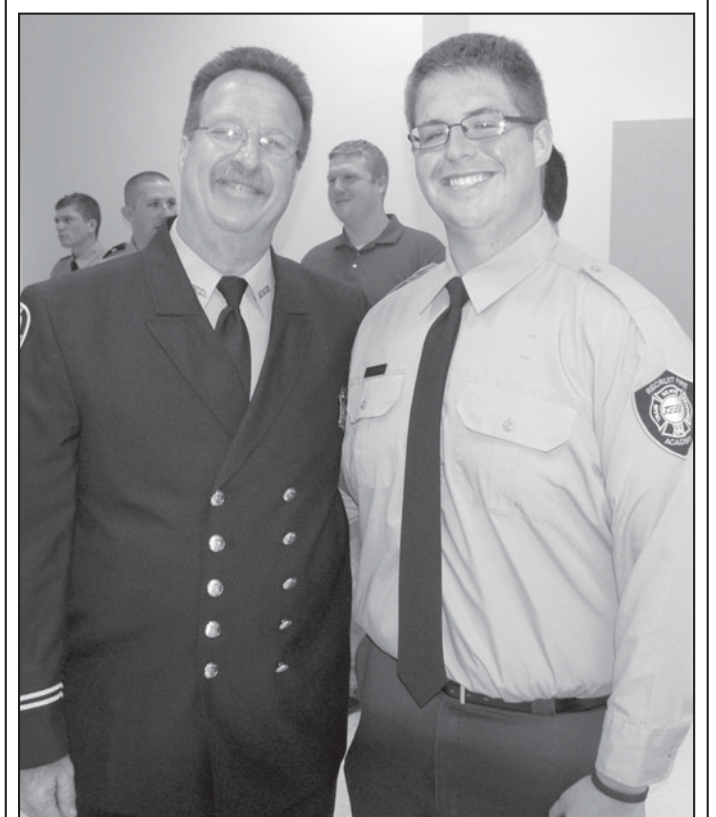
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Hoggard graduates from TEEEX Fire Academy at A&M



Avery Hoggard (right), son of Robert and Lindy Hoggard of South Belt, graduated from TEEEX Fire Academy in the Texas A&M School System on June 25, 2010. Hoggard is also a certified EMT-B for the state of Texas. He follows numerous family members in the fire service including his father, Robert Hoggard (left), member of HFD for 32 years, and several close family friends. Hoggard plans to attend school in the fall to pursue his paramedic certification. He graduated from Dobie High School in 2006.

Photo submitted



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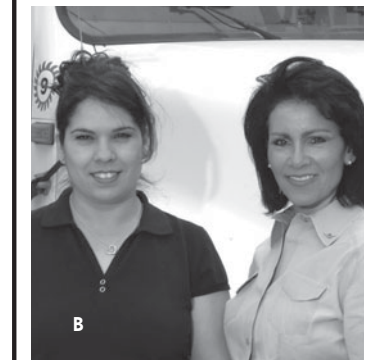
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McReynolds shoots hole-in-one



Bob McReynolds, member of the Bandit's Golf Club, shot his first hole-in-one Monday, June 28, at Stephen F. Austin Golf Club in San Felipe, Texas, near Sealy. It was on hole 14, a par 3, for 130 yards with an 8-iron. He and his wife, Loretta, have been South Belt area residents for more than 40 years.

Photo submitted

Over The Back Fence by Jan

HAPPY 2ND ANNIVERSARY!
Happy second anniversary blessings on July 26 are sent to **Steven and Rebecca (Heeth) Irvine** of Pearland from mom and dad, **Nancy and Richard Heeth** of Kirkwood.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 22 through July 28.

Burnett Elementary
Celebrating a birthday July 27 is **Celestina Morgado**.

Meador Elementary
The day for a birthday cake for **Maria Garza** is July 25.

Moore Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Christal Blakeway** July 22. On July 26, **Gloria Guillen** and **Myra Nevarez** share a birthday.

South Belt Elementary
July 22 is the day for a birthday surprise for **Maria Arriaga**. Double birthday wishes are sent to **Myra Nevarez** and **Sara Simmons** July 26. **Stefanie Cockrell** marks a birthday July 27.

Melillo Middle School
The day for a birthday party for **Rachel Sheffield** is July 22.

Morris Middle School
Blow out the birthday candles for **Teresa King** July 22.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Birthday greetings are sent to **Juana Vega** July 23.

The day for a cake for **Lois Evans** is July 26.

Dobie High
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Kevin Erickson** and **Gary Wilkerson** July 22. On July 24, **Rebekka Gabino** and **Cam Luong** share a birthday. Double birthday greetings are sent to **Mo Hickman** and **Linda Rhoden** July 25. Wishes for a happy birthday are sent on July 26 to **Tammeka Lewis**. A birthday is celebrated by **Robert Salinas** July 27.

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Wings Over Houston Airshow Oct. 23, 24

The 26th annual Wings Over Houston Airshow takes flight Saturday, Oct. 23, and Sunday, Oct. 24, at Ellington Airport with aerial performances, aerobatics and demonstrations.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will captivate audiences with the team's precision formations in the F-16C Fighting Falcon.

The 2010 Wings Over Houston Airshow features aerobatic performances by Sean D. Tucker and Team Oracle, Julie Clark in the Chevron Mentor, and John Klatt Airshows.

The *Tora!Tora!Tora!* will reenact the World War II air power attack on Pearl Harbor.

Also returning will be a firepower demonstration with the Korea/Vietnam era aircraft, including the Huey helicopter, AD-4 Skyraider, O-2 Forward Air Command "Oscar Ducee" and AC-47 Spooky Gunship.

A new addition in the line-up is the Smoke-n-Thunder USO Jet Car, a 26-foot-long rocket that never leaves the ground. Its Westinghouse jet engine churns 10,000 horsepower and pumps about 6,000 pounds of thrust. When driver Bill Braack cranks it, this jet car can hit a speed of 400 mph in eight seconds.

Military demonstrations include the C-17 Globemaster III, A-10 Warthog West Coast Demo Team, Air Force Heritage Flight, U.S. Coast Guard MH65C Dolphin Helicopter and U.S. Navy F/A-18C Hornet from the West Coast Demo Team. Also new this year will be a C-130 cargo drop demonstration.

"Wings Over Houston Airshow is one of the most patriotic events in our area. We honor our servicemen and women of the past and those serving now all over the world. Our event strives to provide a wide range of top level aviation entertainment and education by honoring aviation's rich history in addition to celebrating new advancements in the field," said Bill Roach, executive director of Wings Over Houston Airshow. "We greatly appreciate our loyal volunteers, sponsors, fans, and members of the media as the event could not be a success without each and every one of you."

Other highlights of the 2010 Airshow include the Legends & Heroes Autograph Tent, 6th Cavalry Historical Association, Military Museum of Texas, and Houston Fire Museum vehicle displays.

Airshow tickets are on sale now. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 through 11, and free for children 5 and under.

Reserved "Prime-View" seats at the "50-yard-line" are \$40 and include reserved parking and an event program.

Eagle Squadron Hospitality tickets are \$125 and include reserved seating, catered food and beverages throughout the day, reserved parking and a souvenir cap, program and poster.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 888-4-FLYSHOW or by visiting www.wingsoverhouston.com.

Parking at Ellington Airport is extremely limited so riding bus transportation is recommended.

Bus shuttles will run from Bay Area Park and Ride (801 Bay Area Blvd.) and Fuqua Park and Ride (11755 Sabo Road).

Shuttles run from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m., with the last shuttle inbound to Ellington Airport departing at 2:30 p.m.

Round trip shuttle fare is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5 through 11, and free for children 4 and under.

New course encourages student involvement, success at San Jac

This fall, a new San Jacinto College course will provide key information to pave the way for student success in college.

The required studies skills course, listed as GUST 0305, will be taught by some of the college's top educators and administrators and include such topics as setting goals, commitment, motivation, career planning, networking, utilizing campus resources, exam preparation and more.

"I relate this course to case management," said Earl Godfrey, dean of enrollment services at the South campus. "We have this group of eager students who want to be successful, and we need to equip them with the tools and point them in the right direction."

Not to be confused with a typical lecture course, GUST is designed to connect students with SJC faculty and staff. Instructors have been trained on developing projects and interactive syllabuses to promote conversation inside and outside the classroom.

"This is an opportunity to show students the variety of possibilities that exist in college, beyond what they initially thought," said Dr. Rebecca Goosen, dean of college preparatory.

The GUST course replaces the college's developmental course and is geared toward improving retention rates. They will be offered at all three SJC campuses for all incoming freshmen students.

"We want students to feel comfortable around the people they often see at the college, make those bonds and increase conversation between one another," said Goosen. "We want them to become master students."

For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.

Supervisory techniques workshop at UHCL

Effective Application of Supervisory Techniques will be held July 26-27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bayou Building at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston.

Learn to take charge through effective decision-making, problem-solving and interpersonal communication at this two-day seminar for supervisors, managers and soon-to-be-promoted supervisors.

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Sagmont residents were receiving checks from the liquidation of Sagmont Maintenance Committee assets which were payable to "homeowners." This was confusing renters and could have caused legal problems.

The nude body of an unidentified female murder victim was found floating in the sand pit directly behind Beverly Hills Park.

Vandalism was becoming a major problem in the Sagemeadow and Kirkwood South parks.

A South Belt area female was abducted from Alameda Mall and raped by a man wielding a gun.

25 years ago (1985)
A prekindergarten program for qualified 4-year-olds was to begin the following September at Atkinson Elementary.

The Sagmont-Beverly Hills Junior All-Stars won

the Houston Metro Championship and advanced to the National Junior Olympic Tournament in Las Cruces, N.M.

The PISD elementary gifted and talented program expanded to include Atkinson and Meador. This resulted in all six South Belt area schools having the program.

W.B. "Bill" Smith, Beverly Hills' first, and at that time, only principal, announced his upcoming retirement.

South Belt Security Alliance failed in its attempt to get a gag injunction against Southeast Security, but a Harris County judge issued a warning to both sides to stay clear of one another.

20 years ago (1990)
South Belt MUD customers were preparing to convert to surface water by the end of the year. The change would bring higher water bills since the city owned the water.

Dr. Richard Cook, who had worked with and written about incineration for the U.S. government and other agencies, was the featured speaker at a South Belt area citizens' meeting.

Dr. Ron McLeod began his job as superintendent of the Clear Creek Independent School District.

Development of Ellington Field took another step with the addition of passenger service offered by Continental Express.

Pasadena ISD board members hoped to save \$500,000 in annual maintenance by hiring an outside firm to manage the department.

In order to meet rising demands for personnel, PISD board members agreed to hire approximately 250 new people, which would include 100 new teaching positions.

15 years ago (1995)
A leech was used to find

an artery in the hand of 2 1/2 year old Joshua Makuale after he lost two fingers on one hand. The tot had stuck his hand into a running lawnmower and had to have reconstructive surgery.

The Clear Creek Independent School District board unanimously agreed to hire John E. Wilson to replace outgoing superintendent Ronald McLeod.

The Christopher Edward Williams Memorial Leadership Scholarship fund was set up at the Texas Commerce Bank on Beltway 8.

Local constable deputies arrested three teens for allegedly burglarizing vacant homes in Southbelt.

10 years ago (2000)
Jacob Pearsall, 19, died of injuries from a motorcycle accident.

Justice Eric Andell of the 1st Court of Appeals visited the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon.

David and Cissy Chollett adopted two Ukrainian babies, Garrett and Sidnee.

5 years ago (2005)
CCISD trustees moved to delay legal action against the city of League City in an attempt to resolve issues concerning the district's fourth high school.

The long-awaited connection between Scarsdale and Yost roads was a step closer with the letting of the contract for the Harris County portion. The \$6,187,916.35 contract for the paved roadway and the bridge over Clear Creek dividing Harris County and Pearland was awarded to Infrastructure Services, Inc. It was expected to take 365 days to meet with the Pearland side.

PISD was studying options to replace Superintendent Dr. Rick Schneider after he announced his retirement effective December, 2005. The scope of applicants was limited to PISD

employees. Kirk Lewis, assistant superintendent under Schneider, was eventually hired as superintendent.

Former Dobie student Gerald Green was drafted by the Boston Celtics basketball team. Green, a Wood Meadow resident, was the 18th pick in the draft.

1 year ago (2009)
Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan held a town hall meeting to discuss area flooding and drainage issues. In addition to Sullivan, officials from the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department, the Harris County Flood Control District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were on hand to field questions. Also attending the meeting were representatives from the offices of U.S. Rep. Pete Olson, Rep. John Davis, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner El Franco Lee and Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Sylvia Garcia. Roughly 150 residents attended the function, with many waiting in line to voice their concerns.

A fatal traffic accident took place in the 10000 block of Gil Jr. Lane near Alameda Mall. A 49-year-old driver had just returned home from getting his driver's license when he mistakenly hit the accelerator and crashed into his garage, killing his wife and mother-in-law and seriously injuring his 6-year-old nephew. A Houston police officer who lived at the home heard the crash and attempted to administer CPR but was unsuccessful. The two were pronounced dead at the scene. The boy was taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital with a collapsed lung and damaged spleen. No charges were filed on the driver.

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Lions Club meets July 27
The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, July 27, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

Barry meets Pawn Star

South Belt resident Jeff Barry (right) is shown in Las Vegas with Chumlee (Austin Russell) from *Pawn Stars* which airs on the History channel.

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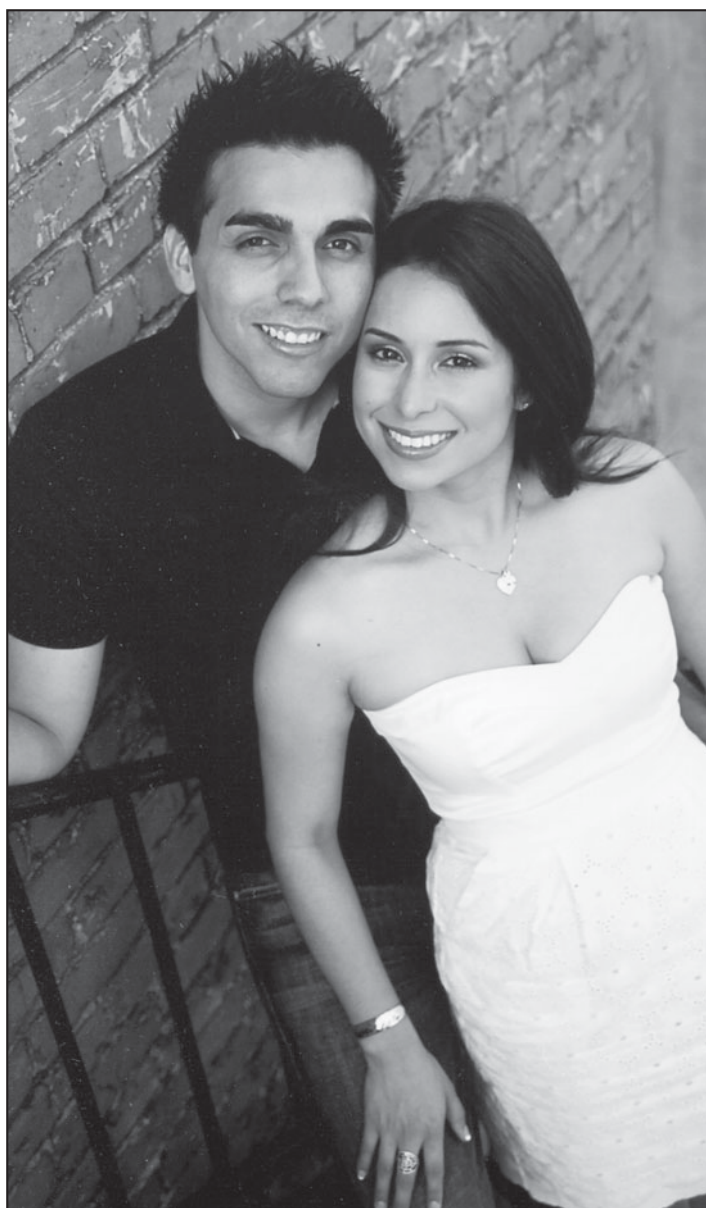
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James, Perry to marry

Margaret S. and Bernard L. Veal of Sagegen announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kourtney LaCarole James, to Timothy Irving Perry, son of Ann Perry-Warren of Zachary, La., and Timothy Perry Sr. and Phyllis Perry of Wilson, La. The bride is also the daughter of the late Joseph L. James. She graduated from Clear Brook High School in 1998, Harvard University in 2002 with a degree in history of science, and Stanford University Law School in 2005 with a juris doctorate. She is currently working as an associate attorney at Vinson & Elkins LLP. The groom graduated from Scotlandville Magnet High School in 1995 in Baton Rouge, La., the University of Oklahoma in 2001 with a degree in mechanical engineering, and the Henry B. Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa in 2004 with a Masters of Business Administration. He currently works as a project manager for RRI Energy. The couple are planning a mid-August wedding at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

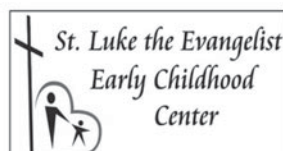


Flores, Fernandez wed in double-ring ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. Rene Fernandez

Michelle Flores and Rene Fernandez were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony on Saturday, June 26, at the All Saints Catholic Church in Houston with the Rev. Adam S. McClosky officiating. The bride was given in marriage by her father. A reception followed at the Petroleum Club of Houston. The bride is the daughter of Sally and Ricky Flores of South Belt. The groom is also a 2001 Dobbie graduate. In May 2008 he graduated from the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in marketing and management. She is currently a sales representative for Republic National Distributing. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in San Francisco.



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Tanksley attends first Astros game



Isaiah Ryan Tanksley, son of Ryan and Beth Tanksley and grandson of Sheila and Eli Tanksley, attends his first Houston Astros baseball game on Tuesday, July 6, against the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Astros went on to win that night, and the series against the Pirates. Photo submitted

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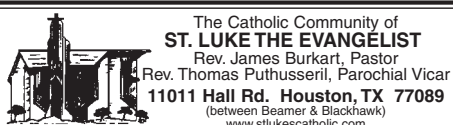
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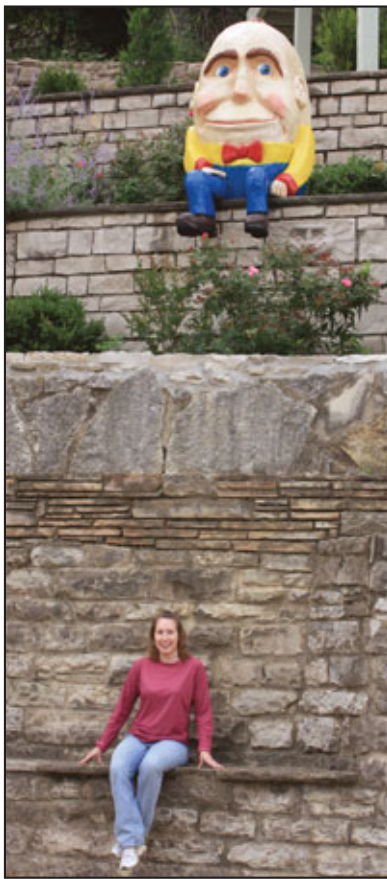
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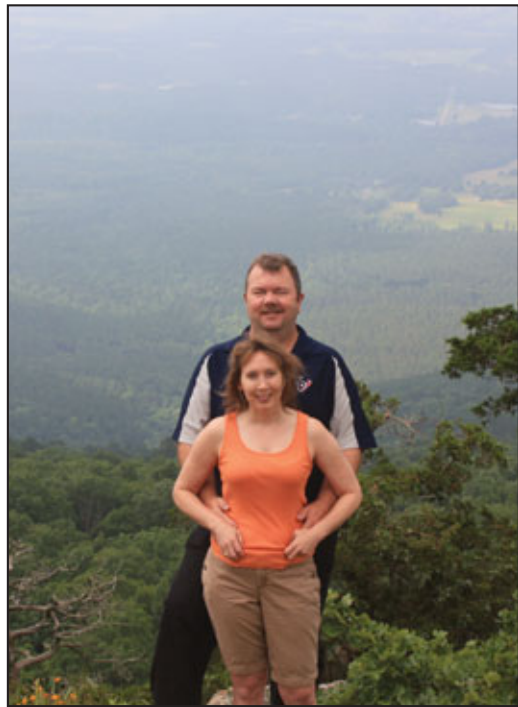
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Caudills bike to Arkansas

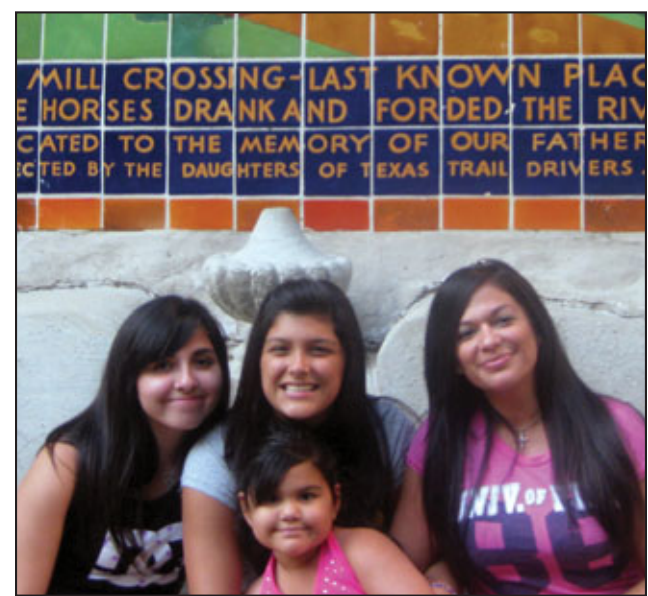


South Belters David and Judi Caudill are members of a local motorcycle group, www.midlifecycles.com. The couple went on a trip with 26 bikes and 35 people to Mount Magazine State Park in Arkansas. Pictured above are David and Judi on their motorcycle. Below left, Judi poses with Humpty Dumpty, and below, David and Judi overlook the park.



Leons spend time in San Antonio

The Leons took a weekend vacation to San Antonio. Pictured top right are Cameron (front), Sara, Priscilla and Jenny at the Riverwalk. Bottom right are Cameron (top), Sara and Priscilla leaving the Rainforest Cafe, and pictured below, Cameron poses with Snow White's seven dwarfs at the wax museum.

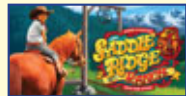


Trio cheers for Astros in Arlington



From left, Angela Smith, Judy Wells and Kathy Freeborn Plaza (JFK shooting site), enjoyed the Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, and braved I-35 traffic for necessary shopping at Cabela's. Besides being loyal Astro fans, the three South Belt friends are all teachers and members of Sagemont Church.

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Caudills, friends at glass church



While biking through Arkansas, the Caudills stopped with friends at a glass church in the mountains near Eureka Springs. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Kelly Sewell, Judi Caudill, former Sagemont residents Jean and Jim Kramer, (back row) former South Belt residents Sheri, Craig and Natalie Weisiger.
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Bay Area Football League starts practices July 24

Now boasting a 19-team alignment, the Bay Area Football League is set to start practices July 24 in anticipation of the regular season, which will come Aug. 14.

Each of the league's programs is eligible to begin practicing three weeks prior to opening day.

Locally, the Ellington Rams will get started July 14 at Wilson Park. The practice session will run from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

The Sagemont Cowboys will practice from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m., at El Franco Lee Park.

The Southbelt Dolphins will practice from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Blackhawk Park.

Players in each of the programs are asked to arrive in uniform and ready to take the field promptly.

When the regular season opens Aug. 14, the Ellington Rams will host the Hitchcock Red Raiders at South Houston High School.

Sagemont begins the regular season on the road against the Manvel Vikings at Manvel High School, and the Southbelt Dolphins will host the Texas City Stingarees at Blackhawk Park.

The pee wee division starts the action at 8 a.m., followed by the seniors at 9 a.m., the juniors at 10:45 a.m., the sophomores at 12:30 p.m., and the freshmen at 2:45 p.m.

High school volleyball coaches back to work

Area high school parking lots might be empty right now, but it won't be long before the first wave of traffic pours in courts of volleyball coaches and players.

High school workouts will begin Aug. 2, and scrimmages will take place Aug. 6-7. The regular season opens Aug. 10 as Dobie plays at Manvel as part of a tri-match that also includes Alvin.

Clear Brook will host St. Agnes to begin the regular season Aug. 10.

How will things go for Clear Brook and Dobie? That answer may not come for a while.

The University Interscholastic League's new two-year realignment kicks in this fall, and the competitive dynamics have changed area-wide, especially in 22-5A and 24-5A.

In District 22-5A, Deer Park and Dobie figure to be the top two teams to beat entering the regular season.

Deer Park will be the preseason favorite to win the district title, while Dobie will be in rebuilding mode after losing seven seniors who played quite a bit.

But even while ushering in a few new players, the Lady Longhorns still figure to be able to compete well in a district that involves only Memorial, Pasadena, Sam Rayburn and South Houston, all programs that Deer Park and Dobie have heavily controlled for the most part.

Memorial enjoyed the Nancy Cole (now a sophomore at Rice University) era well enough to roll to the playoffs in 2007 and 2008, but the program struggled in 2009. It's been a long playoff drought for the others, but that's getting ready to end.

Yet while the road to the postseason will be a bit smoother this season for the upper echelon programs in 22-5A, Clear Brook's march in 24-5A figured to be impeded on a nightly basis after the arrival of Pearland.

Clear Brook has become an annual playoff representative under the guidance of head coach Meredith Thompson.

The team has enough firepower this season to get back to the postseason, but the order of finish among four very good teams remains to be seen.

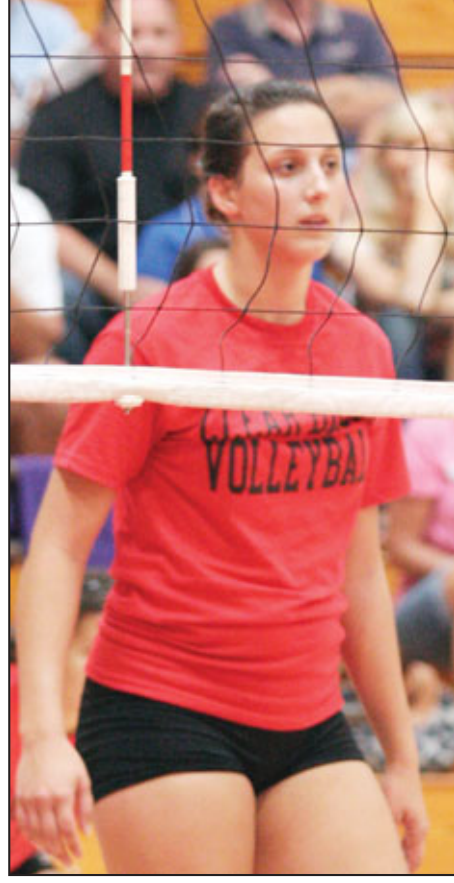
Newcomer Pearland boasts one of the area's top overall players in Malorie Pardo, who has signed to play collegiately at Louisiana State University.

Elsewhere in 24-5A, Clear Creek and Clear Lake

also lay claim to two of the area's most talent-rich programs.

Add to the mix Clear Brook's stable of talent that includes Alicia Dittrich, Anita Permenter and Caiti O'Connell, and the top half of the 24-5A list is stacked. Regardless of what realignment has delivered, the goal remains the same: the playoffs must be reached.

Brook to get started
Thompson, now in her sixth season at Clear Brook, will get warmed up by hosting the Lady Wolverines' **Continued on Page 6B**



At right, Clear Brook senior middle blocker Alicia Dittrich is one of the team's key returnees as the Lady Wolverines prepare to challenge the field in what should be an extremely competitive District 24-5A alignment.
Photo by John Bechtle

H.S. workouts start Aug. 9 Football on minds of many

High school football workouts are slated to begin Monday, Aug. 9, at Clear Brook and Dobie high schools.

The respective teams' head coaches, Brook's Paul Lanier and Jim Phillips of Dobie, have outlined a few reminders that players should keep in mind prior to and during workouts.

First up, anyone planning to take part in workouts regardless of grade level must have a current 2010-2011 school year athletic physical on file with the training staff prior to being eligible to participate.

Wolverines' details
As for the Wolverines at Clear Brook, Lanier has set start times for the workouts.

All athletes must report Aug. 9 for a team meeting at 8 a.m. The workouts will begin thereafter.

Clear Brook's team picture day is Saturday, Aug. 14, beginning at 8 a.m. All players must be in uniform and ready to be photographed at 8 a.m.

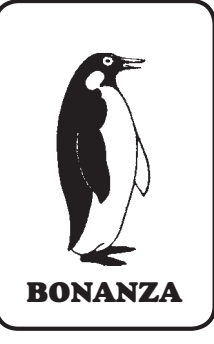
Lanier will then host Meet the Wolverines night Monday, Aug. 16, beginning at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Dobie's plans set
Phillips, who is ready to make his debut as the Longhorns' varsity head coach, has also established a few dates and times for his players to keep in mind.

Workouts will begin Aug. 9 for all players. Sophomore, junior and senior players must report each day beginning at 4 p.m.

Including breaks, the upperclassmen workouts will continue until 8 p.m. Incoming freshmen will work out from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

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SBHLL senior all-stars fall shy of state

Six outs away from a berth in the Texas East State tournament, Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's 15-16-year-old all-star team couldn't quite hold down the fort.

Instead, defending world series champion West University used a two-run sixth and a two-run seventh inning to eliminate Sagemont 4-1 in the Texas East Sectional tournament championship game July 19 at Behringer Field in Santa Fe.

Sagemont entered the mix as the tournament's lone unbeaten squad, having downed West U 4-2 in an earlier winner's bracket game.

But West U., fortified with the help of several select players who did not play in the earlier game against Sagemont, turned the tables on this night.

In the first of two elimination games, West U. scored four runs in the first inning, using four hits and three Sagemont errors.

An inning later, West U pushed its lead to 6-1 against SBHLL starter Emmitt Pitts, who threw 88 pitches over two innings.

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Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League senior all-star Al Gonzalez (right) rounds third base and is congratulated by assistant coach Eddie Colunga after Gonzalez belted a two-run homer against West University. Unfortunately, the homer was not enough as West U swept its way to state with 8-3 and 4-1 wins during sectionals.

UIL ponders adding 6A classification

Tired of seeing high school varsity teams with losing records qualify for the playoffs?

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Whatever side of the fence players, coaches or fans sit, the University Interscholastic League is pondering more change.

Speaking during the 78th annual Texas High School Coaches Association Convention and Coaching School July 19, UIL Executive Director Charles Breithaupt, spoke on behalf of several of the agency's future proposals.

One of those ideas is the expansion from five to six classifications.

Entering the 2010-2011

school year, which begins the UIL's biannual realignment in high school athletics, there are 254 schools included in the 5A ranks.

According to Breithaupt, if a Class 6A was to come about, all but 10 of those current schools would qualify for the jump. He added that much of the big changes in classification would then occur at the lower enrollments.

Growth patterns in many areas throughout the state indicate that a good number of new high schools open in the Class 5A designation, meaning in the coming years there will be more and more 5A schools being built.

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Sagemont all-star 15-16s drop state bid versus West U

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Sagemont made an early attempt to get back in the game.

In the top of the second inning, Ryan Divin doubled to deep center field with one out and went to third base as Aaron Gonzalez rolled a single to center field.

Sagemont got on the board as Juan Huizar hit a sacrifice fly to right field, scoring Divin. John Colunga then singled to left field to put runners at the corners with two outs, but Wade Buisson struck out to end the frame.

West U scored two runs in the bottom of the second inning to lead 6-1 and had several opportunities to blow the game open in the middle innings.

Sagemont trailed 8-1 in the top of the sixth inning before shortstop Al Gonzalez rocked a two-run homer to left-center field. But that would be all of the scoring as West U won the opener 8-3, forcing a one-game playoff for the tournament title.

Aaron Gonzalez started on the mound and pitched five solid innings for the locals in the nightcap. Sagemont used a West U error to plate a run for a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fifth inning, but West U rallied.

Getting two runs in the top of the sixth inning and then an insurance two-run homer in the top of the seventh inning, West U won the game 4-1 to advance to the Texas East State tournament in Tyler. Last season, West U

won the state title and eventually claimed the World Series championship with a 9-7 win in the championship game in Bangor, Maine.

Sagemont manager Robert Buisson admitted the losses were hard to take for the locals, but the group made the area proud while winning the District 15 crown and then coming within a win of the state tournament.

"We are very proud of these guys," Buisson said.

"We took a 1-0 lead into the sixth inning against a team that won it all last year.

"It's disappointing that it's over now because a lot of these guys are done with Little League baseball. I doubt many of them will want to play in the Big League division. We'll see. I know these guys wanted to win this tournament."

The majority of the players on the Sagemont roster are currently involved in the program at Dobie High School.

Pitts and Al Gonzalez played on the varsity team during the 2010 season, and quite a few others will be in the mix for roles at the varsity level when the 2011 season comes around for Dobie.

Buisson, a longtime coach in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League who has also helped coach one of Dobie's summer league teams, is excited to see what the future holds.

"So many of these players will represent the future of the Dobie program, and I think that future is very good," Buisson said.

"These guys showed in these two tournaments that they are capable of competing with anyone. They should do well as a group moving forward."

The loss by the senior division all-star team brought an official end to the post-season in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League.

The league's 13-year-old team was the sole team to enter the District 15 event, so the group earned an automatic bye to sectionals. There, the locals were eliminated.

Each of the other SBHLL all-star teams were downed in District 15 play

despite outstanding play from each of the groups.

So, with the exit of many of the 15-16-year-old players, room has been made for the future of the SBHLL.



Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's 15-16-year-old all-star team had a meeting of the minds on the mound during the team's Texas East Section 3 tournament championship round July 19 against West U after West U plated four runs in the first inning. Members of SBHLL's squad included, from left, Emmitt Pitts, Juan Huizar, John Colunga, manager Robert Buisson, Wade Buisson (24), Al Gonzalez and Ryan Divin. West U won the first game 8-3 and then claimed the nightcap 4-1 to advance to state.



Above, Sagemont starting pitcher Emmitt Pitts threw 88 pitches over two innings of work as West University built a 6-1 lead en route to an 8-3 victory. In the second game, West U twice rallied late in the game to win the clincher 4-1.

At left, SBHLL 15-16-year-old all-star first baseman Ryan Divin smacked a lead-off double in the top of the second inning and later scored, but West University kept up the pressure and eventually won two games to eliminate the locals.

Boyd, former Dobie star, shines as HBU trackster



Brandon Boyd

In a world where college athletes transfer from campus to campus seeking better opportunities on a whim, former Dobie High School standout Brandon Boyd and Houston Baptist University have developed a beautiful partnership.

After what qualifies as nothing less than a terrific freshman season as a member of the Huskies' track and field team, Boyd is now counting on himself to lead the program during its initial stages of a new era.

Houston Baptist, a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association from 1967 to 1989, joined the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in the fall of 1990.

While in the NAIA, the Huskies built national powers in men's and women's basketball and also enjoyed a great deal of success in baseball.

But HBU wanted more, and became an NCAA program with provisional membership at the start of the 2007-2008 school year. That year, the university added, among other sports, men's and women's track and field.

Dobie's Pantoja on board
Josh Pantoja, a Dobie High School graduate, was part of the Huskies' first track and field and cross country programs that first year.

Having completed his junior season, Pantoja remains a strong competitor for the Huskies in both sports. Now Boyd, a 2009 Dobie High School graduate, is on board.

A sprinter in both individual and relay events,

championships. Boyd, a journalism major who is now dividing his summer time between summer courses, a job and fitness workouts, couldn't be happier with the way his first season as a Husky went. He's also encouraged about what can be accomplished.

"I am definitely happy with this first season," he said.

"And we should be able to improve in the relays in the next year or so. We had a couple of guys who red shirted this season, so they might be able to help as well."

As if he doesn't already have enough on his plate, Boyd said he will enter the 400-meter dash starting next season. Right now, it's all about improving.

At the GWC championships, Boyd was 10th in the 200-meter dash, and he made the finals and placed seventh in the 100-meter dash.

"This is just a start for me," Boyd said. "If everything works out, I believe I can run with the professionals after my career is finished here at HBU. This is a great place for me to be, athletically and in the classroom, but I think I can do more beyond college."

At this point, there's little reason to think Boyd can't do what he says.

He has to go much faster than he already has to reach his career goals professionally, but he's out of the blocks quickly.

As for fun off the track, Boyd plans to attend Dobie football games this season while watching his brothers, Demarcus and Devonte.

UIL ponders adding 6A class

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is created during the 2012-2013 realignment or beyond. So what does all of this mean in the big picture? More playoff berths, of course.

With four teams within each Class 5A and 4A district already qualifying for the playoffs in team sports, the UIL has begun eyeing options for the future.

Some may see the current system as a bit watered down. But Breithaupt said that a good portion of those athletic directors and superintendents surveyed like the four-team playoff arrangements in the

Class 5A and Class 4A divisions, and that those in the 3A through 1A levels that currently send only three teams per district to the playoffs are in favor of adding a fourth, too.

According to Breithaupt, a survey of questions concerning adding a sixth conference will go out to superintendents and athletic directors next month.

The findings of the survey will be discussed by the UIL Legislative Council in mid-October.

The UIL has included its current five conference arrangement for the past 60

SBHLL accepting board nominations

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League board elections for the 2011 spring season will be held Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Harris County Annex, located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

Anyone interested in running for one of the available board positions is asked to direct an e-mail to sbhll@hotmail.com.

Parties should include

their name as well as which position they desire to fill for the coming season.

A description of the responsibilities of each position is listed in the league's

Select baseball 12-U forming

A South Belt area 12-under select baseball team is forming and will begin competition this fall.

Tryouts for the team will be held, Friday, July 23, at

Moves have already been instituted to divide Class 5A football programs and Class A basketball programs into two separate large school and small school (based on enrollment figures) divisions for the playoffs.

Those changes have been received well. And there seems to be more on the way.

For now, schools and their athletes are excited about the new district alignments beginning this fall. And there seems to be several more exciting changes in the works for the future.

constitution, which may be viewed in the handouts section on the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League Web site, which is www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

Those interest are asked to call Mike Fuqua at 713-582-4599 or Tommy Bischof at 832-407-8051.

2010 Pasadena ISD Varsity Football Schedule

Dobie	Memorial	Pasadena	Rayburn	S. Houston
<u>Fri., Aug. 27</u> <i>Alief Taylor</i>	<u>Sat., Aug. 28</u> <i>at Clear Creek</i>	<u>Thurs., Aug. 26</u> <i>Spring Woods</i>	<u>Fri., Aug. 27</u> <i>at Summer Creek</i>	<u>Sat., Aug. 28</u> <i>at Atascocita</i>
<u>Fri., Sept. 3</u> <i>at Alvin</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 3</u> <i>at Clements</i>	<u>Thurs., Sept. 2</u> <i>Waltrip</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 3</u> <i>at Galena Park</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 3</u> <i>Bay. Sterling</i>
<u>Sat., Sept. 11</u> <i>Dickinson (6 p.m.)</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 10</u> <i>Channelview</i>	<u>Thurs., Sept. 9</u> <i>at Milby</i>	<u>Thurs., Sept. 9</u> <i>MacArthur</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 10</u> <i>at Alvin</i>
<u>Sat., Sept. 18</u> <i>at Humble (6 p.m.)</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 17</u> <i>Texas City</i>	<u>Thurs., Sept. 16</u> <i>Alvin</i>	<u>Sat., Sept. 18</u> <i>Waltrip (6 p.m.)</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 17</u> <i>at Summer Creek</i>
<u>Fri., Sept. 24</u> <i>at Channelview</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 24</u> <i>at North Shore</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 24</u> <i>at Bay. Sterling</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 1</u> <i>Houston Austin</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 24</u> <i>P.A. Memorial</i>
<u>Fri., Oct. 8</u> <i>*Pasadena</i>	<u>Thurs., Oct. 7</u> <i>*Rayburn</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 8</u> <i>*at Dobie</i>	<u>Thurs., Oct. 7</u> <i>*at Memorial</i>	<u>Sat., Oct. 9</u> <i>*Deer Park (1 p.m.)</i>
<u>Thurs., Oct. 14</u> <i>*at Memorial</i>	<u>Thurs., Oct. 14</u> <i>*Dobie</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 15</u> <i>*Deer Park</i>	<u>Sat., Oct. 16</u> <i>*S. Houston (1 p.m.)</i>	<u>Sat., Oct. 16</u> <i>*at Rayburn (1 p.m.)</i>
<u>Sat., Oct. 23</u> <i>*Rayburn (1 p.m.)</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 22</u> <i>*at Deer Park</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 22</u> <i>*at S. Houston</i>	<u>Sat., Oct. 23</u> <i>*at Dobie (1 p.m.)</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 22</u> <i>*Pasadena</i>
<u>Fri., Oct. 29</u> <i>*S. Houston</i>	<u>Thurs., Oct. 28</u> <i>*Pasadena</i>	<u>Thurs., Oct. 28</u> <i>*at Memorial</i>	<u>Sat., Oct. 30</u> <i>*Deer Park (1 p.m.)</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 29</u> <i>*at Dobie</i>
<u>Fri., Nov. 5</u> <i>*at Deer Park</i>	<u>Thurs., Nov. 4</u> <i>*at S. Houston</i>	<u>Fri., Nov. 5</u> <i>*Rayburn</i>	<u>Fri., Nov. 5</u> <i>*at Pasadena</i>	<u>Thurs., Nov. 4</u> <i>*Memorial</i>

2010 Clear Creek ISD Varsity Football Schedule

Brook	Creek	Springs	Lake
<u>Fri., Aug. 27</u> <i>Houston Lamar</i>	<u>Sat., Aug. 28</u> <i>Memorial (6 p.m.)</i>	<u>Thurs., Aug. 26</u> <i>Dawson</i>	<u>Fri., Aug. 27</u> <i>at Chavez</i>
<u>Fri., Sept. 3</u> <i>Conroe</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 3</u> <i>at Kingwood</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 3</u> <i>at Bryan</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 3</u> <i>at Alief Elsie</i>
<u>Sat., Sept. 11</u> <i>at Elkins</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 10</u> <i>at Deer Park</i>	<u>Sat., Sept. 11</u> <i>at Cinco Ranch</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 10</u> <i>Kempner</i>
<u>Fri., Sept. 24</u> <i>*Alvin</i>	<u>Fri., Sept. 24</u> <i>*at Dickinson</i>	<u>Sat., Sept. 25</u> <i>*Pearland</i>	<u>Thurs., Sept. 23</u> <i>*Brazoswood</i>
<u>Fri., Oct. 1</u> <i>*at Clear Creek</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 1</u> <i>*Clear Brook</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 1</u> <i>*at Alvin</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 1</u> <i>*at Pearland</i>
<u>Fri., Oct. 8</u> <i>*at Clear Springs</i>	<u>Thurs., Oct. 7</u> <i>*Brazoswood</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 8</u> <i>*Clear Brook</i>	<u>Sat., Oct. 9</u> <i>*Alvin</i>
<u>Thurs., Oct. 14</u> <i>*Brazoswood</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 15</u> <i>*at Pearland</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 15</u> <i>*Clear Lake</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 15</u> <i>*at Clear Springs</i>
<u>Fri., Oct. 22</u> <i>*at Clear Lake</i>	<u>Thurs., Oct. 21</u> <i>*Alvin</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 22</u> <i>*at Dickinson</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 22</u> <i>*Clear Brook</i>
<u>Sat., Oct. 30</u> <i>*Pearland</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 29</u> <i>*at Clear Springs</i>	<u>Fri., Oct. 29</u> <i>*Clear Creek</i>	<u>Thurs., Oct. 28</u> <i>*Dickinson</i>
<u>Fri., Nov. 5</u> <i>*at Dickinson</i>	<u>Fri., Nov. 5</u> <i>*Clear Lake</i>	<u>Fri., Nov. 5</u> <i>*at Brazoswood</i>	<u>Fri., Nov. 5</u> <i>*at Clear Creek</i>

Jokers' 9-under second at Battle at the Beach



The H-Town Jokers 9-under select baseball team finished second among 14 teams at the Battle at the Beach tournament in Galveston. The locals beat three other teams in bracket play to advance to the championship game before falling 6-3 to the Wranglers. Members of the team are, left to right, (bottom row) Matthew Velazquez (bat boy), (middle row) Matthew Benitez, Brandon Valdez, Aaron Perea, Robert Green, Lorenzo Navarro, Sam Velazquez, Frank Mendez, (back row) coach Mike Mendez, coach Donny Velazquez, Mikie Martinez, Matthew Brown, manager Rudy Mendez, Bryan Cisneros and coach Oscar Perea. Not pictured are players Nick Gaytan and Tyler Langston.

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SBHLL all-star 12s capture second at D15



Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's 12-year-old all-star baseball team finished second in the District 15 tournament with a record of 4-2. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Isaiah Meyers, Kaelon Woods, (middle row) Victor Martinez, Danny

Jones, Socrates Guzman, Tyson Thompson, Darian Gay, (back row) Josh Mendoza, Hunter Sigue, Daniel Cabreja, Mike Mora and Jonathan Olivarri. Not pictured is Ruben Vargas. The team was coached by Gus Fuentes, Adrian Sendias and Victor Martinez.

San Jacinto College golf course provides challenges to players

The golf course at San Jacinto College, located on the central campus in Pasadena, provides a practical environment for golfers of every skill level to enjoy the game. Both friendly and challenging, the nine-hole course is in excellent condition and is open to the public. Players do not need to make tee-times and, after paying the one-time fee, a player may golf unlimited rounds – as long as he or she does not leave the course. Since opening in 1964, the course has become a popular spot for beginners and pros alike. It has nine holes and many challenges that can give even the most experienced golfers a run for their money. Buck Massey, a course regular, said, "There is a great following of good customers at this course. I

can play here three times for the same price of playing elsewhere once. Where else can you pay your green fee and play as long as you like? Very, very economical." Yet while the cost is economical, players will find that there is plenty of bang for their buck. "All the holes are challenging," said Terry Miller, San Jacinto College golf pro shop manager. "A variety of players come out here – the course is good for all ages. It's one of the best deals in town." Except during periods of inclement weather, the course is open from daylight until dark, seven days a week and year-round (including holidays). Fees are \$10 for a week-day round and rise slightly to \$12 for weekends and holidays. Seniors receive a \$2 discount on all prices. In addition to these already low fees, the golf course currently offers "twilight fees" that begin after 5 p.m., and reduce the price by \$2. Twilight fees are offered June through August as well as December through February. Rules and additional information about the San Jacinto College Golf Course may be seen online at www.sanjac.edu/golfcourse or by calling the golf course pro shop at 281-476-1880.

Gridiron practice slate revealed

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Phillips also reminds that players must turn in their \$20 laundry fee (\$10 per semester) at the start of workouts.

Dobie will host a Meet the Longhorns scrimmage series Saturday, Aug. 14, at Newcomb Field. Freshman action is at 6 p.m., with the varsity/JV action set to begin at 7 p.m.

Youth camps detailed

Lanier and his staff will host the 2010 Wolverine Youth Football Camp Aug. 2-4 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the school.

Students entering the second through eighth grades as of the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to attend.

Cost is \$75 per student, which includes a T-shirt, and students are asked to arrive Aug. 2 at 8 a.m. in order to take care of registration details.

At Dobie, Phillips and his staff will host a free camp for incoming freshmen Aug. 3-5 at the school. The sessions will run from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

At left, Jim Phillips is excited to start his first season as Dobie's varsity head football coach. Practices will get under way Aug. 9.



Brook football key dates

- Aug. 2-4:** Second- through eighth-grade football camp.
- Aug. 9:** Preseason workouts begin. Players at all levels report at 8 a.m. for team meeting.
- Aug. 14:** Team picture day.
- Aug. 16:** Meet the Wolverines Night.
- Aug. 20:** Host scrimmage vs. Santa Fe.
- Aug. 27:** Brook varsity hosts season opener vs. Houston Lamar, Veteran's Memorial Stadium in League City.

JFD football key dates

- Aug. 3-5:** Incoming freshman football camp.
- Aug. 9:** Preseason workouts begin. Incoming seniors, juniors and sophomores report at 4 p.m. Incoming freshmen start at 5 p.m.
- Aug. 14:** Meet the Longhorns scrimmages at Newcomb Field.
- Aug. 20:** Dobie scrimmage at El Campo.
- Aug. 27:** Dobie varsity hosts season opener vs. Alief Taylor, Newcomb Field.

Local sports news, notes

Brook volleyball camp

Clear Brook varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson will host the Lady Wolverines' volleyball camp July 26-29. Students entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to attend. The camp staff will place students in proper ability and age groups for training sessions involving the various skills in the sport of volleyball. For more information, direct e-mail to brookvball@yahoo.com.

San Jac College hoops camp

Registrations are now being accepted for the San Jacinto College basketball camp, designed to help youths learn and then improve their basketball skills. The camp is designed for boys and girls age 7 through 18. The next available session is from Monday, July 26, through Friday, July 30. It will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. in Anders Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

The camp cost is \$90 per participant. Those in attendance will be awarded ribbons and trophies in various categories at the end of the camp. Men's basketball head coach Scott Gernander will head the camp, and several staff assistants and former players will also take part. For more information or to receive a camp brochure, call 281-476-1847 or 281-476-1849.

Dobie incoming freshman football camp

The Dobie High School football staff, led by head coach Jim Phillips, will host the incoming freshman football camp Aug. 3-5 at Dobie High School. The sessions will run from 4:30 to 7 p.m. each day as coaches help familiarize players with the Longhorn program. Admission is free.

Clear Brook youth football camp

The Clear Brook High School football staff, guided by head coach Paul Lanier, will host the Wolverines' youth football camp Aug. 2-4 at Clear Brook High School. The sessions will run from 8:30 to 11 a.m. each day. Students entering the second through eighth grades as of the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to attend. Cost is \$75 per youth and includes a camp T-shirt. Youths may register prior to the start of workouts Aug. 2 beginning at 8 a.m.

Dobie freshman VB camp

Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Joe Sabatell and his staff will host the 2010 incoming freshman volleyball camp July 28-30, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the school. Students who will be freshmen as of the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to attend. Cost is \$55 per participant. Registration is ongoing Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the front office.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Football Camp

July 26 to Aug. 6 (M-F) at the school

Applicant's Name: _____

School: _____

Grade entering 2010-2011: _____

Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Positions: Offense: _____ Defense: _____

I wish to enroll my child in the 2010 football camp. I understand that neither the coaches nor anyone connected with the football camp will assume any responsibility for accidents, medical, dental or other expenses incurred as a result of injuries sustained during the camp. I further acknowledge that my child is physically fit to participate.

Parent / Guardian signature: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency contact/phone: _____

Physician/phone: _____

Camp to be held at Beverly Hills Intermediate School

Cost is \$30 per student. Please no checks or money orders. Cash only.

Camp hours are 5 to 6 p.m. each day for incoming seventh-grade students;

6 to 7 p.m. for incoming eighth-grade students.

Report 15 minutes early July 26. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

For more information, call coach Ben Portis at 281-484-0145

Thompson Intermediate Football Camp

Aug. 2 to Aug. 6 at the school

Applicant's Name: _____

School: _____

Grade entering 2010-2011: _____

Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Positions: Offense: _____ Defense: _____

I wish to enroll my child in the 2010 football camp. I understand that neither the coaches nor anyone connected with the football camp will assume any responsibility for accidents, medical, dental or other expenses incurred as a result of injuries sustained during the camp. I further acknowledge that my child is physically fit to participate.

Parent / Guardian signature: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency contact/phone: _____

Physician/phone: _____

Camp to be held at Thompson Intermediate School

Cost is \$25 per student.

Please no checks or money orders. Cash only.

Camp hours are 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Report 15 minutes early Aug. 2. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

For more information, call coach John Fowler at 281-991-4209

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 22

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

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

Al-Anon – Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. For information, call 281-487-8787.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 23

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.

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.

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, JULY 24

Greater Clear Lake Families Exploring Down Syndrome – Creating a PATH for your child. Join Greater Clear Lake Families Exploring Down Syndrome (GCLFEDS) general meeting for a presentation on creating a Microboard/nonprofit organization. Heather Burdeaux, the regional coordinator for the Microboard Collaboration with the ARC of Texas, will tell about this innovative way to make dreams and plans for the future of children with special needs come true. The meeting will take place on Saturday, July 24, at 10:15 a.m. at the Clear Lake Baptist Church, 15700 Space Center Blvd. (El Dorado and Space Center). Refreshments and child care will be provided.

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

SUNDAY, JULY 25

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.

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

MONDAY, JULY 26

AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday,

from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free 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.

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

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

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

Friends of Parker Williams Library – Meetings are held at the Parker Williams Branch Library on the fourth Monday of each month at 9 a.m. except for January, April, July and October, when they are held at 7 p.m. to accommodate members who work during the day. There will be no meeting in December.

Grief Support Group – "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or

other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, JULY 27

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.

American Begonia Society – Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxum Bank in League City. For more information, call 281-946-4237 or 281-471-5048.

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

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.

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

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

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

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Dobie High School Varsity volleyball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 10	at Manvel tri match	6 p.m.
Aug. 12-14	at Alamo Heights tourn.	TBA
Aug. 17	Baytown Sterling	4 p.m.
Aug. 19, 21	Gabby Romero tourn.	TBA
Aug. 20	at Clear Brook	6 p.m.
Aug. 24	at Clear Springs	6 p.m.
Aug. 27	at Baytown Lee	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	Dawson	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Dickinson	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Hastings	6 p.m.
Sept. 9,11	at Dickinson tourn.	TBA
Sept. 14	La Porte	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	North Shore	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Channelview	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	*Pasadena	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	*at Memorial	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*Rayburn	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	*South Houston	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	*at Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	*at Pasadena	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*Memorial	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	*at Rayburn	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	*at South Houston	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	*Deer Park	6:30 p.m.

* District 22-5A matches

Brook High School Varsity volleyball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 10	St. Agnes	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 12-14	at Austin Westwood tourn.	TBA
Aug. 17	at Friendswood	4 p.m.
Aug. 19-21	at Spring Branch tourn.	TBA
Aug. 20	Dobie	6 p.m.
Aug. 24	Tomball	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 26-28	Pearland tourn.	TBA
Aug. 31	at Seven Lakes	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	Cinco Ranch	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	Baytown Sterling	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	*Alvin	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	*at Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	*at Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	*Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	*Clear Lake	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	*Pearland	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*at Dickinson	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	*at Alvin	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	*Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	*Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*at Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	*at Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	*at Pearland	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	*Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 1-2	Bidistrict playoffs	TBA
Nov. 4-6	Area playoffs	TBA
Nov. 8-9	Quarterfinal playoffs	TBA

* District 24-5A matches

Clear Brook, Dobie volleyball post 2010 schedules

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youth camp July 26-29 at the school (see Page 3B for details).

After that, it's on to more serious business as Thompson looks to reload the varsity team after a trip to the regional quarterfinals in 2009.

Thompson will have to replace setter Samantha Bentley, a first team all-district player, but the majority of the team's offensive attack returns.

The trio of Dittrich, Permenter and O'Connell all posted double-digit kill statistics in Clear Brook's marathon five-game defeat against Fort Bend Travis in the regional quarterfinal round, and each of the three return.

Lady Wolverines' fans may not be able to get a feel for just how talented this team can be on opening night against St. Agnes, but the team will be tested early and often in its first tournament at the Austin Westwood event Aug. 12-14.

Lady Horns rebuild
Things are not so simple at Dobie after a senior-laden roster paved the way for the team's 2009 advancement to the area playoff round.

In the loss to Fort Bend Travis, kills leader Andrea Bertrand, team leader Amanda Nguyen and five others played in their final match.

The team's top return-

ing hitter, Katherine Finney will be joined by Kristen Stolicki as the team's lone proven starters.

Ceci Gonzalez, a defensive specialist, and outside

hitter Charity Knight were also on the roster for much of the 2009 season but saw little action.

Thus, head coach Joe Sabatell, heading into his sixth

season, will need to quickly reload the varsity group.

Thus, the first part of the regular season may bring a mixed bag of results, but the group should be able to

mesh for district play.

After the season opener Aug. 10, Dobie will travel to the Alamo Heights tournament in San Antonio Aug. 12-14.

Legends 8U third at USSA world series



The 8-under Legends from the South Belt area placed third among 20 teams at the United States Specialty Sports World Series in Lake Charles. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jonathan Marroquin, Peyton Miller, Robert

Romero, Brandon Trevino, Adam Gonzalez, (middle row) Daniel Garza, Christopher Thomas Jr, Joseph Mohammadi, Dylan White, Gage Parham, Rex Thompson, (back row) coaches Danny Garza, Chris Thomas, Jeff White and Mark Parham.



Clear Brook head coach Meredith Thompson has a talented roster returning in 2010, but she also knows the playoff journey will be filled with plenty of crossroads as her team navigates a tough District 24-5A alignment.



Dobie's leading returning hitter from last season, senior Katherine Finney, will likely be asked to carry a heavy offensive load for the Lady Longhorns this season from her outside hitter's spot.

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