

## South Belt students return to school

**By James Bolen**  
While the heat index may suggest otherwise, summer is coming to an end, and South Belt students returned to school this week.

With the exception of incoming freshmen, students within the Pasadena Independent School District returned to class Tuesday, Aug. 24. Ninth-grade students within the district began class a day earlier on Monday, Aug. 23, in an effort to help familiarize them with area campuses.

Students within the Clear Creek Independent School District also began classes on Monday, Aug. 23.

According to PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis, things went relatively well overall.

"It's never going to be perfect," Lewis said. "When you have 53,000 students, there's going to be problems. But everything went fairly smoothly. There were no major issues."

The *Leader* received multiple complaints of traffic on Blackhawk near Dobie High School and Moore Elementary.

Lewis said this is not uncommon at the beginning of the school year, particularly when multiple schools are located in close proximity to one another.

The superintendent said similar problems were encountered at Sam Rayburn and Pasadena Memorial high schools.

Lewis said he expects the traffic to taper off in the coming weeks, as some students begin to walk to school and take the bus, rather than to be dropped off by their parents.

Registration lines were significantly shorter this year, Lewis said. He attributes this primarily to summer registration being available at area campuses.

The superintendent is enthusiastic about the upcoming school year.

"I like the energy I'm seeing on the campuses," Lewis said. "I'm looking forward to a great year. I enjoy the opportunity of working with the children of the community."

### Dobie Learning Center

While PISD was unable to meet its target date of opening its new Dobie Learning Center, Lewis said the district has secured all necessary permits from the City of Houston, and construction is set to begin next week.

Originally set to open this fall, the new center will cater primarily to would-be Dobie freshmen deemed not yet prepared for high school, having

not passed their Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests.

In addition to incoming freshmen, students in ninth grade who did not meet the credit requirements to be classified as sophomores will also take classes at the learning center.

Roughly 150 students are expected to attend the new facility, according to Lewis.

The facility is to be located on the Dobie grounds between the tennis courts and Moore Elementary, adjacent to an existing eight-classroom quadrant of four temporary buildings.

Until construction of the new center is com-

plete, the incoming freshmen will be temporarily housed at Beverly Hills Intermediate, while the would-be sophomores will occupy the existing quadrant of buildings.

To alleviate traffic congestion on the already-crowded Blackhawk, the new center will have a later start time than Dobie and Moore.

Students currently attending Dobie begin their school day at 7:15 a.m., while Moore students have a 7:50 a.m. start time. Students at the new facility will go from 8:20 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Lewis said he hopes the new center will be finished by Thanksgiving.

### JFD tickets available

Season pass tickets for J. Frank Dobie varsity football are available at Roy Shiflett Realtors located at 11559 Beamer Road.

### Junk waste pickup held

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, Aug. 26, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

### K of C BBQ fundraiser set

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will hold a barbecue dinner fundraiser on Friday, Aug. 27, at St. Luke's Catholic Church.

Dinner will be served between 5 and 7 p.m. and consists of two meats, brisket or chicken, sausage, potato salad, Basilo beans, onions, pickles, bread and iced tea or lemonade. Both dine-in or take-out are available.

Proceeds benefit St. Luke's Knights of Columbus community activities.

### Project Grad sets car wash

Dobie Project Graduation 2011 will hold a fundraiser car wash on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 8 a.m. to noon at the McDonald's on Fuqua at I-45. Anyone wanting to volunteer, donate or have questions answered, contact Carolyn Garza at 832-283-3912.

### Vendors sought for festival

Vendors are currently being accepted for the fall festival and market at the Christian Temple Assembly of God, located at 9701 Alameda Genoa Road. The event will include live music all day, Kids Zone with inflatable games, raffles and a silent auction. For more information, call 713-944-4815.

### PW Library events set

The following events are scheduled for the week of Aug. 26 through Sept. 1 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Dr. Robert Hanks will present a program on high blood pressure on Thursday, Aug. 26, at 2:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. This program is free and open to the public.

The Friends of the Parker Williams Branch Library will hold their monthly book sale Saturday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Also on Saturday, Aug. 28, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, and toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

### Library Closed on Tuesdays

Parker Williams Library is now closed on Tuesdays. All other hours remain the same.

### Softball, baseball boosters

Dobie softball and baseball booster clubs will hold their first annual Longhorn Golf Tournament (4-person scramble) on Saturday, Oct. 23, at Glenbrook Golf Course in Houston. Check-in will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and shotgun start at 2 p.m. The public is invited.

Entry fee is \$80 per person - entry deadline is Oct. 15. Late registration will be \$85. Price includes golf (green fee and cart fee), goodie bag, tickets for door prizes and a ticket for a lunch meal. For more information, call Nick Medina at 713-206-8224.

### Fallball registers

SBGSA Fallball registration is scheduled for Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Aug. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Registration fee is \$55 - bring a copy of child's birth certificate as the league does not have a copier at the ballpark.

Games are played every other Saturday beginning around Sept. 11 until the end of October.

There will be a free new coach and player camp at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road, on Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reservations are required for the camp. Visit <http://www.eteamz.com/fastpitch/announcements/announcement.cfm/182878/>. Field Day is set for Aug. 28, from 2 p.m. until finished.

### Team Gabby sells T-shirts

Team Gabby will print T-shirts for the second annual Gabby Romero Memorial Softball Tournament to be played in October. Due to popular demand, additional Team Gabby T-shirts will be printed in a couple of weeks.

Those who would like to replace a worn-out shirt or never received one, call Jesse Romero at 832-876-0502 or e-mail to jr11103@comcast.net.

All proceeds will help fund the University of Texas Medical School for research on renal cell carcinoma and the Gabby Romero Memorial Scholarship Fund.

### Textbooks open for review

Textbooks for consideration in the 2011 state adoption are available for public review at the Region 4 Education Service Center located at 7135 W. Tidwell.

The center is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To schedule an appointment call 713-462-7708.

## Dobie siblings begin class



Dobie freshman Derion Allen (left) is shown above receiving a warm welcome to school from his sister, senior Lativia McHenry. The Pasadena Independent School District held a Freshman First Day Monday, Aug. 23, in an effort to help incoming freshmen adjust to high school. All other PISD students returned to school on Tuesday, Aug. 24. Construction of the new Dobie Learning Center has been delayed due to city permitting issues but is expected to be complete by the end of the year, district officials said.

Photo by Al Carter

## Multiple area fundraisers set

Multiple fundraisers are set to take place this week to benefit area families in need.

A benefit and blood drive will be held for Bryson Horton Saturday, Aug. 28, in the Kroger parking lot at Beltway 8 and Sabo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bryson, 2, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia with MLL-rearrangement in March 2009 at the age of 9 months. He was due to finish treatment in May 2010, but unexpectedly relapsed.

The child underwent a cord blood transplant Thursday, Aug. 12. Due to the nature and complexity of his disease, it is necessary for Bryson to remain in the hospital for the next several weeks to months.

The benefit will feature hot dog and cookie sales, as well as raffles. Funds raised will go to the family to help defray medical costs.

Gulf Coast Blood Center will also be at the event conducting a blood drive.

Bryson is the son of Sagemont residents Stephanie Watkins, a 2003 Dobie graduate, and Tim Horton.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Bryson's grandmother, Jean Brader, at 281-464-2855 or visit [www.brysonrocks.com](http://www.brysonrocks.com).

### Bruce Brown

A quilt raffle and a barbecue brisket sale are also being held to benefit local resident Bruce Brown.

Brown was recently diagnosed with a stage 4 glioblastoma (cancerous brain tumor). He has had surgery and is currently undergoing chemo and other therapies.

A private French horn instructor, Brown has taught lessons to several local band students over the years, and his wife Debbie has worked as a dental hygienist for Dr. Ray Pomykal for the past three decades. They have raised three sons in the South Belt area and are longtime members of Sagemont Church.

Organized by family friend Valerie Boessling,

the benefits are aimed at helping the Brown family with medical expenses.

Handmade by Boessling, the quilt measures 61 inches by 73 inches in size and is stitched using multi-colored batik.

Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket and are available at Pomykal's office, 13310 Beamer Road, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The drawing will be held Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The Lighthouse Charity Cooking Team is assisting Boessling with the brisket sale, set to take place Saturday, Aug. 28, at Pomykal's office parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fully cooked briskets will cost \$45 each and come vacuum-sealed ready to heat and eat or freeze. Boessling already sold 350 briskets in advance, but said more will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

For additional information, call Boessling at 281-414-4895 or e-mail [helpingbruce@yahoo.com](mailto:helpingbruce@yahoo.com).

### Rick Schallert

A benefit fish fry for longtime South Belt resident Rick Schallert will be held at EC's Jukebox Lounge, 9020A Alameda Genoa, Saturday, Aug. 28, beginning at noon.

Schallert, known to many friends as "Paw Paw," was involved in a motorcycle accident this past May and suffered serious brain trauma.

He is currently in a long-term private care facility.

Schallert is the father of Keith Schallert and Dixie Lee Schallert-Rodriguez, both of whom attended local schools.

The benefit will help Schallert's family defray medical costs that are not covered by his insurance provider.

An auction will be held at 3 p.m., followed by a live musical performance by the Bar Room Preachers at 7 p.m.

Fish plates will be \$7 apiece.

For more information or to donate auction items, contact Darlene Schultz at 713-518-2763.

## Montoya-Riley's pupils return



South Belt Elementary School students returned to school Tuesday, Aug. 24. Fourth-grade teacher Estella Montoya-Riley's class is shown above preparing for their first day of school. Pictured above are, left to right, (front row) Gavin Melchor, Lance Tanner, Daniel Tello and Adam Gil, (second row) Bianca Espinoza, Andrea Arredondo, Jonathan Johnson, Myles Jefferson, Jayden Hayes, (third row) Haley Spencer, Leslie Taniboli, Precious Oguamanam, Stephanie Martinez, Darielys Alexander, Natalie Nguyen, Karina Gonzalez, Jasmine Cano, (fourth row) South Belt Principal Candy Howard and Montoya-Riley.

Photo by Al Carter

## Chao starts at Melillo



Students at Melillo Middle School returned to class Tuesday, Aug. 24. Despite some traffic congestion issues, the first day of class went smoothly, school officials said. Sixth-grader Annie Chao is shown above practicing her new locker combination.

Photo by Al Carter

## 92-year-old dies after assault

A 92-year-old woman who suffered from Alzheimer's died Friday, Aug. 20, after allegedly being sexually assaulted by a family friend at an apartment complex in the 1300 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

Flora Ryan was found naked and unresponsive in her bathtub at roughly 8 p.m. by her 28-year-old granddaughter, whom she shared an apartment with along with the elderly woman's 60-year-old daughter and Dean Jerome Wood, a 50-year-old man the family took in about nine months ago.

Ryan's granddaughter called 9-1-1, and police and paramedics arrived to find Wood, who had reportedly been drinking, causing a disturbance.

Wood was originally arrested for having outstanding warrants, but it was later determined he had sexually assaulted Ryan, who was pronounced dead after being transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Wood was charged Sunday, Aug. 22, in the 176th State District Court with aggravated sexual assault of an elderly person.

The family reportedly let Wood stay with them because he was homeless and down on his luck. Unbeknownst to them, Wood had an extensive criminal record, including multiple DWI and assault charges.

Wood's bail has been set at \$500,000.

At press time, the exact cause of Ryan's death had yet to be determined.

# Guest Editorials

## Health insurance mandates defy constitutional authority

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Late last year, when the Senate was debating the health care reform bill, my colleagues and I protested countless objectionable provisions that would undermine the quality and raise the costs of health care in America. One of the most troubling provisions was the individual mandate which would require that all citizens purchase health insurance. The trouble with the individual mandate is that the federal government doesn't actually have the constitutional authority to force Americans to buy something that they may decide they don't want or need.

We fought hard against this mandate. Insurance regulations are the historic and constitutional prerogative of the states. During the debate, I called for a vote to raise this critical constitutional issue on the floor of the Senate. Unfortunately, my attempt was defeated on a party-line vote.

In some of the first good news since the White House forced the health care bill through Congress, a federal court has just given the Commonwealth of Virginia the green light to proceed with its constitutional challenge to the health care law. Because Virginia has a law on the books that conflicts with the new federal health care law, Virginia has argued this is a violation of the 10th Amendment and filed suit against the government. The federal court found that Virginia has a right to bring this case against the federal government's overreaching law.

But the health care law tramples the rights guaranteed under the 10th Amendment for all states. The amendment reads, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively or to the people." The language couldn't be more simple or clear. That is the beauty of the U.S. Constitution. It was written to be a limiting document. Our founding framers wisely limited the authority granted to the federal government because they knew that each state's government is closer to the people being governed.

This law creates a massive role for the

federal government in health care and it goes against the state-based authority that has been in place for over 60 years. The Obama administration argues that under the Supremacy Clause, the state must comply with federal law. But that can only hold if the federal government is acting within its enumerated powers, specified in a list of items in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, which defines the authoritative power of Congress. Forcing every American to buy a good or a service falls outside of Congress's power.

However, under the authority of the 10th Amendment, many states have taken full responsibility for creating, maintaining, and overseeing the health insurance plans that meet the specific and varied needs of their residents. In Texas, we have established a fully self-insured plan for state employees and teachers that keeps administration and oversight completely within the realm of our state's power. Under the new federal health care law, Texas, and all other states, will now have to justify any changes to the terms of their insurance plans with federal bureaucrats. This flies in the face of the founding framers' intent that it is the prerogative of the states to make the laws that affect their citizens, particularly on issues as fundamental and personal as health care.

Last year, I asked the attorney general of Texas to use every resource at his disposal to preserve our state's rights, guaranteed under the Constitution, so Texans may be protected from the heavy hand of the federal government. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has joined forces with attorneys general from 20 other states and filed a lawsuit to challenge the constitutionality of the new health care law. This lawsuit is similar to the one that is being argued in federal court in Virginia.

The early victory in Virginia is encouraging. We can win back the states' rights, limit the role of the federal government, and repeal this costly and damaging health care law. Americans deserve a medical system that keeps them – and not bureaucrats – in control of the decisions governing their own health.

## Job killing energy policy

By U.S. Rep. Pete Olson

Here in Texas, tens of thousands of folks support their families through employment with businesses that directly contribute to producing more American energy. But the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress apparently don't feel like producing American energy (and the jobs that follow) is something our nation should support – after all, these are private sector jobs and we know the Democrats prefer government jobs over private sector jobs any day.

So, in response to the Gulf oil spill, the administration has forced an unwarranted moratorium on offshore drilling and Democrats in Congress recently passed a bill which will further harm the businesses and families who are engaged in producing AMERICAN ENERGY.

Due to the moratorium, we have already seen two oil rigs depart for Egypt and West Africa, taking good U.S. jobs with them. As the moratorium continues, more than 200,000 hardworking Americans in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama will be in danger of losing their jobs as businesses shut down.

To fight this Obama-assault on American energy production, I am continuing to push a bill, which I introduced, to rescind the moratorium on deep water drilling.

### Help Fight Washington Liberals

This isn't the first time the Obama administration and their liberal supporters have used a "crisis" to force their will and their vision on our nation, and unless we act today, it won't be the last. With less than 90 days left before the November elections, we need you to get engaged with our campaign to stop the Obama-Pelosi agenda.

### "Energy Bill" Does More Harm

Again, using the "crisis" of the oil spill, Democrats rammed a bill (which no one had read) through the House of Representatives. Plain and simple, this bill H.R. 3534 will be a job-killer for energy producing businesses and the companies which support the energy business. Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress passed this terrible piece of legislation before we had all the facts on the spill. This is like having a doctor operate on you without first checking to see what your symptoms are.

- This bill will add an additional tax on oil and natural gas produced on all existing and new federal onshore and offshore leases. The tax would equate to an extra \$2 per barrel of oil and 20 cents per million British thermal units of natural gas. These taxes will be passed on down to the consumers of energy – families and small businesses. That means more expensive gas at the pump and higher electricity bills at home.

- This job killing bill also includes an unlimited liability for offshore energy producers. This unlimited liability mandate will kill smaller, independent firms who can't afford the new liability policies to cover their operations. These smaller firms account for more than half of the offshore oil and gas jobs.

The moratorium on offshore drilling and H.R. 3534 once again demonstrate that the Obama – Pelosi – Reid agenda is damaging our country with higher taxes, more regulations, and increasing amounts of debt. We can't expect small businesses and families to overcome this recession if Washington continues to burden America with job killing policies. Congress needs new leadership. Leadership that understands how valuable our small businesses are to our families and communities. I promise to continue to fight against the destructive policies of the Obama – Pelosi – Reid agenda. I will do everything in my power to restrict the overreach of government. Instead I will empower small businesses to do what they do best – create jobs!

But I need your help and support – please join with us today by:

- Making a contribution of \$25, \$50, or \$100 to help us communicate with more voters;
- Volunteering your time to speak directly with voters or work in your neighborhood to help our campaign;
- Or "liking" our campaign Facebook page so we can have more friends with whom to share this information.

Time is of the essence – your support matters – our freedom matters – it's time we bring the fight to take our country back into our neighborhoods and to voters across this district.

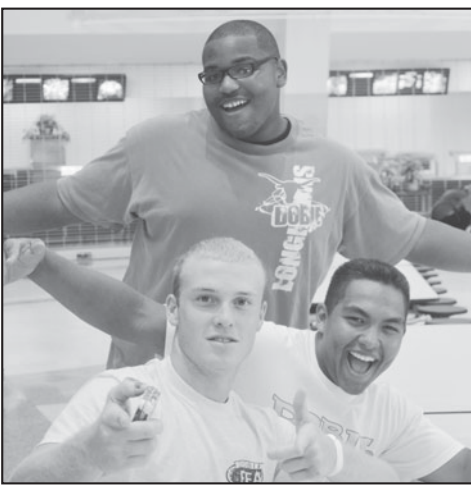
I hope I can count on you, once again, to stand with us!

## Freshman Day One at Dobie

Dobie High School started the school year with only freshmen attending on Monday, Aug. 23, to allow the new students to learn where everything is in the school. Returning students volunteered their time as mentors for the freshmen as needed.



Above, freshmen Elizabeth Montemayor, Andrea Reyes, Marcus Solis and Ironsha Brewer enjoy popicles at the social.



At left, Longhorn mentors Juston Edwards, Fabian Davilos and Malcom Glover eagerly await incoming freshmen to assist them whenever needed.

Photos by Amber Allan



The Song Writers Project provided music for Day One. Members are, left to right, Maurice Robinson, Sarah Ontiveros, Johnathan Tran, Jason Roth, Hien Nguyen, Leo Gallegos, Paul Kelly, Brandon Rodriguez and Lorenzo Rivera.



## Barrientos keep cool at Fiesta Texas

The Barrientos family recently visited Fiesta Texas in San Antonio on their summer vacation. Photo at left: Pete (fifth-grader at Melillo Middle School) and Andre (first-grader at South Belt Elementary) try on some Texas-sized hats. Directly below: Andre, Valencia (sixth-grader at Melillo) and Pete keep cool by enjoying some ice cream. Bottom photo: Denise, Pete, Valencia and Andre pose for a picture in front of the waterfall area of the park.



## Deaths

### Jeremy Steven Tuggle

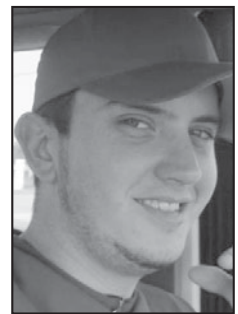


and wife Marlene Britt, Britany, Jordan, Jenna, Tyler, Dontaye and Jett Tuggle; and numerous other family members and friends.

Services will be held Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, at Crowder Funeral Home, 2422 Broadway in Pearland.

Visitation will start at 5 p.m. with the funeral service beginning at 6 p.m. A dinner will follow the services at the family's home. Guests are welcome to attend to help celebrate Tuggle's life.

### Noah Christoph Heinicken



Noah Christoph Heinicken, 25, a lifetime resident of the South Belt area, died unexpectedly on Monday, Aug. 23, 2010.

Heinicken was born on Dec. 27, 1984, at 1:30 p.m. in Houston, Texas. He was a member of Dobie High School's Class of 2003, and was employed by AAA as a service technician.

He leaves behind his parents, Rick and Debbie Heinicken, brother Quad, sister Casey, grandfather Fred Heinicken and wife Julia, and fiancée Brittany Snedeker, all of Houston.

Heinicken valued spending time with his friends and left behind a band of so-called "brothers," with whom he had grown up. Some of his biggest passions in life included music, cooking, dirt bikes, his dog, Bohdi, and the anticipated arrival of his daughter, Paisleigh Rae. Niday Funeral Home will

handle all arrangements and any questions regarding the service and burial can be answered at 281-464-7200.

The family will receive friends on Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home on Beamer Road.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made at Bank of America in Memoriam of Noah.

## Art celebrated at UHCL

Enjoy unique artwork in multiple mediums showcased at University of Houston-Clear Lake's art gallery and art exhibition.

Printmakers Dale Clifford, Rahul Mitra and Roberto Gonzalez are featured artists in the UHCL art exhibition open through Friday, Oct. 8, in the Bayou Building.

Mixed media by Lone Star College Montgomery's art faculty will be featured from Sept. 13 through Oct. 28 in the university's art gallery.

Stylistic images of printmaker Dale Clifford's *War Birds* series draws from imagery based on his experience living and teaching in the Middle East and his exposure to art of that region.

Rahul Mitra's *Dialogues from Disparate Worlds* is the artist's expression of the growing cultural, economic and environmental disparity in contemporary India.

Roberto Gonzalez, director of the art gallery at the Facultad de Artes Plasticas at

the Universidad de Veracruzana in Xalapa, contributes monotype prints from Mexico in his series *La Espera*.

To mark the opening of this new exhibition, a reception is scheduled for Sept. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The reception will be held in the art gallery. Admission is free for all exhibits. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

For information call 281-283-3377.

## Rep. Ken Legler signs with TCC

Rep. Ken Legler recently announced he has signed the Pledge with Texans, the legislative agenda of the Texas Conservative Coalition, the conservative caucus of the Texas Legislature.

Legler, a TCC member, said, "Conservative leadership over the past decade has made Texas the most successful state in the nation, validating the difficult but principled decisions the Legislature has made. We have garnered national recognition and praise for our

relatively strong economy from numerous sources, including ABC News, CNN, The Economist, The Atlantic, and The Weekly Standard."

"Moving forward," Legler said, "we must continue to adhere to the principles of limited government, individual liberty, free enterprise, and traditional values."

"Our state faces many challenges, and the TCC Pledge with Texans is our conservative plan of action. Next session, conservatives

must fight to defend and advance our principles as we directly address a revenue shortfall without raising taxes, a federal government that too readily and too frequently intrudes on our liberty, and the challenge of protecting Texans from increasing violence along the Texas border."

The TCC Pledge with Texans serves as a roadmap for the long-term success of the state of Texas by offering conservative solutions to the five most pressing issues that

the next Legislature must address: balance the budget without raising taxes, limit federal intrusion, improve election integrity, cut taxes, secure the Texas border.

To date, 49 conservative state legislators, including Legler, have signed the TCC Pledge with Texans.

"I am glad to stand with my fellow conservatives to make sure that Texas' values and principles are upheld as the Legislature tackles the state's major issues next session," Legler said.

## Please Come!!

State Representative District 144

## Ken Legler's 2nd Annual Red Beans & Rice

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## Dobie cheerleaders, mascots excel at camp



The Dobie cheerleaders and mascots attended camp at Texas A&M in College Station bringing home several awards. Both the varsity and junior varsity squads won first place in Home-Pom Routine, first place in the Camp Dance Routine, and earned numerous Superior ribbons. The mascots won the Leadership Award. Sponsors for the Dobie cheerleaders are Angela Garza and Tracy Schott. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Brittany Peralez, Andrea Mitrowski, Catarina Johnson, Krista Carter,

Tristann Trujillo (varsity captain), Ashley Hoggard (varsity captain), Cree Dorsey (JV captain), A'leeyah Holland (JV captain), Kortney Neely, (back row) Cassie Gilman, Felicia Fernandez, Megan Gary, Kayla Szydlo, Kaneesha Williams, Emily Sargent, Abby Pedroza, Erika Yglesias, Kimber Hubenak, Christina Susarus, Sydney Gutierrez, Sabrina Troxlar, Alyssa Perry, Summer Sarabia, Desiree Alvarez, and mascots Stephanie Cherry, Alexis Assed and Austin Perez.

## Astronaut's visit tops off week of Math-Ready Camp at SJCS

Approximately 29 local high school students learned about manned space flight and career opportunities within the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields during a recent visit from astronaut, Col. Terrence Wilcutt, at San Jacinto College South.

Wilcutt serves as director of Safety and Mission Assurance at NASA-Johnson Space Center and is a veteran of four space flights. His lecture was one of many activities students experienced during Math-Ready Camp, a weeklong camp designed to prepare high school students for their upcoming math curriculum throughout their academic year.

"Visiting students is an investment to our future," said Wilcutt. "It's important that we capture their interest early in the STEM fields."

Wilcutt discussed such topics as how the human body reacts to a space flight and the development of the International Space Station.

He also mentioned NASA's agenda for the next 10 years: deep space flight, construction of a heavy lift rocket and technology that will allow for a shorter trip to Mars.

"Understanding how STEM-related careers are applied in the real world was a mission for Math-Ready Camp coordinators," said Scott Hairston, project coordinator for grants develop-



ment with the Aerospace & Biotechnology Academy. "Col. Wilcutt's visit was the perfect conclusion for the Math-Ready Camp," said Hairston. "Our goal was met; the students became more and more interested throughout the week in learning about career opportunities in STEM fields."

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Camp curriculum was provided by the NASA Human Research Program Education and Outreach Project and Texas Tech University, which presented research on the latest in cancer treatment and sponsored activities relating to the real-world applica-

tion of math concepts.

Hairston said San Jac plans to host the Math-Ready Camp again next summer and possibly at all three college campus locations.

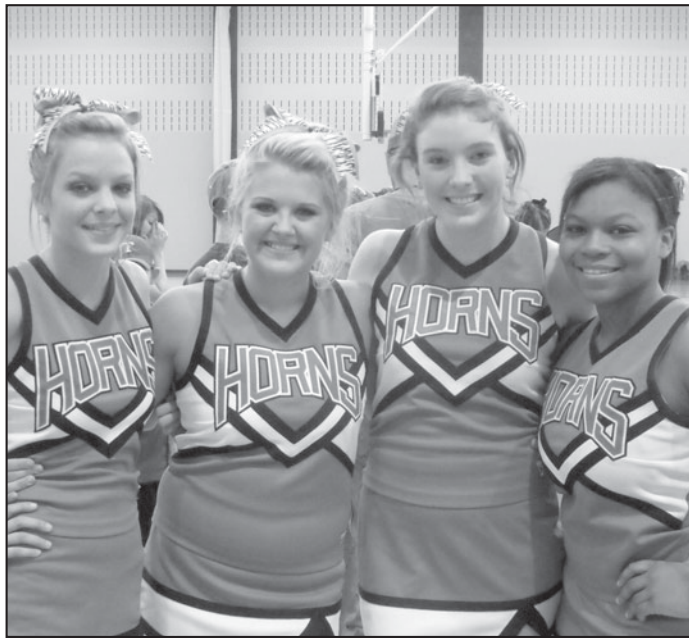
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## UCA All-Americans announced



Four Dobie High School cheerleaders were selected UCA All-American Cheerleaders at summer camp held at Texas A&M University. Winners are, left to right, Tristann Trujillo (varsity captain), Catarina Johnson (varsity), Andrea Mitrowski (varsity) and Cree Dorsey (JV captain).

Photo submitted

## Nominations sought for PISD Distinguished Citizen Award

Nominations are currently being sought for the Pasadena Independent School District's Distinguished Citizen Award. The award is given annually to a Pasadena ISD resident or business person who has demonstrated a strong commitment to the cause of education and youth-related activities and organizations in the community.

Nominees must demonstrate a commitment to the educational, social, spiritual and personal growth and development of the young people of our community through volunteer efforts in Pasadena schools or any youth-related organization. They also must reside or work within the boundaries of the Pasadena Independent School District.

The individual is named by a selection committee from a list of nominations received from the community. They will be honored at a special reception in November.

The Distinguished Citizen Award will be presented at a

special reception in November. A 15-by-19-inch bronze plaque is commissioned, dedicated and placed on a concrete pedestal located at the front entrance to the Pasadena Independent School District Administration Building. A smaller replica of the plaque is given to the recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award.

The plaques of both the Distinguished Citizen Award recipients and the Distinguished Alumnus Award are exhibited in the Walk of Honor just outside the entrance of the district administration building.

Past recipients of the Distinguished Citizen Award include:

1995 - Faye Schimek; 1996 - Kathryn Whitfill; 1997 - Kathleen Morris; 1998 - John Phelps; 1999 - Denise Converse; 2000 - Gilbert Aguilar; 2001 - Eddie Dansby; 2002 - Judy and Russell Lamontagne; 2003 - Dr. Paul Covell; 2004 - Rosalie Kuntz; 2005 - Emory Gadd; 2006 - Charles Davis; 2007 - Herman Williams; 2008 - Carroll Smith; and 2009 - Terry Brotherton.

Nomination forms are available on the school district Web site at [www.pasadenaisd.org/citizennominate.htm](http://www.pasadenaisd.org/citizennominate.htm). Return this completed

form with any supporting documentation such as newspaper clippings or resumes by Sept. 3, 2010.

When filling out the nomination, include the name and phone number of the person making the nomination.

Send nominations to Candace Ahlfinger, associate superintendent for communications and community relations, Pasadena ISD, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502. For more information, call 713-740-0247.

## Speaker's Bureau seeks volunteers

The voices of those looking to work with children and make a difference in students' lives can be heard through the Pasadena Independent School District's Speaker's Bureau.

The district's Community Relations Office is heading this effort to join campuses with speakers such as business professionals and others who are willing to share their stories of success with students.

School principals can access the list of speakers from a Speaker's Bureau database when they want them to conduct a presentation at their campus.

"Whether they are a local business owner or someone who works in the science field, we are looking for people to give our students an inside look into their careers

and share how they have become successful," said Cindy Parmer, PISD's director of community relations.

Volunteers who become a part of the Speaker's Bureau may choose to participate in career days at the schools or speak to certain classes, such as career and technical classes or science classes.

"These mentors can make a tremendous difference in students' lives," Parmer said. "Their stories can inspire students to do their very best and never to settle for anything less."

Those interested in becoming a part of the Pasadena ISD Speaker's Bureau can call Parmer at 713-740-0288 or e-mail her at [cparker@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:cparker@pasadenaisd.org). A volunteer application can be filled out by visiting [www.pasadenaisd.org](http://www.pasadenaisd.org).

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### REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

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J. E. Dunn Construction Company as the Construction Manager at Risk for San Jacinto College District is seeking sealed proposals for Pavement, Drainage, Water Line, and Sanitary Sewer Improvements until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, September 8, 2010. All inquiries should be directed to Coy McKinney or Skip Hartman at 713-521-4664. Plans and specs will be available for purchase at A&E Complex (713) 579-1234, or you may view them @ JE Dunn's plan room, 3500 S. Gessner, Suite 200 Houston, TX 77063 after August 20, 2010. A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Wednesday, September 1, 2010 in the Kaleidoscope room of the Interactive Learning Center Building, 13735 Beamer Road, Houston TX 77089.



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# Over The Back Fence by Jan

**WELCOME TO THE WORLD, DYLAN**  
 Dylan Thomas Morris was born Aug. 22, 2010, at 7:46 p.m. at Woman's Hospital of Texas. Dylan weighed 8 lbs., 14.5 oz., and stretched 20.75 inches. Proud parents are John and Julia (Heeth) Morris. Also welcoming Dylan are big brother Evan Mikel Morris and grandparents John and Jan Morris, Dan Heeth and Alice Garson. Mom Julia is a Dobbie High School grad.

**HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY, CODY!**  
 Wishes for a very happy birthday are sent to Cody Giles who celebrates his 12th birthday on Friday, Aug. 27. His parents, Tracy and Jim of Kirkwood South, sister Kristen, brother Aaron and grandparents Bobby and Ken Griffin, are all very proud of him. Cody is a student at Beverly Hills Intermediate School.

is the day for a party for Lourdes Rivera. **Frazier Elementary** Enjoying a birthday Aug. 27 is Veronica Huitron. **Meador Elementary** The day for a birthday cake for Katy Lindsey is Aug. 27. **South Belt Elementary** Rachel Garica is wished a happy birthday on Aug. 28. A birthday greeting is sent to Courtney Moran on Aug. 31. **Stuchbery Elementary** On Aug. 30, birthday wishes are sent to Fred Jordan. **Morris Middle School** Celebrating a birthday Aug. 27 is Andrea Ross. On Aug. 28, blow out the birthday candles for Dora Ascencio. **Beverly Hills Intermediate** The day for a cake for Mackwell Hickerson and Tanya Keller is Aug. 28. On Aug. 29, Margaret Higham and Leigh Lidrbach are sent a special birthday greeting. Wes Hardy has a birthday Sept. 1. **Thompson Intermediate** The day to send a birthday greeting to Immar Mendoza is Aug. 26. Nora Sanchez enjoys a birthday Aug. 27. The day for a cake for Melinda Funni is Aug. 30. **Dobbie High** On Aug. 27, a birthday is celebrated by Charles Burton. Special birthday wishes are sent to Steve Jamail Aug. 28. Aug. 29 is the day for a double birthday party for Catalino Delcid and Chris Swinnen. Blow out the birthday candles for Maria Freyre on Sept. 1. **LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS** Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its August meeting at The Hampton with Barbara Risinger as hostess and Nancy McShane as co-hostess. Eleven members

were present and three absent. Final plans for the Ways and Means Project were made for the Couthatta Casino bus trip. The chapter collected tube socks to be mailed to soldiers in Afghanistan. Following the business meeting, Risinger presented the program, *New Paths To Friendship through the What-A-Burger-Group*. **BIRKHOLTZ SHARES TRAVELS** Rosie Birkholz recently returned from a seven-week holiday traveling and visiting with family. The first trip was a week in a beachfront home in Nag's Head, Outer Banks, N.C. with her children, Howard and Pat Birkholz, grandchildren Cortney and Dan Croft, and great-grandchildren Andrew, Dylan and Ryan Croft. The weather was beautiful and the ocean was alive with dolphins and pelicans. The next trip was a fabulous two-week cruise in Europe, where she visited Paris, Lorient, Bordeaux and Le Havre in France; Bilbao and A Coruna in Spain; Amsterdam and Vlissingen in the Netherlands; Brussels in Belgium; and St. Peter Port, Guernsey, and London in the United Kingdom. Highlights of these countries were the Eiffel Tower, the London Eye, the last remaining factory of Blue Delft pottery, and the Atomium statue remaining from Belgium's last World's Fair. Upon returning from overseas, Birkholtz went to her hometown of Long Beach, N.Y. to visit her 90-year-old sister, Carol, and other relatives. She claims it was exhausting, but one of the greatest vacations she has had in years. **LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS** E-mail birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

**A CENTRAL HARDWARE BIRTHDAY**  
 Ron Williams begins the month with a birthday Sept. 1. Best wishes are sent to Ron from his family, Central Ace Hardware employees and his friends at the Leader.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY, MARIE**  
 Best wishes go out to Marie Flickinger on Wednesday, Sept. 1, for a very special birthday from her family, friends and the staff at the Leader.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 26 through Sept. 1. **Atkinson Elementary** Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to Mauricio Meza Aug. 28. **Burnett Elementary** Celebrating a birthday Aug. 26 is Pam Affleje. On Aug. 27, Deyanira Quintero enjoys a birthday. Blow out the birthday candles for Lisa Orr on Aug. 28. The day for a cake for Demetria Powell is Aug. 30. Sept. 1

support, testing and financial aid, student development, enrollment services and the business office. Kiosks that employ touch technology will also be located throughout the center to assist students in finding their way around the building and campus. "We want to provide a welcoming environment," said Hebert. "We want people to see our services the minute they walk into the center. This is what customer service is all about." A drive-through lane, located at the center's front entrance, will also allow for safer departure and arrival of students to the campus. "San Jacinto College strives to keep facilities at all three campuses updated to serve the ever-changing

infrastructure improvements, renovations, and new classroom buildings and facilities. The benefits of the new construction will be shared with the community in the form of new job creation, worker training, and retraining opportunities.

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## SJC South allied health building, student center under construction

San Jacinto College South is undergoing a facelift to bring services to students' fingertips and construct a modern high-tech allied health facility. Construction throughout the course of the next two years will increase the size of the South campus by almost 200,000 square feet with the addition of a 155,000 square-foot allied health building and a 42,000 square-foot student center. "We're building these facilities to accommodate our college for decades to come and meet the needs of our increasing enrollment," said Joseph Hébert, dean of campus administration for SJC South. The three-story allied health building is more than twice the size of any exist-

ing South campus building and will house nine areas of scientific study. It will also be certified through the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design green building certification system and include nursing simulation labs, an astronomy observatory, and laboratories designed to model pharmaceutical environments. "Providing students with the opportunity to learn in a technologically advanced environment clearly gives them the edge needed to compete in today's global job market," said Hébert. The new Student Success Center will be relocated to the front of the campus and connect to the administration building. The two-story building will include stations for staff

needs of students and faculty," said Bryan Jones, associate vice chancellor of facilities and construction. "These projects, funded by the SJC taxpayers, will ensure that we continue to offer the highest standards of education with modern technology and the space needed to accommodate our students." The South campus is one of the three campuses undergoing new construction and renovation at the college. J.E. Dunn is the general contractor for the SJC South campus projects. Bay Architects and Dansby-Miller/Morris are the two architectural firms employed by the college. In May 2008, voters within the college district approved a \$295 million bond referendum aimed at providing San Jacinto College with

## Remember When

**30 years ago (1980)**  
 Members of the Dobbie High School Lariatettes drill team would be seen both locally and nationally on the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. Lariatette Dina Jackson was set to travel to Las Vegas with sponsor Peggy Moree to present Lewis a check for approximately \$75,000, the amount earned by the Houston area's drill team kick-athon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association held in the Astroarena. Trustees of the Pasadena Independent School District approved a 20-percent hike in employee health insurance premiums and completion of Moore Elementary at their regular meeting. Approximately 200 residents of the Scarsdale subdivision evacuated their homes early one morning when a new Exxon natural

gasline located in the Alcott field on Choate Road developed a leak. Houston area investigators reported that a short circuit in the aluminum wiring was the cause of a fire that destroyed a home in the 11100 block of Sagecrest. The owners of the home were on vacation at the time the fire occurred. **25 years ago (1985)** Pasadena Independent School District employees honored new school superintendent Dr. Lon Luty with a standing ovation during his first appearance before the district employees as a whole in the Phillips Field House. Figures released by San Jacinto College South after regular registration showed an increase in enrollment of 163 students over the previous year. Enrollment stood at 3,588, but that number was expected to increase after late registration. Area sports organizers were disappointed that plans for a youth sports complex on Dixie Farm Road had been squelched, but a county official said plans were only delayed. Tony Baccaro, a 20-year veteran of Pasadena ISD, was named the new principal of Beverly Hills Intermediate. **10 years ago (2000)** Pasadena Independent School District learned from the Texas Education Agency that the district would not receive the hoped-for state funding for the year for facilities approved in February's \$199.05 million bond election. Natasha Butler went into labor in the registration line at San Jacinto College. Sageglan resident Sandra Kaye Hayes, 42, died from choking on a watermelon seed. Anthony "Tony" Chapin died as a result of a hit-and-run car incident.

**5 years ago (2005)** Ruth Young, a 9-year-old Frazier Elementary student, was killed as a PISD school bus ran over her. Young was walking her bicycle across Hughes Street at Sageburrow when the bus pulled out. The driver said he never saw her or her bike. A controversy regarding the hiring of the bus driver ensued after an official in the district office changed the driver's official records from not eligible for hire (due to criminal history) to eligible. The case went to the grand jury, and the driver was charged with involuntary manslaughter. Community leaders were anxious to hear results from the Base Realignment and Closure committee. Ellington Field appeared on BRAC's list of bases to be affected. The library at Elmer Bondy Intermediate was renamed to honor its former principal Tommy Baccaro. The new name would be the Thomas D. Baccaro Learning Resource Center. Deputies from Precinct 2 conducted a warrant sweep in the South Belt area. Four arrests were made, two of those for felony warrants. **1 year ago (2009)** In a surprising move, the developer of the proposed low-income Dixie Gardens apartment complex withdrew his application for state assistance. Traffic signals at the intersection of Beamer and Hughes roads had been the site of several accidents due to the limited visibility between the first and second traffic signals on the north and southbound lanes of Beamer. The Leader vacation photo contest ended with Theresa Salazar and Devin Cobb each receiving four tickets to Schlitterbahn.

**Hobby Lions Club to meet**  
 Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

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# School Profile: Meador Elementary

At 57 years old, Meador Elementary is one of the oldest educational institutions in the area.

This, however, is not stopping it from keeping up to date and continuing to provide the education that has become the standard in all the years of its existence.

Opened in 1963, Meador has remained in the same location, occupying the corner of Beamer and Fuqua. The school is named after Ben Meador, who was very involved in the schools of the Pasadena Independent School District.

Of the schools in PISD, Meador may be the oldest but it has kept up with educational and technological standards that have been instituted in the rest of the district and in newer schools.

Students are taught technology from kindergarten on, being able to compose an electronic slide show by fourth grade. Teachers are also encouraged to use technology on a day-to-day basis, incorporating it in their every-day lessons.

The school itself boasts 650 students as of this past school year with accommodations for students of all abilities. Meador has a gifted and talented program, ABLE classrooms to teach students with autism, accelerated reader, bilingual and English as a Second Language classes and something that makes the campus special – partnership with NASA.

In partnering with Ellington and NASA, Meador, along with other elementary schools around the city, have the opportunity to send fourth-grade students to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an environment with themes such as aviation, aeronautics and spaceflight. Students travel to



Above: Third grade teacher Chantay Hill, left, utilizes her Promethean interactive whiteboard to teach her class. Pictured are, left to right, (front row, seated) Atziri Galarza, Maegan Osseweyer, Alexandra Brookland, (second row) DeAngelo Ramirez, Roger Solis, Jesus Capulin and (standing) Darlene Davis, principal. Below: Davis stands in front of Meador Elementary School.



Ellington field once a month and participate in experiments for a day, allowing them to interact with military and NASA personnel.

Also available to students who are eligible are numerous field trips.

Students who meet the requirements are able to visit

such places as the Armand Bayou Nature Center, the San Jacinto Memorial and Battle-grounds, the Houston Zoo and the livestock show.

The staff at Meador is something of which Darlene Davis, principal, is quite proud. The turnover rate on teachers at the school is very low, and there are three teachers who have been there for more than 35 years.

"At Meador, we try to find a fun way to learn," Davis said. "Kids change, so we have to change to meet every need of every child. We are committed to the success of the children."

The teachers at Meador are indeed committed to the success of the children. Every student who shows need for assistance gets a staff mentor to assist him or her with educational needs.

Parental involvement is a constant throughout the PISD system, and Meador is certainly not an exception.

Throughout the year, Meador holds Mom's and Dad's nights as well as family fun night to involve the parents of the students with their child's education.

"We love (the students), and that is why we are here," said Davis.

# Pappas, Ehman to wed



Tom and Tricia Ehman of Sagemeadow announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Jonathan, to Morgan Pappas. The prospective groom graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of Texas at Arlington and is an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher and advisor to the foreign students at North Lake College in Irving. The bride-to-be is the daughter of John and Natalie Pappas of Haltom City, Texas, with plans to graduate this year with a bachelor's in education from Dallas Baptist University. The couple are planning an early 2011 wedding in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

# SJCC sets open Grease auditions

San Jacinto College Central's theater department will hold open public auditions for adults and children to be cast in the musical *Grease*.

The auditions are open for anyone in the community, and enrollment at the college is not required. The Central campus musicals are always large productions, often casting more than 100 community members of varying acting abilities.

Auditions for adults and young people 16 and older will be held on two dates – Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. and Aug. 29 at 6 p.m.

A second set of auditions will take place later in September for a chorus of children ages 10 to 15. The auditions will take place in Slocumb Auditorium, located on the Central campus at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Those participating in the auditions should come dressed to move, and they do not need to bring any prepared material.

"Anyone interested in acting, those who have little or no experience, or those who are seasoned professionals may audition for the show," commented Dr. Jerry Ivins, Central campus theater department chair. "Each year

we have over 150 adults and children from the Greater Houston area audition for our fall musical, and this year we hope to have even more."

Performances are set for Oct. 8, 9, 15 and 16, with a 7:30 p.m. curtain. A matinee will be staged on Oct. 10 at 2:30 p.m. A matinee performance edited for younger audiences will be performed for area schools and daycares on Oct. 15 at 10 a.m.

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The sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Campbell Hall at Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff Road in Pasadena. Seminars begin at 8 a.m.

**Green Thumb Gardening Series**

The Harris County Master Gardener Association will present a program on lawn care Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Bass Pro Shops, Highway 288 at the Sam Houston Tollway in Pearland. These lectures are free and open to the public.

**Master Gardener Lecture Series**  
Nell Shimek, owner of Shimek Gardens, will present a lecture on daylilies Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park (on the lake-side), 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

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**Open Garden Day**  
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Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Open Garden Day is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 20, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff.

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# Montoyas explore Thailand

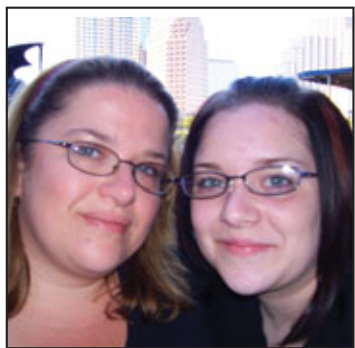


South Belt residents Gabriel and Sophia Montoya took a two week vacation to explore Thailand. Pictured at left, Gabriel and Sophia pose atop one of the highest mountains in Phuket, Thailand, in front of a golden Buddha statue. At right, Sophia Montoya stands beside a Buddha statue at the Buddha Temple. Bottom, Gabriel and Sophia Montoya in front of their resort, The Peach Hill.



## Poseys see San Antonio, Austin

The Posey family with friend Yodisa Marciano traveled to San Antonio and Austin this summer. The Poseys live in Woodmeadow II subdivision. Mackenzie Posey and Yodisa are 2010 Dobie High School graduates, both attending San Jacinto College this fall. Katie Posey is a junior at Dobie and is currently a San Jac student enrolled in the new Pilot program for dual credit. Kayla Posey is an eighth-grader at Thompson Intermediate. Parents John and Teri Posey are employed as respiratory supervisors at Bayshore Medical Center. Top left photo: Katie (right) and her mother, Teri Posey, on the Congress Street Bridge Bat Tour in Austin. Top right photo: Sundown on Lady Bird Lake aboard the Capitol Cruise Bat Tour in Austin. Bottom photo: Yodisa and Mackenzie stand in front of the Alamo in San Antonio.



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## UH-Clear Lake continuing study receives funding

Diamondback terrapins, a turtle species ranked near threatened in Texas, are the focus of a four-year comprehensive population study project that recently received additional funding from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The study, conducted by the Environmental Institute of Houston, a sub-entity of the University of Houston-Clear Lake, received an additional \$15,000 to help support graduate student stipends and project-related transportation costs.

Currently, there are three graduate students and five staff members involved in the project.

With the number of diamondback terrapins declining as a result of coastal development, pollution, vehicles and commercial crab traps, the ongoing study goals are to assess population status and habitat preferences of the turtle species in parts of the Galveston Bay system.

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acoustic tagging, microchips and scanners to identify movement patterns and habitat preferences, student researchers' work will help protect the future of the species, says Wrast.

The institute is also currently under contract with the Texas Commission on the Environmental Quality, itself under contract with the Environmental Protection Agency to gather data from 53 sites along the Texas coast through September as part of the National Coastal Condition Assessment. Collected data is used to determine the health of the nation's coastal waters.

The institute was founded in 1991 to address current and future environmental issues in partnership with the university and the community. The organization conducts research and outreach projects and is supported by state appropriations, agency grants and donations.

For more information about NCCA, visit the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/emap/nca/index.html>. For more information about UHCL's Environmental Institute of Houston, visit <http://www.eih.uhcl.edu> or call 281-283-3950.

# South Belters share vacation photos

Submit 2010 vacation photos to win Schlitterbahn tickets to [www.southbelleader.com](http://www.southbelleader.com). List first and last names of each person in photo in left to right order. Deadline to submit photos for publication is Aug. 27.

## Gomez family travels to South Padre



The Gomez family recently traveled to South Padre Island, Texas, for a family vacation. Lupe III recently graduated from YES Prep SE and plans to attend Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., this fall. Laura will be a junior at YES Prep SE this fall, and Patrick is in the fourth grade at Frazier Elementary. The family lives on Sageburrow. Pictured at left, at the South Padre Island Souvenir Shop are, left to right, Laura, Patrick, Lupe Jr., Lupe III and Frankie Gomez. Directly below, Lupe Jr., Angelica, Lupe III, Frankie and Laura Gomez hold Patrick Gomez at the South Padre Island Beach. Bottom, at the South Padre Island sign are, left to right, Patrick and Laura Gomez sitting on top of and Lupe III and Frankie Gomez standing beside the sign.



## Friends stop at Niagra Falls

On the way to the National Catholic Daughters of America Convention in Buffalo, N.Y., attendees stopped at Niagra Falls where they rode on the Maid of the Mist, touring below the falls. CDA members onboard are, left to right, Kathleen Taylor, Carolyn Friend, Leda Williams and Irene Flynn. The group agreed that the view was breathtaking, and there were many opportunities to see the falls from different angles on the tour.



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## First impressions: varsity football opens Aug. 27

Successful football seasons are not guaranteed nor taken away based on one week's worth of results, but there's still plenty on the line as the Dobie and Clear Brook programs take the field Aug. 26 for subvarsity action and then Aug. 27 for varsity openers.

At Clear Brook, the Wolverines will be looking to get out of the gate strong against a talented Houston Lamar program. In the

varsity game, the Wolverines will host the Redskins Aug. 27 at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in League City. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Clear Brook, seeking to bounce back from a difficult 2009 season that included just three wins, will face a tough opening act.

Houston Lamar, favored to win the District 20-5A title, will be led by quarterback Bram Kohlhausen, who has committed to play

collegiately at the University of Houston.

Meanwhile, the Wolverines are picked fifth in their District 24-5A alignment, just out of playoff contention in one of the region's stacked districts. Still, the Wolverines are focused on making a name for themselves.

"We have a lot of great young men who are focused on doing things right and doing what it takes to win on and off the field," Clear Brook head coach Paul Lanier said.

"Most of our experience is in the defensive secondary, and we have our starting quarterback (Matt Heidt) back in the mix. We're looking to surprise some people along the way."

The excitement is also building at Dobie, where first-year head coach Jim Phillips is ready to jog onto

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**Dobie hosts Alief Taylor**  
Friday, Aug. 27  
Newcomb Field, 7 p.m.

**Brook hosts Houston Lamar**  
Friday, Aug. 27  
Veteran's Memorial, 7 p.m.



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## Brook, Dobie volleyball drop matches

Maybe Tuesday is not a good night for high school volleyball after all.

The Clear Brook and Dobie varsity volleyball teams fell to a combined 1-6 in Tuesday night ac-

tion after dropping matches Aug. 24. Dobie, playing at Clear Springs, fell 25-9, 25-22, 25-16 to an improving Clear Springs program.

Senior hitter Katherine Finney led the Lady Long-

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Still looking to build momentum heading into the District 24-5A varsity volleyball race, Clear Brook hopes to make its mark at the prestigious Pearland High School Classic Aug. 26-28. Players, left to right, Alicia Ditrich, Crystal Young, Anita Permenter (background) and Caiti O'Connell will play key roles.

## SJC men's soccer opens against No. 2 Richland

A pair of nationally ranked men's soccer teams will meet to open the National Junior College Athletic Association season as San Jacinto College, ranked ninth in the Division I pre-season poll, hosts Richland, ranked second in the Division III poll. Match time is 7 p.m.



**San Jac hosts Richland**  
Friday, Aug. 27  
South campus, 7 p.m.

Coming off three goals in a pair of scrimmages to open the preseason, San Jacinto College forward Alphonso Magana figures to be a focal point on the offensive end as the locals open the regular season Aug. 27 against Richland at Coyote Field.

## UHV soccer sets captains; JFD grads in

2010 Dobie High School graduate Yancy Moreno (left) and Chelsea DeLeon (right) have been named as team captains for the 2010 University of Houston-Victoria Jaguars women's soccer team, which will begin its inaugural season Aug. 27 in Brownsville against ninth-ranked William Carey College. In the center is teammate Christina Montelongo. UHV is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Moreno and DeLeon were four-year varsity players for Dobie from 2007 to 2010.

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# BAFL week two: Cowboys, Rams play to standstill; Dolphins win pair

Another sizzling day dawned for the second week of the Bay Area Football League season Aug. 21 as each of the league's teams were back in action.

Locally, the highlight of the day was the matchup between the host Sagemont Cowboys and the Ellington Rams.

After a fun-filled pee wee division game kicked off the day, the Cowboys and Rams engaged in four extremely competitive games, with three of the four being decided by seven points or less.

After the final game of the day, the Cowboys and Rams had won two games each.

The Southbelt Dolphins traveled to Alvin to take on

the Raiders. After that series had concluded, the Raiders had gained the upper hand with two wins and a tie in the four games.

**Rams sophomores 20 Cowboys 6**

The Cowboys' sophomore team came up short against the Rams by a 20-6 tally.

Mark Milton dashed 60 yards for a touchdown for the Rams as the two teams went to halftime tied at 6-6.

In the second half, Milton added scoring runs of 40 and six yards to help the Rams claim the victory.

Devin Childs and Zion Walker converted extra-point runs after both of Milton's touchdowns in the second half.

Offensively, the Rams

were led by Milton, A.J. Gonzalez, Jacob Wise, Nick Rodarte, Gabe Fonseca, JoJo Holbert, Matthew Lopez, Noah Resendez, Childs, Julian Calvillo, Walker, Jaden Brown and Jalen Clark.

The Rams' defensive effort was keyed by the play of Holbert and Montra Scott, who had interceptions. Scott ended a Cowboys' drive with a pick off in the end zone.

Ellington also got strong defensive play from DeJuan Dixon, Jon Jon Moreno, J.J. Johnson, Dimitri Giannakopoulos, Anthony Gracia, Josh Sordia, Mateo Guzman, Neiman Lewis-Wells, Travis Watson Jr., Javian Castaneda and Gregory Mumphy.

The Cowboys' lone score came on a Braelon Hill 50-yard touchdown run.

Sagemont got good blocking up front by Jacob Martinez, Ryan Correa, Logan Wranich, Dominic Tamez, Eli Mazzochetti-Seidel, R.J. Ortega, Ross Lowrey, Joseph Reyes, Nick Gonzalez and Tony Agirre.

Good defense was played by Dustin Dominguez, Elijah Dorsey, Kyune Jeffery, Seth Barber, Jacob Sulak, Ian Lowrey, Gavin Garcia, Bryant Brown, Julius Wells, Matthew Moran, Juan Trujillo, Damontre Blacknell, Jason Cruz, Agirre and Hill.

The Cowboys are 1-1 this season. The Rams improved to 1-1 with the win.

**Cowboys freshman 13 Rams 6**

The Cowboys' freshman team improved to 2-0 after a 13-6 victory over the Rams in the second week of play.

Sagemont scored twice in the first half to lead by seven points and then turned to its defense to handle the action the rest of the way.

Deon Blacknell scored both touchdowns for the Cowboys as he got great blocking from Koby Ruiz, Luke Giron, Christopher Pineda, Dylan White, Mason Banhart, Julian Mata, Jonathan Morales and Jartis

Soloman. Jayden Robinson, Richard Gary and Kyle Redmon led the way on defense for the Cowboys.

Other great defensive plays were made by Kyle McDonald, Shawn Krivik, Keegan Seymour, Kaden Arnold, Hector Valdez, Nefataly Jaurez, Grant Gamble, D.J. Trevino and Matt Olivares.

The Cowboys honored teammate Jonathan Jean, giving him a game ball at halftime. Jean was injured during the preseason and will miss the season while recovering.

Xavier Elias is injured but may be ready to play soon, and Zion Crawford missed the game with an illness.

The newest member of the team, Anthony Arellano, joined his team by helping keep the players hydrated during the game.

The Rams' lone score of the game came in the first quarter as Matt Gilliam raced 40 yards for a touchdown.

Ellington's other players who excelled included Demontre Carr, Adrian Tamez, Sebastian Comabella-Paredes, Mario Barajas, Steven Trevino, Edward Lilly, Darius Pamplin, Jordan Soliz, Murt Marshall Jr., Michael Powell Jr., Matthew Balderas, Marquize Scott, Mikey Ramirez, Manuel Frias Jr., Marcus Saenz, Chris Seretti, Dominic Caballero, Joseph Hinojosa, Robert Ernest, Eric Cortez, Fernando Sifuentes and Jaden Reyes.

**Rams' pee wees excel**

The Rams' pee wee division team continued to improve during the second week of action.

Those who stood out for the Rams included Alexander Garcia, Xavier Musquiz, Ethan Bishop, Jordan Stanford, Ignacio Izaguirre, Kevin Taulton, Dylan Dixon, Isaac Garcia, Zaire Walker, Logan Vanek, Michael Alvarez, Ian Johnson, Isaiah Correa,

Keshaud Conaway, Zamira Lewis, Ryan Saxton, Elisha Carrizales, Kelby Williams, Swazi Gurnell, Jesse Valdez, Giovanni Rubio and Andre Duke.

**Rams juniors 13 Cowboys 6**

In the junior division, the Rams came up with a 13-6 victory in another defensive battle.

The Rams played well in all phases of the game, getting contributions from Luke Gilliam, Anthony Stasiak, Royce Hunter, Ernie Guzman, Ivan Tagle, Michah Dixon, Joseph Castaneda, Earl Gresham, Joseph Gallien, Dereze McCoy, Keoni Conaway, Brandon Gonzalez, Cameron Dorsey, Hunter Garcia, Jacob Worsham, Francisco Pineda, DeJarrion Andrus, Malcolm Weston, Breon Simmons, Jordan Marcum, Jeremy Marcum, Julio Ayala Jr., Dezmund Carter and Adrian Gonzalez.

**Cowboys juniors 13 Rams 6**

The first game of the day set the tone for the rest of the series as the Cowboys' senior team defeated the Rams 19-13.

Despite the loss, the Rams got outstanding play from Brandon Harper, Julian Guevara, Isaiiah Vasquez, Zishan Kabir, Joshua Martinez, Alexander Duke, Joe Alex Ponce, Jose Escobar Jr., Gerald Bowman, Rosbel Chavez, Alex Gonzalez, Davante Conaway, Heber Alonso, Peyton Polk, MiKeavan Chestnut, Mason Lee, Jerrod Norrell, Jalen Williams, Adrian Fonseca, Adrian Torres and Michael Rose.

**Alvin 41 Dolphins seniors 6**

Alvin's senior team helped the Raiders take early control of the series with a 41-6 victory in the opening game.

Beto Quiroga of the Southbelt seniorteam scored the team's lone touchdown on a 29-yard run.

The rest of the Dolphins who played well despite the

loss included Joshua Kelly, Desmond Flores, Ernesto Rodriguez, Antonio Cuellar, Matthew Sanchez, Jaime Lopez, Luis Davila, Xavier Locher, Adam Gonzales, Noah Manzanales, Bennett Oko, Jesse Escalante, Isaiiah Manzanales, Kevin Collins, Omar Rodela, Oscar Rodela, Isaac Gomez and Jacob Arnesen.

**Dolphins juniors 6 Alvin 6**

Londen Jenkins scored the Southbelt touchdown on a nifty run as the Dolphins' junior team played the Alvin Raiders to a 6-6 tie.

The Dolphins also got strong play from Jacoby Davis, Osby Mitchell III, Jeremy Davis, Tyrese Johnson, Joe Huerta, Jonathan Escalante, Niko Jurado, Jaizac Garcia, Alexander Williams, Jamal Phillips, Jordan Efrid, David Garza, Chris Whitehead, Trey Bell, Jayden Kelly and Julian Torres.

**Alvin 33 Dolphins sophomores 6**

The Dolphins' sophomore team played hard but came up short during a 33-6 loss to the Alvin Raiders.

Southbelt's players who excelled included Peyton Miller, Ethan Riojas, Samuel Diaz, Cervantis Pounds, Ty Wright, Humberto Trevino, Anthony Moreno, Marcos Aguilar, Steven Hernandez, Omotayo Thomas, Bryce Feagin, Ryan Puga, JaLon Hunt, Tyler Swanagan, Dante Proctor Jr., Byron Flores, Jacob Garcia, Joseph Garcia, Sebastian Hinojosa, Tristin Sanchez, Roderick Puga, Damarius Countee, Cole Richard, Sandro Del Villar and Kelvin Reyes Jr.

**Dolphins freshmen 27 Alvin 0**

The Dolphins' freshman team dominated the action in a thorough 27-0 defeat of Alvin.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Dolphins got things rolling as Jonavon Wade had two rushing touchdowns, including one from 65 yards away.

In the third quarter, the Dolphins extended their lead as A'Darius Ward rambled for a score. Kevin Var-

gas capped the scoring for the Dolphins as he found the end zone in the fourth quarter.

Others playing well for Southbelt included Jose Martinez, Xavier Lerma, Jalen Lendsey, Randy Smith, Bryce Sanchez, Zain Dempsey, Jacob Rodriguez, Kelvin Gardner, Christian Cleckley, Christopher Thomas, Tristan Pedraza, Donovan Berotte, Christon Hardemon, Dwayne Jones Jr., Isaac Alvarez, Jhonas

Washington, Julio Torres, Siva Kone, Andrew Richard, Theodore Randle III, J'Colby Kelly and Marcus Herrera.

**Dolphins' PW solid**

The Dolphins' pee wee team played well in action against the Alvin Raiders.

Matthew Arnesen ran into the end zone with the football as the Dolphins made a big play. On defense, Cy Ojeda intercepted a pass.

The rest of the Dolphins,

including Deven Lendsey, Theorin Randle, Dreshon Downey, Davion Collins, Walter Ward, Logan Riley, Jaiden Garcia, Eric Gamez, Jason Hampton, Santos Sanchez, Jackson Muckelroy, Ronald Hughes, Andrew Cabrales, Derrick Woodley II, Andrew Loya, Emond Jackson, Moses Sabala, Curtis Grays III, Alejandro Quiroga and Julian Hinojosa, also played very well. In the pee wee division, scores are not kept.

## BAFL Week Two Results

Divisions	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.
<b>Cowboys</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Rams</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Dolphins</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Alvin</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>



Devin Childs (23) of the sophomore Ellington Rams weaves his way through the Sagemont Cowboys defense in action Aug. 21 at El Franco Lee Park. At right is Rams' lineman Dimitri Giannapolous (50).

## BAFL Week Three Games

**Ellington Rams at Sagemont Cowboys**

at El Franco Lee Park

**Southbelt Dolphins at Alvin Raiders**

at Raider Field, 3101 S. Hwy. 35 (behind YMCA)

**Game times: Pee wee - 8 a.m., Seniors - 9 a.m., Juniors - 10:45 a.m., Sophomores - 12:30 p.m.; Freshmen - 2:15 p.m.**

## Sports Calendar

### VOLLEYBALL

**Thursday, Aug. 26**

Clear Brook varsity at Pearland tourn., TBA

**Friday, Aug. 27**

Clear Brook varsity at Pearland tourn., TBA

Dobie varsity at Baytown Lee, 6:30

Clear Brook JV hosts Clear Falls, 6:30

Dobie JV at Baytown Lee, 5:30

Dobie freshman A at Baytown Lee, 4:30

Clear Brook freshman A hosts Clear Falls, 5:30

Clear Brook freshman B hosts Clear Falls, 4:30

Dobie freshman B at Baytown Lee, 4:30

**Saturday, Aug. 28**

Clear Brook varsity at Pearland tourn., TBA

**Tuesday, Aug. 31**

Clear Brook varsity at Seven Lakes, 6:30

Dobie varsity hosts Pearland Dawson, 6:30

Clear Brook JV at Seven Lakes, 5:30

Dobie JV hosts Pearland Dawson, 5:30

Clear Brook freshman A at Seven Lakes, 4:30

Clear Brook freshman B at Seven Lakes, 4:30

Dobie freshman A hosts Pearland Dawson, 4:30

Dobie freshman B hosts Pearland Dawson, 4:30

**Thursday, Sept. 2**

Beverly Hills at preseason scrimmages, TBA

Thompson at preseason scrimmages, TBA

**Friday, Sept. 3**

Clear Brook varsity hosts Cinco Ranch, 6:30

Dobie varsity at Dickinson, 6:30

Clear Brook JV hosts Cinco Ranch, 5:30

Dobie JV at Dickinson, 5:30

Clear Brook freshman A hosts Cinco Ranch, 4:30

Dickinson freshman A at Dickinson, 4:30

Clear Brook freshman B hosts Cinco Ranch, 4:30

Dickinson freshman B at Dickinson, 4:30

Beverly Hills at preseason scrimmages, TBA

Thompson at preseason scrimmages, TBA

### TENNIS

**Thursday, Aug. 26**

Dobie varsity hosts Galveston Ball, 3:30

**Friday, Aug. 27**

Clear Brook varsity at Fort Bend tourn., 8 a.m.

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Springs, 2:30

**Saturday, Aug. 28**

Clear Brook varsity at Fort Bend tourn., 8 a.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 31**

Clear Brook varsity at Dobie, 2:30

### FOOTBALL

**Thursday, Aug. 26**

(regular season openers)

Dobie JV at Alief Taylor, Taylor H.S., 6:15

Brook JV at Houston Lamar, 5:30

Dobie sophomores at Alief Taylor, Taylor H.S., 4:30

Brook sophomores at Houston Lamar, 3:30

Dobie freshman Orange hosts Alief Taylor, 4:30

Dobie freshman White hosts Alief Taylor, 4:30

Brook freshman Silver hosts Houston Lamar, 4:30

Brook freshman Black hosts Houston Lamar, 4:30

**Friday, Aug. 27**

(regular season openers)

Dobie hosts Alief Taylor, Newcomb Field, 7:00

Brook varsity hosts Houston Lamar, Memorial, 7:00

**Thursday, Sept. 2**

Clear Brook JV at Conroe, 6:30

Dobie JV hosts Alvin, Auxiliary, 6:30

Clear Brook sophomores at Conroe, 4:30

Dobie sophomores host Alvin, Dobie, 4:30

Clear Brook freshman Black hosts Conroe, 4:30

Clear Brook freshman Silver hosts Conroe, 6:30

Dobie freshman Orange at Alvin, 6:30

Dobie freshman White at Alvin, 4:30

**Friday, Sept. 3**

Clear Brook varsity hosts Conroe, Veteran's, 7:00

Dobie varsity at Alvin, Alvin Memorial, 7:00

### SOCCER

**Friday, Aug. 27**

San Jacinto College hosts Richland, South, 7:00

**Saturday, Aug. 28**

San Jacinto College hosts IWC (scrimmage), South, 7:00

## Local sports news, notes

### BHI sets Fun, Food & Football

Beverly Hills Intermediate's football program and supporters will host the third annual Fun, Food and Football event at the school Saturday, Sept. 4. The festivities will include a variety of food vendors, raffles for prizes and a series of football scrimmages matching each of the Battlin' Bears' teams. In what is considered the fall portion of the intermediate school athletics schedule, Beverly Hills will kick off its football season, Tuesday, Sept. 7. Parent Velia Gutierrez is one of the volunteers who is leading the efforts to get things in order for the big event. Gutierrez said the event already has quite a few food vendors in place, ready to serve the usual hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks and more. Organizers, however, are still seeking prize donations for the raffles. To donate items for the event, call Gutierrez at 832-640-0042.

### JFD college footballers sought

In recognition of all former Dobie High School football players who later played collegiately, the football booster club is seeking player photos. First-year head coach Jim Phillips would like to adorn the walls of the athletic field house with pictures of the players, and the booster club is helping in the effort. Trouble is, efforts to find photos of past players have delivered limited results. The booster club is asking any former Dobie players who played college football or their families to loan photos to the club so that copies may be made. All original photos will be returned. Those wishing to be recognized as part of the Longhorns' effort may direct e-mail to club president Dina Edwards at dredwards@pasadenaisd.org.

### SBYSC has limited openings

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is still accepting online registration for players to fill openings on existing teams heading into the fall season, which begins Sept. 12. There are a limited number of openings in most of the age group categories. For registration information and more details, visit the league Web site at www.southbeltsoccer.org.

### SBGSA fall ball sign up

The South Belt Girls Softball Association will host registration for the fall 2010 season twice this month at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park at the concession stand. The Saturday, Aug. 28, session will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Tuesday, Aug. 31, session will run from 6 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$55 per player. Those registering are required to bring a copy of their birth certificate to the registration. Games will be played on every other Saturday beginning the second week of September and going through the end of October. The league has also announced plans for a free camp open to first-year coaches and players Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park. Players must RSVP to attend, and others may register for \$10. There will also be a field maintenance day Aug. 28 beginning at 2 p.m. League officials are also sending out a reminder that the players in the fall league will be conducting a candy fundraiser to help support costs associated with the league. Each player will be required to sell one box of candy during the event. The sale lasts until Sept. 18.

### SBHLL fall ball registration

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will register players for the fall season on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 4 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$50 per player, which includes a team shirt and cap. The fall schedule will include six games per team, to be played on alternative Sundays beginning Sept. 19. Participants must be at least 4 years of age by April 30, 2011, to be eligible. The league is open to all youth players regardless of residency as there are no binding league boundaries during the fall season. The league will also host a field work day Aug. 28, and parents are encouraged to come out to help prepare the fields for the season. For more information, visit the league Web site at www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

### BATC hosts final sign up date

Bay Area Texas Baseball will host its final sign up session Sunday, Aug. 29, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Star Fire Grill, located at the corner of Bay Area Boulevard and Space Center Boulevard. Participants age 5 to 18 may still register for action in T-ball, coach pitch, machine pitch, freshman, sophomore, junior or senior division baseball. Games will be played primarily on Sundays. Fees are \$70 to \$90 for the younger divisions and \$100 to \$110 for the older divisions. Uniforms are included in the fee. For more information about the league, including age group breakdowns, visit the league Web site at www.BayAreaTexasBaseball.com. To speak with someone about specific details involving the league, call 281-486-9331. Everyone who registers will play in the games. There are no tryouts. The games will be played at the Bay Area Dad's Club, located off Highway 3 near Clear Lake City Boulevard.



The sophomore Cowboys and Rams went head-to-head as the Rams emerged with a 20-6 win with a pair of late scores. Despite the loss, the Cowboys' players, including, left to right, Damontre Blacknell (9), Ian Lowrey (46), Dominic Tamez (78) and Logan Wranich (7), played well. The Rams' player is Nakia Johnson Jr.



Sagemont Cowboys senior running back Shamaud Smith-Kizzee (5) dives into the end zone despite heavy pursuit from Ellington Ram defenders Gerald Bowman (21), Mason Lee (45) and Michael Rose (34). Smith-Kizzee's score helped the Cowboys hang on for a 19-13 victory in the game.

# Opening kickoff Aug. 27

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Phillips has been put in charge of returning Dobie's football program to prominence.

The Longhorns have not had a winning record at the varsity level since 2005. There have been no playoff berths since 2004.

The players in the program made solid strides in the spring and have continued that growth in the preseason. The school's incoming freshman class has also shown early signs of being gifted.

As hopeful as Phillips is, he knows there will be no instant solutions. There are talented players at the varsity level, but there are also areas where the Longhorns will be a work in progress.

In the Longhorns' Aug. 20 scrimmage at El Campo, a very physical Ricebird varsity team pushed Dobie around and got the better end of the session.

Now, on opening night, the Longhorns will face an Alief Taylor team that advanced to the regional quarterfinals a season ago. And the Lions are the leading contender to win the District 18-5A title this season.

"They have a lot of athletes who are quick, fast and strong," Phillips said. "You can see why they went three rounds deep last year. We definitely have a great opponent in front of us."

Dobie will be able to match most teams in the offensive skill department with quarterback Blake Jackson under center and running backs Andrew Robinson, Davion Hurst and Demarcus Boyd all set to tote the ball.

However, in other phases of the game with the exception of the defensive secondary, Dobie will enter its opener largely unproven.

There are several new-

comers on the offensive line, and Phillips said he wants those players to be more physical after being shoved around against El Campo.

Defensively, the front seven has been restocked with a handful of newcomers or players starting for the first time.

The linebacking group will be without leading tackler Juston Edwards and Anthony Simmons. Both players will miss the opener with injuries.

As for the special teams, kicker Doug Leighton and punter David Anleu have looked good in practice, but both will be competing on Friday nights for the first time.

Still, Phillips knows the Longhorns can start the new era off with a bang.

"Getting this program back where we want it to be takes time, primarily because it takes time for players to learn a new system," Phillips said.

## Brook, Dobie volleyball hunting consistent play

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The win-loss record on Tuesday nights cast aside, the clear issue remains. Both Clear Brook and Dobie have played well at times this season, but neither team has won consistently.

Clear Brook's inconsistency can be tied to its schedule. The Lady Wolverines have yet to lose a match to a sub .500 program. Instead, the team has competed well against the likes of St. Agnes, Friendswood and Tomball but simply hasn't been able to close the deal often enough.

But the team will get another chance, this one coming at the Pearland tournament, one of the nation's

"We are going to go into every game expecting to win, and we are certainly looking to make the playoffs this season. How quickly we improve as individuals and as a team will help decide all of that."

As for Alief Taylor, miscues and big plays are not on the menu.

"We have to possess the ball offensively and keep it away from them," Phillips said. "Big plays are always great, but it's also great to have 10 to 12-play drives that eat away at the clock. We have to protect the football on offense, execute very well in the kicking game and tackle better on defense."

"If we do those things well in any of our games, we are always going to have a chance to win."

Opening night will deliver a quick first impression of both the Clear Brook and Dobie programs, and the respective head coaches hope it's a good one.

most recognized events. A strong showing at Pearland, and the Lady Wolverines will be back on track with the District 24-5A opener roughly two weeks away.

At Dobie, the Lady Longhorns are still getting steady play from returning starter Katherine Finney, but the young and inexperienced team has won just once in nontournament action.

At the Gabby Romero Memorial tournament, Dobie beat Nederland and Channelview, but lost to Brazoswood in pool play. Then came the loss to Clear Springs.

Dobie has progressed, but there is more to see before district starts.

South Belt football predictions	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Joe Craddock
Dobie hosts Alief Taylor	Taylor	Dobie	Taylor	Taylor	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Brook hosts Houston Lamar	Lamar	Lamar	Lamar	Lamar	Lamar	Brook
North Shore hosts Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy	North Shore
Clear Creek hosts Pasadena Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial
Deer Park hosts Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
Clear Springs hosts Pearland Dawson	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Dawson
Angleton hosts Friendswood	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Friendswood	Angleton
Texas City hosts C.E. King	C.E. King	C.E. King	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City
La Porte hosts Clements	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	Clements	Clements	La Porte
Hightower hosts Eisenhower	Eisenhower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower
This week's record	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Season record	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

## Inexperienced Dobie varsity tennis team learning on the go

Coach Manuel Moreno Jr.'s restocking effort within the Dobie varsity tennis team is going along just fine as the squad enters the third week of the regular season.

Dobie's 2010 graduation ceremony included more than the usual number of senior losses on the court. Moreno, however, knew this day would come.

He spent the offseason devising a plan to make the Longhorns as competitive as possible, and so far, the players have complied.

The fall tennis team opened the season slowly with losses to the Dobie exes squad and to Cypress Woods, but since then the team has won twice and finished with a tie against Bay-

town Sterling due to rain.

It's just a 2-2-1 record, but its markedly better than the 0-10 start the 2009 squad sustained before eventually going 4-3 in district play.

"We have inexperienced players who are being asked to compete at the varsity level," Moreno said. "You can't teach experience, but what I do like is that with each match, so many of the players are getting more comfortable."

"Their confidence is showing on the court, and they want to get better. It's been a pleasant surprise to see us doing well early on. Our schedule is not easy, so it's been great to see our

kids play so well." The graduation losses were one thing, and then two other players exited the team just prior to the start of the season. "They bailed out on us, but we have bounced back," Moreno said.

The coach remains focused on getting the team ready for the District 22-5A race. Before that, though, more tough matches loom.

Moreno believes the Longhorns can do very well in home matches against Galveston Ball Aug. 26 and Clear Springs Aug. 27, and then comes an Aug. 31 home match against Clear Brook.

"The kids want to get better and are working hard to do so," Moreno said. "I'm excited to see it."

With so much uncertainty surrounding the pecking order, players like Eun Lee (right) have been given plenty of chances to prove themselves. So far, so good as the majority of players have excelled early on this season.



## No. 9 SJC soccer to open Aug. 27

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aration, tallied three goals in the two games for San Jac. Victor Ruiz added a goal on a penalty kick in a win over Texas A&M International.

"The big thing is we came away from those games with no injuries, and we are set to begin the regular season healthy," Santesteban said.

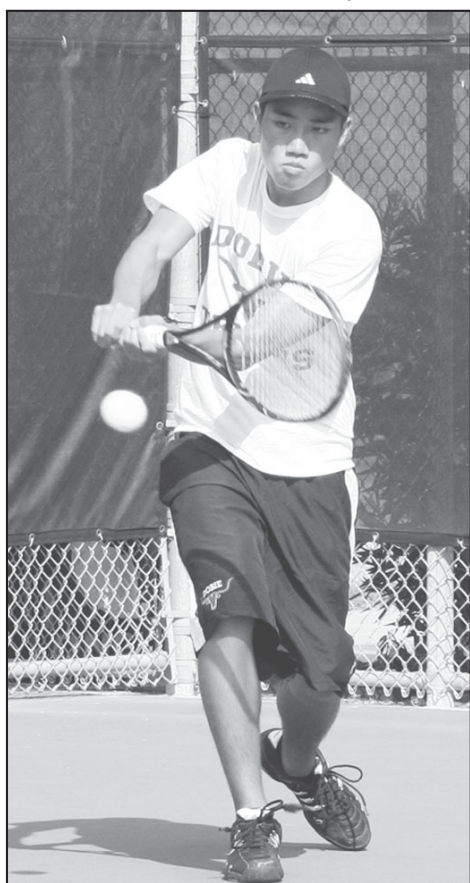
"We looked good in several scenarios in the scrimmages, but we have a long way to go. We've been practicing and going against one another in several scrimmages during practice, so it'll be nice to see another team."

As for the early chance to prove the No. 9 ranking was deserved, Santesteban is ready to let the players decide things.

"The national ranking this early in the season is a show of respect for what we have accomplished in this program at San Jac," Santesteban said.

"Year in and year out we are consistently one of the top 10 programs in the nation. Hopefully, we can come out against Richland, play strong and get off to a quick start."

At right, San Jacinto College midfielder Victor Ruiz is another key player the team will rely on early this season while some of the freshman players get a feel for the collegiate game. Rivas had a goal and an assist in scrimmages.



Tony Tieu opened the season as the Longhorns' No. 3 player in boys' singles. Through a handful of matches Tieu and his teammates have combined to lead the squad to a 2-2-1 record.

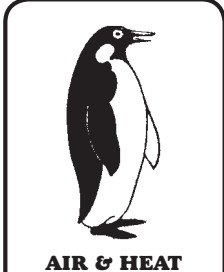
## Clutch Baseball wins 16U select tourney



Clutch Baseball, a 16-under select baseball team composed of players attending Clear Brook High School, went undefeated to win the recent Katy 16U open baseball tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Christian Perner, Tyler Churchman, Tyler Sigue, Logan Brantley, (back row) coach Alex Kutch, manager Marc Churchman, Josh Santiago, Brad Silva, Oscar Kutch, Tyler Hunt, Juan Huizar, Cameron Snedeker and coach Mike Perner.

# CALENDAR

<p><b>THURSDAY, AUG. 26</b> 7 a.m.</p> <p><b>AA Meeting</b> - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.</p> <p>Noon</p> <p><b>Houston Area Parkinson Society</b> - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit <a href="http://www.hapsonline.org">www.hapsonline.org</a> for a complete list of services offered.</p> <p><b>Al-Anon</b> - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.</p> <p>7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Pasadena Gulf Coast Art Society</b> - Monthly meetings held the last Thursday of each month in the Community Room at Pasadena Town Square Mall.</p> <p>8:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, AUG. 27</b> 7 a.m.</p> <p><b>AA Meeting</b> - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.</p> <p>10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Free Line Dance Class</b> - The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program offers free line dancing classes. The class is held at the activity building, located at 416 Morrisingside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. Previous experience not required. For more information, call 281-482-8441.</p>	<p>Noon</p> <p><b>Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous</b> - 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.</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Bay Area Genealogical Society</b> - Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org">www.TxBayAreaGen.org</a>.</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, AUG. 28</b> 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Frontier Squares</b> - 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 <a href="http://www.frontiersquares.com">www.frontiersquares.com</a>.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, AUG. 29</b> 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Grief Support Group</b> - 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.</p> <p>8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>MONDAY, AUG. 30</b> 7 a.m.</p> <p><b>AA Meeting</b> - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.</p>	<p>9 a.m.</p> <p><b>Houston Area Parkinson Society</b> - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit <a href="http://www.hapsonline.org">www.hapsonline.org</a> for a complete list of services offered.</p> <p>6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Scrabble Club #511</b> - 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.</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>New Directions Singles Club</b> - The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassa Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information.</p> <p><b>Civil Air Patrol Meeting</b> - Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.</p> <p>7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Grief Support Group</b> - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, AUG. 31</b> 7 a.m.</p> <p><b>AA Meeting</b> - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.</p>	<p>1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum</b> - 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.</p> <p>1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Houston Area Parkinson Society</b> - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit <a href="http://www.hapsonline.org">www.hapsonline.org</a> for a complete list of services offered.</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Clear Lake Toastmasters Club</b> - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.</p> <p><b>TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)</b> - Meets at Sagemont Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.</p> <p>8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1</b> 7 a.m.</p> <p><b>AA Meeting</b> - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.</p> <p>11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club</b> - meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.</p>
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Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

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

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

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 2 7 a.m.

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

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

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

Diabetes Support Group - A support group for young adults with diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month at 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-756-8536 for more information.

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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.

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2008 Dobie graduate Andy Choe showed he is still in the swing of things. He won a men's doubles match with partner Shawn Triputti.



Huynhchau Lu, one of the many heroes in the Dobie varsity tennis program during a terrific run of success from 2005 to 2008, came back to the site of many of his victories and gained a men's doubles victory with partner Michael Portillo, both 2008 graduates.

In all, there were 29 former Dobie players who came out to take part in the event, the largest turnout yet.

Darren Lajaunie (1984) represented the 1980s, and the remainder of the players graduated from 2001 through 2010.

The others included Kha Nguyen (2001), Ruby Gallardo (2002), Josh Kieselhorst (2002), Steven Irwin (2002), James Hatten (2002), Thao Nguyen-Brister (2003), Lee Hoang (2003), Steven Mullins (2004), Dat Bui (2004), Lance Wilcox (2004), Lam Mai (2005), Uyen Trinh (2005), Jenny Trinh (2005), Michelle Branscome (2006), Matthew Giardina (2006), Trevor McNally (2007), Jessica Escobar (2007), Vinh Nguyen (2007), Shawn Triputti (2008), Mi-

chael Portillo (2008), Andy Choe (2008), Luis Morales (2008), Huynhchau Lu (2008), Huy Nguyen (2009), Paul Tran (2009), Tiffany Duong (2010), Heather Jung (2010) and Nirali Desai (2010).

"It says a lot about our program that a lot of these former players made these courts their second home, and it was hard for them to leave," Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said.

"For our current kids to see so many of these former players coming back and dedicating a part of their day to this program is tremendous. I'm very proud to see that, and it means a lot to me."

The exes' 12-7 victory marked the second straight in the series between the current and former players. Moreno said the final

outcome matters little. He's just happy to see some of his former players still in action.

"We have always treated this program like a Dobie tennis family," Moreno said. "We are a family, and to be able to see some of the kids again and see that they can still play pretty good tennis is neat to see."

And as the current Longhorn tennis players forge on and create more history within the program, Moreno hopes they remember some of those players who came before them.

"Coach (Bobby) Kramer did a great job here and really had the program going strong," Moreno said. "Since I have been here, I think we have done a great job of keeping the program going well. The kids deserve the credit for that."

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### Boys doubles

Andy Choe ('08)/Shawn Triputti ('08) def. Jonathan Taylor/Tony Tieu 8-5  
Huynhchau Lu ('08)/Michael Portillo ('08) def. Travis Dao/Phillip Nguyen 8-5  
Steven Irwin ('02)/Steven Mullins ('04) def. Jimmy Ly/Lee Nguyen 9-7

### Girls doubles

Hongnhung Ho/Eun Lee def. Jenny Trinh ('05)/Uyen Trinh ('05) 8-2  
Michelle Branscome ('06)/Jessica Escobar ('07) def. Melanie Thompson/Shannon Veal 8-3  
Thuy Cao/Van Le def. Ruby Gallardo ('02)/Thao Nguyen-Brister ('03) 8-3

### Mixed doubles

Tiffany Duong ('10)/Luis Morales ('08) def. Chloe Escobar/David Obrego 8-3

### Boys singles

Jonathan Taylor def. Luis Morales ('08) 8-6  
Huy Nguyen ('09) def. Phillip Nguyen 8-5  
Darren Lajaunie ('84) def. Jimmy Ly 8-4  
James Hatten ('02) def. Travis Dao 8-3  
Trevor McNally ('07) def. Tony Tieu 8-2  
Kha Nguyen ('01) def. David Abrego 8-5

### Girls singles

Hongnhung Ho def. Nirali Desai ('10) 9-8 (7-2)  
Jessica Escobar ('07) def. Chloe Escobar 8-4  
Melanie Thompson def. Heather Jung ('10) 9-8 (9-7)  
Samantha Simmons def. Rudy Gallardo ('02) 8-3  
Jenny Trinh ('05) def. Shannon Veal 8-3  
Thuy Cao def. Michelle Branscome ('06) 8-4



Shawn Triputti, a 2008 Dobie graduate, helped with a key match for the Dobie exes as he teamed with Andy Choe for a men's doubles win. Triputti enjoyed a successful campaign for the Longhorns as a senior, advancing to regionals during the spring season.



Michelle Branscome (left) and Jessica Escobar celebrate winning a point in their women's doubles match as they went on to beat current Lady Longhorns Melanie Thompson and Shannon Veal 8-3. Branscome is a 2006 Dobie graduate, and Escobar graduated a year later.

Jenny Trinh, who graduated from Dobie High School in 2005, showed she has continued to play quite a bit of tennis since leaving the program. Though she fell in a women's doubles match along with teammate Uyen Trinh (no relation), she came back to earn a big win in women's singles as she topped Dobie's Shannon Veal 8-3. Both Trinh's were a big part of the run of success the Dobie program began during their senior year in 2005.



Uyen Trinh, who graduated from Dobie High School in 2005 after a big senior season with the Lady Longhorns, blasted a forehand during her women's doubles match at the Dobie exes matches Aug. 14 at the school. Trinh teamed with Jenny Trinh (no relation) in the match, and unfortunately, the duo came up short as current Lady Longhorns Hongnhung Ho and Eun Lee delivered a rather easy 8-2 victory.



2008 Dobie graduate Michael Portillo was another one of the Longhorns' exes who showed he has still been swinging his racket since leaving for college. In the men's doubles draw, Portillo teamed with fellow 2008 graduate Huynhchau Lu for an 8-5 victory over current Dobie players Travis Dao and Phillip Nguyen.



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Many of the former players in attendance at the Dobie exes matches graduated within the last four years or so, but Steven Irwin (left in photo) of the 2002 class and Steven Mullins (2004) have come out to play most years since the event began. This time, the pair came away with a 9-7 win in men's doubles over current Dobie players Jimmy Ly and Lee Nguyen.



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