

Football tickets at Shiftlett

Dobie varsity football season ticket packages will be sold at Roy Shiftlett Realtors, 11559 Beamer next to the South Belt-Ellington Leader office, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Aug. 24. The cost of tickets in the packages are \$6 each. No reserved seats will be sold. Student tickets are \$3 each and may be used for any varsity regular season game at Veterans Stadium. For more information, see Page 2B.

Junk waste pickup set

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, Aug. 16, for Houston (77089) residents living north of Beltway 8. Pickup south of the beltway is Aug. 23. For information, call 3-1-1.

Early registrations set

Area schools are currently holding early registration for new students. To register, bring parent identification card, proof of residency (lease/mortgage), current utility bill, child's immunization record, birth certificate, Social Security card and previous report card.

Atkinson Elementary

Atkinson will hold new student registration Aug. 16 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. New student registration will continue on an individual basis in the office from Aug. 20 through Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Aug. 27 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. For information, call 713-740-0520.

Frazier Elementary

Frazier will hold registration for PreK through fourth grade on Aug. 16 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Meet the Teacher Night will be Thursday, Aug. 23, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Meador Elementary

Meador will hold early registration Aug. 16. Early registration will continue on Aug. 20, 21, and 22 from 8 a.m. to noon.

South Belt Elementary

South Belt Elementary will hold early registration on Aug. 16 from 2 to 7 p.m.; Aug. 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 713-740-5276 for information.

Stuchbery Elementary

Stuchbery will hold early registration for kindergarten through fourth grade on Aug. 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call 713-740-0752.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Beverly Hills will hold new student registration Tuesday, Aug. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Hurricane talk at PIP

The Positive Interaction Program meets Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in the first floor staff meeting room. Guest speaker will be Allen Portman, City of Houston Office of Emergency Management, speaking on hurricane preparedness. PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

BBQ fundraiser set

A barbecue benefit for Johnny De Los Santos (brother of South Belt resident Jimmy De Los Santos) will be Saturday, Aug. 18, from noon to 4 p.m. at Oasis, 9130 Old Galveston Road (between Fuqua and Shaver). Plates are \$8 which includes one-quarter pound chicken, link, rice, beans and fixings. For information, call Jimmy De Los Santos at 281-793-9811. Funds will help with medical expenses.

Thompson boosters meet

Thompson's Athletic Boosters will host its first meeting and elections for the coming year Monday, Aug. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sage-meadow Utility Building, 10755 Hall Road.

Ashley Pointe HOA meets

Ashley Pointe Homeowners Association will meet Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sageglen Community building at 11610 Sageyork.

Lions Camp Aug. 24

Thompson Intermediate will host its annual Seventh-grade Lion's Camp Friday, Aug. 24, from 9 to 11 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend, or they can drop the student off by 9 a.m. For information, visit Thompson's website or contact the school at 713-740-0510.

Freshman parent orientation

Dobie High School will hold orientation for the parents of incoming freshmen on Thursday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. This meeting is intended for parents only. Essential information will be provided that will ensure student success this first year in high school.

Sageglen annual election set

The Sageglen Community Association will hold its annual election Monday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Sageglen Community building, 11610 Sageyork.

Bear Camp at BHI

All seventh-grade students will attend Bear Camp (new student orientation) at Beverly Hills Intermediate Monday, Aug. 27, from 8 a.m. to noon. Students can meet their teachers and administrators; learn about BHI's traditions, policies and procedures; practice opening lockers; follow class schedules; and tour the building. School dress code is required, no shorts. BHI spirit shirts and book bags will be available for purchase.

Guinn files for recount in constable race

By James Bolen

Local Precinct 2 Sgt. Zerick Guinn filed for a recount Monday, Aug. 13, in the controversial July 31 primary runoff that saw his opponent, Chris Diaz, winning the Democratic constable nomination by 16 votes, despite earlier reports that showed Guinn to have a substantial lead.

Guinn, a South Belt resident, had gone to bed on election night thinking he had won the nod, as results posted online at 10:12 p.m. showed him to have 1,478 election day votes (75.91 percent)

to Diaz's 469 votes (24.09 percent) with 93 percent of precincts reporting.

The following morning, however, Guinn was notified that an error had been made by the County Clerk's Office when transferring votes from one machine to another. Results posted at 12:43 a.m. showed Guinn with three fewer votes than Diaz. That lead increased to 16 votes once all absentee and provisional ballots were counted, as most were cast for Diaz, giving him a 2,078 to 2,062 advantage.

Several elected officials and party leaders, including Harris County Democratic Party chairman Lane Lewis, have expressed a lack of confidence in Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart and his staff, two of whom had never worked an election before.

Lewis has called for an independent audit of the county's election process.

The recount is expected to take place early next week and will be witnessed by party officials. Guinn said the process should take only a few hours to complete.

Contrary to an Aug. 13 story published in the Houston Chronicle that estimated the cost to hold a recount at around \$2,000, Guinn said the figure was actually about \$9,000.

Guinn just wants the vote count to be accurate.

"If it wasn't done correctly before, I hope it's done correctly this time," Guinn said.

The final winner of the runoff will face South Belt resident and current Baytown Police lieutenant Chris McDonald in the November general election.

State gives back-to-school tax break

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers they can save money on everything from pens, jeans and shoes to backpacks and other items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday.

This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17-19.

"Shoppers across Texas can take advantage of the three-day sales tax holiday and save extra money for their budgets," Combs said. "Families gearing up for the new school year would not pay any sales tax for many back-to-school items from clothing and footwear to school supplies during that weekend."

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the comptroller's website at www.texasatholiday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated

\$64.8 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

HFD, Blue Cross to offer free shots

The Houston Fire Department and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Care Van have teamed up to provide children 4-18 years with free immunizations Thursday, Aug. 23, at the HFD Val Jahnke Training Facility, 8030 Braniff, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.houstonfire.org, www.carevan.org or contact the HFD Public Affairs Division at hfdpaevents@houstontx.gov or 832-394-6633.

9/11 run planned at Ellington

A 5K run will be held at Ellington Airport on Saturday, Sept. 8, to honor the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The event is called the 9/11 Heroes Run, and this year's theme is *Honor the Fallen by Challenging the Living*. Pre-race ceremonies begin at the main gate, 11602 Aerospace Ave., at 8 a.m., with the run starting at 8:35 a.m.

Organizers of the event say the primary goal is to pay tribute to the thousands who were killed that day, the millions of men and women who have helped keep America safe in the 11 years that have followed the Sept. 11 attacks, a group that includes military personnel, police officers and firefighters.

"We are proud to be involved with this terrific event," said Ellington general manager Brian Rinehart. "Ellington Airport already has a strong working relationship with the U.S. military and the Houston Police and Fire departments, so it makes perfect sense for us to be involved."

Entry into the 5K run is \$30 per person (through Aug. 31). Organizers say the goal is to raise at least \$15,000. Proceeds from the event

help fund scholarships and community service projects that benefit wounded and disabled veterans and family members of fallen U.S. service members.

"No moment is without some pain," said Janet Manion, whose son was killed in Iraq while serving in the United States Marine Corps. "But with the support of family and friends and all the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much, our freedom will live on."

First Lt. Travis Manion was just 26 years old when he was shot and killed by a sniper while on his second tour of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since his death, his family and friends have started the Travis Manion Foundation, the driving force behind the 9/11 Heroes Run events being held in Iraq, Afghanistan and 21 states across the U.S.

"To see so many great Americans step up and support our men and women in uniform, for us it's an inspiration," says Col. Tom Manion, Travis' father. "It's certainly what keeps us going."

For more information, visit www.911heroesrun.com.

USPS warns of email scam

Some postal customers are receiving bogus emails about a package delivery or online postage charges. The emails contain a link or attachment that, when opened, installs a malicious virus that can steal personal information from one's PC.

The emails claim to be from the U.S. Postal Service and contain fraudulent information about an attempted or intercepted package delivery or online postage charges. Recipients are instructed to click on a link or open an attachment.

But postal inspectors warn to not click on the link or open the attachment. Like most viruses sent by email, clicking on the link or opening the attachment will activate a virus that can steal information – such as user name, password and financial account information.

What to do

Simply delete the message without taking any further action. The Postal Inspection Service is

working hard to resolve the issue and shut down the malicious program. Anyone with questions about a delivery or wishing to report spam, call 1-800-ASK-USPS or email spam@usps.gov.

Corporate Information Security Officer Chuck McGann offers tips on spotting bogus emails:

* The text contains poor grammar or spelling errors.

* The text states immediate action must be taken or customer could face dire consequences.

* The email requests personal information under the guise of re-confirming information.

* The text from an "automated message system" states "Click on this link for details."

Customers with questions about a delivery by the Postal Service should call 1-800-ASK-USPS (275-8777).

For more information on similar scams log on to <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>.

Rising from the ashes



Following a couple of setbacks in June and July due to rainfall, construction continues on the new Servant-Savior Presbyterian Church, located at 11303 Hughes Road. The original church was destroyed by fire in April 2010. At the time, it was suspected that the cause of the fire was arson, but no official determination was ever made. The new building was designed by Harrison-Kornberg Architects of Houston and will be built by Triad Construction of Pearland. Construction is expected to be complete in October.

Photo by James Bolen

Nursing home theft suspect arrested

Treatha Robinson Johnson, 45, was charged with theft, following an incident at the Heritage Nursing Home at 213 E. Heritage Drive in Friendswood on Thursday, Aug. 9.

According to Friendswood police, an administrator at the facility discovered Johnson behind her desk at roughly 9:40 a.m., going through her purse and holding a small makeup case. Caught red-handed, Johnson was detained by the staff while police were called. The makeup case contained \$250 worth of prescription medications and other miscellaneous items.

Johnson told the staff that she was at the facility to get information about the home for her

mother. She quickly learned that information about the facility was not contained inside the administrator's purse.

While at the scene, officers discovered that Johnson had five outstanding warrants. There were four counts of credit card abuse from Montgomery County, each with a \$1,500 bond and one count of credit card abuse from Galveston, with an \$80,000 bond.

Her bond was set at \$1,000 for the theft. She is being held at the Friendswood City Jail pending transfer to the Galveston County Jail. Johnson, a convicted felon, has prior arrests that include theft, assault, forgery and credit card abuse.

Grant helps lower tuition costs

The College For All Texans Foundation recently received a \$1 million grant to help design, pilot and scale the Affordable Baccalaureate Degree Program – a low-cost alternative to a post-secondary degree, with special focus on students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

The grant has been awarded to support a partnership between the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Texas A&M University-Commerce and South Texas College working to develop a low-cost, high-quality Bachelor of Applied Sciences (BAS) in organizational leadership. The grant represents national recognition and support of the state's efforts to create affordable pathways to postsecondary education in response to Gov. Perry's \$10,000 new degree challenge.

"This grant will support a significant leap forward for higher education in Texas," explained THECB Chairman Fred W. Heldenfels IV. "The Affordable Baccalaureate Degree Program blends many of the higher education innovations recommended by the THECB. Most importantly, it rests on the vital collaboration between the community college and university sectors which is critical for creating affordable pathways to postsecondary degrees."

The two-year grant is part of the Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC) grant program. Since 2010, more than \$30 million has been awarded to institutions and organizations that support breakthrough models for improving college readiness and completion rates by incorporating technology and making their business models sustainable and expandable. NGLC chose Texas as a grant recipient because the Affordable Baccalaureate Degree Program represented an "innovative model" by proposing to use "changes in the way human capital and technology function in order to offer a cost-effective new degree program."

"Awards such as this one continue NGLC's exploration of how schools and colleges can leverage new models and technology to provide better and more affordable education to those who need it most," said Andrew Calkins, deputy director of NGLC. "Our goal is to explore new

models, collect evidence of what works, and then help others adopt those models to improve education, affordability and student success, with technology as a key enabler."

This degree program will allow students to enroll in as many as six, seven-week terms per year at an estimated flat rate tuition and fee cost of \$683 per seven-week term. Flat-rate tuition will be inclusive of all testing fees, support service fees, tutoring, advising, electronic learning materials and as many competencies as students are able to complete per term. Students may enroll year-round with the first students enrolling in fall 2013. It is estimated that first-time students can earn the BAS in organizational leadership in as little as three years at a total student cost of approximately \$13,650.

"Access to a college degree is critical to ensuring Texans can compete in the rapidly changing global marketplace, which is why maintaining our dedication to making higher education more affordable, accountable and accessible to Texans is more important now than ever," Perry said. "I congratulate the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M University-Commerce and South Texas College on this grant, and I encourage all Texas institutions to continue their efforts to leverage technology in ways that will lead to low-cost degree solutions for our Texas students."

The BAS in organizational leadership will focus on real world business skills such as information literacy, written and oral communication, critical thinking and teamwork. These skills will be embedded throughout the program and emphasized through application and real world problem-solving exercises. The program will leverage online education, competency-based learning, alternative academic staffing models, and other innovations to help control costs. The program will have three parts:

1. General core curriculum (42 semester credit hours or SCH) where students have the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of general education competencies online without sitting through traditional introductory courses, or

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Dobie admins prepare for school



J. Frank Dobie High School administrators are currently preparing for the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Incoming freshmen will begin class on Monday, Aug. 27, while all others start Tuesday, Aug. 28. All nine current Dobie principals are shown above. Seated center is Principal Franklin Moses with, left to right, Assistant Principals (sitting) Marcia Griffin, Melissa Allen, Stefanie McKinney, Donna Branch, (standing) Jimmy Golden, Chad Barrett, Eric Martinez and Mike Van Essen. See related back-to-school information on Page 3A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Readers' Opinions

Waits on "What an election mess!"

The first step in solving a problem...is recognizing we have one. In reading the letters from the August 9, 2012 edition of the *Leader*, it appears that even our local elections have problems... In a few months we have a high-stakes National election, and we do not want to have an election problem crop up in that significant event.

Marie states: "The election mess has probably been a blessing in disguise for the county officials who work with elections. This should let them know they need to be much better prepared for the big election. During Friday's meeting, Stanart acknowledged that during the Tuesday night vote counting, all the results were wrong, not just the constable's race. I have voted all my adult life. I have had faith that the voters are heard. That is no longer true. Like the Democratic poll watcher said in our meeting, it was a circus. Voters deserve much better."

Steve Buckman states: "The Sageglen Community Association board of directors is self managed, that is they have hired staff to run the association. There is an inherent conflict of interest in allowing the staff run the election. The staff has a vested interest in seeing that no one is elected that might affect their job status. They see who everyone submitting proxies votes for. Last year Sageglen's staff ran our election and managed to get their Community Manager nominated and elected to the ACC. This was in violation of the governing documents which prohibit ACC members from receiving any compensation from the association. A better alternative is for the board to appoint a "Teller" committee of association members to oversee the election."

The *Houston Chronicle* recently ran an editorial: "Bad job; Incompetence of Harris County Officials undermines the integrity of our elections."

Followed by another related article, "Human errors to blame for election night woes - Let's work together to ensure voters have faith in system."

At the National level: Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia, former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania and Texas Gov. Rick Perry have accused the Obama administration of turning a blind eye to voter fraud. "We need — and the American people deserve — election systems that are free from discrimination, free from partisan influence and free from fraud."

The best safeguard against any potential problems in our elections is an active, organized, educated citizenry who are willing to take personal responsibility, stand in whatever gaps in our electoral system exist, and work to improve them. Commit to get involved, to volunteer at the polls, to record the final vote tallies at the polls where you work, to track those tallies, make sure they are being accurately reported, and be prepared to take meaningful and swift action if breaches are found to exist. We won't change the electoral process until we are willing to roll up our sleeves and take responsibility for it.

We must remain resolved to keep level heads, acknowledge real problems when they exist, work towards solutions, and not get caught up in rumor or manufactured hype. The days ahead will test the mettle of us all. But see victory, not defeat.

With three months until Election Day, we want no more election problems.

Gary Waits

Perry urges all voters to attend 2016 first

I saw the movie 2016. I encourage every voter, liberal or conservative to see the movie. It was well made. Not inflammatory. I believe factual. I didn't learn much I didn't know about Obama's feeling for this country but I did learn a lot about why he feels as he does. I felt empathy for the boy who yearned for his father's approval. It seems he is still doing so.

He has stepped up the pace of 'change'. So many things have been changed that are designed to remove the flag, including from the Department of Justice website and from Air Force One.

The flag of the United States has been the rallying point for our country. It is the symbol of our pride, it is what the troops visualize they are fighting for, it is one of the things that bind us. That is why it has been discredited by the Obama's.

See the movie and it will remove any doubt what Obama intends for this country. See the movie and determine if that is what you would have our future be. Then vote your conscience.

Helen Perry
Publisher's note: This movie is now playing at Gulfpointe 30.

— Marie Flickinger

Nicole Scott wants you to vote for her

Hi Sageglen Community Association Homeowners. My name is Nicole Scott and I am on your ballot for one of the open Board positions. I wanted to tell you a little bit more about myself and how I hope to serve you. I am a hard worker, dependable, and I will be honest with the homeowners. You made the important decision of choosing the Sageglen Community to raise your families and I take the job of managing your Association just as seriously.

Even though I am not an attorney, being a paralegal has given me a unique understanding of the law and legal procedures. Attorneys are expensive and I believe that my knowledge could help to save our Association money.

I have some ideas on how to cut back on our violation letters while still helping our neighbors to keep up their homes. I am hearing that homeowners are tired of the frivolous letters and I want to find the balance between necessary notices and wasted ones. I also want to do this in a way that does not impede on your property rights.

Also, I have driven the neighborhood in the evening time on multiple occasions looking for burnt out streetlights throughout our neighborhood. We are being charged for these lights even if they are burnt out, so I want to make sure we are getting our monies worth. It also makes sense for safety reasons to have our streetlights working properly.

Please consider me when deciding who you want on your Board.

Thank you,
Nicole Scott

Maddox writes on Sageglen board

I am writing this letter to sing praises to the HOA Board of one of lovelest and best maintained neighborhoods in the Southbelt area. Our family has lived in this community for thirty-three wonderful years. Some of our children even continue to make their homes here.

Over the years many residents have stepped up to the plate to do their best for Sageglen and our HOA always been there when we have had a problem or question. It is especially nice to have the Sageglen Community Building staffed five days a week now if we need to attend any Sageglen business. Years ago our Cub Scouts met in this building and it does hold many memories of all sorts for many people.

Best of all, our HOA is extremely transparent as all HOA's are required to be by state law and if you ask questions, you get clear answers. And yes I have gotten a few "reminder letters" over the years as we all may have but I was always thankful that somebody cared. I am truly honored by the thought that I could have the opportunity to serve my time to help keep Sageglen strong, lovely and vibrant. My thanks to all who have ever served or been a champion for Sageglen.

Mary Maddox

Muecke on Barry Bayou Flood Plain

The day following our meeting I received 3 phone calls asking questions or clarification of some things said. I then contacted 5 people who have been supporting me on this flood issue and were at the meeting. I asked if they had any questions and were the satisfied with what they heard. This lead to a discussion, explained below. That Thursday evening the Freeway Manor Civic Club had a meeting and a discussion was held about the flood meeting. Since several had been at the flood meeting they tried to explain what HCFCD reported on. This Wednesday evening my church men's club held their meeting and again we discussed the flood meeting. Here is what we heard.

First: In June 2009 the Commissioners court authorized a one year study of the Berry Bayou Flood Plain. The study ended up taking about 2 1/2 years. You told me at the meeting that the first study did not produce the results that were needed, so another study was done. This cost additional dollars and delayed the project. The question was, why did not the first study produce the results needed; incorrect information or incorrect company doing the study? At a previous meeting we were told that about 50 acres would be needed for a retention pond, but to find that much land would be hard to do. Now you have found about 27 acres. Will this amount really help or will additional property at another location be needed? You stated at this point property had been identified and it would take about a year to finalize the design and procure the property. Then work would move down Hwy 3 to the Shaver street retention ponds. This area does not flood.

Second: The area most prone to flooding and home and car damage is the Edgebrook area and the homes in Freeway Manor. About 4/5 years ago a number of home owners received a letter from FEMA offering to purchase their homes because they had been flooded X number of times. Then these home owners were told that this offer was being rescinded as the Berry Bayou Flood Plain study was being done. This really upset these home owners. Again going back to previous meetings, we were told that most engineering/design was complete for Phase 2, but no engineering was done for Phase 3. This is supported by your Fact Sheet hand out dated February 5, 2008 which showed it would cost about \$3,000,000. At the meeting you told us that nothing would be done with Phase 2 for about another 4 or 5 years. That is way long to wait. If what we were told that most engineering was complete, why can't C-106-03-00-C002 be moved forward more quickly. As we mentioned, this is the area that causes the most flood damage that home owners have to contend with. The large turn out of 65 people, and it would have been more if we had had the time, told you of the high interest of getting this flood issue resolved, now, not later. Ditch C-106-03, from the maps shown, enters Berry Bayou up stream from the retention pond so there should be no reason not to immediately start the final design on Phase 2 and then have construction start.

You told us that Phase 1 of ditch C-106-03 was done in 1980. Then nothing was done until 2005 when we stepped up and asked HCFCD to get on this project. Now seven years later and several studies, probably very expensive, we are still looking at years before we get relief. 30 years is just too long for a project like this to drag out. This is our tax money. Are we in a race with the Clear Creek/Army corp of Engineers to see which can be delayed the longest? We look forward to a clear and complete explanation why work can not immediately start on resolving flooding caused by the Phase 2 section for ditch C-106-03. We have to eliminate the wooden boxed mud bottom ditch under the parking lot of the bingo parlor that is causing most of the flood problems. Thank you.

James E. Muecke

Families needed for exchange students

I am the local Representative of a Foreign Exchange Student Organization living in this great neighborhood.

I am looking for good loving families in this area that would be interested to make a difference in a young student's life, by opening up their home and hearts to host a foreign Exchange student for the academic year 2012/2013. I have established a great Relationship with the PISD and the local

school.

It is not often we have the chance to make a difference outside of our community. However, hosting a foreign Exchange Student is a way to build an International Relationship. A single student may be a small piece, but Student Exchange is a large program across the country, bringing thousands of teens to the US every year. HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED IN HOSTING A STUDENT???

You can be a Welcome family for 6-8 weeks, or host for 1 Semester (5 month) or the entire academic year.

These students are 15 to 18 years of age. They are bright curious and anxious to learn more about this great country by living as part of a family. They are attending the local High school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly "adopted" family. Each student is fully insured, brings his or hers own personal spending money and expects to bear his or her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles.

If you are able to open your heart and home to one of these students you will enrich your family with another culture and make a Lifelong friend.

In order to help make their dreams of studying abroad a reality get in contact with me for more detailed information.

E-mail: Marburgerdippche@gmail.com or by calling 281-599-3679.

You can make a difference in these students' lives. "We all smile in the same language."

Ursula Adams

Pace writes on Mark Twain, the weather

Mark Twain once said "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Well, not quite, since Mark Twain's time there have been attempts to seed clouds to make it rain during severe droughts, cause hurricanes to rain themselves out and to disperse fog. These attempts have met with little or no success. The alternative to weather modification is to warn the citizenry of the approach of life threatening weather conditions in a timely manner. Most experts advise "Run from the water and hide from the wind." Most Americans pay no attention to weather unless it personally disrupts their everyday routine or makes it uncomfortable to enjoy recreational activities. Daily weather information Americans use is that which is disseminated by local radio, print, TV or internet, thinking these media outlets are the ones who observe, measure, record, report, forecast and disseminate weather information. It should be noted the National Weather Service is the sole source for issuing weather watches and warnings. These media outlets generally do a good job of dissemination of weather information, however they would have no information whatsoever, if it were not for the National Weather Service, F.A.A., N.A.S.A. and, most importantly during Hurricane Season, the United States Air Force 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, the "Hurricane Hunters." These Government Agencies are three necessary Agencies of the Federal Government along with the U. S. Air Force's 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, which is more than can be said of agencies such as GSA, Dept. of Energy, Dept. of Education, and hundreds of other useeas agencies.

The National Weather Service has been shortchanged by Democrat Presidents and Congresses for decades, failing to provide financing to modernize weather measurement instrumentation, radar, communications and adequate housing facilities. Weather Service facilities at Intercontinental Airport, when it first opened, were relegated to a trailer house located on the extreme western edge of the airport. Gas service for heating was not provided as Weather Service personnel were told "It doesn't get cold in Houston." Weather measurement instrumentation, dating back to the early 1950's, removed from other updated or closed Weather Stations, was installed at Intercontinental Airport as there was no financing for state of the art, modern equipment. One Democrat President canceled financing for National Weather Service Doppler Radar and was the only President who, through the Secret Service, demanded the National Weather Service NOAA Weather Radio cease transmission when he visited Houston, as it "might interfere" and personally endanger him.

The National Weather Service budget is approximately \$872 million, less than the cost of a hamburger, fries and drink for each man, woman and child in America and represents a reduction of \$39 million. The budget for Weather Satellites, \$2 billion, a pittance compared to the waste of GSA, will be reduced by \$182 million. This Administration, as has all Democrat Administrations and Congresses in the past, continues the practice of cutting the budgets of Government Weather Services because they are "easy," they have very few employees, therefore they care less if they get their votes.

The U. S. Air Force 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, the "Hurricane Hunters," has suffered numerous de-activations, change of locations, additions to missions, reductions in personnel and aircraft since its inception as a full fledged Weather Reconnaissance Squadron. It has used cast off aircraft from other Air Force units, B-25's, B-29's, B-50's, B-47's, and finally the ultimate aircraft, the WC130 Hercules. The 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron has been relegated to "Reserve Status," however we have seen past Democrat Presidents and Congresses more than willing to de-activate this Weather Reconnaissance Squadron with not a second thought as to consequences to 100% of the American public.

Americans should not sit idly by and let President Obama, his Administration and the Democrats in the Senate, destroy the National Weather Service's and the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron's ability to warn them of the potential of life threatening weather. Vote buying by the President which puts the lives of millions of Americans in jeopardy should not be acceptable.

Henry Pace

USAF - 1950-1954

53rd SRS/53rdWRS-Hurricane Hunters - 1952-1954 NWS - Retired - 1990

13 things your burglar won't tell you

Publisher's note: Cathy Haney, longtime J. Frank Dobie faculty member and friend, keeps many of us up on Dobie news and the

best emails being circulated. The following is one she sent and wants to share with our *Leader* readers. Thanks Cathy, for all the joy you add to our lives.

—Marie Flickinger

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.

2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.

3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.

4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.

5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Vinyl grifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.

6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.

7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom — and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there, too.

8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door — understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)

10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at <http://www.faketv.com/%29>.)

8 more things a burglar won't tell you:

1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.

2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.

3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.

4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.

6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

SOURCES:

Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs <http://www.crimedoctor.com/> and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book, *Burglars on the Job*.

Protection for you and your home: If you don't have a gun, here's a more humane way to wreck someone's evil plans for you.

WASP SPRAY

A friend who is a receptionist in a church in a high risk area was concerned about someone coming into the office on Monday to rob them when they were counting the collection. She asked the local police department about using pepper spray and they recommended to her that she get a can of wasp spray instead.

The wasp spray, they told her, can shoot up to 20 feet away and is a lot more accurate, while with the pepper spray, they have to get too close to you and could overpower you. The wasp spray temporarily blinds an attacker until they get to the hospital for an antidote. She keeps a can on her desk in the office and it doesn't attract attention from people like a can of pepper spray would. She also keeps one nearby at home for home protection. Thought this was interesting and might be of use.

FROM ANOTHER SOURCE:

On the heels of a break-in and beating that left an elderly woman in Toledo dead, self-defense experts have a tip that could save your life.

Val Glinka teaches self-defense to students at Sylvania Southview High School. For decades, he's suggested putting a can of wasp and hornet spray near your door or bed.

Glinka says, "This is better than anything I can teach them."

Glinka considers it inexpensive, easy to find, and more effective than mace or pepper spray. The cans typically shoot 20 to 30 feet; so if someone tries to break into your home, Glinka says, "spray the culprit in the eyes." It's a tip he's given to students for decades. It's also one he wants everyone to hear. If you're looking for protection, Glinka says look to the spray. "That's going to give you a chance to call the police; maybe get out." Maybe even save a life.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr.'s office, the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator.

Next time you come home for the night

Readers' Opinions

and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

P.S. I am sending this to everyone I know because I think it is fantastic. Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he

carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.

Please pass this on even IF you've read it before. It's a reminder.

Please share this with all the people in your life.

Cathy Haney

Sharpe: Trees on Hughes Road

I have noticed that the tree's along Hughes Road, especially near Frazier Elementary School, really need to be trimmed. There are some tree's, near the crosswalk where children will be crossing very soon, that are blocking the view of the road.

I was hoping that before school started some trimming could be done to help drivers see the road better. Just thought I would address it here since I was not sure who to contact otherwise.

Thank you,
Dawn Sharpe

CCISD Board of Trustees seek 2012 Citizen of the Year

The Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees is seeking nominations for the 2012 Citizen of the Year. The award is given each year to honor a community member for his or her support of CCISD. Former recipients include Sandra Johnson, Bob Forde, Gib Larson, and Lucien Q. Junkin.

The board of trustees established an endowment fund which the Citizen of the Year will have the opportunity to designate to a CCISD academic program or classroom activity in his or her name.

The recipient will be announced at the Clear Creek Education Foundation's Facts of Education - 20th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center in League City. Recipients eligible for this award must meet the following requirements:

- Demonstrated a commitment to Clear Creek ISD through volunteer efforts.
- Contributed significantly in ways that have benefited the entirety of CCISD.
- Maintained a reputation

across the CCISD community as an individual with high standards and dedication to excellence in public education.

• Voluntarily served the district and its students and patrons over an extended period of time.

All nominations must be submitted no later than Aug. 31 to be considered for the 2012 award. Forms are available online on the foundation's website and the district website. Mail nominations to: Clear Creek Education Foundation, PO Box 1631, League City, TX 77574.

CCISD start, dismissal times

Clear Creek Independent School District campus times for the 2012-2013 school year are as follows: Elementary schools - 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. - Early release - 12:15 p.m.; Intermediate schools - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Early release - 1 p.m.; WAVE/Science Magnet - 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Early release WAVE/Science Magnet - noon; and High schools - 7:20 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Early release - 11:30 a.m.

Deaths

Elmer Glenn Bondy



Elmer Glenn Bondy, 90, died on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012. He was born on Aug. 4, 1922, in Monroe, La., and raised in San Antonio, where he graduated from Brackenridge High School in 1940. He attended Southwest Texas State on a football scholarship, but his pursuit of a degree was interrupted by World War II.

At age 19, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Bondy enlisted in the Army Air Corps. A combat pilot and second lieutenant, he served in the Philippines and Australia under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

After the war, he was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant, then re-enrolled at Southwest Texas State and earned a bachelor's degree in education. He married Isla Stockwell of Raymondville in 1947. The couple moved to Pasadena where Bondy began his career in education. He later earned a master's degree in school administration from the University of Houston.

Bondy spent 39 years of service with the Pasadena Independent School District, serving from football coach to district administrator.

He joined the faculty and coaching staff at Pasadena High in the late 1940s. He went on to serve as assistant principal at Pasadena High and, in 1963, was named the third principal in the history of South Houston High. After four years at South Houston, Bondy moved to the administration building as the district's assistant superintendent for secondary schools.

A highly regarded member of the Pasadena community, Bondy was honored in 1993 with the naming and dedication of Bondy Intermediate.

Bondy was a past-president and lifetime member of the Pasadena Noon Optimist Club, a Texas Life Member of PTA, a member of Pasadena Rotary Club and First United Methodist Church in Pasadena.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Isla Stockwell Bondy; his parents, Floyd Frank and Roberta Barr Bondy; and brother Floyd Frank Bondy Jr.

Survivors include his son, Robert Glenn Bondy and wife Brenda, son Charles Stockwell Bondy and wife Robbie; grandchildren: Russell Glenn Bondy and wife Erika, Paula Bondy Johnson and husband Ryan, Charis Bondy Gomez and husband Roland, and Kyle Graham Bondy and wife Brittany;

great-grandsons James Johnson, Paul Johnson and Cody Bondy; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church of Pasadena on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012, at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont, Pasadena, TX 77504.

Richard L. Vargas



Richard L. Vargas, 58, died on Friday, Aug. 3, 2012.

A Mass will be said on Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 10 a.m. at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church at 10727 Hartscock Street in Houston. (See full obituary in Aug. 9, 2012, edition.)

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CCISD, PISD announce free and reduced price meal guidelines

Clear Creek and Pasadena Independent School District students who are unable to afford the full price of school meals will be able to participate in a free and reduced price meal program.

Both districts will use guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to determine eligibility for participation in the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program. Reduced price meals will cost \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

Qualification standards are based on number of family members and income. Applicants must turn in the following information in order to be considered for the program:

Eligibility group number for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Families who do not have the above information must list the following:

- Names of all household members
- The last four digits of the Social Security number of primary wage earner or household member who signs the form
- Last month's income and how often it was received

For each household member that receives an income

- Signature of an adult household member.

Information on the application may be verified as required by law. For information about the program at CCISD, call 281-284-0712, and at Pasadena ISD, call Mary Harryman, Director of Child Nutrition at 713-740-0097.

Foster children who are the legal responsibility of the state agency or court are eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with which they reside.

Application forms are distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications are also available at the administration office in each school in both school districts. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or the Child Nutrition Services at either District Administration Building. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Joycelyn Thompson, Free & Reduced Clerk, will review applications for CCISD and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis at 281-284-0712.

Parents of students in CCISD who wish to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally by calling 281-284-0700 or in writing to Fred Walker, Director of Child Nutrition Services, 2145 West NASA Blvd, Webster, TX 77598.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, the Director of Child Nutrition at PISD will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians of students in PISD dissatisfied with the ruling of the

official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Associate Superintendent for Finance, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas, 77502, 713-740-0146.

For PISD, contact Mary Harryman, Director of Child Nutrition, at 713-740-0097.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact Child Nutrition Services. Such changes may make the students of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown in the diagram on this page.

regardless of age or program, in Texas elementary and secondary schools.

Documentation of immunizations must include day, month and year.

Vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four (4) days before the minimum interval or age shall be counted as valid.

Failure to comply with immunizations requirements: The principal shall exclude from school attendance, but shall not withdraw the student for non-compliance.

Such absences are unexcused and in violation of compulsory attendance laws.

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Immunization requirements for 2012-2013

A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a child-care facility or public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas.

Vaccine Required (Attention to notes and footnotes)	Minimum Number of Doses Required by Grade Level					NOTES
	K - 3rd	4th - 6th	7th	8th - 10th	11th - 12th	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap) ¹	5 doses or 4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses	3 dose primary series and 1 Tdap/Td booster within last 5 years	3 dose primary series and 1 Tdap/Td booster within last 10 years		5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; one dose must have been received on or after the 4th birthday. However, 4 doses meet the requirement if the 4th dose was received on or after the 4th birthday. For students aged 7 years and older, 3 doses meet the requirement if one dose was received on or after the 4th birthday. For 7th grade: 1 dose of Tdap is required if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. For 8th - 12th grade: 1 dose of Tdap is required when 10 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.
Polio ¹	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses of polio; one dose must be received on or after the 4th birthday. However, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3rd dose was received on or after the 4th birthday.
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella ^{1,2} (MMR)	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses		2 doses	The first dose of MMR must be received on or after the 1st birthday. For K - 3rd grade, 2 doses of MMR are required. For 4th - 12th grade, 2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine, and one dose each of rubella and mumps vaccine is required.
Hepatitis B ²	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	For students aged 11-15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) was received. Dosage and type of vaccine must be clearly documented. (Two 10 mcg/1.0 ml of Recombivax).
Varicella ^{1,2,3}	2 doses	1 dose	2 doses		1 dose	The first dose of varicella must be received on or after the first birthday. For grades K - 3rd and 7th - 10th 2 doses are required. 1 dose is required for all other grade levels. For any student who receives the first dose on or after 13 years of age, 2 doses are required.
Meningococcal			1 dose			
Hepatitis A ^{1,2}	2 doses					The first dose of hepatitis A must be received on or after the first birthday.

¹ Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.
² Serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella or serologic evidence of infection is acceptable in place of vaccine.
³ Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine." This written statement will be acceptable in place of any and all varicella vaccine doses required.

Federal Income Chart: 2012-2013 School Year

Household Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income
1	\$20,665	\$1,723
2	\$27,991	\$2,333
3	\$35,317	\$2,944
4	\$42,643	\$3,554
5	\$49,969	\$4,165
6	\$57,295	\$4,775
7	\$64,621	\$5,386
8	\$71,947	\$5,996
Each Additional Person	\$7,326	\$611

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Pasadena ISD school information

Start/Dismissal Times
 Pasadena Independent School District campus times for the 2012-2013 school year are as follows:

High school - 7:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Elementary - 7:50 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.; Intermediate - 8:20 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Middle school - 8:40 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The schedules for schools offering pre-kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year are as follows:

Morning Pre-K session - 7:55 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.; and

afternoon Pre-K session - 12:05 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.

Bus Route Information
 Bus route information is now available on the Pasadena ISD website under the back to school and parent pages or at <http://yi.tl/bus> routes. For more information on transportation, call 713-740-0817.

Online Meal Payments
 The ability for parents to pre-pay for their child's school meals and also be able to monitor their eating habits

is just a few keystrokes away through the new MyNutriKids.com service in Pasadena ISD.

The Pasadena ISD Child Nutrition Department is now providing the secure online prepayment service where parents may deposit money into their child's meal account at any time.

In addition, parents will have the ability to view and print their child's eating history report over a 30-day period.

Payments may be made through an existing PayPal account or with a major debit or credit card. A fee of \$1.75 will be assessed for each deposit. If parents have more than one child in the district, they may handle all online prepayments from the same account.

For more information, contact the individual campuses.

Student Handbooks
 The Pasadena ISD Student Handbook/Code of Conduct will primarily be available online on the district's website, and the number of printed handbooks/student code of conduct will be greatly reduced.

Parents will receive a form to sign and return to the child's school acknowledging they have read the handbook/student code of conduct. Each campus will make a computer available to parents so that they can read the handbook/student code of conduct online if they do not have access to a computer and internet.

The district is also working with public libraries to make them aware of the link to the handbook/student code of conduct so that they can also assist parents.

Placing the handbook online will result in significant savings to the district that can be put into the education of students.

Also, the information will be instantly accessible for parents at any time.

For additional information, visit the district's website at www1.pasadenaisd.org.

Author of young adult books speaks

The Houston Bay Area chapter of Romance Writers of America will host author Joy Preble at its Aug. 21 meeting. Preble's topic will be *Of Witches, Mermaids, Undead Guys, and Blue-Eyed Hotties: Writing a Paranormal Series for the YA Market and Surviving to Tell the Tale*.

Everyone knows that YA (young adult) books are selling. But what does it take to create, sell and market a YA series? Joy Preble, author of the *Dreaming Anastasia* series for teens, will take you through her journey to a trilogy: from creation to submission to getting that third book on the shelf. She'll touch on trends in YA, marketing and social media, as well as craft issues.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. with socialization before, at 7:15 p.m. The group will meet at the Kirkmont MUD Building at 10102 Blackhawk, just off the beltway. Nonmembers are welcome to attend two meetings before joining.

For more information, contact Kay Hudson, president of HBARWA, at kghudson@aol.com, or Donna Maloy, vice president, at donna@donnamaloy.com.

Elementary breakfast - \$1.25; Secondary breakfast - \$1.45; Elementary lunch - \$1.90; Secondary lunch - \$2.40; Milk: 8 oz. \$.60 / 11 oz. \$.85.

In-District Transfers
 Anyone interested in obtaining a student transfer for a child from one Pasadena ISD school to another will need to complete a form and submit it to the school one is wanting the child to attend.

The form is provided online by Student Services as a courtesy only.

Meal Prices

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College tuition . . .

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ransfer in coursework earned through another institution, dual credit, or credit by exam.

2. Lower-division electives (48 SCH) where students can demonstrate competency in a variety of related fields, including a foreign language, and apply for credit for work and/or military experience.

3. Upper-division applied coursework (30 SCH) which builds on and applies work-related skills in the four mastery areas.

Upper-division coursework will be offered both online and in a traditional face-to-face environment and culminate with an applied, digital capstone experience evaluated by faculty and business leaders using a program-specific rubric.

PISD addresses FAQs regarding 2012-13 dress code

The Pasadena Independent School District's new student dress code will be implemented in the 2012-2013 school year in order to maintain a respectful and positive learning environment. Students are asked to use good judgment when selecting attire. It is important to note all clothing should be free of any references to death, sex, drugs, alcohol, gangs or weapons. Check with the child's individual campus for additions and/or deletions to the lists below.

The dress code can be accessed at www.pasadenaisd.org and clicking on back to school banner on the home page. The following is a list of frequently asked questions regarding the district dress code:

Q: What color shirts can my child wear to school?
 A: Shirts may be any color. Shirts must be collared polo or oxford style.

Q: Are logos allowed on shirts?
 A: Yes. Logos are allowed on shirts, jackets, sweaters and hoodies.

Q: Are striped polos allowed?
 A: Yes. Printed, striped, plaid and any other appropriate designs are allowed on shirts as long as they are a collared polo or oxford style.

Q: Can students wear a T-shirt under school shirt during the cooler months?
 A: Yes. Turtlenecks and T-shirts may be worn under the standardized shirt as long as they are appropriately sized.

Q: Can my child wear a sweater or hoodie to school?
 A: Yes. Sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets and hoodies may be worn over the polo or oxford styled shirts. The only requirement is that the collar be visible at all times.

Q: What color pants/

jeans can my child wear to school?
 A: Pants should be khaki, navy, black, brown or gray and be free of any design.

Q: Can child wear jeans with holes or tears in them?
 A: No. All pants/jeans must be free of slits, holes or tears and must be one continuous solid color, free of manufactured fading or bleeding and appropriately sized.

Q: What kind of shoes can my child wear?
 A: Students must wear shoes with backs. Shoes with Velcro, straps or laces must be securely fastened at all times. Skate shoes are not permitted.

Q: When can my child wear a spirit shirt?
 A: Spirit shirts may be worn on days designated by the campus principal. The principal and assistant principal(s) are authorized to make determinations regarding whether any fashion,

fad, hair, jewelry or article of clothing is inappropriate for school wear or disruptive to the educational process or safety of the campus.

Q: Is my elementary student required to wear a belt?
 A: Belts are required for garments made with belt loops in grades 3-12 only.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pasadena ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 28, 2012 in 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, TX 77502. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.0700/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.2800/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	4.30 % increase
Debt Service	-7.29 % decrease
Total expenditures	3.07 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$12,840,383,868	\$12,934,805,453
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$84,059,315	\$82,777,339
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$9,621,423,180	\$9,692,174,182
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$62,986,454	\$62,025,857

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$488,105,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.0700	\$0.2800*	\$1.3500	\$2,586	\$5,103
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.0719	\$0.2796*	\$1.3515	\$2,574	\$5,474
Proposed Rate	\$1.0700	\$0.2800*	\$1.3500	\$2,565	\$5,411

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$93,878	\$90,638
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$71,966	\$69,409
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.3500	\$1.3500
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$971.54	\$937.02
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$-34.52

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.3500. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.3500.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$50,000,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$60,000,000



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St. Luke's holds groundbreaking

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist will hold a groundbreaking ceremony at its new property across from South Belt Elementary School, 1801 Riverstone Ranch Road, on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012. A Mass will be held from 4 to 5:15 p.m., the groundbreaking ceremony from 5:30 to 6 p.m.; and food, music, fun and activities from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Bring a favorite folding chair and shovel, big or small.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Monday, Aug. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Parker Williams Library, Scarsdale at Beamer. This will be the first meeting since summer break. Anyone interested in family history research is invited to attend. A discussion of the use of probate records for genealogical research is planned.

Driver Safety Training Aug. 21

AARP Driver Safety Training is held monthly at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria Blvd. The next training will be on Tuesday, Aug. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This class will also be available in Spanish. For more information and to register, call the hospital at 713-222-2273.

Community meeting set

The office of Councilmember Wanda Adams invites all residents who live in ZIP codes 77075, 77089 and 77546 to attend a community meeting Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012. City of Houston department leaders will be in attendance to inform residents of upcoming projects that will take place in the community and will be available to answer questions. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the theater of the Marie Flickinger Fine Arts building on the campus of San Jacinto Community College located at 13735 Beamer Road.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

HAILY IS 4, MOM & DAD MARK 5TH
Hailey Sunshine Cubos turned 4 years old on Saturday, Aug. 11, and her parents, South Belt residents **Claudia and Erik Cubos**, celebrated their fifth anniversary that same day. Friends and family wish them all a wonderful day.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 16 through Aug. 22.

Burnett Elementary
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Chantay Hill** Aug. 19.

Bush Elementary
On Aug. 18, **Melisa Evans** enjoys a birthday. Celebrating a birthday Aug. 20 is **Santos Reyes**.

Meador Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Esther Davila** Aug. 17.

South Belt Elementary
The day to send a birthday greeting to **Veronica Brisenio** is Aug. 16.

Stuchbery Elementary
A birthday wish is sent to **Tracy Duron** on Aug. 20. On Aug. 21, **Francisco Vences** has a birthday. A birthday greeting is sent to **Phillis Christeson** Aug. 22.

Melillo Middle School
Marking a birthday Aug. 19 is **Joe Pena**. On Aug. 20, **Maria Padilla** is wished a happy birthday. Blow out the birthday candles on Aug. 21 for **Jewell Deleon**. Enjoying a birthday Aug. 22 is **Maria Diaz**.

Morris Middle School
The day for a party for **Rebecca Ferguson** is Aug. 17. **Judith Montgomery** has a birthday Aug. 19. On Aug. 22, **Nancy Flores** is wished a happy birthday.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Celebrating a birthday Aug. 16 is **Leyda Zorrilla**. Greetings for a happy birthday are

sent to **Charlotte Nelson** on Aug. 17. The day for a cake for **Jamy Smith** is Aug. 18. **Ana Escobedo** marks a birthday Aug. 22.

Thompson Intermediate
On Aug. 22, **Bertha Izaguirre** celebrates a birthday.

Dobie High
Blow out the birthday candles on Aug. 18 for **Trevor Parker**. Celebrating a double birthday Aug. 19 are **Patience Allison** and **Haley Collins**. A birthday greeting is sent to **Irene Rodriguez** Aug. 20. On Aug. 21, **Cindy Mutz** enjoys a birthday. Double happy birthday wishes are sent to **Roland Deyon** and **Susannah Dohrmann** Aug. 22.

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CCISD board honors community members, staff

On Monday, July 23, 2012, the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees honored several staff and community members including **Galveston County Daily News** Editor, **Heber Taylor**.
"We are fortunate to have Heber Taylor and his staff covering the 'real' stories of education," said Superintendent **Greg Smith, Ph.D.**, "No, it's not all fluff, but it is fair and accurate. That is why our board of trustees nominated Heber Taylor and the *Galveston Daily News* to be placed on the 2012 Media Honor Roll of the Texas Association of School Boards."

recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. "This award is a small token of appreciation for always looking at both sides of a story, never forgetting the face of education, and playing an important role in shaping the conversations in the county and the state," said Smith as he presented Taylor with a certificate.
Veteran newspaper editor and reporter **Mary Alys Cherry** was also recognized at the meeting for her longtime coverage of CCISD during her time with the *Bay Area Citizen*. "We appreciate her clear and concise stories," Smith

said, "She is now fulfilling a longtime dream of publishing a magazine. **Mary Alys Cherry** is now the publisher of *Bay Area Houston Magazine* and one of her requisites before she accepted the job was to be able to continue to cover CCISD. We are glad they obliged."
CCISD trustees also honored Galveston County Sheriff's office liaison officer **Lt. Pete Sifuentes** for his heroic efforts to save a motorist. Sifuentes noticed the man lying on the side of the road, stopped, and performed CPR, saving the man's life. "We want to congratulate you on being declared the Galveston County Officer of the Year

and Officer of the Year by the 100 Club of Houston," said Smith. "We also thank you for selflessly serving the students of Clear Creek ISD."
Trustee **Ann Hammond** was also recognized for earning the designation of master trustee from the Texas Association of School Boards.
"We strive for our students to be lifelong learners, and I can't think of a more appropriate role model than our very own **Ann Hammond**," Smith told the audience. "This designation is the culmination of a yearlong research project and intense discussions centering around the future of public educa-

tion."
Hammond participated in Leadership TASB where 31 school board members from around the state studied together. She now joins 700 other school board members in Texas, including CCISD's own **Ken Baliker** with the highest designation recognized by the Texas Association of School Boards.
Hammond conducted research on the Texas Consortiums. They are collaborating to transform education using the Visioning Institute document as a guide. **Hammond's** team project has also been selected to be presented at the state convention in September.

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CCISD Superintendent Greg Smith, CCISD trustees Charles Pond, Ken Baliker and Ann Hammond, with CCISD trustees Dee Scott, Page Rander, Win Weber and Bob Davee.



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celebrated. The annual event is aimed at preventing crime by encouraging neighbors to communicate with each other and local law enforcement groups.
Frazier Elementary was one of only two Pasadena Independent School District schools to earn an exemplary status by the Texas Education Agency. To earn exemplary status, all student groups in a school must have 90 percent or more of its students pass each portion of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test.
Two arrests were made in connection with the killing of **Gary Wayne Johnson**. The suspects, **Israel Antonio Torres** and **Servando Romero Morales**, were charged with capital murder.
More than \$20,000 was raised for the **Ray Joseph Hutchison** scholarship to benefit **Clear Creek Independent School District** students. **Hutchison**, a 2001 **Clear Creek** graduate, was killed in action Dec. 7, 2003.
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The Politics of Murder auditions Aug. 26-27

Pasadena Little Theatre will hold auditions for *The Politics of Murder*, by **Denis J. Harrington**, on Sunday, Aug. 26, and Monday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m.
Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. The cast includes four men and four women, ages 30 through 60.
The show runs weekends Oct. 19 through Nov. 4.
Contact the director, **Mal Morley**, at malden.morley@gmail.com with questions or visit the website www.pasadenalittletheatre.org for more information and character descriptions.
This mystery centers around the murder of a Senate majority leader and presidential candidate.
There's betrayal, blackmail, threats, murder and secrets. But who had a motive to kill the senator? This murder mystery will keep the audience guessing.

HAL-PC computer classes scheduled

Two computer classes will be offered by the Houston Area League of PC-Users (HAL-PC) Senior Learning Center at their Webster facility.
Files and Folders is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 4 through 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. This class is a prerequisite for most of the classes and teaches students to manage their files, folders, disks and drives.
Basic Computer Literacy will be taught on Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 17 through Oct. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. This course targets students with little or no prior experience with computers and covers basic hardware software and the Windows Operating System.
For more information or to receive the email newsletter, call 281-316-0768.
Sign-up for classes is available in the local office at 400 Medical Center Blvd. Suite 210, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$10 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.
HAL-PC is a nonprofit organization. The Clear Lake branch serves the recreational computer needs of members and nonmembers in the Clear Lake area, with low-cost courses developed and taught by the all-volunteer staff.

Dobie sets 25-year reunion

The **Dobie Class of 1987** will hold its 25th reunion on Oct. 13, 2012, at South Shore Harbour Resort. For more information, call **Jim or Lauretta Massicott** at 281-468-9720 or email lrjmj@sbglobal.net.

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Whitaker, Benefield to wed



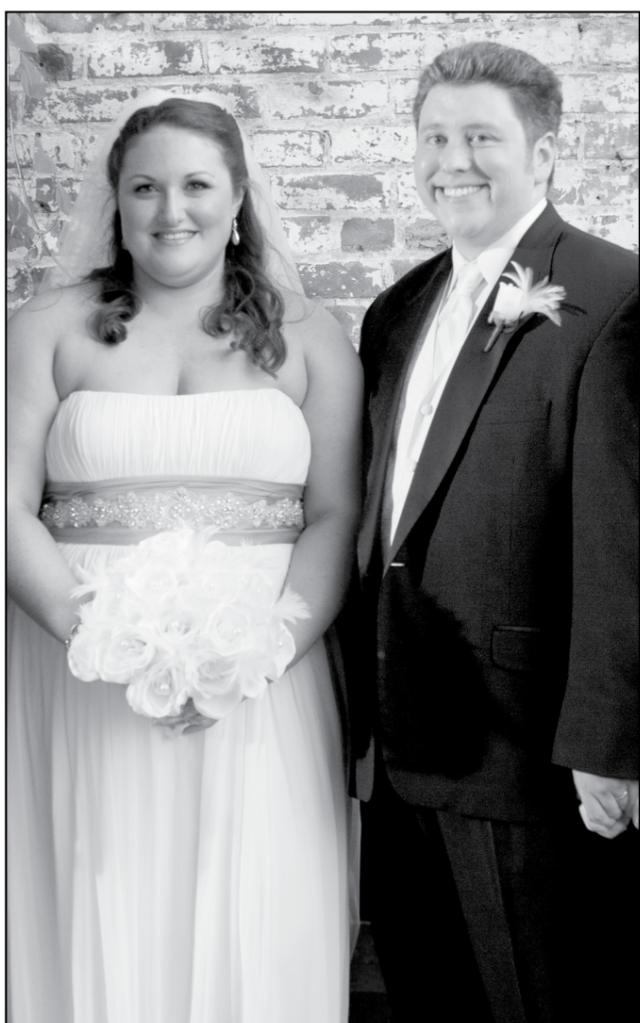
Kevin Whitaker of Nacogdoches, Texas, and Bobbie Whitaker of Sagemont announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Misty Whitaker, to Andreis Benefield, son of Ronald and Irish Benefield of Pearland. The bride-to-be is a 1995 J. Frank Dobie High School graduate and attended Oklahoma State University, majoring in computer science. The prospective groom is a 1997 J. Frank Dobie High School graduate and attended Prairie View A&M University, majoring in chemical engineering. A late October wedding is planned in the Heights at The Bell Tower on 34th Street. The couple plans to reside in Houston.

Crafts mark 50th anniversary



Mike and Linda Craft were married in Laurel, Miss., Aug. 17, 1962, and will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this week. The couple moved to Houston (Sagemont area) in 1969. They have four children, Mike Jr., Kevin, Kim and Kelly; six grandchildren, Natalie, Ryan, Phillip, Michelle, Kendra and Andrew; and one great-grandchild, Little Nate. Mike and Linda moved to the area for employment at NASA (Apollo, Gemini programs) and eventually opened Craft CB in the '70s. In the '80s, they opened Radio World and then Sky's the Limit. Mike was also involved in the early two-way radio communication industry, pre-cellular times. In 1994, Mike, Linda and their son, Kevin, ventured into opening Craft's Home Theatre. In 2000, Mike and Linda retired. To celebrate the occasion, the couple's children will attend Sagemont Church with them on Sunday, Aug. 19. After church, the couple plans to celebrate during lunch with the family.

Camp, de Freitas marry



Tiffany Michelle Camp and Anthony Lawrence de Freitas were united in marriage on Saturday, June 16, 2012, at Rosy's Jazz Hall in New Orleans. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father, Jack Camp. The Rev. Robert Chance officiated the double-ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of JoAnn and Jack Camp of Kirkmont. The groom is the son of Karen and Max de Freitas of Mandeville, La. Serving as maid of honor was Brittany Camp, and bridesmaids were Andrea de Freitas and Lisa Diep. Best man was Skylar North, and groomsmen were Garrett Grisson and Dustin Speyrer. Ringbearers were Parker and Evan Lagman, nephews of the groom. Reading a passage from Scriptures was John Senkar. The bride is a 2002 Dobie High School graduate. She earned her BSN degree at Texas Woman's University and now works in ICU at Walter Reed Military Hospital in Bethesda, Md. The groom is a 2000 graduate of Langham Creek High School. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in economics at Texas State University in 2004 and now works for Operational Concepts as a project manager in Washington, D.C. The couple resides in Sterling, Va.

SJC's Whiteside named to TACC eLearning Council

Niki Whiteside, San Jacinto College vice president for educational technology services, has been appointed to the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) eLearning Council (eLC).

The council serves to inform TACC on current and emerging issues in distance learning and educational telecommunications and plays a vital role in guiding the Virtual College of Texas (VCT) and the State of Texas Academic Resource Link (STAR-LINK) in their roles as state-wide service providers. VCT is a collaborative of Texas community and technical colleges that aims to increase access to higher education and improve student success through sharing of eLearning resources among Texas two-year colleges. STARLINK provides professional development for higher education faculty, staff, and administrators through online presentations. Whiteside will serve as one of two representatives for the Southeast Texas region.

"Distance learning demand continues to grow at San Jacinto College and other institutions throughout the state," said Whiteside, who is also chair of the college's Technology Users Council.

"I am excited to have this opportunity to participate on the TACC eLearning Council and to be involved with recommendations for the future of distance learning in Texas."

San Jacinto College vice chancellor for learning and student success and interim president at the Central and South campuses, Dr. Laurel Williamson, says that Whiteside and her team continue to develop innovative best practices when it comes to online learning and instructional design support. "San Jacinto College maintains a level of excellence in its distance education programs through the leadership of Niki Whiteside," commented Williamson. "Her division provides required faculty pedagogical training through the online course, ACAdemic, which stands for Active, Collaborative, and Authentic learning for students. In addition, she and her staff provide instructional design support for individual courses, new software training, and the college's learning management system. In all these endeavors, she strives for creativity and outstanding service."

In June, Whiteside was recognized by the Rotary District 5890, as its District 5890 Rising Star for her work in social media. She has been instrumental in improving the Pasadena and District 5890 Rotary organizations' social media presence, making Rotary news accessible to current and new members, along with the outside community. "This was a great surprise to me. There are so many people involved in Rotary who give so much, and I am honored and humbled that any effort that I have put forth would be recognized at this level," said Whiteside.

In July, Whiteside and her team received the 2012 Blackboard Catalyst Award for Exemplary Course Design for significant achievements in course design accomplished using the online learning software. San Jac was among a select group of Blackboard clients who were recognized at their annual users' conference.

The award program is designed to enhance the visibility of the innovation taking place at each institution and to recognize the efforts staff members are making that directly impact teaching and learning programs.

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Gulf Freeway Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Senior Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. Visitors are welcome. For information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

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Back-to-school workshop set

Bay Area Turning Point and the Bridge Over Troubled Waters will host a free Back To School Workshop on Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Cleveland-Ripley Neighborhood Center, 720 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena. This workshop is for 40 high school students and up to two of their parents or guardians. The prevention coordinators from both agencies will lead a discussion with parents and their teens, separately, to discuss bullying and teen dating violence including school policies, what to do when it happens, ways to report, and more. Free backpacks will be given to each student at the end of the workshop as well as a "survival kit" with information on the topics and other available resources. IT'Z will also donate free passes to add to the backpacks. For information or to register, contact Kelly Cox at kcox@btow.org or 713-472-0753.

PW Library sets events

The following events are set for the Parker Williams Library Aug. 16-22. On Saturday, Aug. 18, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., intermediate storytime at 11 a.m., and beginner storytime at 1 p.m. A teen movie (ages 11 and up) is set for Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 3 p.m. This movie is rated PG-13. Contact the library for the exact title. Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, and toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

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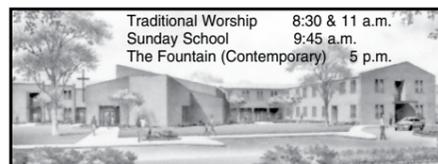
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South Belters share 2012 vacation photos

Ramos family relaxes in Galveston

The Ramos family, Ricky, Cynthia and son Elijah, decided to take a mini vacation in Galveston recently. Ricky had been working long hours seven days a week, so he and Cynthia decided to take the mini vacation to relax and spend quality time with their son.

At right, Ricky and Elijah feed the seagulls.

Below, Ricky and Elijah play in the surf while watching huge ships pass by.



Botkins spend family vacation in New Braunfels

Ever since the Botkin boys were 5 and 8 years old, the Botkin family reserved housing at the Heidelberg Lodges in New Braunfels, with friends and family, the first week of June after school got out. Every year the group gets larger. Families in the photos include: Lance Botkin (1989 Dobie graduate) and family, Jason Botkin (1986 Dobie graduate) and family, Dr. Jason Decker (pediatrician in



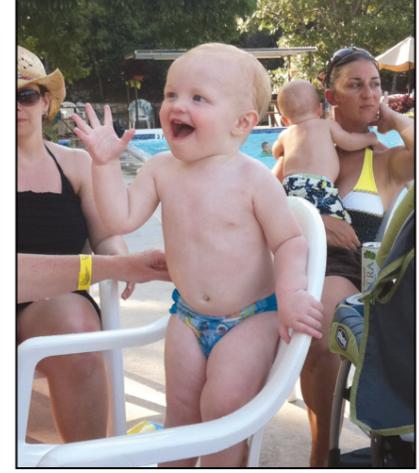
Pearland) and family, Brett Floyd (of Floyd's Restaurant in Pearland) and family, and many other friends from San Antonio, as well as 45-year Sagemont residents Linda (mother) and Bill (dad) Botkin.

Top left: (front tube) Nick Morrow, Brooke Botkin and Bailey Botkin, (back tube) Kara Decker and Ashland Floyd.

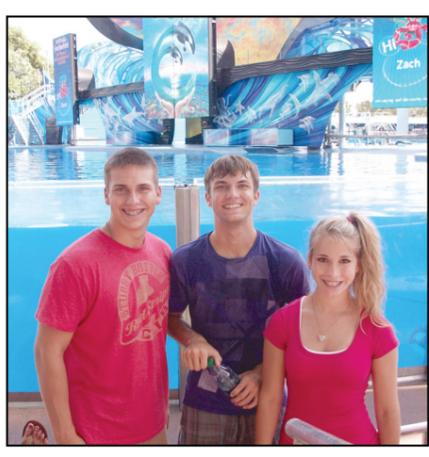
Top right: (front to back) Andy Sowa, Mark McKeever, Becca Decker, Brooke Botkin, Stacy Watson and Bailey Botkin.

Center left: Making hamburgers for 42 people are, left to right, Dr. Jason Decker, Andy Sowa, Brett Floyd and Lance Botkin.

Center right: left to right, (front) McCoy Botkin, (back) Stacey Watson, and Leslie Sowa holding baby Jake.



Left to right, (front row) Kim McKeever, Justin Floyd, Macey Botkin, Kelly Decker, Emily Knoles, Brandon Floyd, (middle row) Kara Decker, Ashland Floyd, Brooke Botkin, holding McCoy Botkin, Bailey Botkin, Bryce Botkin, Linda Botkin, (back row) Lance Botkin, Lori Botkin, Brett Floyd, Janette Floyd, Madalyn Botkin, Elizabeth Botkin, Stacy Watson, Jason Botkin, Dr. Jason Decker, Amy Decker, Becca Decker, Craig Morrow, Nick "Happy" Morrow, Kyle Sowa, Travis Sowa, and (back) Mark and Kim McKeever.



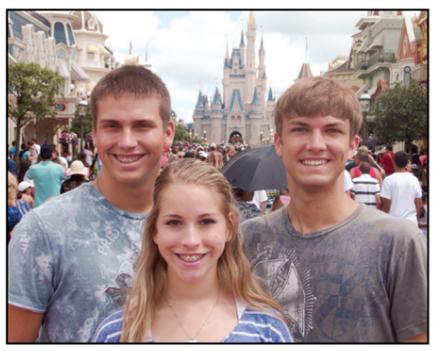
Bells, family at Disney World

Beckie Bell, children Ryan (17), Cory (15) and Maylan (14), and Beckie's parents, the Rev. Dixon Murrah, minister at Sagemont Church for 25 years, and Lois Murrah, who assists Restoration Ministry at Sagemont Church, recently returned from a vacation at Disney World. The Bells are 14-year residents of Sagemont.

Top left: Cory, Ryan and Maylan at Sea World.

Bottom left: Three generations at the Rainforest Café in downtown Disney World, (left to right) the Rev. Dixon Murrah, Cory Bell, Ryan Bell, Maylan Bell, Beckie Bell and Lois Murrah.

Bottom right: Cory, Maylan and Ryan at Magic Kingdom in Disney World with Cinderella's Castle in the background.



Clear Creek ISD releases federal report card

Strong student performance, graduation and attendance rates are reflected in the federal report card issued for the Clear Creek Independent School District.

Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, school districts must demonstrate

"Adequate Yearly Progress" in 36 areas. Of the 36 indicators, the Clear Creek Independent School District met 34.

The two areas in which the CCISD missed AYP were in mathematics as a result of the federal cap on the number of students who can take a special education assessment. This is not because special education students did not perform well on the recent State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) but rather the district exceeded the federal

cap on how many special education students can take an alternative or modified state assessment.

"The AYP rating does not reflect the true improvement of students in our special education program. CCISD has seen a 14 percent improvement in special education test scores between 2011 and 2012. We are proud of our student performance," said Dr. Greg Smith, superintendent of schools. "As I have said before, decisions on what type of test a child receives will remain in the

hands of those who know the child best - his teachers, parents and campus administrators. Those decisions will not be driven by a federal cap."

Under the NCLB Act, only 2 percent of the passing scores can result from students in special education taking a modified STAAR test. As a district of more than 39,000 students, the federal cap was exceeded by 1.3 percent in mathematics. Passing scores of students in special education that exceeded the cap counted as failing, bringing the actual passing rate

of 79 percent to 66 percent for special education performance in mathematics.

The law, and good practice, states a committee determine the testing environment for a child. The committee is known as the Admissions, Review and Dismissal and often consists of the parents, teachers, special education staff and administrators.

The Clear Creek Independent School District made AYP in all other criteria.

To view the full AYP report, visit <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/ayp>.

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Mixed bag: Brook VB opens with win; Dobie falls twice

If there is a lesson to be learned about the opening night of the high school volleyball season, it's that there is plenty of hope and optimism moving forward.

Clear Brook, a team made up largely of first-time varsity players, got a win in its debut, defeating St. Agnes in four games Aug. 14, at Dobie.

At Dobie, the Lady Longhorns weren't as fortunate on the scoreboard, but there were plenty of bright moments for the team to look into.

Although Dobie did not win a game in two matches against North Shore or Elkins, the locals dropped all six games by a combined 23 points.

In the first match against North Shore, Dobie fell 26-24, 25-21, 26-24 as the Lady Mustangs' Jasmine Brown led the way with 12 kills. Dobie's three-year starter, Bre'shaun Franklin, led her team with 10 kills.

North Shore went on to defeat Elkins in four games in the middle match before running into Dobie in the nightcap. In that match, Elkins won 25-20, 25-20, 23-25, 25-20 in another long match-high 17 kills, while

Elkins' Bailey Banks had a match-high 17 kills, while
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Dobie outside hitter Mercedys Olguin (19) hits over the top of the Elkins block for a kill during the Lady Longhorns' season-opening tri-match at Dobie High School Aug. 14. All of the games were tight, but the Lady Longhorns fell 26-24, 25-21, 26-24 to North Shore and then lost a four-set, 25-20, 25-20, 23-25, 25-20 match to Elkins. From left is Dobie's Selena Munoz (8) and Riley Miller (6).

JFD baseball to host golf

The Diamond Club, the Dobie High School baseball booster club, will host a fundraising golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Country Place Golf Club in Pearland.

Funds raised from the event will go to defer costs associated with running the baseball program, including equipment purchases, road trip expenses, etc.

Those wishing to register for the golf tournament may call 713-724-5873.

The fee is \$85 per player, which includes lunch following play. The event tees off at 8 a.m. at Country Place, located at 3123 Flower Field Dr. in Pearland. Registration deadline is Sept. 15.

SBGSA, SBHLL host registration

The South Belt Girls Softball Association and the Sagamont-Beverly Hills Little League are registering players for the fall.

Those options will be available to choose from at the time of registration.

SBHLL fall baseball

The Sagamont-Beverly Hills Little League has set sign-up dates for the upcoming fall baseball season.

The dates include Sunday, Aug. 19, from noon to 4 p.m., and Friday, Aug. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the league's site at El Franco Lee Park.

The registration fee is \$50 per player, cash or credit card payment only. Games will be played every other Sunday.

Divisions will include T-Ball through the junior level.

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Football programs begin preparation

Preparation for the 2012 high school football regular season is officially under way, and the Dobie and Clear Brook programs are taking aim at all opponents, including the heat.

With opening night just over two weeks away - both Dobie and Clear Brook play Aug. 31 - time is of the essence as practices take on more and more importance with each passing day.

JFD gets started

Continuing with his mantra from the previous two offseasons, Phillips was simply pleased at the turnout for the opening day of workouts.



Dobie starting quarterback Tyler Wolfe (right) waits for the snap before handing off to tailback Patrick Hurst during a running game drill at Dobie. The Longhorns were just one of many teams that opened preseason workouts Aug. 13. At left is JFD varsity football head coach Jim Phillips.

A veteran coach, Phillips has seen players come and go during most summer breaks. Therefore, taking a roll call on opening day is always the first order of business.

"We got almost all of the varsity guys back, and we also had 72 players show up when we handed out equipment," Phillips said.

"Getting everybody here and back out on the field is always the most important thing during that first week."

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Longhorns open fall team tennis season

If the Dobie High School varsity tennis team is seeking a cute slogan to begin the 2012 fall season with, perhaps "All's well that

ends well" fits the bill.

After all, head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. and his players know there might be a few bumps in the road this season, yet as long as the Longhorns make the Region III tournament, success will have been found.

Thanks to the University Scholastic League's new two-year realignment that kicks in beginning this school year, Dobie no longer has to battle two-time defending 22-5A champ Deer Park.

Dobie varsity hosts Cy-Woods
Friday, Aug. 17, 5 p.m.



Dobie senior Kevin Nguyen jokes around a bit during the team's annual matches versus former players Aug. 11, but he'll be far more serious beginning Aug. 17, as he opens the fall team tennis season as the Longhorns' top-ranked boys' singles player. Photo by John Bechtel

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Sports news, notes

Shiflett's has Dobie FB tickets

Roy Shiflett Realtors, 11559 Beamer Road (Beamer and Beltway 8 next to the South Belt-Ellington Leader office), will be selling Dobie varsity football season ticket packages, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, through Aug. 24. Football season tickets involving each of the district's five high schools will be on sale in the Pasadena ISD Ticket Office, located at 2906 Dabney in the Phillips Field House. Hours of the sale are 8:30 to 4 p.m. Individual tickets only will be available after Aug. 24. The cost for tickets within the packages are \$6 each. This is a savings of \$1 per ticket off the \$7 gate price. There are no reserved seats sold. Student tickets are also available for \$3 each and may be used for any varsity regular season game at Veterans Stadium. Varsity home games will be played at 7 p.m. on Fridays and 6 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. There are exceptions to these times and they are noted on the schedule attached with the tickets. Dobie's homecoming game is Friday, Oct. 5, against the Memorial Mavericks.

Dobie youth swimming camp

Dobie swimming coach Bradley Nguyen and members of the school program will host the Longhorns' youth swimming camp Aug. 20-23, at the Beverly Hills Intermediate pool. The hours of the camp are 5 to 7 p.m. Those age 5 through those entering the ninth grade as of the 2012-2013 school year are eligible to attend. Participants should come dressed in swimwear with goggles and a towel. Cost of the camp is \$30, which includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, call Nguyen at 281-773-1712. Parents are asked to register their child by downloading the registration form located at jfrankdobie.org.

Blitz 10U softball

The 10-under Blitz select softball program is seeking to add players heading into the fall season and beyond. Dedicated players born in the year 2002 are eligible to compete in the program. Only experienced and dedicated players will be considered. The Blitz is looking forward to competing in state and national level tournaments as part of its schedule. The Blitz hosts practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Bay Area Park, 7500 Bay Area Blvd., beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, direct email to the team's website at bayareablitz02@yahoo.com.

Nightmare fall baseball

Nightmare Amateur Sports will host a Nations Baseball fall baseball league Aug. 24 through Oct. 14 in the T-Ball, closed base and machine pitch divisions. The league will host double headers on alternating Sundays at El Franco Lee Park. Each team is guaranteed to play nine games, and there will then be a postseason, single-elimination tournament to follow. Teams in the 6U through 16U divisions are eligible to register. The fee is \$950 per team in the 6U through 8U divisions, and \$1,100 for those in the 9U through 16U divisions. For more information, call Terrance Small at 832-212-3543.

Lions' boosters to meet Aug. 20

The Thompson Intermediate athletics booster club will host a meeting, including elections for the 2012-2013 school year. The meeting will be held at the Sage-meadow Utility building, 10755 Hall Road, on Monday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m.

JFD swimmers start Aug. 20

Dobie head swimming coach Bradley Nguyen will welcome both returning swimmers and incoming freshmen for the start of preseason workouts Monday, Aug. 20, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Beverly Hills Intermediate pool. As with all other public school sports, all athletes must have a 2012-2013 school year athletic physical on file before being eligible to compete. Nguyen is also hosting a second youth swimming camp beginning Aug. 20. For details about the camp, see Page 2B.

JFD team tennis eyes Pearland challenge

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ston. Now in his 14th season at Dobie, Moreno has seen the lay of the land within his program. He knows true success often takes time.

"This group needs match play and to learn how to handle the big pressure situations in matches," Moreno said.

"We're getting an early start for that reason. We'll play a lot of matches before school starts, and that also gives me an early chance to see how we react to that pressure and what adjustments we need to make."

In assessing the team early on, there is one thing Moreno knows for sure — the more experienced varsity boys' players will have to carry the load early on for the team. In fact, the boys will have to control their side of the draw in most matches to give the Longhorns the best chance to win.

Senior Kevin Nguyen will open the season as the Longhorns' top-ranked singles' player, but fellow senior Phillip Nguyen and Ruben Vargas, a sopho-

more, are also accustomed to the leading role.

"Our top three guys, Kevin, Phillip and Ruben, all played No. 1 singles for us at some point last year," Moreno said.

"Last year we had Claudius Schmid come in as an exchange student and eventually take over as the No. 1 player.

"That was huge for us in the end, but these other three players all know what it takes to play at the top of the draw. That experience will be big for us."

At the moment, seniors Austin Tran and Dillon Nguyen at No. 4 and No. 5, respectively, and No. 6 player Cuong Nguyen round out the singles ladder on match days. But there are plenty of players ready to make the jump.

The rest of the field includes junior John Le (No. 7) junior Brian Williams (No. 8), junior Tony Ly (No. 9) and senior Christian Avitia (No. 10). Others such as sophomore Michael Duron, junior Levi Marshall, seniors Carlos Castillo and Phu Nguyen, juniors Den-

nis Le and Kyle Gee, sophomore Flavio Castillo and senior Nathaniel Poole will also look to advance up the chain of command.

Moreno also has a good feel for his doubles combinations on the boys' side and hopes it all leads to a strong season.

Phillip Nguyen will team with Ruben to open the season in No. 1 doubles, followed by Dillon Nguyen and Austin Nguyen at No. 2. Kevin Nguyen will either play boys' doubles or mixed doubles.

"We need the boys to win the majority of their matches all season," Moreno said.

"The girls just haven't had to play the types of tough matches in the past. In all fairness, it takes time to adjust to a higher ranking and a bigger role.

"Overall, we just have to find a way to win 10 team matches every time out. We'll find a way."

As for the girls, Moreno currently has seniors Vanessa Vu and Osaka Heng slated to play in the No. 1 and No. 2 singles positions. Kelly Vuong, a sopho-

more, is seeded third, followed by senior Ivette Alba, sophomore Betram Nguyen and junior Kim Dinh, a junior.

Alexa Nguyen, a senior, is currently ranked seventh, followed by sophomore Theresa Tran, senior Jack-clyn Salinas and senior Gloria Mancina.

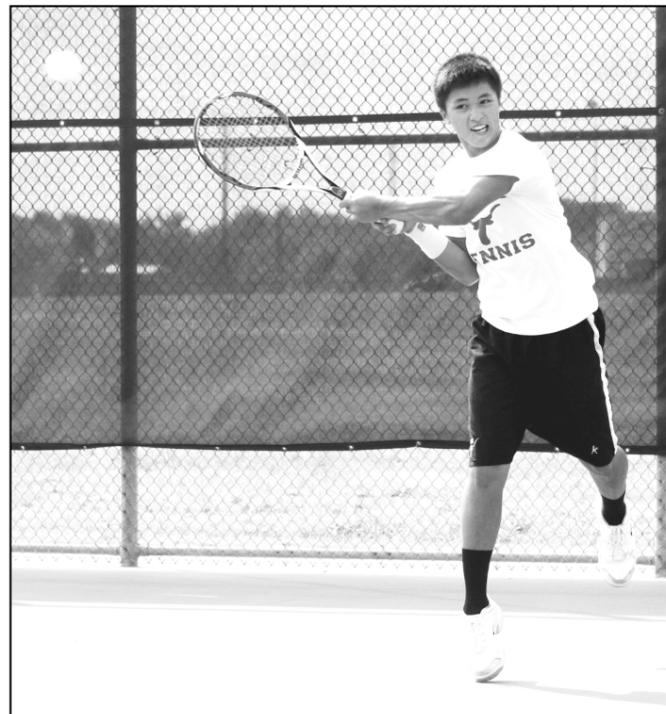
Juniors Bethany Sauseda and Aimee Perez along with senior Mary Pham and sophomore Trang Bui are all working hard at moving up the ranks.

In doubles, Moreno has Heng and Vu teaming at No. 1, then Alba and Alexa Nguyen. Betram and Kelly Vuong are at No. 3.

The task entering the season early on is finding out the best combination in mixed doubles. At the moment, Moreno is open to suggestions.

"That mixed doubles match is always huge," he said. "We'll get that one figured out."

"Our kids just need to keep improving, realizing that every win is important in team tennis. This group is determined to succeed."



Senior Phillip Nguyen, a former No. 1 boys' singles player for Dobie, will begin the season as the team's No. 2 ranked player. Regardless of where he is ranked, though, Nguyen will be expected to be a major contributor this season as the Longhorns make a push for the 22-5A title. Photos by John Bechtle



Ivette Alba (left) and Alexa Nguyen, shown here celebrating a winning point Aug. 11 at Dobie, will partner up to begin the season as Dobie's No. 2 girls' doubles team. In singles, Alba will start at No. 4, while Nguyen is at No. 7. Both players are returning senior competitors.



Osaka Heng, a senior player at Dobie, will play a huge role on the girls' side of the draw. She'll open the season as the Lady Longhorns' No. 2 singles player and will team with Vanessa Vu to play No. 1 girls' doubles.

Former Longhorn netters return, go against 2012 squad

Dobie High School's current varsity tennis team opened the 2012 fall season with a 10-9 victory, but a great effort from the school's former players made for a competitive situation.

In all, 29 former Dobie tennis players attended the program's 13th annual exes matches Aug. 11.

The ex girls' players included Yen Le ('09), Nirali Desai ('10), Tiffany Duong ('10), Jisha Jose ('10), Tina Le ('10), Sonali Patel ('10), Kaitlin Pham ('10), Myle Phan ('10), Hongnhung Ho ('11), Eun Lee ('11), Melanie Thompson ('12) and Stephanie Vu ('12).

Former boys' players included Dat Bui ('04), Matthew Giardina ('06), Justin Lai ('06), Long Mai ('07), Huynhchau Luu ('08), Luis Morales ('08), Erick Zuber ('08), Duy Nguyen ('09), Huy Nguyen ('09), Philip Cao ('10), Jonathan Lo ('10), Alex Tieu ('10), Martin Zuber ('10), Jimmy Ly ('11), Jonathan Taylor ('11)

At right, Yen Le and Matthew Giardina share a laugh after a short rally during the annual exes tennis matches at Dobie. Le (left) and Giardina were two of more than two dozen former players who came out to compete against members of the 2012 Dobie fall team tennis squad.

In center photo, former Dobie tennis players Tiffany Duong (left) and Tina Le high-five one another after winning a point in a women's doubles match.



A bit rusty out of the gate, former Lady Longhorns' tennis standout Eun Lee got her serve going strong during women's doubles action at the exes matches.

and play again," Moreno said. "But it's also more than that. I like the former players to be able to come out and share some of their experiences with the current players."

"The Dobie tennis program has always had more of a family atmosphere going, and this event is an example of that."

As for the results, here's how things went down: Boys' doubles: 1) Phillip Nguyen/Ruben Vargas (D) def. Jonathan Taylor/Martin Zuber, 8-5; 2) Huynhchau Luu/Long Mai (E) def. Dylan Nguyen/Austin Tran, 8-4; 3) Kevin Nguyen/Brian Williams (D) def. Jimmy Ly/Alex Tieu, 8-6. Girls' doubles: 1) Osaka

Heng/Vanessa Vu (D) def. Hongnhung Ho/Eun Lee, 8-3; 2) Ivette Alba/Alexa Nguyen (D) def. Nirali Desai/Sonali Patel, 8-6; 3) Betram Nguyen/Kelly Vuong (D) def. Tiffany Duong/Tina Le, 8-6. Mixed doubles: 1) Yen Le/Matthew Giardina (E) def. Trang Bui/John Le, 8-1. Boys' singles: 1) Dat Bui

(E) def. Kevin Nguyen, 8-0; 2) Luis Morales (E) def. Phillip Nguyen, 8-5; 3) Huy Nguyen (E) def. Ruben Vargas, 8-4; 4) Philip Cao (E) def. Austin Tran, 8-5; 5) Dylan Nguyen (D) def. Justin Lai, 8-2; 6) Cuong Nguyen (D) def. Erick Zuber, 8-6. Girls' doubles: 1) Yen Le (E) def. Vanessa Vu, 8-5; 2)

Osaka Heng (D) def. Tina Le, 9-7; 3) Nirali Desai (E) def. Kelly Vuong, 8-6; 4) Hongnhung Ho (E) def. Ivette Alba, 8-3; 5) Betram Nguyen (D) def. Kaitlin Pham, 8-2; 6) Alexa Nguyen (D) def. Sonali Patel, 8-0. "Being in close matches and learning how to win the big points is going to be big for the team," Moreno said.

Cowboys sweep Pasadena; Dolphins, Rams split on opening day

Sports Calendar

The Sagemont Cowboys were big winners during the opening weekend of the Bay Area Football League season, taking four victories against the Pasadena Panthers Aug. 11, at Pasadena High School.

The locals scored a 1-0 forfeit win at the senior level and also dominated the action in three other games. The Cowboys' pee wee division team also looked impressive in its debut.

Cowboys juniors 41 Panthers 0

The Cowboys' junior team started the season with a bang, defeating the Pasadena Panthers 41-0.

Sagemont's first score came from Kristopher Morris on a 15-yard run.

Morris went on to enjoy a great day as he added scoring runs from 60 and 30 yards out to give him three touchdowns for the day.

Deondre Corbin added a score from 12 yards out, and Keandre Green and Christian Castillo both had scores from 50 yards out.

Conversion runs were added by Julius Wells and Camron Byrd.

The Cowboys' easy win would not have been possible without outstanding blocking up from Dominic

Tamez, Patric Serna, Eli Mazzacheti-Seidel, Ross Lowrey, Jayson Colon, Hayden Guerrero, Bryant Brown, Zack Willett, Jaydon Garcia and Derek Tabler.

On the defensive side of the field, the Cowboys controlled the action with great effort from Hayden Broussard, Richard Gary, Jaden Martinez, Jacob Martinez, Frederick Paige, Mat-

thew Moron, Morris, Wells, Tamez, Green, Corbin, Castillo, Byrd, Lowrey, Serna and Brown.

Of note, the victory was No. 16 in a row to start a season for the Cowboys' coaching duo of Denny Wranich Jr. and Tony Smith who have coached at various levels for the Cowboys over that span.

Dating back to 1997, Wranich and Smith have

led their teams to victories every opening day and have eventually watched many former players enjoy success at Beverly Hills Intermediate, Thompson Intermediate, Dobie High School, collegiate football and beyond.

Cowboys freshmen 27 Panthers 0

Defense paved the way for the Cowboys in the win as Ray Garcia recovered two fumbles and Jayden Balderaz sacked the Panthers' quarterback.

Vernon Glover, -----

Cowboys produce three shutout victories

Blake and Kayden Bahman had tackles for loss in the game.

The Cowboys' offense struggled early after some penalties, but Josh Carter caught a touchdown pass late in the first half from quarterback Marcus Lind to get the team rolling.

The offensive line got great play from Ethan Beltran, R.J. Shiner and -----

Sorsby.

Matthew Castellano, Dominic Serna, Glover and Balderaz all reached the end zone with either touch-

downs or conversion runs.

Rams split four games

The Ellington Rams started the regular season by taking on the La Marque Cougars at La Marque High School. La Marque scored a forfeit win in the senior division and also won the freshman game, while the Rams took victories in the junior and sophomore divisions.

The Rams will play the Pearlland Hurricanes on the road in the second week (Aug. 18) before the home

openers come Aug. 25, at

Dobie High School, site of all Rams' home games.

SB Dolphins even

The Southbelt Dolphins got off to a sluggish start with shutout defeats at the hands of the East End Eagles in the senior and junior divisions Aug. 11 at Blackhawk Park.

After that, though, the rest of the series belonged to the Dolphins as they claimed wins in the sophomore and freshman divisions.

The Dolphins will play at Magnolia Aug. 18.

Friday, Aug. 17

Brook varsity at Deer Park, 6:30
Dobie varsity at Alamo Heights tourn., TBA
Brook JV at Deer Park, 5:30
Brook freshman A & B at Deer Park, 4:30

Saturday, Aug. 18

Brook varsity at Katy tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity at Alamo Heights tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Aug. 21

Dobie varsity at Baytown Sterling, 6:00
Brook varsity hosts Houston Memorial, 6:30
Brook JV hosts Houston Memorial, 5:30
Dobie JV at Baytown Sterling, 5:00
Dobie freshman A at Baytown Sterling, 4:00
Brook freshman A hosts Houston Memorial, 4:30
Brook freshman B hosts Houston Memorial, 4:30

Thursday, Aug. 23

Dobie varsity hosts Gabby Romero Memorial, TBA
Brook varsity at Spring Branch tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Rayburn tourn., TBA

Friday, Aug. 24

Dobie varsity at Clear Brook, 6:30
Dobie JV at Clear Brook, 5:30
Dobie freshman A at Clear Brook, 4:30
Dobie freshman B at Clear Brook, 4:30

Saturday, Aug. 25

Dobie varsity hosts Gabby Romero Memorial, TBA
Brook varsity at Spring Branch tourn., TBA
Dobie JV at Rayburn tourn., TBA
Dobie freshman A at Barbers Hill tourn., TBA

TENNIS

Friday, Aug. 17
Dobie varsity hosts Cypress Woods, 5:00

Tuesday, Aug. 21
Dobie varsity hosts Katy, 3:00

Wednesday, Aug. 22
Dobie varsity hosts Friendswood, 3:00

Thursday, Aug. 23
Dobie varsity at Pearland Dawson, 3:30

Friday, Aug. 24
Dobie varsity at Baytown Sterling, 9 a.m.

Week Two Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 18

Cowboys host Santa Fe
El Franco Lee Park

Dolphins at Magnolia
Mason Park

Rams at Hurricanes
Presner Stadium

Nightmare 12U wins select baseball at EFL



The 12-under Nightmare select baseball team grabbed first place at the Tearra Baseball Classic Aug. 12, at El Franco Lee Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Alex Perez, Tito Perez, Fabian Garza, Adrian Lopez, Andy Perez, Mateo Guzman, Art Perez Jr., (middle row) Quirino Guajardo, Owen Dogler, Alan Lopez Jr., Andrew Garello, Ramiro Moreno, Gavan Machado, (back row) coaches Fernando Perez and Art Perez.

Bay Area Football League Week One Results

Divisions	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.
Cowboys	1	41	33	28
Panthers	0	0	0	0
Dolphins	0	0	18	24
Eagles	34	37	12	6
Rams	0	21	20	19
Cougars	1	0	14	32



The Dobie High School Air Force JROTC held its first summer day camp to help area youths stay fit over the summer. The four-day event ended with a physical fitness competition. Activities included PT (physical training) exercises, a mile run, military drill and field events. The field events included A-frame race, Skids race, Tug-O-War and Egg Toss. Two teams competed - "Hercules" and "Papa Squad." Hercules came away with the victory in the end, taking top honors in four of the seven events. The field day ended with awards and a barbecue. The school's instructor cadets, its mentor, retired U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Gil Aguilar and members of the Texas Air National Guard from the 272nd Engineering and Installation Squadron - Chief Wilhelm and Sgt. Guevara, all participated during the camp. The plan is for the camp to begin an annual tradition for Dobie's AFJROTC that will help build military skills, camaraderie, team leadership and friendships.

Submitted photos

Dobie Air Force JROTC hosts summer youth camp



CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16
7 a.m.

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

Noon

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

5:30 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Sunday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

8:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17
7 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Interfaith Care Partners - Interfaith Care Partners ministry has

been established at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook Street in Houston, near Almeda Mall. The gathering is for persons with alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, strokes and similar disabilities and their caretakers is provided on the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The gathering consists of a continental-type breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a sing-a-long, devotional break, lunch, and ends with a bingo game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges are welcome to attend. For additional information, call the church office at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas, Interfaith Care Partners, at 713-682-5995; or visit the website at interfaith-carepartners.org.

Noon

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

6 p.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18
7:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

9 a.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Saturday at

9 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

11 a.m.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For persons whose lives are affected by someone who is addicted. Each Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

6 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

Bay Area Bluegrass Association - Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, May and December are exceptions. The stage show begins at 7 p.m., but pickers are welcome to bring their instruments and come earlier. Admission is free. The show is held at the Johnny Arolfo Civic Center, 300 Walker in League City. For more information, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19
2 p.m.

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

5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program meets every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston at 9900 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for more information or to RSVP for child care.

6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - For persons who are trying to overcome drug addiction. Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist

Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Sunday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

8 p.m.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 20
9 a.m.

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

10:30 a.m.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT holds monthly meetings at 10:30 a.m. at Madison Jobe Senior Citizens Center, 1700 East Thomas St. in Pasadena, on the third Monday of each month except December. The meetings teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs are normally in attendance. There is no charge to attend, and refreshments are served. Meetings start on time and last one hour or less. For more information, call the center at 713-477-0175.

6 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

New Directions Singles Club - New Directions Singles support meetings for ages 55 and up are held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. Nasa Parkway in Webster. For further information, call Linda at 409-392-6886 or Carolyn at 281-340-2354.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 20
6:30 p.m.
Civil Air Patrol Meeting - Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information. 8 p.m.
Grief Support Group - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Kindred Rehabilitation 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. 7 p.m.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third week of each month at the Clear Lake Park Building, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Guests are welcome. Presenters for the educational program explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting, and field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All persons with an interest in these topics are welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For more information, visit www.clgms.org. 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 11 a.m.

The Bay Area Military Officers' Wives - hold monthly luncheon meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at Bay Oaks Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Active duty or retired officers' wives are eligible. For information, call Patt Simon at 832-221-2696 or Wendy Peters at 281-333-3115. 1 p.m.

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565. 1:30 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - TOPS #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 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. 2 p.m.

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road, in Houston. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461. 6 p.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 6:30 p.m.

Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, in Webster. For more information call 281-526-6840. 6:30 p.m.

Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information. 7 p.m.

Pearland Area Republican Women's Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431. 7 p.m.

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

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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525. 8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesday and Sunday 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. 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 9:30 a.m.

Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information. 10 a.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Wednesday at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 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.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 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.

DivorceCare Group - CT Church - DivorceCare Group meetings are held at CT Church, 9701 Almeda Genoa Road, every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room #1201. The support group is for separated and divorced individuals. Child care is provided. For more information, call 713-944-4815, email divorcecare@ctchurch.tv, or visit <http://ctchurch.tv/ministries.html#17>. 7 p.m.

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Alcoholics Anonymous - Sunday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 8:30 p.m.

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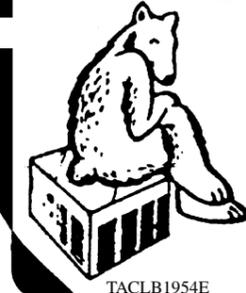
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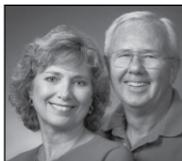
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South Belt Horns 8U kid pitch wins Summer Sizzler



The South Belt Horns 8-under kid pitch division team won its second straight tournament out of the gate, winning the Summer Sizzler event at Katy. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Landon Hunt, R.J. Garcia, Steve Jacobo, Daniel Delgado,

Devin Molina, (middle row) Aiden Garcia, Christian Medina, Eduardo Gonzales, Darius Hale, A.J. Garcia, Jacob Cueva, Anthony Garcia, Andrew Salazar, (back row) coaches J.D. Molina, Mike Hunt, Ray Garcia and Jesse Salazar.

Steamy FB workouts ongoing

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2012 marks a bit of a transition season for the Longhorns as there are several first-year players in key positions, especially on offense and special teams.

In other areas, returners are being asked to take on bigger roles. With that in mind, the Longhorns' coaching staff spent the summer simplifying some things in all phases of the game.

During the first week of workouts, it's all about the players adapting to those adjustments.

"Right now, we're quickly reteaching everything from the spring and getting them in line with the changes we've made," Phillips said.

"We're so young (at the varsity level) that we decided to simplify some things and just give these kids a chance to read, react and make plays with their athletic ability. As we move forward, we'll add some things and grow as a group."

And while Phillips sympathizes with the players having to endure the heat, the Longhorns should not expect many changes to the schedule.

All precautions will be taken to ensure the players' safety, but afternoon prac-

tices will be common now and throughout the season.

"We'll go through Thursday in shorts and helmets, and then we can put the pads on (Aug. 17)," Phillips said. "We'll go hard on Friday and then give the guys a chance to bounce back over the weekend."

Dobie will scrimmage against Dickinson Friday, Aug. 24, against a Gators' program now led by former Pasadena Memorial head coach John Snelson.

Phillips' son starts

Phillips' son, Jason, started at middle linebacker during Carolina's preseason loss to the Houston Texans Aug. 11, at Carolina.

Originally drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in 2009 out of Texas Christian University, Phillips is currently No. 2 on the depth chart at middle linebacker.

Starter Jon Beason missed all but one game of the 2011 season with an injury and was not physically ready to play against the Texans in the preseason opener.

Phillips came up with one of two turnovers registered by the Panthers' defense, intercepting Houston's Matt Shaub in the game.

Wolverines under way

While Dobie officials elected to begin practices in the afternoons to coincide

Scrimmage action Aug. 24

Dobie at Dickinson

Varsity at 7 p.m.; JV at 5:30 p.m., freshmen at 4:30 p.m.

Brook hosts Santa Fe

Varsity at CCISD Stadium, 6 p.m.; JV at Brook, 4:30 p.m., freshmen at Brook, 6:30 p.m.

with the schedule come the start of school Aug. 27, the Clear Brook Wolverines were allowed a bit of an adjustment period under head coach Paul Lanier.

Practices during the first week began at 7 a.m. for all players, and the on-field ses-

sions lasted until 10 a.m. In all, the Brook workout days were complete at noon.

Like Dobie, Clear Brook will don the full uniforms Aug. 17, and the various teams are getting set to host Santa Fe in a scrimmage Aug. 24.



At left, Dobie defensive tackle Christian Tisby (center) works his way through pass protection during preseason drills at the school. Despite the hot and steamy temperatures, Longhorns' head coach Jim Phillips told the *Leader* his players have adjusted well and have, as a group, looked solid in workouts.

At right, senior Jordan Harrison, making the switch to defensive tackle after two seasons at linebacker, has made a smooth transition. The Dobie coaching staff is looking for Harrison, now in his third varsity season, to become a leader of the unit.

Photos by John Bechtle

Brook volleyball takes opener; Dobie girls lose two close ones

Continued from Page 1B Franklin had 7 in the final series of games.

Dobie head coach Joe Sabatell was fine with the fact that his team kept each game close, yet an inability to win the big points late in games was costly.

"We talked about it in practice this morning, and I think we were all disappointed that we didn't play better," Sabatell said.

"We looked really good in the scrimmages leading up to the openers and just came out flat. That's something we have to be better at, but we will. The kids

were real upbeat, and we are ready to move forward."

Franklin, the team's most powerful offensive weapon, totalled 17 kills in the match, and several others looked good in spots. But it's about consistency.

"We have two returning middles and two returning setters, but we also have a lot of young players playing at this level for the first time," Sabatell said.

"Maybe playing in front of the home crowd gave us jitters. We played 13 different players in the matches and will play a few more in San Antonio. We'll get bet-

ter. We looked good at times and had some leads, but we couldn't finish off games. You have to be able to go out there and execute."

Sabatell sounded like a coach who expects a lot from his team this season, which is absolutely the case.

"We have a lot of talent on this team back from last year, and some good players from a solid JV team last year," he said. "We'll be fine as long as we execute our game plan."

Dobie to Alamo Heights

The Lady Longhorns will play in the first of three tournaments Aug. 16-18, returning to the Alamo Heights ISD event.

The tournament includes seven other programs aside from Dobie, with Medina Valley, Clemens and San Antonio Taft also in the Lady Longhorns' pool play bracket.

Host Alamo Heights highlights pool A after advancing to the Class 4A Region IV semifinals.

Dobie, in pool B, will play three matches on Friday, Aug. 17, before bracket play is decided for Aug. 18.

Dobie has fared well in San Antonio in recent years, and any coach will take some early season success.

Brook shifts to Katy
After many seasons of playing at the Austin Westlake tournament, Clear Brook is joining the 32-team field at the Katy ISD event Aug. 16-18.

Brook's pool, one of eight in the event, also includes host Katy, Hightower and Elsie.

At the end of pool play, the trophy brackets will be decided and contested Aug. 18.



Lady Longhorns' head coach Joe Sabatell (left) discusses strategy with senior outside hitter Sobia Bhatti (4) between matches Aug. 13, at Dobie High School.

Photos by John Bechtle



Dobie varsity volleyball blockers Debbie Auguiste (3) and Bre'shawn Franklin (11) put up a block attempt against Elkins' Maria Amaya (3) during season-opening action Aug. 13 at Dobie. The Lady Longhorns played well but surrendered close matches to North Shore and Elkins.



San Jac volleyball program ranked fourth nationally

The San Jacinto College volleyball team opens the 2012 season ranked fourth in the National Junior College Athletic Association preseason poll.

San Jac returns six sophomores from last year's squad that finished fourth in the nation with a 32-5 overall record.

Head Coach Sharon Nelson, who begins her 11th season at the helm of the San Jacinto College volleyball program, is excited about the upcoming season.

"We're honored to be recognized by the national committee and to be ranked fourth in the preseason poll," said Nelson.

"There are a lot of new teams squeezing into the top 20, and that is great for

the sport of volleyball to have so many competitive programs in the NJCAA."

Nelson and her squad open the season August 23-25 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, at the Iowa Western Invitational Tournament.

While there, SJC will face national powerhouses Eastern Arizona College, Western Wyoming Community College, Western Nebraska Community College and host Iowa Western Community College.

Among the six returning players for San Jacinto College this season are setter Kanoe Pupuhi, outside hitter Marie-Pierre Bakima and middle blocker Marlaina Pleydle.

Pupuhi was the 2011 Region XIV co-Setter of the

Year. She averaged 1.71 digs per set, and 10.31 assists per set, a mark that was eighth in the nation.

Bakima was the Region XIV Newcomer of the Year. She ranked second on the squad in kills per set with a 2.83 mark, and was second in digs with 362 total.

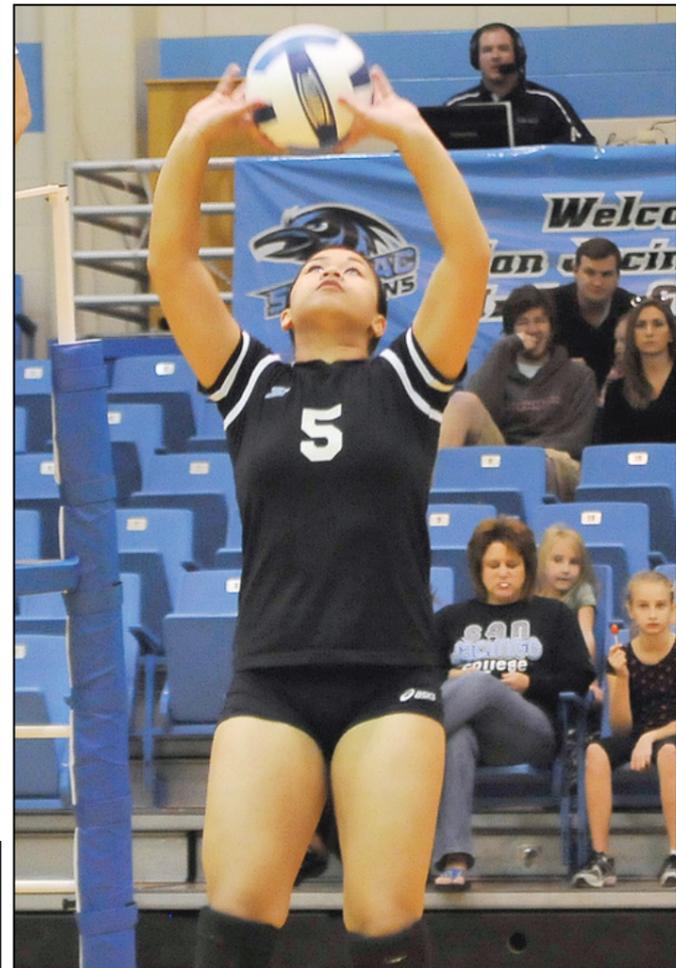
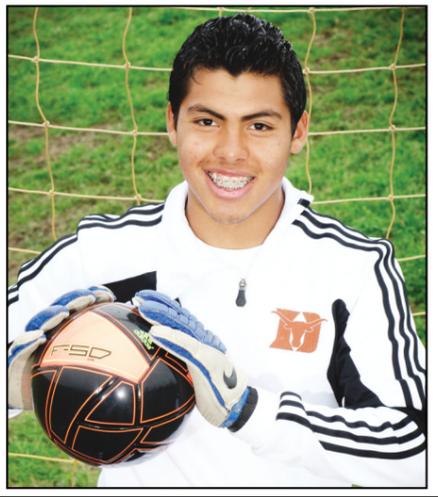
Pleydle hit .295 last season with a 1.33 kills per set average.

She posted a team-best 158 total blocks, for a 1.41 per set mark third best in the country. All three were first-team All-conference selections.

"Our squad has been working diligently," added Nelson, who is four wins shy of 300 for her career. "They are a dynamic group with a great deal of talent."

Saldivar makes San Jac soccer roster

At right, Dobie High School class of 2012 graduate Hector Saldivar is on the roster at San Jacinto College as the men's soccer team prepares for the upcoming season. Saldivar was the Longhorns' starting goalkeeper as the team advanced to the area round of the playoffs last season. At San Jac, Saldivar could see action Saturday, Aug. 18, as the Coyotes take on Incarnate Word in a scrimmage on the South campus at 6 p.m. San Jacinto opens the regular season Aug. 24 at home against Darton College.



Sophomore Kanoe Pupuhi is one of six returning players for San Jacinto College volleyball this season as the team seeks a return to the national tournament. San Jac opens the 2012 regular season ranked fourth in the first National Junior College Athletic Association poll.

Photo by Amanda L. Booren

Free tennis clinic at SJC South

USTA Certified Teaching Professional Eddie Gonzalez, a longtime South Belt area resident, will host a free tennis clinic for area youths on Saturday, Sept. 1.

The clinic, to be held at San Jacinto College's South campus, is co-sponsored by the Pearland Parks and Recreation Department.

Youths age 4 to 18 are

eligible to take part in the clinic, which will be held from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Participants should bring a racket and water to hydrate during the event.

Gonzalez will instruct youths in all aspects of the game, including serving, service return, volleying, net play, fitness drills and more.

A youth tennis intruc-

tor since 1993, Gonzalez is now bringing his clinic to the South Belt area. He has previously instructed at the Zina Garrison Tennis Academy and formed his own academy earlier this year.

Those wishing to reserve a spot at the clinic may call Gonzalez at 281-870-3634, or direct e-mail to him at eddiestennisacademy@gmail.com.