

A band parent or guardian must attend and sign forms for the student to receive a marching uniform.

All band related items can be purchased, and fees are to be paid at this time. The second registration, for new members (including incoming freshmen), will be held Friday, Aug. 14, at 6 p.m. in the band hall.

The blue area above shows where the Chase Bank was robbed. The area noted with a red star is where the suspect was last seen entering the storm drainage system.

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*Photo by Angela Stallings*

The previous week, there were at least two other purse robberies in the South Belt area. Precinct 2 Detective Rick Holloman advises all drivers to pay attention and to be aware of their surroundings. When possible, residents should pull into their garages and shut the door before entering their homes. Holloman said anyone who believes they are being followed should immediately call the police.

Each year, Community College Week magazine releases a report on the nation's community colleges, ranking the top 100 or the top 50 based on data gathered from the U.S. Department of

Education.

There are more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

"San Jacinto offers top quality technical programs and equally strong academic transfer programs," said Dr. Catherine O'Brien, dean of

teaching and learning at San Jacinto College. "Our partnerships with business and industry help us to keep current in the workforce. We also

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# Readers' Opinions

## Update: Pete Olson on the Constitution

A couple of weeks ago I wrote a Letter to the Editor regarding Pete Olson not signing on to co-sponsor HR 450; a bill before Congress that would require all other bills passed by that body to pass the constitutional sniff test. Subsequent to that I confronted Mr. Olson at a Pasadena Townhall meeting. Why would any legitimate congressman object to requiring that all bills passed by Congress be constitutional? I am happy to report that I've received word that Mr. Olson is now a co-sponsor to HR 450. Progress. Activism works. One down, 400 to go.

Larry Reams

## Muecke urges help with flooding issue

Thank you Ms. Flickinger, I attended the flood meeting that was held on Tuesday July 21, 2009 at the San Jacinto College. It was a well attended meeting, but the meeting room should have been standing room only due to the severity of the flood issue.

I do not live in the Sagemont area, but have been very involved in the Freeway Manor/Edgebrook corridor flooding issue. Ms Flickinger has reached over to our area and supported us in this effort. This has been a thorn in our side for over 40 years. Most thought that when construction was completed on Edgebrook, that would resolve flooding. Wrong. It is the bayou's, creeks and ditches that are the problem. We have out grown the conveyances with homes, business and just too much concrete not allowing water to soak in.

Ms. Flickinger was the moderator and did an outstanding job. I'm not sure how many of you really understand how lucky your community is to have this woman "busting her butt" helping everyone. She takes the lead. Help her by getting involved and not just sitting at home griping.

The Thursday July 23, 2009 issue of the *Leader* had complete coverage of the flood issues that affect your area. With this information each and every resident needs to stand up and support her efforts by writing letters, send emails, attend meetings and making phone calls to each and every elected representative from city government on up to the Federal Government. Not only has the Clear creek study been going on for 40 + years, now the agencies have to deal with the EPA, the wet lands, less land available for retention/detention systems and the biggest problem, lack of money to do the work. We were also told that it would be about 15 more years before any work would begin. That is too long.

It was proposed that a follow up meeting be held in 3 to 4 months. I hope we will see a standing room only attendance, and not just

representatives of the office holders, but the office holders themselves and that goes for the U. S. Senators and House of Representatives. They hold the authorization and purse strings. We all know who floods, we do not need to rehash that, what we need to do is make the "Solution People" stand up and be counted to get this problem resolved. You as an individual can make it happen. Help Ms Flickinger by speaking up. **James E. Muecke**

## Velasquez thanks community volunteers

I would like to send out a special thank you to a couple of people in our neighborhood have really helped our committee for this event.

Julio Vela who has always donated what he can for us when we have an event and we can always count on him to help with the Halloween event, This year he donated items for our Hot Dog Day event which was held Saturday July 25, 2009. He donated hot dogs, hot dog buns and chips for our community so Julio we thank you for always helping us out and your wife Mireyda, who has been on the committee since the beginning. I would also like to Thank David & Elizabeth Stewart for donating all the paper products to help with our Hot Dog Day event.

Sylvia Velasquez

Clear Brook Meadows Activity Committee

## Strobe red lights at Beamer and Hughes

In reference to your article regarding traffic/accident problems at the intersection of Beamer & Hughes, has it been suggested to the City of Houston that they install strobe lights in the red lights at that intersection. There are several areas in which I have seen the strobe lights in use and they definitely get a driver's attention. I would think this would eliminate the confusion caused when two lights are in close proximity to each other, as they are at the Beamer & Hughes intersection. It seems it would be worth a try.

Evelyn Buch

## Juren: I am an American Patriot

Today, I cried as I listened to the news about President Obama and his "healthcare" bill as I realized that as a person in my 50's, I am the one he is targeting. I am the one who is going to be denied the knee replacement I will need in a few years. I am the one who as a cancer survivor will be deemed "not well enough to save." I am the one who will be allowed to die by denying health care to me.

In 1776, our Creator divinely inspired 56 brave men to join in a unanimous Declaration of Independence from the tyranny and destructive government of a King. These men risked their reputations, their freedom, why even their very lives because they believed "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." They believed that "whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government."

Today, our United States Government has become destructive to our rights for - "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" because today, we have a new tyrant, Barack Hussein Obama.

Founded on the ideas of individual free-

dom, states' rights, and a small national government, the United States has led the free world for most of its 233 years. Today, our country's core values have been shaken to their very roots. Capitalism, the benchmark of America's success, is now in grave danger of being replaced by socialism. It is frightening to watch as Obama has nationalized banks, taken over the car industry, and pushed through the Cap and Trade bill. It is truly frightening to learn that 1-in-5 Americans believe socialism is better than capitalism. It is even more frightening to learn that over 30% of our young people believe that socialism is the answer to America's problems and another 30% are undecided. Though we have the greatest medical system in the world, our President and Congress have promised to "fix" our "broken" system. My God, can't you image the United States Medical System becoming another broken down bureaucracy? As a cancer survivor, I do not want my medical care provided or dictated by the government. I don't want "end of life counseling." The baby boomer generation will get no more knee replacement surgeries or angioplasties to extend our lives since "seniors" already receive a disproportionate share of health care money.

Obama has forsaken the constitution by appointing officers known as czars, accountable to and dependent upon him solely for their positions and sustenance, with powers that usurp the authority of the elected. His administration has even declared the liberty-loving people who legally and peacefully protest these iniquities to be a threat to the Constitution we love and honor.

In January, Rep. Serrano, D-N.Y., introduced H. J. Res. 5, which would repeal the 22nd Amendment prohibiting a president from being elected to more than two terms in office. This bill would open the gates for a president to serve indefinitely as long as he is re-elected. Why does this concern me? With groups such as ACORN, known for corruption, being given stimulus money, and with the 2010 census being controlled by Obama, we are not moving just towards socialism, but towards a dictatorship. The audacity of this should alarm and move all of us to action!

Our government has become destructive to these ends - "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." We have strayed too far from our Constitution. If you ever feel like your lone voice can never be heard, that the political system isn't set up for "regular" Americans to change the course of history, remember that the signers were flesh and blood, mortal men with a divinely-inspired aim.

Five of these brave men were captured and tortured by the British as traitors before they died. Twelve had their homes burned to the ground. Two lost sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; two more had sons captured. Nine died in the war. Some were lawyers and judges, other merchants, farmers, and plantation owners. All were well educated men and smart enough to know that by signing the Declaration of Independence, they were signing their death warrants.

George Bernard Shaw said, "Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it."

Today, I accept the responsibility that comes with liberty. Never again will I take this great country for granted. Never again will I fail to stand up and be heard. Never again will I stand by and allow those who would destroy my country from within or without to prevail! Get involved! I Am! My name is Joanne Juren and I am an American Patriot.

Joanne E. Juren

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## Almeda Chateau catches fire



The Almeda Chateau apartment complex caught fire Wednesday, July 29. Several fire units responded to the blaze and were able to quickly extinguish it. The Houston Fire Department Arson Division was also called to the scene. At press time, however, the cause of the fire remained unknown. Last

March, City of Houston officials cut off all utilities at the complex and ordered the apartments vacated due to unsafe living conditions. Problems included faulty electrical wiring, mold and structural problems making the complex uninhabitable.

Photo by Matt Griesmyer

## Guest Editorial

### NCSL endorses Public Health Insurance

By Garnet Coleman, state representative

Recently, the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Standing Committee on Health voted to include an amendment calling for a public health insurance option in the committee's official policy recommendations for federal health care reform. As a member of NCSL's Standing Committee on Health, this endorsement was something I, along with the Progressive States Network (PSN) and the White House Working Group of State Legislators for Health Care Reform, advocated for vigorously. The committee's policy recommendation signals emerging state-level consensus behind one of President Barack Obama's top reform priorities.

As state legislators we've made it clear that we're ready to stand together and make sure working families and small businesses are free to choose the best health care available at a price they can afford.

In addition to the public option, the amendment also

recommended a series of policy proposals including strong affordability protections, assistance in expanding Medicaid programs, and freedom for states to set benefit requirements and other regulatory standards that exceed federal minimums. These proposals were included in a letter that PSN, a national group which I co-chair, delivered to the White House and Congress last month pushing for comprehensive health reform within the year.

Working families and small businesses in Texas deserve the best health care America has to offer, and this platform is the most direct way to ensure they get it. It is critical that as a nation, we move forward to create a system where everyone is assured quality, affordable health care. The time to close the gap of the uninsured and underinsured is now.

Soon, the recommendation will come up for a vote before the full body of NCSL, whose membership includes over 7,500 state legislators across the country.

## Search for bank robber continues

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When he arrived at the ditch, McGehee saw the man he believed to be the suspect sitting on his hands under the bridge near a drainage pipe. The man was not wearing a shirt but had two shirts lying on the drainage ditch next to him.

McGehee reportedly told

the suspect a couple of times to "show your hands." The suspect then pulled what is believed to have been a semi-automatic pistol and pointed it at McGehee. McGehee then fired his weapon toward the suspect who ducked into the drainage pipe. The officer, concerned about his safety, hesitated before pursuing the suspect into the three-foot high drainage pipe.

When he approached the pipe, he could not see the suspect but could hear him traveling down the metal underground drainage facility. The drainage pipe the suspect fled through goes north toward the Sabo apartment area as well as the drainage area near the AMC Theaters.

A canine unit was brought in as was a helicopter, but the suspect escaped.

McGehee was automatically put on three days leave according to HPD spokesperson Jodi Silva, not because he did anything wrong, but because it is policy.

Silva said it was unknown whether or not the bullet hit the suspect.

Saturday afternoon police were kept busy following leads that came in from South Belt residents regarding the suspect. One particular lead had a shirtless male, about the size of the suspect, jumping over backyard fences in the community.

Although media reports initially identified the suspect as a Hispanic, the FBI describes him as white. Local television and media reports also said the suspect shot at McGehee. This is false. McGehee reports he was the only one who fired a weapon.

It has come to the *Leader's* attention that Pitikas has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for criminal trespassing, DWI, multiple drug possession charges and evading arrest.

This is the third robbery at Chase since Nov. 3, 2008.

The bank, which the last few years has not had an armed officer on duty, did have one on duty this week.

According to Dunlap, FBI officials are concerned about the increase in the recent Houston area bank robberies. "We are very concerned about the recent burglaries since most of the individuals committing the robberies are acting more aggressively," said Dunlap. The number of bank robberies also appears to be increasing. The same day that Chase on South Belt was robbed, a Chase bank in the Memorial area was also hit.

The robbery Saturday was conducted in such a way that many of the bank customers did not even know it was taking place.

According to officials, the robber approached two tell-

ers brandishing the weapon. The bank's camera got a very clear, good quality picture of the robber. Although the *Leader* viewed the picture, which FBI and HPD officers had copies of, neither agency would allow the *Leader* to print the picture at this time.

Chase banks are a likely target as they hold 35 percent of the Houston area market share.

Dunlap encourages *Leader* readers to remember that there is a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the conviction of such criminals.

"It's a great way to keep the city safer and make a little money," said Dunlap. If anyone has information on crimes being investigated by the FBI, they may call in tips to 713-693-5000.

## Creek retention . . .

Continued from Page 1A residents of Galveston County, as it would free up a significant amount of water that currently drains to Clear Creek. It is unclear yet, however, if Galveston County would play a financial role in a new pond's construction.

Such an endeavor would require strong community support. South Belt residents looking to join the coalition are urged to e-mail mynews@southbeltleader.com with their names and addresses.

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## Deaths

### Mildred May Goodman



Mildred May Guthrie Goodman, 83, died Friday, July 17, 2009.

She was born July 26, 1925, in New Orleans to Neta and Wallace Guthrie. She was married to Elmo G. Goodman, who preceded her in death in 2001, for 58 years. She was a South Belt resident.

Goodman is survived by three sons, Ronald, Robert and Gilbert Goodman; two daughters, Cindy Dittrich and husband Anthony, and Terri Hulsey and husband Randy; 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; sister Rose Lyons; brother Ray Guthrie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A wake service was held Wednesday, July 22, at Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

The funeral was held July 23 at Mary Queen Catholic Church in Friendswood.

### William "Bill" K. Thompson

William "Bill" K. Thompson Jr., 78, died Friday, July 24, 2009.

He was born Feb. 12, 1931, to William K. and Hazel Thompson in Manatee, Fla.

Thompson was a graduate of Hillsborough High School in Tampa, Fla. He was a veteran of the Korean War where he served in the U.S. Army.

He retired from the City of Houston in 1996 after many years of service as assistant controller. He was a resident of the South Belt area.



He was an avid golfer and hunter, especially during his retirement years.

Thompson is survived by his son, William Michael Thompson; brother Keith Thompson of Lake Jackson; and three sisters, Gail Goff and Janette Alt of Florida, and Pat Peters of Colorado.

Memorial services will be held at noon on Sunday, Aug. 2, at the American Legion at 11702 Old Galveston Road.

### Jihad "Jed" Assed

Jihad "Jed" Assed, 62, died Saturday, July 25, 2009.

A husband, father, brother and friend, he is survived by his wife of 17 years, Olga, children Alexis and Courtney of Houston, Edward of Idaho



and Michael of Florida.

Assed also leaves behind siblings Najat McMahan, Janet O'Connor, Linda, Judy and Nasser Assed; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Mohamad, mother Fatima, stepmother Bereza and brother Ray.

Assed was born on May 27, 1947, in Syria. He moved to the United States in 1954. He attended the University of Texas at Austin. Most recently he was director of finance for Gillman Honda; however, he has been a part of the auto finance community for many years. He lived off Blackhawk.

A wake was held Tuesday, July 28, and a funeral service was held Wednesday, July 29, at Niday Funeral Home.

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## Holt speaks Aug. 19

Clyde Holt, Master Gardener, will present a program titled *Bonsai for Beginners*. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 10 a.m. at the meeting room at Clear Lake Park (on the lakeside), 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

For more information, visit the Web site at <http://hemgap2.tamu.edu>.

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# Armed Forces center construction enters Phase 2



Construction continues on Phase 2 of the Armed Forces Reserve Center at Ellington Field at the corner of Aerospace Avenue and Papa Street.

Photo by Matt Griesmyer

**By Matt Griesmyer**  
Construction has recently started under the Army Corps of Engineers out of Louisville, Ky., on a new Army Reserve Center at Ellington Field.

The news that the Army is positioning itself at the field in a brand-new center is no shock. Ellington Field has served as a military station since the days of World War I, serving as

an Air National Guard post, bombardier school, and headquarters of the 1st Aero Squadron.

The new construction has been designated under the Grow the Army project, designed to strengthen the U.S. military forces.

The Grow the Army program was instituted in 2007 as a means of obtaining "additional ground forces to meet strategic de-

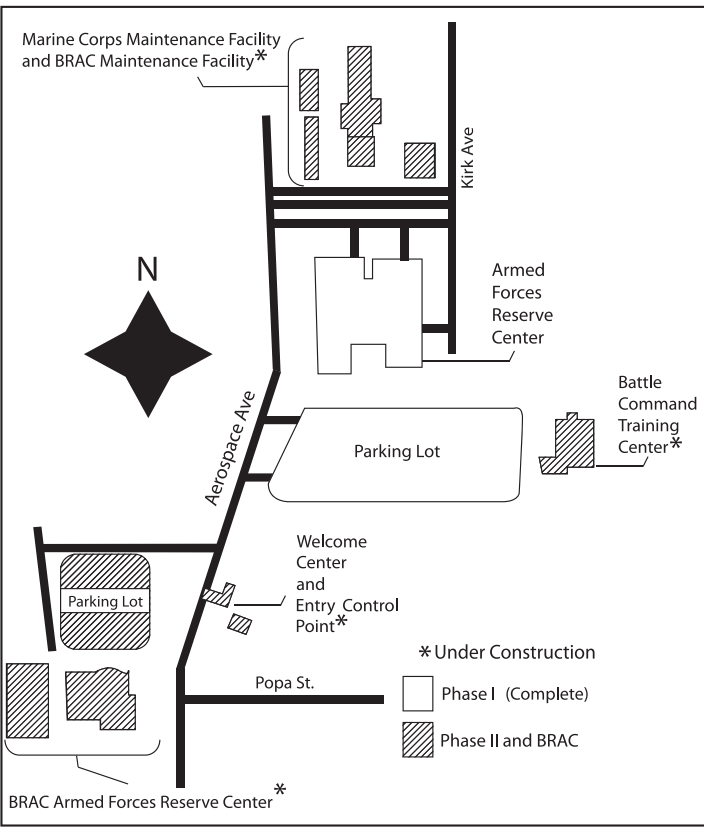
mands, mitigate persistent capability shortfalls and reduce stress on our soldiers and families," states the Grow the Army Web site. The current program has operations and transfers going well into 2013, but the completed military reserve center should be ready sooner than that.

The current program calls for the complete construction split into two phases.

Phase 1 was the construction of the current Armed Forces Reserve Center at Ellington Field. Currently, the center is occupied by 2,500 people. The Army Reserve first moved to Ellington Field in November 2008 after leaving its old headquarters at 1850 Old Spanish Trail. Shortly after, the Marine Corps and Navy Reserve followed suit. Most recently, the Military Retired Office has relocated from its offices on Old Spanish Trail to the main Armed Forces Reserve Center at Ellington.

The Military Retired Office has served as a contact point for all military retirees, and their dependents in the Greater Houston area.

The Phase 1 building resides on approximately 43 acres, occupying 173,000 square feet. Currently



housed in this building are the 75th Battle Command Training Division, along with the 4005th Army Hospital and the 95th Division Institutional Training.

Phase 2 calls for the construction of a battle projection center, organizational maintenance shop, entry control point, welcome center and unheated storage building to complement the already existing facilities. Also included is a Base Realignment and Closure maintenance center and Armed Forces Reserve Center. BRAC is responsible for heading up the changes and movement of forces throughout military bases.

The tentative schedule for the completion of Phase 2 is Nov. 17, 2010, with staff being able to occupy the new facilities by Jan. 6, 2011. The cost

estimate for the current project is in excess of \$31 million.

The benefits for the community are evident in the influx of occupants to the center.

"With the population of the reserve center rising to around 6,000 to work and drill, they can support the community and stimulate the nearby economy," said Army Lt. Col. Jon Elliott, 75th Battle Command Training Division deputy engineer.

"This is coming at the right time," said Army Maj. Mark Williford, 75th Battle Command Training Division public affairs officer.

"We have had a need for these facilities since Ike. It will help us to be further reinforced in this area for assistance to the community."

The new contact number for the Military Retired Office is 832-380-7000, ext. 3130. The office is manned Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until noon by volunteers.

Volunteers are urgently needed to provide optimum service at the new location.

For more information regarding the Armed Forces Reserve Center, call Williford in the Public Affairs Office at 832-380-7072.

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## South Belt resident is part of history

**By Matt Griesmyer**  
John Hoover and his wife Julia (pictured) have been Sagemont and Sageglen residents since 1966. John, an advocate for Southern heritage, has been recognized by historical organizations, NASA, and a president of the United States.

When someone speaks to Hoover and acknowledges his accomplishments, Hoover modestly shrugs them off, focusing more on the fact that he was fortunate, or part of a team in some cases.

"I have been very fortunate in my life and in the right place at the right time," are common responses to his acclaim.

Hoover graduated from Denison High School and was named Distinguished Graduate for its 2007 reunion. During his employment for Johnson Space Center, Hoover won numerous awards including the JSC Certificate of Commendation (JSC's highest honor award), the Sustained Superior Performance Award, the Spaceflight Awareness Award and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded to the Apollo 13 Flight Operations Team by President Richard Nixon.

Hoover was the prime recovery coordinator during the flight of Apollo 13.

Hoover was at his home sleeping when he got the

call to come to mission control due to the explosion which damaged the Apollo 13 spacecraft.

For his efforts related to his service during Apollo 13 as the prime recovery coordinator, Hoover was invited and honored at the Wings of Heroes Gala, honoring the mission's 35th anniversary. Hoover is a lieutenant commander of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

He is also involved in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Sons of the Republic of Texas, the Descendants of Mexican War Veterans, the Sons of the American Revolution, the General Society of the War

of 1812 and the Huguenot Society.

Hoover has been involved with the Southern Heritage Ball since 2003 and most recently served as chairman for the 2009 ball.

The Southern Heritage Ball is held as a fundraiser to support various historical projects, especially in the South.

Recently, the ball celebrated its 42nd anniversary. Hoover and his wife have two children, Joan and Jason, who both graduated from Dobie, and two granddaughters.



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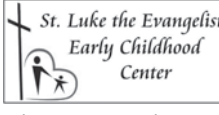
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**HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (PG)** (10:50, 11:45 @ \$5), 12:30, 2:05, 3:00, 3:50, 5:30, 6:20, 7:05, 9:05, 10:15, 12:20

**BRUNO (R)** (11:25 @ \$5), 2:15, 4:10, 6:30, 8:30, 10:35, 12:30

**I LOVE YOU, BETH COOPER (PG-13)** (11:05 @ \$5), 1:20, 4:05, 6:35, 8:50, 11:10

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Times for Friday/Saturday, July 31/August 1, 2009



## Over The Back Fence

by Jan

**EMILIO CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
Emilio De Los Santos celebrates his birthday Saturday, Aug. 1. Best wishes for a wonderful day are sent to Emilio from mom Janie, dad Jimmy and sister Julia.

**BE LATED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO JAVI**  
Javi Figueroa turned 11 on Friday, July 24. Belated birthday wishes are sent to him from dad Javier, mom Diana, sister Deseray, and brother Anthony. Javi will be a fifth grader at Morris Middle School.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 30 through Aug. 5.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Isabel Palacios** on Aug. 5.

**Bush Elementary**  
Aug. 4 is the day for **Katie Williams** to celebrate her birthday.

**Jessup Elementary**  
Aug. 2 is the day for a birthday party for **Narce Esquivel**. Enjoying a double birthday Aug. 4 are **Laurie Montesinos** and **Yuly Fernandez**.

**Meador Elementary**

A birthday is celebrated by **Maria Pena** and **Claudia Denoon** July 30. Blow out the birthday candles for **Karen Barton** Aug. 3.

**Moore Elementary**  
The day for a birthday cake for **Valia Simmons** is July 30. **Kristen DenBleyker** has a birthday July 31. Marking a birthday Aug. 3 is **Kimberly Borden**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Aug. 5 is the day to send a double birthday wish to **Rosa Alencastro** and **Sandy Smith**.

**Melillo Middle School**  
On July 30, **Angela Badon** and **Jeannine White** share a birthday. Blow out the birthday candles for **Morgan Honeycutt** July 31. Happy birthday wishes are sent to **James Priest** on Aug. 1. **Norberta Mercado** enjoys a birthday Aug. 2.

**Morris Middle School**  
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Yvette Castillo** and **Cassandra Lopez** July 30.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
**Toshila Darjean** and **Morgan Honeycutt** share a birthday July 31. Blow out the birthday candles for **Bob Boyes** Aug. 1. A special birthday greeting is sent to **Debbie Hirsch** Aug. 3. On Aug. 4, **Leticia Garcia** marks a birthday. Enjoying a birthday Aug. 5 is **Dan Hoppie**.

**Challenger School**  
**Stan Honeycutt** is wished a happy birthday July 30. Aug. 4 is the day for a birthday cake for **Kay Adams**. **Fran Michetich** celebrates a birthday Aug. 5.

**Dobie High**  
Sharing a birthday Aug. 3 are **Christian Beall** and **Sherrie Kent**. On Aug. 4, blow out the birthday candles for **Shelby Collier**. The day for a birthday party for **Shaun Stanton** is Aug. 5.

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

**HOME RUN CORNER**  
The Leader staff reminds parents to submit congratulations for their slugger's achievements for publication in Over The Back Fence. E-mail [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com) with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

## San Jacinto College South professors lend expertise to Summer Medical, Dental Education Program

Five San Jacinto College South professors recently participated in the 2009 Summer Medical and Dental Education Program at the University of Texas Dental Branch and Medical School

in Houston, the highest-rated of 12 program sites across the nation. Dr. J.P. Anderson, Dr. Joyce Miller, Dr. Mary Wisgirda, Dr. Frank Richardson and Dr. Walter Thompson

each taught core math and science curriculum courses to college freshmen and sophomores during the six-week program, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Founda-

tion. "We are the only community college that participates in SMDEP, and our site has received the highest ratings of all," said Martha Robertson, San Jacinto College faculty coordinator and

SMDEP curriculum coordinator. Other SMDEP program sites around the country include Columbia University, Yale University and the University of California-Los Angeles.

Robertson said 80 students are admitted to the SMDEP each year. Houston participants live in dorms at Rice University during the duration of the program and participate in such enrichment activities as medical and dental simulations, shadowing doctors and dentists, and money management.

The SMDEP is a "gem" that allows professors to mentor students pursuing careers in medicine or dentistry, according to Dr. Laurel Williamson, vice chancellor of instructional programs and services at San Jacinto College.

"I was impressed with the program and with our faculty's participation in it," Williamson said. "It was clear from the

## School tips for Down Syndrome

The Greater Clear Lake Families Exploring Down Syndrome will meet on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 6:30 p.m. for pizza and an informal parent discussion.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. with the discussion on getting ready for school tips from teachers and parents at United Way Service Center. The meeting will be held at 1300 Bay Area Blvd. in Room A. Child care will be provided.

## Watts speaks at Bay Area Quilt Guild

The Bay Area Quilt Guild will host J. Michelle Watts from Roswell, N.M., at its meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10303 Scarsdale Blvd.

Watts expresses her love of Southwest designs

through quilt design, wearable art and sterling silver charms. She specializes in machine applique and is the author of three quilting books.

For more information, visit [www.bayareaquiltguild.org](http://www.bayareaquiltguild.org) or call Tay Satterfield at 281-339-6827.

## Open Garden Day set Aug. 17

Tour the working and demonstration gardens maintained by the Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 at Open Garden Day on Monday, Aug. 17, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff.

Visit the garden, which includes an extensive vegetable garden, fruit orchard,

perennials, roses, herb and cactus gardens and two working greenhouses.

Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions during this free event. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Bring any one-gallon or smaller plastic plant pots and trays to recycle, and the Master Gardeners will put them to good use.

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

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## Lariaettes win numerous awards at camp



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette officers recently returned from Crowdpleasers officer camp, bringing numerous honors and awards. They spent four days not only learning choreography and improving their technique, but participating in various leadership workshops and team-building opportunities. They took master classes from dance professionals, including a hip hop class taught by last year's winner of *So You Think You Can Dance*, Joshua Allen. The social officers were named Outstanding Social Officer Line, and were selected as a Superior Social Officer Line. They were named a finalist for their camp commercial and performed their song at the final awards ceremony in front of more than 80 teams and guests. The military officers were named Outstanding Dance Officer Line and won the Elite Dance Officer Line Award, the highest award given at the camp. They were evaluated on three routines and received blue ribbons on all three. Each

school is allowed to bring a home routine to compete with on opening night. The Military Officers were chosen as one of the top 10 home routines of the entire camp for the third year in a row. They were also awarded outstanding choreography for their home routine, *Jackie's Strength*. Finally, senior Vyanka Reyna, lieutenant, was named a Star Dancer finalist. Star Dancers are chosen based on outstanding technique, execution, and performance, among other things. She was selected from a group of more than 200 girls. Pictured above with their awards are, left to right, (front row) Megan Barker, inventory; Adriana Gutierrez, secretary; Ashley Cantu, party girl; Cassandra Murray, president; Senia Rubio, chaplain; (back row) Denise Zuniga, major; Vyanka Reyna, lieutenant; Elizabeth Garza, lieutenant colonel; Ivette Armenta, colonel; Tristana Guyote, lieutenant; Aimee Cessna, captain; and Linda Mindiola, spirit leader.

## Remember When

**30 years ago (1979)**  
The South Belt area was recovering from the worst storm to hit the area since it was developed.

Clear Creek Independent School District high school students helped in the 11-week task of unpacking, counting and delivering the 59,746 textbooks the district ordered for the school year.

The Catholic Community of St. Luke's postponed its community open house due to the flooding that had recently occurred in the area.

**25 years ago (1984)**  
Two youths were in a truck that went out of control and careened into a Sageglen home. No one was injured in the accident.

Members of the National Federation for Decency picketed the 7-11 store on Hughes Road. The protestors claimed the chain of stores was the leading retailer of pornographic magazines.

Houston, residents and community leaders expressed no desire to fall under the auspices of a city weak on providing standard services.

Sheet flow runoff generated by four days of rain as Tropical Storm Allison hoppedscotched across the Gulf Coast, sent water flowing across the Brio toxic waste site into the streets and yards of Southbend, although Environmental Protection Agency records said water would run away from the subdivision.

**15 years ago (1994)**  
Clear Creek Independent School District trustees adopted a \$116.8 million budget for the the 1994-1995 school year.

The San Jacinto College District Board of Regents approved a budget for 1994-1995 which reflected less than a 2 percent increase over the previous year's budget.

**10 years ago (1999)**  
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital staff members gave free immunizations at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce health and trade

fair.

Dr. John Wilson, superintendent of the Clear Creek Independent School District, was one of six asked by Gov. George W. Bush to apply for the position of education commissioner to replace Commissioner Mike Moses.

**5 years ago (2004)**  
The \$339,860,000 bond election was postponed at Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees meeting. The board also postponed two bond related issues - the approval of the future facilities plan and the approval of a resolution regarding a tax levy in connection with the issuance of the bonds.

Vickie Morgan, board president, stated she preferred to have all seven board members at the meeting to approve the calling of the election.

There were 34 registered sex offenders living in the 77089 ZIP code. Of 34, only one was considered to be high-risk. Twenty-six of the convictions involved children under 16. Five convictions involved sexual as-

sault on adults. All of the 34 were men.

**South Belt-Ellington**  
Leader readers were able to access the newspaper from home using the Internet. The Web address for the Leader was [www.southbeltleader.com](http://www.southbeltleader.com).

**1 year ago (2008)**  
A group of Pearland activists led by Rep. Mike O'Day approached the Alvin Community College Board of Regents at its regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the possibility of switching Pearland schools over to San Jacinto College's service area.

The City of Houston storm drainage project on Sabo Road neared completion, but some residents in the area were concerned flooding would still be problematic unless additional repair work would be done in areas under Harris County's control.

Suspect Anthony Session, 20, along with a 15-year-old juvenile, was arrested and charged with making a terroristic threat after attempting to rob a gas station with a BB gun.

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## Camp, deFreitas to wed



JoAnn and Jack Camp, longtime Kirkwood residents, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tiffany Michelle Camp, to Anthony Lawrence deFreitas, son of Karen and Max deFreitas of Mandeville, La. The bride-to-be graduated from Dobie High School in 2002. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Texas Woman's University in 2006. She is employed at Memorial Hermann Hospital. The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Langham Creek High School and graduated from Texas State University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in BBA Economics, MIS and macroeconomics. He is employed at Amedee Capital Group, a real estate investment firm as the vice president of information technology, and he also runs CAP Research as vice president of operations. Following an October wedding in New Orleans, the couple will reside in Houston.

## Wyatt, Nolder marry



Whitney Grace Wyatt, daughter of Bill and Susan Wyatt of Nassau Bay, and David James "DJ" Nolder, son of longtime Sagemont residents Jim and Donna Bane, were united in marriage May 23, 2009, in the Piney Woods of Texas at the Resort of Artesian Lakes in Cleveland. The ceremony was officiated by the groom's cousin, the Rev. Rebecca Peters of Tomahawk, Wis. A luncheon and reception followed the ceremony. After the reception, the party continued at Seabrook where many other friends joined the celebration. The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the Banes, was aboard The Spirit of Texas Paddlewheel. The groom is a 1992 Dobie High School graduate and attended Texas State Technical College and San Jacinto College. He works as a web developer. The bride is a 2002 graduate of Clear Creek High School and attended Westminster Choir College and San Jacinto College. She is the director of the children's musical theater program at Bay Area Harbour Playhouse. The couple met in San Jacinto College theater class. They are now board members at the Bay Area Harbour Playhouse where Whitney has directed and both of them have appeared in many stage productions. After a honeymoon cruise to the western Caribbean, the couple reside in the Clear Lake area.

### Wedding, engagement policies

Wedding writeups must be run in the newspaper, not submitted, in the time outlined From wedding date to six weeks – photo and full article; Six weeks to three months – photo and limited information; After three months from wedding date – will not be run Engagement and wedding announcements are published free of charge on a first come, first served basis. Information must be submitted by Friday to be considered for the next issue.

# PISD communications staff strikes gold at state contest

For its excellence in communications, the Pasadena Independent School District Communications Department recently received 11 Gold Star Awards and two Best of Category honors at the annual Texas Schools Public Relations Association (TSPRA) convention in San Antonio.

Award entries were made in 35 categories with three divisions including districts and organizations with less than 10,000 students or members, 10,000 to 30,000 students or members, and more than 30,000 students. More than 900 award entries were submitted for this year's Star Awards.

Graphic arts coordinator Bruce Stone and graphic designer LaVonna Alexander-Carew won a gold star and best of category in the original art category for their illustrations and design of the district's *Heroes* marketing mailer. Stone and Carew also earned another gold star and best of category for their design of the district's Child Nutrition Calendar.

Communications specialist Mark Kramer captured a gold star in the external newsletter category for the *Pin-nacle*. Kramer, Stone and Associate Superintendent for Communications Candace Ahlfinger also won a gold star for their *Financial Focus for Student Success* brochure. Former communications assistant Ashley Holt won two gold stars in the writing and published news categories.

Holt is now coordinator of public relations/education foundation in Alvin ISD. Ahlfinger, Kramer, Stone, Carew and Holt won a gold star in the booklet category for the *Heroes* marketing mailer, while Stone and Director of Community Relations Cindy Parmer struck gold for the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation's *Shining Stars* Gala booklet.

In addition, Stone and Parmer earned a gold star

award for the Education Foundation's Web site, and Carew captured a gold star for her design of the district's winter concert program.

The district's communications staff also won four Silver Star Awards. They include:

- External Publication – *Partners in Pasadena* – Holt, Parmer, Carew, Stone and Kramer
- Sports Photo – Kramer
- Computerized Presentation – Recruiting video – Ahlfinger, Kramer, Stone, Holt, Carew and Parmer
- Computerized Presentation – Foundation E-Card – Parmer, Ahlfinger, Kramer, Stone, Holt and Carew.

The district's printing department played a vital role in the production of these award-winning publications. Members of the printing department include Maria Alcala, LaVonna Alexander-Carew, Rachel Arevalo, Mike Kravetz, Rosie Lopez, Christine Luis, Gwen Nguyen-Tang, Cody O'Quinn and Van To.

TSPRA is a nonprofit, organization dedicated to promoting public schools through effective communications of those serving the public school districts of Texas.



The Pasadena ISD Communications and Printing Department consists of (front row, left to right) Candace Ahlfinger, Rosie Lopez, Gwen Nguyen-Tang, Cindy Parmer, Van To, Pat Brenneman, (back row)

Maria Alcala, Jocelyn Nichols, Rachel Arevalo, Christine Luis, Mike Kravetz, Corky Privette, Bruce Stone, LaVonna Alexander-Carew, Cody O'Quinn and Mark Kramer.

## Easthaven holds health fair

Easthaven Baptist Nurse and Women's Ministry will sponsor a communitywide health fair at the church at 13100 Beamer Road Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Health care providers from the South Belt community, Pearland and the Houston area will be present with valuable information for preventive, and early detection screenings which address various health issues.

A health screening specialist will be available with nine ultrasound screenings designed to detect abnormalities which occur without symptoms.

These screenings include: four vascular screening packages for \$135; five abdominal screening packages for \$150; and a full preventive screening package for \$179. There will be PSA tests for men for \$20. All other tests, screen-

ings and handout information will be free of charge.

A crime prevention specialist from the Harris County Sheriff's Department will also be in attendance.

For more information, call Easthaven at 281-922-5520.

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## Aug. 3 has two-a-days all around

### JFD football

#### set to go

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

Dobie's quest to get back to the high school football playoffs begins Aug. 3 as two-a-day workouts begin on campus.

Third-year head coach Bobby Cotton's mood borders on giddy these days as he considers the possibilities.

He watched as the vast majority of players in the program seriously got after their work in the off-season program, challenging one another along the way.

Cotton also noticed the

summer was not wasted.

Dobie excelled in 7-on-7 action, and individuals and groups of players spent many an hour in the weight room.



Bobby Cotton

It remains to be seen just how that level of dedication from so many players will translate on the field in the number of wins for not only the varsity group but also those at the subvarsity level, yet Cotton is jazzed.

Cotton's recent review of the depth chart at the varsity level revealed that as many as 45 seniors will dress for the Longhorns in 2009.

A good number of those players were on the 2008 varsity squad, while others excelled at the junior varsity level.

With that much experience, leadership and talent coming back, Cotton is looking for big things.

Dobie has missed the playoffs in each of the last four seasons. Cotton expects

a turnaround in 2009.

"We have that senior leadership in place, and a lot of these guys have seen a great deal of success at the JV, sophomore and freshman levels prior to this season," Cotton said.

"As a coaching staff, we have seen a great work ethic. Our guys are excited. They expect a lot out of themselves as individual players and as a team.

"We have the key senior players back like Aaron Kutra, Randy Owens and others on offense. Defensively, players like Charles Tisby, Brandon Broussard, Sefita Kefu, Maurice Poullard and Joe Scott help us there."

Ideally, Cotton said the

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## Players to report; volleyball season Aug. 11

So much optimism yet so little time to prepare.

Welcome to the world of high school volleyball. Workouts begin Aug. 3, and the regular season will get under way Aug. 11. It's as simple as that.

Between now and then, when Dobie hosts Elkins Aug. 11 and Clear Brook travels to St. Agnes, there's plenty of skill drills and scrimmage action ahead.

Dobie's Joe Sabatell and Clear Brook's Meredith Thompson count themselves as coaches who feel a little ahead of the curve at this point.

The respective varsity rosters of both programs are stocked with veteran performers, many of whom only need the volleyballs to be rolled out to be in mid-season form.

**Dobie all set**

Sabatell has six returning varsity letter-

men. Each of those players played a key role in the 2008 playoff march. Sabatell is also looking for one of the team's top junior varsity players from last season to make an impact.

Libero Amanda Nguyen, who picked up first team all-district honors a season ago, leads the way.

Senior middle blocker Kiara Harris, a second team performer in 22-5A, is also back along with senior setter Quynhnhu Ngo, who gained honorable mention status.

Junior Katherine Finney adds power on the outside at the hitter spot, and Laci Washer and Andrea Bertrand add to the mix.

"We have a good core group back," Sabatell said. "For us, it's all about finding the players to fill in the rotation. As far as the starters, we are in good shape."

Chili Montgomery, an outside hitter last season, and

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**Aug. 3:** Volleyball workouts begin for high school programs. Dobie will begin at 8 a.m. at all levels. Brook freshmen will begin at 8 a.m., JV and varsity players at 10 a.m.

**Aug. 7:** Brook hosts Friendswood volleyball scrimmage at all levels; Dobie volleyball scrimmage at Pearland for all levels, beginning at 10 a.m.

**Aug. 8:** Brook at Pearland volleyball scrimmage at all levels. Dobie volleyball scrimmages against Deer Park and Clear Creek. The varsity and JV scrimmages are at Clear Creek at 8 a.m. The freshman scrimmages are at Dobie at 8 a.m.

**Aug. 11:** Brook varsity opens volleyball season at St. Agnes (V - 6:30 p.m., JV - 5:30 p.m., Fr. - 4:30 p.m.); Dobie varsity opens volleyball season hosting Elkins (V - 6 p.m., JV - 5 p.m., Fr. A - 4 p.m.)

**Aug. 13-15:** Dobie is at Alamo Heights varsity tournament (Aug. 14-15); Brook is at Austin Westwood varsity tournament.

## Bay Area Football League begins practices

The 33rd season in Bay Area Football League history is about to get under way.

Each of the league's 16 programs will begin practices Saturday, Aug. 1.

Locally, the Ellington Rams will begin practice at 8 a.m. at Wilson Park in Pasadena. The Rams are coming off a terrific season that delivered a Super Bowl title in the senior division.

Rams' players are asked to arrive at practice at 7:45 a.m. and be ready to work out.

The Sagemont Cowboys, one of the league's charter organizations, will also begin practices at 8 a.m. at El Franco Lee Park.

Meanwhile, the Southbelt Dolphins will practice starting at 8 a.m. at Beverly Hills Park.

The league's annual BAFL Fun Day is set for Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Pearland Dad's Club. Regular-season games will begin Aug. 22.

The regular season games are to be held each Saturday through Oct. 24.

### 2009 Regular Season

Practices begin Aug. 1 at 8 a.m.

BAFL Fun Day Aug. 15 at Pearland Dad's Club

Regular season openers are Aug. 22

Regular season runs 10 Saturdays through Oct. 24.

League playoffs begin Nov. 7

Super Bowl round is Nov. 21

## Brook's Miller picks hoops college



2009 Clear Brook High School graduate Aaron Miller (seated center) will continue his education and basketball career at Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Ark., after signing a letter of intent. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Don Miller (father), Debbie Miller

(mother), (back row) Bimo Ghogomu (Brook 2008-2009 teammate), Keaton Miller (brother) and Jason Pillow (Brook varsity boys' basketball coach). Williams Baptist competed in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics ranks in the American Midwest Conference.

## First Colony downs Sagemont 12s; all-star baseball season completed

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's last remaining hope this all-star season has been eliminated.

First Colony Little League, based out of Sugar Land, completed a two-game sweep of the locals in the championship round at sectionals in the major (12-year-old) division.

Needing a pair of wins to advance, First Colony beat Sagemont 5-4 July 21 and eliminated SBHLL 4-3 July 22 at Pearland to move on to the state tournament in Tyler.

Sagemont had beaten Pearland Maroon to win the District 15 title and was bidding to become the first SBHLL 12-year-old team to make the state field since 1992.

At sectionals, the SBHLL 12s defeated League City and First Colony to make their way into the championship round of the double elimination event. First Colony followed with

a pair of one-run wins to win the tournament title.

Members of the SBHLL 12-year-old all-stars included Jacob Alford, Isaac Belle, Kevin Caballero, Nathan David, John John Garcia, Garrett Hunt, Marcus Martinez, Nate Martinez, Damian Molina, Michael

Munoz, Adrian Rivera, Ryan Shofner and Jimmy Trevino.

First Colony has since been knocked out of the state tournament. Lamar National went undefeated to win the event and advance to regionals.

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## Lewis a Young Gun



South Belt resident Jacoby Lewis (right) participated in the Football University's Young Guns invite-only camp in Paisley, Fla., July 20-22. Pictured with Lewis is Don Soldinger, the running backs coach at the University of Miami.

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## Sports news, notes

### Legends 7-U fundraiser

The Legends, a 7-under select baseball team made up of South Belt area players, will hold a barbecue fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 1, at US Spring Training, 10330 Blackhawk. The \$7 plates will include a half chicken and sides. The event will run from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Funds raised will go toward team costs this fall. For more information, call coach Craig Redmon at 281-236-5112 or coach Jason Carter at 832-512-8481.

### Moreno tennis reunion

A players' reunion in honor of Dobie High School tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. will be held Aug. 15 at Dobie. Moreno, who enters his 11th season at Dobie this fall, previously coached for 12 years at Galveston's O'Connell High School and for two years at Clear Lake High School. Former O'Connell, Clear Lake and Dobie tennis players who played for Moreno in that time frame, along with their families and friends, and teachers and administrators are invited to participate or attend as fans. An all-day doubles tournament will be held at the Longhorn courts, 10222 Blackhawk in Houston, beginning at 9 a.m. A dinner will follow at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Those interested should call 2004 Dobie graduate Mark Bocado at 832-643-1363 or e-mail him at mark.bocado@gmail.com.

### NGA/Hooters golf at Golfcrest

Local golf fans will get a chance to see some of the game's finest young players up close and personal during an exciting week of action at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland Aug. 3-9. The National Golf Association Hooters Pro Tour will make a stop at Golfcrest during that time for what is sure to bring plenty of fun for fans of all ages. The Texas Honing Open will begin Aug. 3 with a qualifying tournament. Practice rounds and a junior clinic Aug 4 along with a pro-am event Aug. 5 precede four rounds of tournament play Aug. 6-9. At press time, the field of players was at 72. For more information about the NGA Hooters tour events, visit [www.ngatour.com](http://www.ngatour.com). Admission is free to the event.

Aug. 3 – Texas Honing Open qualifying tournament for hopefuls.

Aug. 4 – NGA Tour practice rounds; charity shootouts, NGA junior clinic and NGA pro-am pairings party.  
Aug. 5 – Pro-am tournament and post-event dinner.  
Aug. 6 – Texas Honing Open opening-round action.  
Aug. 7 – Texas Honing Open second-round action.  
Aug. 8 – Texas Honing Open third-round action.  
Aug. 9 – Texas Honing Open final-round action.

### San Jac College soccer camp

San Jacinto College head coach David Santesteban will host the Coyote Soccer Clinic on the South campus. The Aug. 3-6 session, which will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., is open to players age 6 to 12. Cost per player is \$100. The focus of the clinic is to improve players' fundamental skills and tactical knowledge of the sport. Players should bring a soccer ball, shin guards, sunblock, water and a good attitude. Checks may be mailed to Athletic Endeavors at 3149 Indian Summer Trail, Friendswood, Texas 77546. For more information, call Santesteban at 281-658-7441.

### Clear Brook football camps

Clear Brook High School varsity football coach and his staff will host a pair of Wolverine football camps Aug. 3-5 on campus. Students entering the second through ninth grades are eligible to attend the morning camp, which will run from 8:30 to 11 a.m. each day. Cost is \$75 per student. Registration is Aug. 3 at 8 a.m. The camp will offer instruction to both young players new to the game or who are involved in youth leagues as well as to the older students who are involved with middle school programs. At the youth levels, students will receive instruction on the fundamentals of the game and receive quality instruction in all phases of the game. Incoming ninth-grade students will have a chance to learn more about the Wolverines' high school program, including the offensive and defensive systems being used at the various high school levels at the evening camp from 4 to 6:30 p.m. each day. Cost of the camp for students is \$75. Registration is Aug. 3 at 3:30 p.m. For more information, visit the Wolverines' Web site at [www.brookfootball.org](http://www.brookfootball.org).

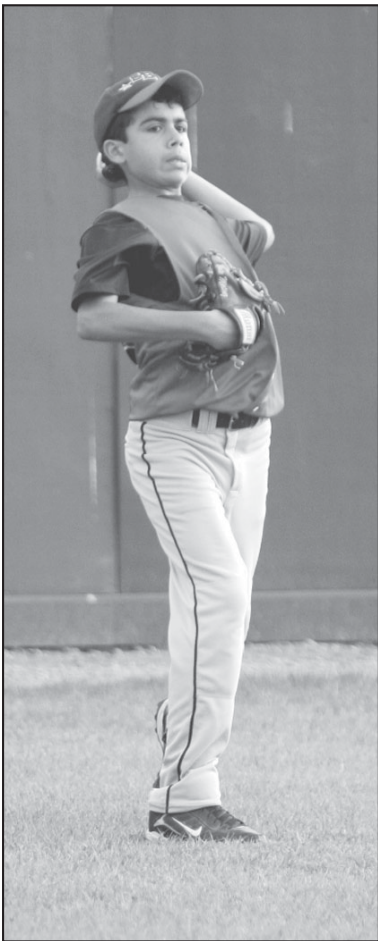
### SBGSA fall registration

Registration for the South Belt Girls Softball Association's fall season will be held at the league facilities at El Franco Lee Park Tuesday, Aug. 18, Thursday, Aug. 20, Tuesday, Aug. 25 and Thursday, Aug. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 22 and Saturday, Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. More details will come as the registration sessions near.

## Sagemont 12s end memorable all-star season



Marcus Martinez became one of the team's go-to pitchers during the all-star season for the SBHLL 12s. He got the group started well with a win over OFA at district.



Nate Martinez played in the outfield for the Sagemont 12s and also handled some pitching for the team as a valuable left-hander.



Jimmy Trevino of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's 12-year-old all-star team played very well defensively and delivered some key hits.



Garrett Hunt enjoyed a terrific all-star season for the SBHLL 12s. He came up with several big hits to help the team win district and then excel at sectionals.

## 6-U Stingers third at DP 8-under softball



The 6-under Stingers of the South Belt Girls Softball Association took third place in the 8-under Deer Park Girls Softball Association all-star tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Lexie Manriquez, Alaina Cortez, Vivian Chavez,

(middle row) Sydney Franco, Raylene Martinez, Samantha Ortiz, Arisa Contreras, Camryn Wincher, Mckenzie Ermis, (back row) coaches David Cortez, Les Wincher, Jimmy Martinez and Cheryl Franco.

## Coyotes announce schedule

With so many new faces joining the program this season, it's hard to imagine the Coyotes can match the success of recent teams. Then again...

When David Santesteban was named head coach prior to the 2004 season, he inherited a solid program and, better yet, a veteran team led by eventual Player of the Year Dane Richards.

That season, the Coyotes missed a chance to play for the national title but finished a school-best third.

In 2005, Santesteban re-loaded the roster and again guided the Coyotes to nationals. The team earned the first of two fourth-place finishes at nationals.

So with four national appearances in five seasons, San Jacinto has developed into one of the premiere programs nationally.

There are a handful of other standout programs, but everyone, including San Jacinto, is chasing Yavapai Community College of Prescott, Ariz.

Last season at nationals, the Roughriders defeated San Jacinto 1-0 in the championship match to finish unbeaten.

To date, Yavapai has won seven national crowns. The program has attended nationals 18 times, playing for the championship in 13 of those seasons.

"Yavapai has set the standard, no doubt about it," Santesteban said.

"But we have shown to be a talented program that can challenge for a national title," Santesteban said.

"We have not won a title yet, but we are right there. We are poised to make an-

other run this season. We'll see how it plays out in the end."

## San Jacinto College

### Fall soccer schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
<u>Scrimmages</u>		
Aug. 21	at Texas A&M International	8 p.m.
Aug. 22	at Texas-Brownsville	7 p.m.
Aug. 29	SJC alumni game	8 p.m.
Sept. 4	Dynamo youth	7 p.m.
<u>Regular season</u>		
Sept. 5	Barton County	8 p.m.
Sept. 11	Lon Morris	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Tyler	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	at West Texas	11:30 a.m.
Sept. 20	at Ranger	noon
Sept. 25	Ranger	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	Richland	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	Lincoln Land	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Jefferson County	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	Lincoln	11 a.m.
Oct. 9	at Tyler	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Lon Morris	1 p.m.
Oct. 16	Coastal Bend	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	Coastal Bend	2 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Richland	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	at Northern Oklahoma	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Cisco	noon
<u>Playoffs</u>		
Oct. 30-31	Region 14 tourn.	TBA
Nov. 6-7	District tourn. (Tyler)	TBA
Nov. 18-22	NJCAA tourn. (New Jersey)	

### Thompson Intermediate Football Camp

Aug. 3 to Aug. 7 at the school

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering 2009-2010: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions: Offense: \_\_\_\_\_ Defense: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enroll my child in the 2009 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.

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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. 3. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

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

### Beverly Hills Intermediate Football Camp

Aug. 3 to Aug. 14 at the school

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering 2009-2010: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions: Offense: \_\_\_\_\_ Defense: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enroll my child in the 2009 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 Aug. 3. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

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



# Dobie coaching staff, players set; 2009 preseason workouts Aug. 3

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remainder of the roster will be filled by underclassmen.

There are, in fact, several sophomore players who could fill key roles.

“We’re looking for 15 to 20 underclassmen to step up and show us what they can do,” Cotton said. “This is a big year for Dobie football. We’re ready to get started.”

**2-a-days begin Aug. 3**  
Dobie did not take part in spring workouts, so the program will begin two-a-days Aug. 3, a week ahead of programs which went through spring drills.

All non-freshman football players will go from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day with a break included.

Incoming freshman football players will work out from 8 to 11 a.m.

Cotton notes that all players must have a completed physical with form proof and a steroid release form completed before they are eligible to work out.

By University Interscholastic League rule,

players may work out in shorts, T-shirts and helmets through Aug. 6. The first day in pads is Aug. 7.

“Of course we will be cautious to help the guys get acclimated to the heat, but we feel like we will be able to hit the ground running,” Cotton said.

“Because we have the seniors and the guys have worked so hard in the off-season, I really believe our retention level will be high. We aren’t going to have to re-teach a bunch but instead get to work.”

**Spread offense coming**  
Simply put, Dobie has struggled with inconsistency on offense over the past two seasons. Turnovers have hurt at times, and other factors have played a role as well.

For example, a pair of offensive miscues were the difference in a key loss to South Houston that ultimately cost Dobie a chance at the playoffs a season ago.

For 2009, Cotton has made changes. The Longhorns are opening up the offensive game plan.

The team’s spread of-

fense will feature three and four receiver sets, and the running backs will be asked to not only run but also catch the football.

The idea is to use the team’s athleticism. Senior Aaron Kutra played exceptionally well at quarterback in 7-on-7 activities and enters preseason workouts as the frontrunner.

But Blake Jackson, a sophomore who played a portion of last season at the junior varsity level, will push for playing time.

“Consistency is the name of the game at quarterback,” Cotton said.

“Aaron showed us that in the summer. But Blake is going to challenge there, and Hosea Woodley gives us valuable depth. The bottom line is we have to throw the ball accurately and move the sticks.”

In the backfield, senior Randy Owens is back after a pair of seasons.

Owens has had to battle some injuries in the past, but the Longhorn coaching staff is excited about what he and others can do.

“We have to get Randy the football in a lot of dif-

ferent situations,” Cotton said. “That’s why we have worked him some at receiver and quarterback both. He has to get plenty of touches.”

There are plenty of others Cotton is excited to see develop.

Sophomores Andrew Robinson and Anthony Simmons are not varsity locks, but both are extremely gifted.

In short, Dobie is moving to the spread offense because the skill set is there to do so.

Cotton said he, returning assistant coach Charles Burton and newcomer Kenneth Foster will guide the offense. Foster spent the 2008 season at Galveston Ball, where the Tors utilized a similar style of offense focused on speedy players.

“It’s going to be an exciting brand of football,” Cotton promised. “We have to be consistent in order to win games, but I really believe we will be.”

Soon, in fact Aug. 3, Longhorns’ fans will be able to see for themselves.

## Brook football under way Aug. 10

While volleyball programs and some area football programs such as Dobie begin workouts Aug. 3, the Clear Brook Wolverines’ football players and coaches are still waiting patiently.

Clear Brook’s football program took part in spring workouts back in May, so per University Interscholastic League guidelines, the Wolverines will begin getting ready for the 2009 season Aug. 10.

The Wolverines, coming off a District 24-5A championship and an appearance in the regional quarterfinals at the varsity level, have plenty of reasons to be excited.

The 2008 team went 5-1 in district play, and a win

over 5-1 Clear Lake gave the Wolverines their first district title at the Class 5A level.

The Wolverines went on to win a pair of playoff games before slipping to La Porte in the regional quarterfinals.

Several key players were lost to graduation, but the Wolverines may not miss a step.

As head coach Paul Lanier enters his third season, the Wolverines are considered a favorite to win the 24-5A title again.

Clear Lake and Clear Springs could make things interesting in the 24-5A standings, but the Wolverines are in good shape to defend their crown.

Senior running back Brandon Ellison will return as one of the area’s leading rushers, and Lanier believes several players stepped up in the spring and will help the program improve on the defensive side.

Once again, the Wolverines will be tested early. Lanier has replaced Houston Lamar on the varsity team’s schedule for the 2009 opener, but that doesn’t mean things will get any easier.

Clear Brook will instead travel to Alice, Texas, Aug. 27 to take on Class 4A power Alice as part of the Gulf Coast Classic Series.

It’s a great honor to be showcased, but Brook wants to win, thus getting off to a great start.

## Clear Brook High School Varsity Football

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	%at Alice	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	at Aldine Nimitz	6 p.m.
Sept. 10	Strake Jesuit	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	*at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	*Brazoswood	2 p.m.
Oct. 16	*Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	*Galveston Ball	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Nov. 6	*Alvin	7 p.m.
* – District 24-5A game		
Home games at Veteran’s Stadium, League City		
%Gulf Coast Texas Classic		

Clear Brook High School Junior Varsity Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	Houston Lamar	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Aldine Nimitz	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Strake Jesuit	5 p.m.
Sept. 24	*at Clear Creek	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*Dickinson	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	*at Brazoswood	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*Clear Lake	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	*at Galveston Ball	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	*Clear Springs	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	*at Alvin	4:30 p.m.
* – District 24-5A game		

Clear Brook High School Sophomore Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	Houston Lamar	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Aldine Nimitz	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Strake Jesuit	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	*at Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	*at Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Galveston Ball	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	*Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	*at Alvin	6:30 p.m.
* – District 24-5A game		

## Dobie High School football workout notes

**August 3:** First day of two-a-days. All non-freshmen will work out from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a break in between. Incoming freshmen will work out from 8 to 11 a.m.

**August 7:** First day of two-a-days in full pads. Team and individual pictures will be taken at 8 a.m. Workouts to resume thereafter.

**August 8:** Freshman football car wash to be held. Details to be announced.

**August 15:** All teams scrimmage against Manvel. Times to be announced.

**August 20:** All teams scrimmage against Elkins. Times to be announced.

**Aug. 27:** Varsity hosts Channelview at Newcomb Field, 6 p.m.

Clear Brook High School Freshman Black Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	at Houston Lamar	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	at Aldine Nimitz	6 p.m.
Sept. 9	Strake Jesuit	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	*Clear Creek	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*at Dickinson	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	*Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*at Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	*Galveston Ball	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	*at Clear Springs	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	*Alvin	6:30 p.m.
* – District 24-5A game		

Clear Brook High School Freshman Silver Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	at Houston Lamar	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	at Aldine Nimitz	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Strake Jesuit	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	*Clear Creek	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	*at Dickinson	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	*Brazoswood	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*at Clear Lake	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	*Galveston Ball	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	*at Clear Springs	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	*Alvin	4:30 p.m.
* – District 24-5A game		

## 9-U Houston Jokers second at Summer Time Series; Hinojosa, Muniz homer



The Houston Jokers, a 9-under select baseball team based in the South Belt area, finished second in the Summer Time Series 3 tournament held at El Franco Lee Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Daniel Garza, Elias Rodriguez, Bren-

don Griffin, Mattias Gallo, Lorenzo Navarro, Aaron Perea, (middle row) Ricky Gonzales, Matthew Benitez, Andres Padilla, Alex Muniz, Andrew Hinojosa, (back row) coaches Oscar Perea, Danny Garza and Carlos Gallo and manager Rudy Mendez.



Alex Muniz (left) and Andrew Hinojosa of the Houston Jokers 9-under select baseball team slammed over-the-fence home runs during the Jokers’ appearance at the Summer Time Series 3 tournament. The pair showed off their home run baseballs and trophies as the team continued to excel early in the select season. For more information about the Jokers, visit <http://houstonjokers.webs.com>.

Photos by Amy Smith

## South Belt tracksters off to AAU nationals

The time has finally come. Qualifiers from the South Belt Track Club are off to Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic nationals, being held Aug. 1-8 in Des Moines, Iowa.

For the better part of three weeks, fifteen SBTC athletes have been training in preparation for the big meet.

For the South Belt athletes and head coach Art Moore, nationals promise to deliver a perfect ending to what has already been a successful season.

Three athletes named Bolden are among South Belt’s national representatives, including Deandre, Jaylon and Jazmyn.

Deandre Bolden will compete in the intermediate boys’ division in the triple jump and decathlon events.

Jaylon Bolden is in the midget boys’ division, where he will enter in both the 800-meter run and the long jump.

Jazmyn Bolden will be in the 200-meter run and the long jump in the bantam

girls’ division.

Intermediate girls’ distance runner LaShaye Cooper is in the 1,500- and 3,200-meter runs. Ty Lozano will run the 3,000 meters in the subyouth boys’ division.

Bantam boys’ athlete Deandre Moore will enter the 1,500-meter racewalk.

Destinee Smith is in the 1,500-meter run, the high jump and the 200-meter hurdles in the subyouth girls’ division.

Intermediate boys’ sprinter Saxon Smith is in the 100- and 200-meter dash events. Youth boys’ sprinter Aaron Tellis is in the 200- and 400-meter dashes.

Zion Walker, in the bantam boys’ category, will enter the 800- and 1,500-meter runs.

Chelsea Williams is entered in the 800-, 1,500- and 3,000-meter runs in the intermediate girls’ division.

An intermediate boys’ 4x100-meter relay team will have Smith, Junior Abraham, Antoine Whitaker and Zachary Davis entered.

## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, JULY 30

**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.

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

**Pasadena Gulf Coast Art Society** – Monthly meetings held the last Thursday of each month in the Community Room at Pasadena Town Square Mall.

**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 31

**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.

**Bay Area Genealogical Society** – Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. For more information, call Neil Miserendino at 281-286-8243, Jeanine Lawrence at 281-334-6100 or visit [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org).

### SATURDAY, AUG. 1

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

**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, AUG. 3

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

**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.

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

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# CALENDAR

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

**TUESDAY, AUG. 4**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

11:30 a.m.  
**Local NARFE Meeting** – The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.

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

1 p.m.  
**Trailmixers** – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.

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

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

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

6:30 p.m.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** – Meets at Sagemont Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.

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

Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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

9:30 a.m.  
**Active Living Every Day** – Seniors Active Living Every Day is a free class that is held every Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the EFL Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. During the 20-week course, individuals will learn how to get and stay physically active, live healthier, build confidence, overcome obstacles and stay motivated in ways that work for each person. Classes are practical and personalized, including a study guide, a free step counter, field trips and fun. For more information, call the El Franco Lee Community Center at 281-464-9708.

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

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

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

6 p.m.  
**Alzheimer's Support Group** – The free group meets the first week of each month in the third floor classrooms 3 and 4 of Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer, Pasadena. For more information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400.

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

7 p.m.  
**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** – Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BATP is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.



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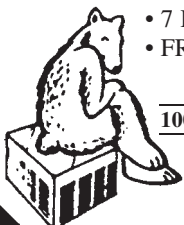
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## High school volleyball workouts start Aug. 3

**Continued from Page 1B** Shadae Shepherd, another senior-to-be, will not return to the program this fall. The Lady Longhorns should be set on the outside, but Sabatell will look to shore up the middle blocker position in workouts.

A season ago, Dobie again made the playoffs but settled for fourth place behind 22-5A champion Pearland, runner-up Deer Park and third place Memorial.

In the playoffs, Dobie was beaten in the bidistrict round by District 21-5A co-champion Channelview.

The Lady Falcons stormed back from a big deficit in the second game and went on to win the match in a sweep.

This season, Dobie, which has not missed the playoffs since 1981, will again be in the hunt for the district title along with Pearland and Deer Park.

Memorial, the third-place team from a season ago, must deal with the loss of much of its 2008 roster, including four-time, all-district player Nancy Cole.

Cole is enrolled at Rice University, and the Lady Mavericks lost eight others.

The program also has a new head coach, Timi Radicioni, who was the freshman A coach in 2008. Radicioni replaces Shelly Black, who was in the lead role for four seasons.

What does that mean for Dobie? Nothing really. The team needs to get off to a solid start and see where the chips fall. Sabatell believes the players are in place.

Dobie faced a similar schedule early on in the 2008 season and struggled before hitting its stride late to advance to the playoffs.

This time around, perhaps a faster start could lead to more confidence. That confidence could lead to 22-5A title hopes.

"I really thought we would get off to a good start and win a bunch of matches early last season and it didn't happen," Sabatell said.

"This year I feel like we have the same kind of talent. We should be pretty good. We have players who have been here and know what to expect. When that's the case, you can usually have some success."

Sabatell should be able to get an early indication of where the Lady Longhorns stand during the Aug. 7 and Aug. 8 scrimmages.

Dobie will scrimmage against Elkins, Deer Park, Pearland and Clear Creek in the mix.

The team then opens the season Aug. 11 against Elkins, the District 23-5A runner-up last season.

A trip to the Alamo Heights tournament in San Antonio then comes before Dobie returns to the area to play Class 4A power Santa Fe and then Baytown Sterling. Let the matches begin.

**Brook very talented** Thompson isn't going to

send out any memos to attest to the fact, but there is a strong likelihood that Clear Brook is one of the area's up-and-comers.

Playing in a District 24-5A alignment where Region III power Clear Creek resides along with a stout Clear Lake program and a solid Dickinson outfit doesn't help.

But Clear Brook is not likely to back away from anyone this season.

2008 District 24-5A newcomer of the year Alicia Dittrich is back to anchor the middle block. Sam Bentley, a first-teamer at setter a season ago, is also back.

Outside hitter Caiti O'Connell and libero Trysta Dionne both made the 24-5A second team as sophomores.

Senior Molly Machol has returned and shifted to defensive specialist. Senior outside hitter Alex Smith adds more depth and experience.

Thompson had a chance to watch her players in action from the bleachers during the spring and summer seasons, and she liked what she saw. Call it quiet confidence on Thompson's part.

"I am pretty excited going into workouts," said Thompson, now in her fifth season.

"I feel like we are going to be ahead of the game starting off, probably more so than in my previous years. We have the experience back, and a lot of these girls have been playing a lot of volleyball together as a group."

In fact, other than filling in a spot here and there in reserve roles, Thompson thinks the pieces are in place for a special season.

"I think so," she said in reference to a special season. "I'm pretty optimistic."

"We're going to hit the ground running in workouts, and I think we should be ready to go. Maybe another option at middle blocker is all we are looking at."

Despite the quiet confidence, Thompson isn't going to broadcast her team's pending success too loudly. Each of the aforementioned teams — Creek, Lake and Dickinson — will also be in the mix.

When the playoffs arrive, teams from 24-5A always have to tangle with the tough Fort Bend schools of 23-5A.

"It's always tough, but that's why we always try to play against tough teams and be ready for anything," Thompson said.

"We have a chance to be very successful. This is always a time of the year when you feel good as a coach. We haven't played any matches against other teams yet, but I like our group."

The season is coming soon. Both Dobie and Clear Brook are excited to get started. The matches will be under way Aug. 11. From there, the elite will rise.

## Dobie High School Varsity volleyball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 7	at Clear Creek scrimmage	10 a.m.
Aug. 8	at Pearland scrimmage	8 a.m.
Aug. 11	Elkins	6 p.m.
Aug. 14-15	at Alamo Heights tourn.	TBA
Aug. 18	at Santa Fe tri match	4 p.m.
Aug. 20, 22	at La Porte tourn.	TBA
Aug. 21	Clear Brook	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 25	Humble	6 p.m.
Aug. 27-29	at Pearland tourn.	TBA
Sept. 1	Dawson	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Friendswood	4 p.m.
Sept. 9	Hastings	6 p.m.
Sept. 11	*Memorial	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	*at South Houston	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	*Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	*La Porte	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	*Pasadena	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Sam Rayburn	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	*at Pearland	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	*at Memorial	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	*South Houston	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*at Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	*at La Porte	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Pasadena (Phillips)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	*at Sam Rayburn	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Pearland	6:30 p.m.
* — District 22-5A match		

## At last, Miller's time has arrived for Brook graduate



Patience has paid off for 2009 Clear Brook High School graduate Aaron Miller.

The basketball standout will now continue his education and playing career at Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Miller recently inked his letter of intent and mailed away the appropriate papers.

It may have taken a while, but Miller has gotten what he deserves — a basketball scholarship.

"I still had a few options open, and in the end I felt like this was the match for me," said Miller, who played a key role on each of Clear Brook's last two playoff teams at the varsity level.

Williams Baptist competes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and is a member of the American Midwest Conference.

Eagles' assistant coach Andrew Watson was in town looking at Texas-area athletes when he uncovered Miller, who, based on last season's WBC roster, will

**Dilligent extra work on the hardwood paid off for Aaron Miller (left), who led Clear Brook's varsity boys' basketball team in scoring as a senior with more than 15 points per game.**

be the lone player hailing from Texas.

Clear Brook head coach Jason Pillow credits Miller's work ethic and never-ending desire to improve as keys to earning a scholarship.

"As coaches, we all like to think we have something to do with a player's talent and growth," Pillow said.

"With Aaron and Bimo Ghogomu (Dartmouth signee), you are looking at self-made players.

"They bought into the system, and they believed us when we told them you don't get better merely going through our two-hour practices each day."

Instead, Miller and his teammate spent extra time in local gymnasiums, launching 500 shots per day.

In 2007 as a junior, Miller watched as standout Anthony Miles stole the spotlight. One of the area's

leading scorers, Miles was the Wolverines' go-to guy.

In 2008 with Miles gone, players like Miller and Ghogomu knew they would get their chance to show what they could do. They did.

"For me it was a confidence thing," Miller said. "Having taken all of those extra shots, I knew I could hit them when the time came. I averaged more than 15 points a game."

Now Miller will get a chance to prove himself on a completely different level. He's ready.

"I'm going to be more of a true point guard now," Miller said. "I want to get stronger and work on my ball skills. I have the confidence to play at this level. I just needed the chance."

Miller is going to get that chance, and he's betting he has what it takes to be able to take full advantage of it once it's here.

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### Brook High School Varsity volleyball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 7	Friendswood scrimmage	4 p.m.
Aug. 8	at Pearland scrimmage	TBA
Aug. 11	at St. Agnes	6 p.m.
Aug. 13-15	at Westwood tourn.	TBA
Aug. 18	Friendswood	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 20, 22	at Spring Branch tourn.	TBA
Aug. 21	at Dobie	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 25	at Tomball	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 27-29	at Pearland tourn.	TBA
Sept. 1	Seven Lakes	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Cinco Ranch	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Baytown Sterling	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	*at Clear Creek	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	*at Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	*Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	*at Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	*Galveston Ball	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	*at Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	*Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	*Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	*Clear Brook	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*at Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	*Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*at Galveston Ball	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	*Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*at Alvin	6:30 p.m.
* — District 24-5A match		

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