

Contest winner named

The *Leader* vacation photo contest is over, and there is a tie for the winner. Theresa Salazar and Devin Cobb will each receive four tickets to Schlitterbahn. Additional photos will run the next two weeks. The *Leader* would like to thank all who entered and plans to do the contest again next year.

Reservation deadline 8-29

Catholic Daughters of America will host a garage sale Saturday, Sept. 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 11011 Hall Road. Rental space is \$25. The deadline to reserve a table is Aug. 29. For table reservations, call Argelia Pinon 281-481-5821. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be sold.

Heavy trash scheduled

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, Aug. 27, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

Dobie band parents meet

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will hold its first meeting of the 2009-2010 school year on Monday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All band parents are urged to attend.

Financial Peace offered

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will offer classes at Easthaven Baptist Church starting Sept. 13 to help families beat debt, build wealth, and give.

Classes will be held on Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m. Youth and children's activities are available the same time.

Sign-up is available at the church or online at www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classfinder/ (enter zip code 77089).

For information, call 281-922-5520 or visit www.easthavenchurch.com, or.

Library events scheduled

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

Movie Madness is Thursday, Aug. 27, at 4 p.m. Call the library at 281-484-2036 for feature title.

The Friends of the Parker Williams Library will hold a used book sale Saturday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Play board games and more on Game Day, Thursday, Sept. 3, at 4 p.m.

Family storytime is Tuesday at 7 p.m. Preschooler storytime is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is Thursday at 10 and 11:15 a.m.

Scouts sell brisket

Boy Scout Troop 773 will hold a brisket fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 29, at the KC Hall, 6320 Madden. The cost is \$45 for a whole brisket, \$30 for a half. Delivery is available. To pre-order, call Cheryl Fritts at 281-474-6711.

St. Luke's to hold fair

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist will hold its annual Stewardship Ministry Fair Saturday, Aug. 29, and Sunday, Aug. 30, in the parish courtyard after each Mass. The event will give attendees a chance to see available services and programs to help the parish and the community. The fair will include refreshments, music and fun for kids. Masses are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Spanish). For more information, call 281-481-6816 or e-mail stewardship@stlukesatholic.com.

Cokesbury sets youth choir

The children's choir at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale, will resume classes Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m. A meet and greet will be held Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 6:30 p.m. to get to know new members. The children's choir is open to the public, not only church members. It is open to all children ages 3 years old through fifth grade and is free of charge. Participants will perform in a Christmas and end-of-school play, as well as monthly church performances. For information, call the children's choir director Amy Smith at 281-481-2555.

JFD baseball boosters meet

The Dobie High School baseball booster club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. in the athletic media room in the field house. All Dobie baseball parents are welcome to attend.

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club meets Wednesday, Sept. 2, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. E-mail HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com for more information.

SoHo 35-year reunion set

The South Houston High School Class of 1974 will hold its 35th class reunion Oct. 2-3. A block of rooms will be held at the Hotel Galvez in Galveston for this event. Make reservations before Sept. 1 to receive a discounted rate. For information, contact Coe Ann Tharp Barron at 409-356-3237, [cabaron2002@yahoo.com](mailto:cabar-ron2002@yahoo.com) or log on to www.shhsgrads.com.

Low-income developer withdraws application

By James Bolen

In a surprising move Monday, Aug. 24, the developer of the proposed low-income Dixie Gardens apartment complex withdrew its application for state assistance.

Last week's *Leader* pointed out there were multiple errors published on a public comment summary issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), which oversees the state's application system. The summary stated that Sen. Mike Jackson, whose district includes Dixie Farm Road where the complex was to be developed, had no comment concerning the project.

In fact, Jackson has been a vocal critic of the proposed development. Had the senator's opposition to the complex been correctly noted, a deduction of three points would have been calculated into the developer's overall score, hindering its approval from the state.

A second error on the TDHCA's public comment summary failed to also deduct three points for Rep. John Davis' opposition to the project.

TDHCA Executive Director Michael Gerber wrote a letter to Jackson, dated Aug. 20, apologizing for the agency's mistake.

"When the TDHCA board met on July 30, 2009, to make its final decisions for the 2009 funding cycle, the board's materials erroneously indicated that you had not provided comment on the application," Gerber said. "I have informed our board chair of this error and will ensure that your position regarding the application is corrected at the upcoming meeting of the TDHCA Governing Board on Sept. 3, 2009."

A meeting with TDHCA officials at Jackson's

Austin office late Wednesday, Aug. 19, also determined the state's approval to grant \$2 million to the project was contingent on the developer additionally securing adequate local funding—a difficult task due to the staunch opposition from Houston City Councilman Mike Sullivan. A failure to raise the local funds resulted in a deduction of 18 additional points from the Dixie Gardens application.

The revised score presumably contributed to

School districts prepare for hurricanes, H1N1

With the new school year in session and the 2009 Hurricane Season now in effect, the Pasadena Independent School District has announced its emergency school closing information.

"As always, the safety of our students and staff is our priority so we are taking every precaution for possible emergencies including hurricanes and flu epidemics," said PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis. "Our schools practice for multiple crisis situations including fire, tornado, shelter in place, evacuation and lockdown. We hope and pray that they will never need to use these plans for actual emergencies, but we want to be prepared in case something does happen."

District officials have devised three separate plans they may implement should foul weather strike the area. When severe weather conditions or other factors pose a threat to the safety of students or the normal operation of school, the superintendent shall evaluate the hazard and, prior to 5:30 a.m., determine which plan will be followed.

the withdrawal of the developer's application.

This latest incident once again calls attention to the state's approval process for low-income housing. In October, 2007, the Regency Park apartment complex near Beltway 8 and Conklin sparked much controversy after it gained approval despite not notifying the proper community groups. The TDHCA is up for review next year by the state's Sunset Advisory Commission.

Jackson is pleased with the outcome and hopes

to work closely with the TDHCA on future endeavors.

"This is great news for the South Belt area and especially for the 1,288 people who voiced their opposition to this housing application," Jackson said. "I am happy my office could help with this matter, and I look forward to having an open line of communication with TDHCA, developers and concerned citizens on all potential projects that might affect this area."

Under Plan A, there will be no school in session. All 12-month employees will report to work unless conditions in the employee's immediate vicinity or route to work would prohibit attendance.

Under Plan B, there will be no school in session. No employee shall report to work unless specifically designated by the employee's supervisor.

Under Plan C, there will be an abbreviated school day. Buses will run, and school will start two hours later than posted times. All employees scheduled to report during the morning will report to work two hours late. All others are expected to report at normal time.

Unless otherwise specified in the announcement, the district will operate under Plan A. Every effort will be made to announce school closing on the major television and radio stations as early as possible.

In addition, for information on emergency school closing, call the administration message center at 713-740-0285.

Officials from the Clear Creek Independent School District will post emergency school closing information on its Web site should serious storms approach, according to CCISD Assistant Public Information Officer Janice Scott. For more information, visit www.ccisd.net.

H1N1 (swine flu)

While neither PISD nor CCISD has had any known cases of the virus, both school districts

have taken precautions to prevent it from spreading.

"Our staff members are teaching good hygiene practices to our students and encouraging them to stay home if they have a fever," said Lewis. "In addition, our custodial staff takes added precautions in cleaning common areas."

PISD advises students to wash their hands with warm water, using lots of soap. Students should count slowly to 20 while scrubbing their hands before completely rinsing and drying with a clean towel or paper towel. If a paper towel is available, students should use it to turn off the water. If parents want to take hand sanitizer or tissues to a school, they should be taken directly to the office.

District officials also urge students to cough or sneeze into a tissue or their upper sleeve. Students should always wash their hands after coughing or sneezing.

The school district asks parents to reinforce these practices at home.

Following these tips is helpful in general, according to Lewis.

"These are steps that help the prevention of many diseases—not just H1N1 flu," he said. "We want our students and staff members to have a healthy year."

CCISD has taken similar steps to prevent the spread of H1N1, as established by the Centers for Disease Control. For more information, visit www.ccisd.net.

Sullivan to host town hall meeting

Houston Council Member Mike Sullivan will host the first of a series of fall town hall meetings in the South Belt-Ellington area of District E Thursday, Sept. 3.

The meeting will be held in Room 12170 of the Marie Spence Flickinger Building of San Jacinto College - South campus on Beamer Road from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Sullivan invites residents of the South Belt-Ellington area to attend this meeting and voice their concerns. He encourages constituents to come and present any questions, needs or suggestions they would like addressed in the community.

"Constituent services have always been my No. 1 priority as council member for District E," said Sullivan. "It is extremely important to me that we keep the lines of communication open at all times."

An open microphone will be available for questions after a few brief comments by Sullivan.

Representatives from the Houston Police Department, Houston Fire Department, Public Works and Engineering Department, Solid Waste Management Department, General Services Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department will also be present to answer questions.

Traffic lights cause confusion

By Matt Griesmyer

Traffic signals at the intersection of Beamer and Hughes have been a thorn in the sides of many South Belt residents lately.

In a recent edition of the *Leader*, it was reported that the intersection has 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. Now, it seems, City of Houston traffic engineer Johana Clark says it is supposed to be that way.

"We have investigated what is going on at that particular signal," Clark said. "We have to monitor the lights for safety purposes, especially in intersections where there is a high accident rate. We installed what are called louvers—some type of visors that are on the signal that limit the visibility. There are some parts of the timing sequence in which the second set of lights is green while the first is still red, and we want to avoid confusion

for any drivers that are looking at the second light. That is why you don't see the color of the light until you are right at the stop bar. The purpose is to make drivers slow down, see the indicator [lights] and proceed."

City of Houston traffic engineers do check the lights from time to time to make sure the louvers are within alignment—meaning that drivers are able to see the traffic signal's color only when they are halfway through the intersection.

Clark did mention that there were more safety issues involved when the louvers were not there than when they were there.

The distance between the stop bars at the intersections is 105 feet, but the distance at which drivers will know if the second signal at the intersection is green and where they must stop is a mere 22 feet. In ideal driving conditions with immediate reaction time, the minimum distance needed to stop at 35 miles per hour is 81 feet.

Deputies combat area crime

It has been a relatively slow month for the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office. Deputies, however, have stayed busy battling crimes ranging from burglary to DWI.

Deputies Lance Willis and Jason Curry responded to a call in the 10800 block of Kirkbend, where a resident witnessed a suspect attempting to break into his home. The complainant confronted the suspect, Francisco Guzman, who then fled the scene.

The resident followed Guzman for several blocks, while he waited for the deputies to arrive. The complainant told deputies he recognized the suspect from three weeks earlier when he had stolen a lawn mower from his garage.

Guzman, 23, was arrested and charged with burglary of a habitation.

Willis and Curry also recently made a routine traffic stop that led to a drug arrest. The deputies stopped a vehicle in the 8800 block of Southbluff. Upon approaching the vehicle, the deputies smelled a strong marijuana odor. The driver of the vehicle, Nicholas Bauman, consented to a search of his car. Deputies found a bag under Bauman's front passenger seat that contained 1.2

ounces of marijuana.

Bauman, 19, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana.

Deputy Aaron Baldwin responded to a call in the 10200 block of Sagecanyon, where a witness reported seeing a vehicle severely swerving. The witness had followed the suspect driver for several blocks while he waited for the deputy to arrive.

Baldwin arrived to also find the suspect, Kale Barfield, driving erratically.

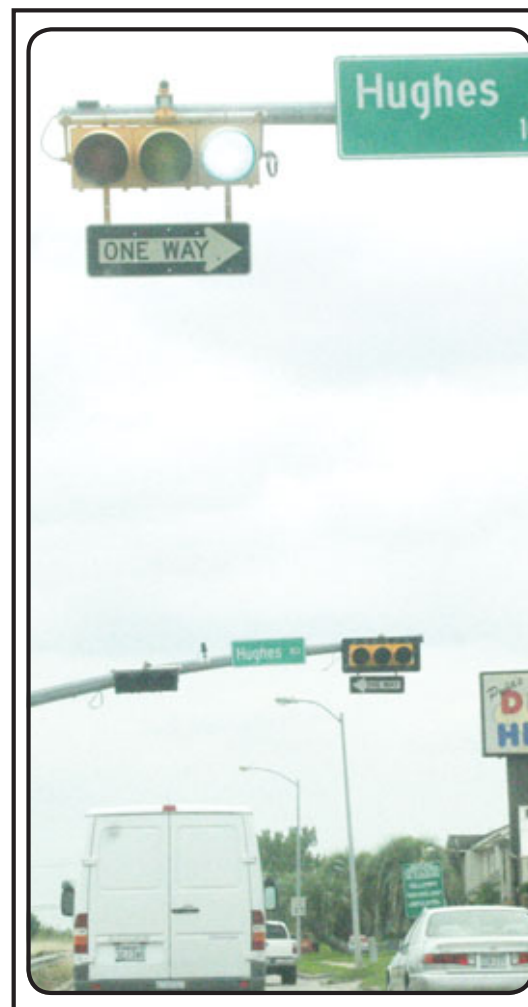
The deputy stopped Barfield as she was driving the wrong direction on Blackhawk near Kirkville.

Barfield, 47, failed both a field sobriety and breathalyzer test and was subsequently arrested for DWI.

The constable's office requests that residents living in areas not incorporated by the city with general information calls and complaints regarding area nuisances contact Sgt. Zerick Guinn by e-mail at zerick.guinn@cn2.hctx.net.

For nonemergency calls requiring an officer, call Precinct 2 dispatch at 713-477-4070.

For emergencies, call 9-1-1.



No love for louvers at Beamer and Hughes

The traffic signals on southbound Beamer Road at Hughes have been a point of frustration for South Belt residents. The first signal is visible from the intersection, but the signal immediately following the first, approximately 105 feet away, is not visible until halfway through the intersection—about 22 feet from the stop bar. Under perfect circumstances with instant reaction time, there is an 81 foot stopping distance for a vehicle travelling 35 mph—the current speed limit for Beamer Road at Hughes. Alvin Wright, public information officer for City of Houston says that the city "will look at the concerns that have been brought to our attention." Wright also stated that he believes that the louvers at this particular intersection meet the legal requirements for visibility, but it is possible that the requirements will be re-evaluated. (See story this page.)

Photo by Marie Flickinger

November elections approach

The November 3 City of Houston elections are quickly approaching.

In the mayoral election to replace term-limited Bill White, the four major candidates are City Controller Annise Parker, former City Attorney Gene Locke, City Councilman Peter Brown and Harris County Board of Education Trustee Roy Morales.

Parker attended Rice University on a National Merit scholarship, graduating from the school in 1978. She went on to work in the oil and gas industry for more than 20 years, including 18 years at Mosbacher Energy.

The candidate served six years as an at-large member of Houston City Council and serves on several boards, including the Holocaust Museum Houston, Girls Inc., the Houston Zoo, the Montrose Counseling Center, Bering Omega Community Services and Trees for Houston.

Parker and her partner, Kathy Hubbard, have been together since 1990 and have two children.

Locke graduated from the University of Houston in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He went on to work as a civil rights community organizer. Locke later attended the South Texas College of Law. After receiving his law degree he served as chief of staff to Rep. Mickey Landau.

In 1995, Locke became city attorney during Mayor Bob Lanier's administration. He has also worked as a private attorney, negotiating for such developments as Minute Maid Park, Reliant Stadium and the Toyota Center. Locke is a partner at

the law firm Andrews Kurth LLP where he continues to represent both public entities and private business interests. Among his public clients are the Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) and the Port of Houston Authority.

The candidate is a member of the board of the Center for Houston's Future, the Houston Urban Debate League Advisory Council, and the Wheeler Avenue Christian Academy. He is a trustee of the Texas Southern University Foundation, a fellow with the American Leadership Forum and a member of Sigma Pi Phi, Nu Boule.

Locke and his wife, Aubrey Sampson Locke, have five children and two grandchildren.

Brown attended the University of Houston, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in French literature. He continued his studies at the University of California, Berkeley, earning his Master of Arts degree in romance languages. Brown later studied at the University of Pennsylvania where he earned his Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Architecture, and Master of City Planning.

Following graduation, Brown enlisted in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged after six years of active reserve service. As a small businessman and architect, Brown has worked on projects in more than 20 cities. In 2005, he won an at-large position on the Houston City Council. Two years later he was re-elected to a second term. Brown maintains a professional practice part time, primarily concentrating on housing and land development projects and is an

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Readers' Opinions

America will never be a socialist regime

For some reason, people these days seem to be living in a cloud of hatred. They are blinded by what they believe is the truth when what they believe couldn't be further from it. They call this President a racist when, in fact, that is what they themselves are. These people, cowering under the guise of "Patriotism", spew lies like they are truth and it is both frightening and sickening to this American.

Shouting that President Obama is a "Socialist" and "Dictator" doesn't make it so. Especially when you have actual Socialists writing articles ("Socialism? Hardly, Say Socialists", Business Week, May 22) about what TRUE Socialism would mean for America. "Socialists say that far from creating a state in which workers rule, the Obama team is instead scrambling to rescue and preserve capitalism." Educate yourselves! Instead of continuing to spread misinformation like "Obama wants to start Death Panels". A simple Google search can clear it up for you. Snopes.com is a great resource.

Let's clear up a few rumors right now, shall we? Mr. Pace, what the President actually said was "if you actually took the number of Muslims Americans, we'd be one of the largest Muslim countries in the world." The OIC has 60 countries altogether, 57 member and 3 observer states. President Obama was not referencing it when answering a question. That was a clear misspeak, which is understood if you've actually seen the video clip. Additionally, President Obama never claimed to be a Muslim. In an ABC News interview he stated that John McCain was not perpetuating rumors of his "Muslim Faith" because he knew they were false. These are just examples of the twisted misspeak and lies that are spread to make this President seem to be something that he is not.

Mr. Reams, which President oversaw that largest increase in Government (as a percentage of the total economy) in 70 years?

That would be President G.W. Bush. (During the Clinton Presidency, the size of the Federal government decreased)

You want change? Then make one in 2010! See, that's the beauty of Democracy and why "Socialist" will never be what the Government of this great country becomes. If the American people don't agree with it, they elect people who will enlist the change they want to see. But I ask you this Mr. Pace, Mr. Reams, and Ms. Juren, if the Democratic Party holds onto control of the Senate and House in 2010, what then? If the people didn't "speak" by electing this President in 2008, I think you can really count that as a statement in 2010.

Beverly Wall

Bill King writes on raising some rail

If you missed it, the Houston Chronicle published an op/ed for me last Sunday on the possibility of elevating Metro's light rail through the Texas Medical Center. See <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/6574074.html>.

Any of you who have driven down Fannin know what a nightmare it is. The experience raises the broader question of the efficacy of "at-grade rail" especially in corridors that are already highly congested.

If you like the experience of driving down Fannin, you are going to love driving down Post Oak with two train tracks. The Westheimer/Post Oak intersection should be a particular treat.

Virtually all of the world's great iconic transit systems have been built in a different horizontal plane than the existing vehicular traffic. Most of the systems have been placed underground, but many have segments that are elevated. Even portions of the much heralded Paris Metro are elevated above the city. But these have been beautifully integrated into the city's architecture, proving that elevated rail does not have to be ugly.

Of course, the problem with grade separating rail is that it is more expensive. However, I think we need to take the longer view here. The truth is that a rail system in Houston will not make any meaningful impact on congestion in most of our lifetimes. It is infrastructure that we are building for future generations.

Houston currently has over 1,200 at-grade rail crossings. I have been told that we have the highest number of at-grade rail crossing per capita of any major U.S. city. They are a major cause of congestion. Metro's proposed light rail will add hundreds of new at-grade crossings. We have so many at-grade crossings currently because, frankly, our forefathers were not willing to spend the money to do it right. Now we are proposing to repeat the same mistake. Is a system that adds hundreds of new at-grade crossings really the system we want to leave to our child and grandchildren?

Of course, to build a grade separated system, we will have to slow down and make the investment over a longer period of time. In the meantime, we might consider getting busy overhauling our bus system, a mode that could give us some short term relief from congestion and provide working families a real transit alternative.

Siphoning money off the bus system to build an at-grade system that is going to make congestion worse is a lose-lose scenario.

Bill King

Lariaettes excel at summer camp



The Dobie Lariaettes recently attended line camp hosted by Crowdpleasers. They spent three days learning routines, as well as working on leadership, teambuilding and technique. On the last day, various awards were given. Numerous girls were selected as camp All-Stars based on their performance, work ethic and positive attitude throughout camp. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Crystal Cabriales, Ashley Cipolla, (second row) Lisa Scott, Angie Guevara, Alyssa Loreda, Elise Harper, Victoria Gomez, Cassandra Velasquez, Joanna Garza, Katia Ceja, (third row) Kristin Host, Rachel Moore, Sandy Nemons, Jontay Warner, Katlyn Hoggard, Aerial Spivey, Lizet Santos, Asia Allen, Donna Hernandez, Sandra Gonzales, Blanca Garza, Karena Duran, (fourth row) Feliss Goree, Asiyah Martin, Desiree Harvey, Caitlin Woods, Clarissa Vega, Shanay LaCour, Shante McGill, Aracely Perez, Camilla Contreras, Tiana Wilson, Briana Harper, Tessa Andrade, Marina Sanchez, Deseray Figueroa, Jannette Cruz, Jessica Davila, (fifth row) Kayla Smith, Alaina Burns, Paige Cavazos, Priscilla Acosta, Tram To, Nicolette Baade, (sixth row) Elizabeth Broshan, Vyanka Reyna, Adrianna Gutierrez, Cassie Murray, Linda Mendiola, (seventh row) Tristana Guyote, Libby Garza, Ivette Armenta, Heather Boerk Ashley Cantu, Senia Rubio, (back row) Megan Barker, Denise Zuniga and Aimee Cessna.

2009 All-Stars named



Lariaettes pictured with their certificates, 2009 All-Stars are, (left to right) Jessica Davila, Katia Ceja, Lisa Scott, Secretary Adrianna Gutierrez, Party Girl Ashley Cantu, Lt. Tristana Guyote, Tiana Wilson, Asia Allen, Maj. Denise Zuniga, Capt. Aimee Cessna, Chaplain Senia Rubio, Lt. Col. Libby Garza, Lt. Vyanka Reyna, President Cassie Murray and Col. Ivette Armenta.

Individual camp awards earned



Awards were given to girls who really stood out at camp and caught the staff's eye. The following girls, posing with their new Crowdpleasers backpacks, were chosen from the entire camp as recipients: Tiana Wilson, outstanding new member; Aimee Cessna, outstanding technique; Nicolette Baade, outstanding old member; Ivette Armenta, outstanding leadership; Lizet Santos, Ms. Focused; Asia Allen, Ms. Smile award; Sandy Nemons, Friendliest award.

Gardeners host fall plant sale

The Harris County Master Gardeners will have a Fall Plant Sale and HerbaPalooza featuring perennials, fall vegetables and herbs, Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be an overview of the plants for sale at 8 a.m., and presentations on fall vegetable gardening at 10 a.m. and herbs at 11 a.m.

The Ask A Master Gardener booth will feature rainwater harvesting, composting and low volume irrigation. No fees or preregistration are required. All events are open to the public.

The event will take place at Landolt Pavilion in Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

For more information, visit the Web site at <http://hcmg2.tamu.edu>.

MHSE breastfeeding program honored

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital has received certification as a Texas Ten Step Facility by the Texas Hospital Association and the Texas Department of State Health Services for its comprehensive breastfeeding support program.

Texas Ten Step certification requires facilities to have 75 percent of mothers breastfeeding at discharge, and to identify breastfeeding support resources for mothers prior to and following delivery.

"Becoming a Texas Ten Step Certified Hospital recognizes the excellent breastfeeding support and nursing care that we provide to new mothers and babies," said Nikole Keenan, director of women's and children's services at Memorial Hermann Southeast.

"The certification acknowledges our commitment to supporting breastfeeding through our patient care practices, staff training and family education." The program is based on the WHO-UNICEF Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding. The goal of Texas Ten Step is to help hospitals increase breastfeeding rates to 75 percent of infants at hospital discharge, 50 percent at six months and 26 percent at one year. The American Academy of Pediatrics advises breastfeeding exclusively for the first six months, maintaining breastfeeding for the first year and as mutually desired between mother and child thereafter.

Researchers have determined that beginning breastfeeding early improves the breastfeeding experience and reduces the risk of infant morbidities and mortalities.

"At Memorial Hermann Southeast, mothers are supported before delivery with breastfeeding preparation classes," Keenan said. "In addition, our certified lactation consultants are available to assist mothers with first-hour breastfeeding." After delivery, assistance continues with follow-up lactation support for mothers after discharge.

For more information, visit www.memorialhermann.org or call 281-929-6100.

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Ashley Furniture prepares residents for hurricanes

The Ashley Furniture home store in Pasadena, at 5130 Fairmont, wants to be sure families are not left in the dark should a storm hit this hurricane season.

That's why the store is giving away free, battery-less flashlights, while supplies last, on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Ask any store salesperson for a free, battery-less flashlight. No purchase is necessary.

These compact emergency flashlights provide up to 100 minutes of use without batteries or replacement bulbs. To charge it, simply shake the flashlight for a few seconds. The motion causes a metal cylinder to travel through a series of copper coils, thereby creating an electrical charge.

As always, families are urged to maintain an adequate supply of batteries, bottled water and other supplies during hurricane season.

For more information on the battery-less flashlight giveaway in the Ashley Furniture HomeStore in Pasadena, call 281-582-3750.

Advertise!



The Sagemont Centre for the Arts is now offering Violin Lessons for ages 3 and up!*

Also new this fall are Private Art Lessons for children and adults!

Now beginning its 10th year, the Sagemont Centre for the Arts provides instruction in the fine arts for children and adults in a Christian setting.

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For more information or to register, call 281.481.8770 or visit www.sagemontchurch.org/connect/worship-praise/centreforthearts.htm

* Violin lessons for children ages 3-7 are taught using the Suzuki Teaching Method, which emphasizes playing by rote in the beginning stages. Lessons for older children and adults are taught with traditional reading-based approach.



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Dobie BPA excels at conference



Tara Costello

J. Frank Dobie BPA chapter had four national qualifiers. Tara Costello, pictured at left, daughter of Steve and Tammy Sawyer, competed in the Graphic Design Promotion contest and won first place in the national competition.

Tyler Williams, son of Raymond Williams and Mary Cano, placed ninth in JAVA Programming.

Summer Welch, daughter of Warmie and Marie Welch, competed in the Advanced Office Systems and Procedures contest, and Kristin Gaston, daughter of Louise Stephens, qualified in keyboarding.

NLC in Texas helped these Dobie students think big about their future careers and dreams.

The whirlwind of contests, sessions, elections and roller coasters made the Dobie BPA chapter proud of the 2009 BPA accomplishments and eager to do it again next year in Anaheim.

Thousands of students successfully blazed new trails this past June in Dallas at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) 2009 National Leadership Conference.

Piano students receive top honors

Celina Lara, Stephanie Nguyen, and Rachel Hutchinson received Top Honor plaques from their piano teacher at their recent piano recital at First Christian Church, Pasadena.

All three girls have studied piano with Geraldine Sharpley over a period of 12 years.

During this time, they participated in various music festivals and competitions, earning awards of ribbons, medals, trophies and plaques.

They have also shared their music in nursing homes and many times at Hope Village. They have been involved in the Gold Cup Program sponsored by the San Jacinto Federated Music Club.

Nguyen and Hutchinson received their 12-year Gold Cup in solo, and Lara received her nine-year Gold Cup in solo.

In addition, these girls have received other Gold Cups. Nguyen received a six-year cup in duet and a three-year cup in concerto, and Lara received a three-year cup in duet.

Hutchinson received her six-year cup in duet and hymns.

Also playing in a piano trio, these students received their nine-year cups and entered the Texas Federated Music Club State Gold Cup Festival with their trios, earning All-State Musician and receiving plaques in five different state festivals.



From left to right, Celina Lara, Stephanie Nguyen and Rachel Hutchinson received Top Honor plaques from their longtime piano instructor Geraldine Sharpley. Photo submitted

From the Texas Federated Music Club State Festival, the girls received a designation of "outstanding" in various events.

They also received honors and awards in the Sonatina, Baroque and Jazz pop festivals and guild auditions.

Hutchinson and Nguyen participated in the theory program.

The Pearland Music Teachers Association presented Senior Participation Scholarships of cash awards in the Gold Cup Program with Nguyen receiving third place and Hutchinson re-

ceiving first place.

All three students received high scholarly awards from their high schools, as well as other scholarships, as they enter college this fall.

Lara, a Dobie High graduate, plans to major in psychology at New York Uni-

versity in New York City.

Nguyen plans to pursue pre-med at Baylor University in Waco with a major in biochemistry.

Hutchinson, granddaughter of Sharpley, will enter Texas Tech University in Lubbock, majoring in engineering.

CCISD meets No Child Left Behind standards

Preliminary results released by the Texas Education Agency indicate all Clear Creek Independent School District campuses met the adequate yearly progress standards required by the annual federal evaluation system.

The only exception is Seabrook Intermediate School, which was not evaluated due to an exemption because of Hurricane Ike.

The No Child Left Behind federal evaluations are based on participation and passing rates on state math and English language arts/reading tests for grades 3-8 and 10, graduation rates for high schools and districts, and attendance rates for elementary and middle schools.

For the 2008-2009 school year, 94 percent of CCISD students met the reading/English language standard compared to the adequate yearly progress target of 67 percent. In math, 91 percent

of CCISD students met the federal standard compared to the target of 58 percent.

The 2008 graduation rate for CCISD is 92.3 percent for all students compared to the target of 70 percent.

Schools and districts must also meet a participation standard in reading and math, testing at least 95 percent of their students in each subject. "The passing standards are beginning to rise sharply as school districts work to reach the No Child Left Behind mandate that 100 percent of students pass their math and reading tests by 2014. Districts had to significantly increase passing rates in reading and mathematics this year just to maintain a Meets AYP designation," said Commissioner of Education Robert Scott.

According to the TEA, 80 percent of Texas schools and districts met adequate yearly progress standards required by the annual federal evaluation system.

GMAT Review set

The GMAT Review is scheduled for Sept. 12, 19 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Bayou Building at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Test-taking secrets that can lead to higher scores on the Graduate Management Admissions Test will be covered during this three-Saturday workshop.

Fee is \$349 and includes a copy of the Princeton Review's Cracking the GMAT CAT, and access to practice software and released practice exam.

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Nov. 3 City of Houston elections approach

Continued from 1A
 an adjunct professor in the graduate program of urban planning at Texas Southern University.

The candidate is active in Houston's nonprofit community, serving on the boards of Habitat for Humanity, Inprint, Trees For Houston, the Main Street Coalition, Blueprint Houston, the Park People, the Gulf Coast Institute and the Houston Grand Opera.

Brown and his wife, Anne Brown, have five children and 15 grandchildren.

Morales is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas, where he earned a B.A. in psychology. He earned a B.S. in computer science from Chapman University, where he also served as an adjunct associate professor in mathematics. Morales is a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel with more than 23 years of service and has an M.S. in space operations from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He served as the chief technology officer for the City of Houston Emergency Center and was the city's liaison with the National Football League to ensure protection of the city's radio, voice and

data communications during Super Bowl XXXVIII.

The candidate is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) where he sits on the Technology Committee. He is a board member of the Ambassadors International Ballet Folklorico and is also a member of the Ripley House Boy Scout Committee, Houston Military Affairs Committee, Military Order of World Wars, Military Officers Association of America, American Legion, Acres Home Beautification Committee and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials.

Morales has four grown children and attends Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Houston mayors are limited to three two-year terms.

City council elections
 Houston City Council elections will also be held in November.

Incumbent Mike Sullivan is running to keep his position in District E, which includes the South Belt area. Challenging Sullivan is Phillips "Wayne" Garrison II.

Sullivan is president and owner of Mar-Max Supply, a distributor of marine and industrial paints and coatings. He also holds a real estate broker license and has worked on numerous commercial real estate transactions. Sullivan worked as a community liaison for Houston City Councilman Michael Berry and was elected to the Humble Independent School District board of trustees in 2004.

The councilman is active in his local chambers of commerce and serves on the board of directors of the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce. Sullivan is also a member of the board of directors of Kingwood Medical Center, an advisory director of HCA (Hospital Corporation of America) Gulf Coast Division and an ex-officio director of Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. He formerly served as a direc-

tor of FamilyTime Crisis and Counseling Center, director of Justice for All and member of the Executive Committee of the Region H Water Planning Group.

Sullivan has been married to his wife Kim for 25 years. They have a 16-year-old daughter. The councilman is a member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Kingwood, where he is a chalice bearer.

Garrison attended the University of Oklahoma, where he majored in international communications, graduating in 1994. He went on to attend Oklahoma City University School of Law. He received his juris doctorate, magna cum laude in May 2000.

While attending law school, Garrison interned in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma for Judge Robin J. Cauthron. After graduating Garrison served as a law clerk to Judge Earl S. Hines in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Prior to opening his own law firm in Kingwood in 2004, Garrison worked for the law firm of Bracewell and Patterson, where he worked on securities and transactional issues. He also worked as an associate at Hawkins, Parnell and Thackston. There he was involved in all aspects of commercial litigation.

The candidate serves with the Humble Area Assistance Ministries, where he is an executive board member. He is also part of the Kingwood Forest Cove Baseball Association. Garrison has worked with the Northwest Aquatic League and is an announcer for the Kingwood Youth Football league. He is a member of the Kingwood Chamber of Commerce and the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce and is involved in the Rotary Club International, Kingwood Chapter.

Garrison and his wife, Millie, have two children, Alexa and Pierson. They attend Strawbridge United Methodist Church, where Garrison is

a Sunday School teacher and has served on the board of trustees.

South Belt residents may also vote for at-large city council positions.

At-large Position 1 incumbent Peter Brown will not be seeking a third term, as he is running for Mayor. Vying to replace him are Lonnie Allsbrooks, Stephen Costello, Karen Derr, Herman Litt and Rick Rodriguez.

Competing for At-large Position 2 are incumbent Sue Lovell, Andrew Burks and Rozzy Shorter.

Incumbent Melissa Noriega is the lone candidate running for At-large Position 3.

At-large Position 4 incumbent Ronald Green is unable to run for a fourth term due to term limits. He is running for city controller. Vying to replace him are C.O. Bradford, Noel Freeman and Jay Green.

At-Large Position 5 incumbent Jolanda Jones will be seeking a second term. She is being challenged by Jack Christie. Like the mayor, city councilmembers are limited to three two-year terms.

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Hutchison secures funds

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced the Senate has approved the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill.

The measure includes \$15 million that she secured for the Houston Ship Channel.

"Millions of tons of cargo travel through the Houston Ship Channel each year, and the channel is responsible for

hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in commerce," Hutchison said. "This funding will help boost our economy by making the channel more navigable and ensuring it continues to be an economic engine for Houston, Texas, and the U.S."

The funds will be used to maintain the Houston Ship Channel at its authorized depth and to establish placement sites for dredge material.

Project Management Leadership Sept. 14

The two-day workshop, *Project Management Leadership*, will be held Sept. 14-15, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Bayou Building at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

This two-day course emphasizes the fundamentals of modern leadership, management and communication techniques within the project environment.

Participants learn how to build high-performance project teams via effective leadership and communication, resolve conflict through five proven methods, and implement effective problem solving and negotiation processes. Course fee is \$995 per person.

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WELCOME TO THE WORLD BABY CALEB
Marissa and Tim Jones of Riverstone Ranch proudly announce the arrival of their son, **Caleb Aaron Jones**. Caleb was born at home and delivered by **Jackie Griggs, CNM, and Camellia May, LM**, at 6:22 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009, weighing in at 9 lbs., 15 oz. and stretching 21.5 inches. Proud sisters are **Rachel and Hannah**. Proud grandparents are **Lanny and Marsha Mikulencak** of Clear Lake, **Bob Maudlin** of Crosby, and the Rev. **Johnnie and Diane Jones** of McKinney.

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY, JACKSON!
Best wishes for a wonderful 1st birthday are sent to **Jackson Arthur Goforth-Rakes** on Sept. 1 from his parents, **Patricia and Jeremy**, of Kirkvle.

HAPPY 11TH BIRTHDAY, CODY!
Wishes for a very happy birthday are sent to **Cody Giles** who celebrates his 11th birthday on 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 Melillo Middle School.

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 *South Belt-Ellington Leader*.

HAVE A WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY, MARIE

Special birthday wishes go out to **Marie Flickinger** Tuesday, 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. 27 through Sept. 2.

Atkinson Elementary
Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Mauricio Meza** Aug. 28. **Yolanda Villarreal** has a birthday Aug. 29.

Burnett Elementary
Deyanira Quintero enjoys a birthday Aug. 27. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Lisa Orr** on Aug. 28. The day for a birthday cake for **Demetria Powell** is Aug. 30.

Frazier Elementary
On Aug. 28, **Rachel Garcia** and **Sandra Jobe** share a birthday. **Paula Miller** marks a birthday Aug. 31.

Jessup Elementary
Aug. 27 is the day for a birthday party for **Maria S. Solache**. Birthday greetings are sent to **Cynthia Fransen** Aug. 29.

Meador Elementary
A birthday is celebrated by **Katy Lindsey** Aug. 27. Blow out the birthday candles for **Yolanda Villarreal** Aug. 29.

South Belt Elementary
Birthday wishes are sent to **Rachel Garica** on Aug. 28. On Aug. 31, **Courtney Moran**

enjoys a birthday. **Stuchbery Elementary**
Aug. 30 is the day to send a birthday wish to **Fred Jordan**.

Morris Middle School
Birthday greetings are sent to **Andrea Ross** Aug. 27. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Dora Ascencio** Aug. 28.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Mackwell Hickerson and **Tanya Keller** are wished a happy birthday Aug. 28. On Aug. 29, **Margaret Higham** and **Leigh Lidrbach** share a birthday. Sept. 1 is the day for a birthday cake for **Wes Hardy**. **Sandra Gomez** and **Dawn Nguyen** enjoy a double birthday Sept. 2.

Thompson Intermediate
A birthday greeting is sent to **Nora Sanchez** Aug. 27. Blow out the birthday candles for **Melinda Funni** and **Gloria Peebles** Aug. 30.

Dobie High
Enjoying a birthday Aug. 27 is **Charles Burton**. Birthday greetings 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.

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Galveston oak tree wood salvaged from Ike

Submerged in a salty storm surge marked last fall by Hurricane Ike, many of Galveston's once-majestic, 100-year-old oak trees, now are bare. But Quentin Snediker is hoping the lost hardwoods will breathe new life into a 167-year-old whaling ship.

"We recognize this is a tremendous loss for the community," said Snediker, preservation shipyard director at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut, where the Charles W. Morgan, the last surviving wooden whaling ship, is being restored. "Our intent is to honor these trees. They had a cultural impact on the region. Incorporating them into the fabric of this ship is a way of honoring the community."

Thousands of trees have been marked for removal in the wake of Hurricane Ike. Texas Forest Service has been working with Galveston since after the storm, determining trees likely to survive and those that aren't.

Now, the state agency is working with Mystic Seaport and newly formed Galveston Island Tree Conservancy, helping salvage wood from some dead and dying trees. "Our role was navigating the different possibilities here in Galveston and working with Mystic Seaport, providing sort of a bridge between city staff and the shipyard," said Texas Forest Service Urban Forestry Partnership Coordinator Pete Smith.

The bottom framing and

planking on the Morgan, now a floating museum, are being replaced as part of a restoration effort, and Galveston live oaks, are ideal replacements. "In the age of wooden ships, live oaks were sort of the premier wood," Snediker, a former ship captain, said. He hopes to collect between 80 and 160 tons of the wood. "They were strong, dense and durable and rot-resistant."

Working with communities after natural disasters isn't new to Mystic Seaport. The nonprofit organization often tries to use trees killed by natural disasters.

Galveston, he said, already was on his radar when he began receiving calls from Texas Forest Service Bayou Region Urban Forester Mickey Merritt and island

resident Donna Leibbert, a member of the Galveston Island Tree Conservancy.

Leibbert said she first heard about Mystic Seaport while talking with city officials from Biloxi, where hurricane-damaged trees had been carved into public art. Any use, she said, would be better than a landfill.

"I think for me it's the old pass-it-forward, keep-it-going. Don't just landfill it, keep it doing something useful somewhere. Mystic Seaport has such a great history of old boats and the restoration of old boats, I truly can't think of a better use for some of our wood," Leibbert said. "If it can't stay here in Galveston, let's get it to a place where it can live on in a different form; useful, helpful

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Combs tours San Jac College



Susan Combs (fourth from the right), Texas' comptroller of public accounts, recently toured the technical program facilities of San Jacinto College Central. Combs spoke to college administrators about the programs and grant opportunities that will be available for the college for technical education. The group, shown inside the college's state-of-the-art process technology training lab, includes,

left to right, Mike Speegle, process technology instructor at the Central campus; Susan Muha, the college's executive vice president of strategic and economic development; Kevin Deiters, an executive with the comptroller's office; Dr. Steven Horton, dean of technical education at the Central campus; Combs; Lisa Minton, R.J. Desilva and Jesse Vela, executives with the comptroller's office.

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THE TIME TRAVELERS WIFE (PG-13) / (10:10, 11:15 @ \$5), 12:40, 1:55, 3:15, 4:25, 5:50, 7:05, 8:25, 9:50, 10:55, 12:25

THE TIME TRAVELERS WIFE (PG-13) / (10:10 @ \$5), 12:40, 3:15, 5:50, 8:25, 10:55

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THE FINAL DESTINATION (R) / (11:00 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20, 12:30

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THE RISE OF COBRA (PG-13) / (10:30 @ \$5), 12:15, 1:40, 3:05, 4:30, 5:50, 7:50, 8:50, 9:40, 10:40, 11:40, 12:20

A PERFECT GETAWAY (R) / (10:00 @ \$5), 11:30, 3:30, 9:35

ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG) / (11:30 @ \$5), 1:35, 2:35, 6:10

THE COLLECTOR (R) / (10:25, 10:50, 12:25)

FUNNY PEOPLE (R) / (12:25, 8:05, 12:00)

G-FORCE (PG) / (10:40 @ \$5), 12:55, 3:10, 5:35, 7:55, 10:25, 12:45

ORPHAN (R) / (10:20 @ \$5), 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 8:05, 9:50, 10:50, 12:35

THE UGLY TRUTH (R) / (10:25 @ \$5), 12:45, 3:00, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05, 12:25

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25 years ago (1984)
Clear Creek Independent School District trustees adopted a \$59.56 million budget, which was 10.4 percent larger than the previous year's amended budget.

A Sagemont woman was charged with the shooting death of her husband, who she said abused her.

20 years ago (1989)
The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees named Dr. Doris Fassino as the district's new assistant superintendent of personnel, long-range planning and staff development.

A 21st-birthday celebration turned ugly when alleged gang members from outside the South Belt area started fighting with each other then attacked two area

residents.

15 years ago (1994)
Clear Creek Independent School District students scored well above average in every level of the 1994 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 10th anniversary.

10 years ago (1999)
Johnson Space Center opened its doors to the public for its free annual open house.

Senior Girl Scout Kelley Pennington earned Girl Scouting's highest achievement, the Gold Award.

5 years ago (2004)
The South Belt area was shocked at the sudden and unexpected death of former San Jacinto College South president, Dr. Parker Williams. Neighbors across the street from her home noticed Williams unconscious in her front yard. Williams, who was a regent for the San Jacinto College system, was only the second woman to serve as president of a Texas com-

munity college.

Lightning caused a fire in a residence on Kirkmead. The family was not at home at the time. Neighbors saw the flames and called the fire department. Houston fire-fighters and volunteers from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded.

A large rescue truck was purchased by Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office for high-water rescues. The vehicle was bought through military surplus and is able to drive through five feet of water.

An 18-year-old man was treated at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital for a wound from what he thought was a BB gun. The man placed the weapon, which was really a .380 handgun, under his chin and shot himself. The man survived the gunshot wound.

1 year ago (2008)
The Kirkmont Municipal Utility District building was struck by lightning, destroying all of its electrical contents. Linda Arnone, Kirkmont MUD office manager,

Dobie Cheerleaders excel at camp



The J. Frank Dobie High School Cheerleaders recently attended camp at the University of Texas in Austin and won numerous awards. Mascot Taneisha Dixon, won the Mascot Leadership Award. Kelsey Earls was named Jump Queen. Brooke DuPont was named UCA All American. The varsity squad won Camp Champs Home Pom Routine and Camp Champs Extreme Cheer. The junior varsity squad won Camp Champs Home Pom Routine, Camp Champs Extreme Routine, and second place Extreme Cheer. Both squads received the Superior Team Award for excellent ratings the entire week, and they received the "top banana" award the first day at camp for being the most spirited program. They also won the coveted Leadership Award, inviting them to travel to Florida to participate in the pre-game

performance of the Capitol One Bowl. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Tristann Trujillo; Chelsea Fuentes, vice president; Ashley Hoggard, varsity co-captain; Brooke DuPont, varsity captain; Krista Carter, president; La'Rae Thibodeaux; Kelsey Earls; Catarina Johnson; (second row) Terral Smith; Summer Sarabia; Celeste Cordero; Taneisha Dixon, mascot; Desiree Alvarez; Erika Yglesias, JV co-captain; Alyssa Perry; Charlie Day; Loana Solis; Cassie Gillman; Andrea Vargas; Lisa Gill; (back row) Andrea Mitrowski; A'leeyah Holland; Alexius Thomas; Kortney Neely; Brittini Rodriguez; Megan Gary; Hannah Waters, JV captain; Samantha Parades; Cree Dorsey; Savannah Sanchez; Erin Spencer; and Briana Pringle.

Photo submitted

O'Banion excels in the Air Force

By Matt Griesmyer
A former South Belt resident has developed into a successful navigator and instructor in the U.S. Air Force. Capt. Sarah O'Banion and husband Thomas O'Banion grew up in the South Belt area and graduated from Dobie High School in 1998. She is currently in transition to the Arkansas Air National Guard, from being stationed overseas for two years.



Thomas O'Banion and Capt. Sarah O'Banion

O'Banion, a graduate of the University of Washington, is transferring to the Arkansas Air National Guard to take the position of instructor for experienced navigators. Previously, O'Banion served during Operation Unified Assistance offering relief for the devastating tsunami in the Indian Ocean, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and other humanitarian relief operations throughout her six years in the military.

"During her career flying C-130 cargo aircraft, O'Banion flew Diane Sawyer, brought unidentified remains from the Vietnam War [back to the U.S.], flew Marines into the Philippines to assist with the mud slide recovery and is the top flight instructor for Little Rock Air Force Base," said Jerry Farmer, O'Banion's father. "I'm very proud of her."

Farmer is the owner of Gulf States Plumbing and has been a resident of the South Belt area since 1975. O'Banion's mother died four years ago. She served in the reserve officer training corps while attending the University of Washington and then commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation.

The reason for her transfer to the Air National Guard in Arkansas is to have more time with her family.

During her service, she had two children, ages 4 years old and 7 months.

"You have to work 50 hours per week, active duty in the Air Force," O'Banion said. "That's why I've switched from active duty to part-time traditional guardsman. I took the instructor's position to keep from deploying

for long periods at a time. It was difficult on my husband and son. My husband was a student and practically had to raise our son by himself for two years and keep the house and deal with me being away while he lived in Japan away from family. He is 'super-husband' for getting through that."

With the full-time commitment of being an officer in the Air Force, one would think that being a mother

would be enough extra duty, but for O'Banion, it is only part of her passions. She is also taking graduate-level classes at the University of Central Arkansas to earn her master's degree in high school mathematics.

"Down the road I plan on teaching," O'Banion said. "Sometime after I finish my career with the Air Force."

O'Banion said her toughest job has been being a mother.

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Financial aid for SJC ESOL students

Students enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses at San Jacinto College may

now apply for state and federal financial assistance.

This is the first year financial aid will be made available to ESOL students.

Those who are interested must first file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a Texas Application for State Financial Aid, either of which can be obtained from financial aid offices at all three San Jacinto College campuses.

"ESOL students have been requesting assistance every semester," said Myrna Gon-

zalez, lead faculty with the SJC college preparatory division.

"This allows students, who could not otherwise afford English language courses, the gateway to a college education."

Making financial aid available to ESOL students could lead to an increase in graduates.

Last year, an average of 300 students were enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages courses at the college, according to Robert

Merino, director of financial aid services for the college.

"This is a transitional program; students can learn English and then pursue a degree or certificate," Merino said.

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The Clear Creek Independent School District is in the process of adopting instructional materials (textbooks/systems) for use beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. These are student textbooks, teachers' editions, and ancillary materials for the classroom only.

The District is seeking parents to serve on Subject Area Subcommittees (SAS) to participate and provide input for recommendations for textbook selection. Parents who wish to serve on an SAS are invited to fill out a form of interest, which may be obtained from the Clear Creek ISD Office of Public Information, 2425 East Main Street, League City or downloaded from the District's website; www.ccisd.net. Deadline for returning the completed application is October 12, 2009.

At least one parent will serve on each of the subcommittees involved with selection of textbooks for the following:

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As part of the textbook adoption process, general meetings will be held. In addition, a Publishers Hearing will be held on January 12, 2010 at Clear Springs High School and a Community Input meeting will be held on January 19, 2010 at the CCISD Education Support Center, Board Room. These dates will be advertised throughout the District. Interested school personnel and the public are invited to attend. If there is more than one parent per SAS interested in serving, the professional members of the SAS committee shall elect the parent.

The responsibilities of an SAS member include attending all scheduled SAS meetings, abiding by District adoption/selection guidelines and policies, submitting a plan involving colleagues to SAS textbook facilitator. Any questions may be directed to Tina Farrell, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructions at tfarrell@ccisd.net or at 281-284-4678.

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More South Belt area residents submit vacation photos

Bonnars at the beach



The Bonner family decided to stay close to home and visit the Galveston seawall for their summer vacation this year. Children, left to right, Sean, Caleb and Sydney Bonner attempt to build a waterfall in the sand. The family has been a part of the South Belt community for more than 20 years.
Photo submitted by Rebecca Bonner

DeHarts see Grand Canyon



South Belt residents Majol and Tom DeHart stopped at the Grand Canyon on the way home from a motor home trip to Las Vegas.
Photo submitted by Tom DeHart

Porcarellos fish



Hayden Anthony Porcarello is shown fishing with his dad, Anthony Porcarello Jr. of Ashley Pointe, at a local pond during their vacation.
Photo submitted by Anthony Porcarello

Aronson explores the ocean



Sage Meadow resident Madelynn Aronson, daughter of Brian and Rebecca Aronson, experienced the ocean water for her first time at a beach in Rockport, Texas.
Photo submitted by Rebecca and Brian Aronson

Guzmans visit San Antonio

The Guzman kids love the Westin, La Contera Hotel, or as they call it, the S'mores Hotel in San Antonio. The hotel serves s'mores every night and overlooks Fiesta Texas, where the fireworks can be seen every night as well. Pictured there, below, left to right, Rick Guzman, Michael Guzman, Samantha Guzman, Avery Avila and Gilbert Avila. Also on the San Antonio trip, the family visited the Wax Museum. Pictured right is the youngest son Michael Guzman with a wax figure.

Photos submitted by Liz Guzman



Hardwicks take on white water



Jackie Hardwick, longtime Dobie Spanish teacher, left to right, Amy Hardwick Scott, Darrell Scott, Joe Hardwick, the river guide, John Hardwick, Sarah Hardwick and Jackie Hardwick.
Photo submitted by Jackie Hardwick

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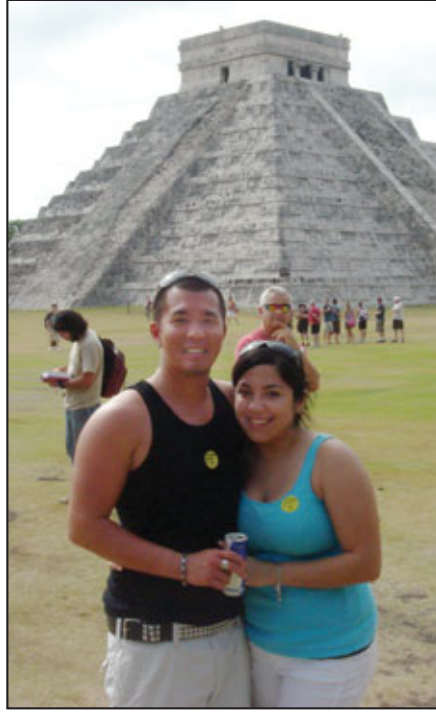


Javi Figueroa enjoyed himself on a boat trip to Isla Mujeres in Cancun Mexico. His parents, Javier and Diana Figueroa, took him on the trip for his 11th birthday.
Photo submitted by Diana Figueroa

Leader appreciates photos

The Leader received so many vacation photos that they cannot all fit in one issue. Even though the deadline to submit photos has passed, the Leader staff will continue to publish those photos already received and usable. The Leader also plans to hold the contest again next summer beginning earlier and with more prizes to be awarded. The winner of the 2009 contest is announced on page 1A.

Visiting Mexico



Roger Leung (left), 23-year South Belt resident, and Melissa Hernandez, recently vacationed at Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico. Pictured behind the couple is one of the new Seven Wonders of the World, Chichen Itza Ruins. This photo was taken shortly after their arrival, near one of the largest structures still standing. The pair said the tour was remarkably informative and is a 'must do' at least once.
Photo submitted by Roger Leung

Lewis in the sky



Lawrence Lewis, pictured, and wife Georgianne took their first honeymoon to Cozumel, Mexico, after five years of marriage. They both went parasailing, and they like to call this picture "Heaven Bound." Lawrence is an associate pastor at Park Memorial Baptist Church, and the couple resides in Kirkwood South with their four children.
Photo submitted by Georgianne Lewis

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Ready, set, go – Clear Brook, Dobie to play football openers

Horns host Channelview; Brook to Alice

The respective stages are likely to be set in remarkably different styles, but the goal remains the same – the Clear Brook and Dobie High School varsity football teams are focused on winning their 2009 season openers.

On the surface, little seems at stake. These two games are part of nondistrict play, meaning the outcomes will have no value in terms of reaching the postseason. Still, a win now could set each team in motion for a special season.

Clear Brook has bitten off a big bite this season, taking part in the Gulf Coast Classic against the Alice Coyotes Aug. 28 on the road. The first big challenge will be the long bus trip to Alice, roughly 50 or so miles outside of Corpus Christi.

Not only will the journey likely take more than four hours from point A to B, but the Wolverines can expect a sold out largely pro-Alice crowd in the stands.

The *Echo-News Journal*, the local newspaper in Alice, reported that as many as 50 fans spent the night out of doors while trying to be early in line to purchase a limited number of Coyotes' season tickets.

The scene won't likely be as chaotic at Veteran's Memorial Stadium, where Do-

bie will host Channelview Aug. 27 at Newcomb Field. The Longhorn faithful just may turn out in droves to catch the first glimpse of their new-look team, while the Falcons aren't likely to come close to packing the

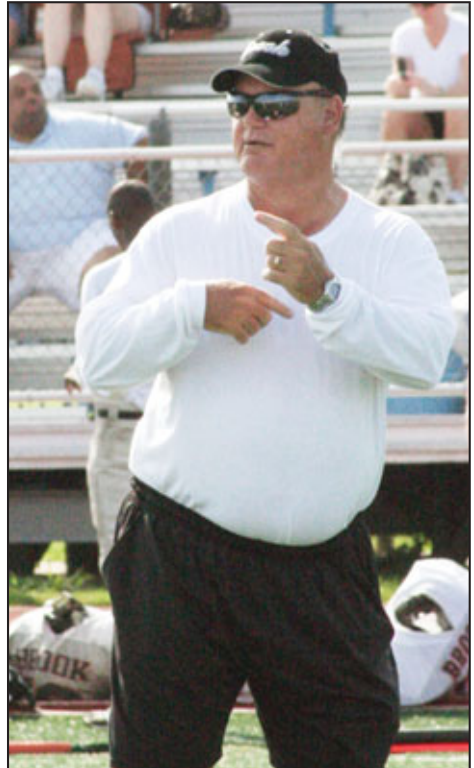
visitor's side by game time. But don't try to tell the Longhorns their game against Channelview isn't as special.

"It's a huge game for us for a lot of reasons," Dobie head coach Bobby Cotton

said. "You always want to win every game, but getting that first one under your belt is always a big key. It goes a long way toward building momentum for the rest of the season. I know our guys are excited to get after it."

Wolverines' head coach Paul Lanier said the excitement is building on the practice field as the game nears.

After winning a district title last season, this Gulf Coast Classic appearance is huge. **Continued on Page 6B**



Clear Brook head coach Paul Lanier knows last season's playoff run is in the rear view mirror. Now, it's time for the Wolverines to deliver an encore performance in 2009. Photo by John Bechtle

Dobie Longhorns host Channelview

Thurs., Aug. 27, 6 p.m.

Newcomb Field

Clear Brook at Alice

Gulf Coast Classic

Fri., Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m.

JFD boosters host spirit sale

Members of the Dobie High School football booster club will host a sideline sale prior to and during the Longhorns' season opener Aug. 27 against Channelview at Newcomb Field.

Items for sale will include Longhorn spirit T-shirts, caps and restaurant (discount) cards.

The sale will begin below the Dobie home bleachers at 5:30 p.m. and run until halftime of the game. Cash and checks will be accepted as payment.

Spirit line forming Dobie fans are encouraged to join in on forming

a spirit line prior to kickoff against Channelview.

The line will form around 5:40 p.m. near the Louie the Longhorn run through on the end zone side nearest Phillips Field House.

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CB, Dobie win; Pearland classic next

With the District 22-5A and District 24-5A volleyball races set to get under way Sept. 11, it's time for teams such as Dobie and Clear Brook to tighten up the loose ends.

Right now, both teams appear to be on track to doing just that. Next up is a visit to the Pearland Independent School District's 76-team Nike Classic Aug. 27-29.

Barring any major setbacks, Dobie and Brook should enter district action on a high note.

Lady Horns now 9-6
Coming off winning the consolation trophy at the La Porte tournament, Dobie kept the wins coming with an easy 25-12, 25-8, 25-3 win against over-matched Humble Aug. 25 at Dobie. Katherine Finney paced Dobie with 11 kills as coach Joe Sabatell was able to substitute as he wished. While the victory came against an Humble team that has struggled mightily this season, Dobie will take it.

"At this time of the year, you just want to win matches and keep building confidence for your team," Sabatell said.

Mission accomplished.

Brook earns marathon
Coming off a sluggish showing at the Fort Bend tournament, including a 1-2 record, Clear Brook needed to right the ship. The group did so.

Going the distance with a very good Tomball team out of Region II, Clear Brook came away with a 24-26, 25-15, 25-21, 17-25, 15-11 victory over the Lady Cougars at Tomball.

With one more stop at the Pearland event and a pair of nondistrict matches coming against Seven Lakes and Cinco Ranch, things won't get any easier for the Lady Wolverines.

Clear Brook has weathered one of the area's toughest schedules, having already faced Friendswood, Dulles, Tomball and Katy.

The Lady Wolverines did score a neighborhood victory over Dobie Aug. 21.

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At right, Dobie junior outside hitter Katherine Finney had a match-high 11 kills as the Lady Longhorns cruised past Humble in a sweep Aug. 25 at Dobie. Next up is the Pearland tournament Aug. 27-29. Photo by John Bechtle



San Jacinto soccer goes under the lights

Hit the Switch!

Coyotes host SJC alumni

Sat., Aug. 29, 8 p.m.

No matter what the 2009 San Jacinto College soccer team accomplishes on the field, this particular group is destined to make history.

The Coyotes officially open the season Aug. 29 with an alumni scrimmage game on the South campus, and it'll be the first-ever home game played under the lights.

Since the program began back in the mid-90s, all other Coyote teams have played their home games usually between the hours of noon and 3 p.m., with plenty of heat to go along with kickoff.

No more, say the Coyotes. Thanks to a big boost from a bond allowing for athletic upgrades on each of the three campuses, lights will now brighten the soccer and softball fields.

The first test run is Aug. 29, and the Coyotes begin

the regular season Sept. 5 at home against fellow Division I power Barton County at 8 p.m.

"It's going to be a great experience, not only for these young men but for future teams at San Jacinto College," head coach David Santesteban said.

"We are looking forward to another great season. Having lights and being able to play night matches will allow more Coyote fans to come out and watch us play."

Team a work in progress
Based heavily on last season's national runner-up finish, the Coyotes have debuted in the National Junior College Athletic Association's preseason poll at No. 2.

Yavapai, the 2008 undefeated national champion that topped the Coyotes 1-0 in the final, is atop the poll.

Yet as Santesteban well knows, rankings, especially those of the preseason variety, are often little more than Fool's Gold.

The Coyotes, for exam-

ple, return just a handful of players from the 2008 unit.

The remainder of the roster is composed of freshman recruits brought in by Sant-

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San Jacinto College head soccer coach David Santesteban (left) will field a team made up largely of inexperienced freshman players in 2009, but that won't stop the Coyotes from chasing another national tournament berth. At right is SJC assistant coach Ian Spooner. Photo by Rob Vanya/SJC marketing

Alumni tilt highlights first-ever night play

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 esteban aimed at reloading a Coyotes' program that, along with a handful of others in the NJCAA, has become nationally known. The good news is that in the two-year college business, many programs are forced to overhaul rosters on the run. San Jacinto College is no different. Santesteban has the benefit of tapping from Texas talent as well as from neighboring states. Jamaica City has been a good source for players in recent years. Just how talented this team is or where it potentially falls shy may not be known for weeks. Perhaps the Sept. 5 season opener against eighth-ranked Bar-

ton County will provide an early answer. Barton County was one of just two undefeated teams during the 2008 regular season but did not make the district round after losing in a shootout in the Region VI title match. For the season, Barton County was 21-0-2. San Jacinto was 18-2-2. After taking on Barton County, the Coyotes will continue to play a tough schedule. Of course, fellow Region XIV power Tyler looms down the road. The benefit for local fans is the greater opportunities to see the Coyotes in action. Santesteban has slated eight of his home matches to include evening starts. Not only will the later

starts help fans and players alike beat the heat, but it will give families a chance to gather for evening matches. Things are coming together for the Coyotes.

South Belt football predictions

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Pearland hosts Kingwood	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Dickinson at Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Deer Park hosts Jersey Village	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
Clear Lake hosts Aldine	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake
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

Local BAFL teams win three of four season openers

DeJuan Dixon, John John Moreno, Dimitri Giannakopoulos, Nakia Johnson, Zion Walker, Alec Figueroa, Joshua Sordia, Malcom Weston, Montra Scott and Mark Milton.

Rams freshmen 27 Manvel 6
 Four players scored touchdowns and the defense was spectacular as Ellington's freshman team began the season with a 27-6 victory over Manvel.

Devin Childs, Marquice Scott, Javian Castaneda and Matthew Gilliam had touchdown runs.

Neiman Lewis-Wells, Travis Watson Jr. and Mario Barajas also turned in several great runs.

Scott made a touchdown-saving tackle to end the first half, and Anthony Gracia Jr., Castaneda, Mateo Guzman and Childs also made big plays.

The win was made possible because every member of the team made a positive contribution in the game.

Other Rams standing out included Michael Powell Jr., Jerrick Garcia, Romeo Ramirez, Matthew Cervantes, Nicholas Rodarte, Andre LeBlanc, Steven Trevino, Sebastian Comabella-Bredes, Anthony Gonzalez, Joshua Mancia, Murt Marshall Jr., Jullian Calvillo, Aaron Ramos, Glenn Bishop and Gregory Humphrey.

Rams' pee wees star
 The Rams' pee wee team made a great debut, finding the end zone several times against the Ravens.

Duntre Miller and Darius Pamplin both ran into the end zone from 70 yards away.

Jordin Soliz and Kelby Williams also made their way into the end zone. Adrian Tamez and Matthew Balderas led the Rams in tackles.

Each Rams' player, including Mikey Ramirez, Dylan Dixon, Marcoa Rivera, Marcus Saenz, Alexander Garcia, Zaire Walker, Xavier Musquiz, Edward Lily, Ignacio Izaguirre, Richard Gary, Joshua Jack, Isaac Garcia, Manuel Frias and Ryan Saxton, also played well.

Friendswood seniors 36 Cowboys 0
 The Cowboys' senior team produced a solid team effort in its opener but fell to Friendswood 34-0.

Each member of Sagemont's team gave his all with plenty of effort on both sides of the ball and on special teams.

The outstanding players on offensive included Ricky Estrada and Ricky Hembright.

On defense Darius Cooper, Malik Peters and Arron McCann were the standouts.

Cowboys juniors 34 Friendswood 0
 The Cowboys junior team scored two quick touchdowns en route to a 34-0 victory in dominating fashion over Friendswood.

to get the season off to a strong start.

Cowboys freshmen 7 Friendswood 0
 The Cowboys' freshman team won its opener over the Friendswood Mustangs, 7-0.

Sagemont's lone score came in the second quarter when Nolan Jeffery ran the ball into the end zone from 40 yards out. Bryant Brown added the extra-point run.

Also running the ball well were Jartis Solamen, Andrew Arriaga and Dylan White.

Solid blocking up front was done by Eli Mazzachete-Seidel, Logan Wranch, Gage Parham, Joseph Reyes, Dominic Tamez, Alex Dunez, Julian Mata, Shawn Krivik, Anthony Lopez, Dustin Dominguez and Jonathan Acosta.

On defense, Perro had a sack and Hickman recovered a fumble in the third quarter. Mason Miller dominated the game as he had a sack, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Other Dolphins helping in the win included Travis Tanner, Randy Johnson, Justyn Gonzalez, Orlando Ochoa, Greer Vincent, Willie Scott, Christian Wright, Adam Gonzales, Trevon Francious, Jason Lester, Kameron Dolford, Michael Arnesen and Ty Morris.

Dolphin juniors 20 La Marque 0
 Southbelt's junior division team was solid in all phases of the game, topping La Marque 20-0 in its opener.

Bennie Hamilton Jr. ran 35 yards for a touchdown, and D'Vaughn Pennamom

BAFL Week One Results

Teams	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.
Rams	0	33	27	28
Ravens	34	6	0	6
Cowboys	0	34	13	7
Mustangs	36	0	0	0
Dolphins	34	21	28	0
Cougars	0	0	0	26

Puga also had a pair of sacks to pace the Dolphins' defense. Offensively, Marshall McGowen opened the scoring as he ran 20 yards for a touchdown. Londen Jenkins successfully converted the extra point on a run.

In the second quarter, Southbelt opened its lead wider. Jacoby Davis ran 20 yards for a score, and McGowen added the point after try.

Jaizac Garcia recovered a fumble and ran 40 yards for a touchdown before halftime as Southbelt led 21-0.

In the third quarter, Jenkins' 60-yard scoring run capped the scoring.

Eddie Borrego, Ethan Riojas, Jeremy Davis, Javen Hedgeman, Ty Wright, Samuel Parker, Steven Hernandez, Justin Thomas, Charles Potter, Trey Trevino, JaLon Hunt, Byron Flores, Jacob Garcia, William Fuselier, Brandon Solis, Rudy Flores, Bryce Feagin and Kelvin K.J. Reyes, Jr. also excelled.

La Marque 26 Dolphins freshmen 0
 La Marque gained its lone win of the series in the freshman game, 26-0.

Joshua Jacobs recovered

a fumble to highlight Southbelt's action.

Each member of the team, including Jacobs, Jalen Lendsey, Elias Adkins, Lance Tanner, Roger Solis, Dante Proctor, Jr., Tyler Swanagan, Anthony Moreno, Christian Cleckley, Kelvin Gardner, Isaac Martinez, Cervantis Pounds II, Omotayo Thomas, Marcos Aguilar, Roderick Puga, Tristan Sanchez, Theodore Randle III, Samuel Diaz, Marcus Herrera, Beto Garcia, A'Darius Ward, Isaiah DeLeon and Nathan Licerio, played well.

Southbelt pee wees dazzle
 Southbelt's pee wee unit played well in its opener.

Members of the team included Randy Smith, Donovan Berotte, Dreshon Downey, Jonavon Wade, Bryce Sanchez, Cleveland Tucker, Deven Lendsey, Jacob Rodriguez, Xavier Lerma, Santos Sanchez, Christon Hardemon, Zain Dempsey, Shelton Kilby, Dwayne Jones, Jr., TayVion Taylor, Nicolas Salgado, Matthew Arnesen, Jose Martinez, Isaac Alvarez and Julio Torres.

Sports calendar

VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Aug. 27
 Clear Brook at Pearland varsity tournament, TBA
 Dobie at Pearland varsity tourn., TBA

Friday, Aug. 28
 Clear Brook at Pearland varsity tournament, TBA
 Dobie at Pearland varsity tourn., TBA
 Clear Brook freshman A and B host tri-match, 4:30

Saturday, Aug. 29
 Clear Brook at Pearland varsity tournament, TBA
 Dobie at Pearland varsity tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Sept. 1
 Clear Brook varsity hosts Seven Lakes, 6:30
 Dobie varsity hosts Dawson, 6:30
 Clear Brook JV hosts Seven Lakes, 5:30
 Dobie JV hosts Dawson, 5:30
 Clear Brook freshman A hosts Seven Lakes, 4:30
 Dobie freshman A hosts Dawson, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman B hosts Seven Lakes, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 4
 Clear Brook varsity at Cinco Ranch, 5:30
 Dobie varsity hosts Friendswood, 4:00
 Clear Brook JV at Cinco Ranch, 4:30
 Dobie JV hosts Friendswood, 5:00
 Clear Brook freshman A at Cinco Ranch, 4:30
 Dobie freshman A hosts Friendswood, 6:00
 Clear Brook freshman B at Cinco Ranch, 5:30

Saturday, Sept. 5
 Clear Brook at Alvin JV tourn., TBA
 Brook and Dobie at Alvin freshman A & B tourn., TBA

SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 29
 San Jacinto College alumni game, South campus, 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 4
 San Jacinto College hosts Dynamo youth, South, 7:00

FOOTBALL
Thursday, Aug. 27
Regular season openers
 Dobie varsity hosts Channelview, Newcomb, 6:00
 Clear Brook JV Black hosts Lamar, campus, 6:30
 Clear Brook JV Silver hosts Lamar, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman Black at Lamar, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman Silver at Lamar, 6:30

Friday, Aug. 28
Regular season openers
 Clear Brook varsity at Alice, 7:30
 Dobie freshman White hosts Channelview, Auxiliary, 4:30
 Dobie freshman Orange hosts Channelview, Auxiliary, 4:30

Thursday, Sept. 3
 Clear Brook JV hosts Nimitz, 6:30
 Dobie JV hosts Dickinson, Auxiliary, 4:30
 Clear Brook sophomores host Nimitz, 4:30
 Dobie sophomores host Dickinson, campus, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman Black at Nimitz, 4:30
 Dobie freshman Orange at Dickinson, 6:00
 Clear Brook freshman Silver at Nimitz, 6:30
 Dobie freshman White at Dickinson, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 4
 Dobie varsity at Dickinson, Sam Vitanza, 7:00

Saturday, Sept. 5
 Clear Brook varsity at Aldine Nimitz, Thorne, 6:00

TENNIS
Friday, Aug. 28
 Dobie varsity hosts Clear Springs, 2:30

Tuesday, Sept. 1
 Dobie varsity hosts Clear Brook, 2:30

Friday, Sept. 4
 Dobie varsity hosts Clear Creek, 2:30



Isaiah Myers (1) of the junior division Cowboys was too tough to handle for the Friendswood Mustangs during the Cowboys' 34-0 win to begin the season.

Great defense was played by Deon Blacknell, Jonathan Morales, Jacob Martinez, Jayden Robinson, Tyler Stormer, Mason Banheart, Zion Crawford, Matthew Moron, Arriaga, Domingez and Solamen.

Cowboys' pee wee rolls
 Sagemont's pee wee team turned in a near-perfect game against Friendswood.

Dolphins seniors 34 La Marque 0
 The Dolphin senior team started strong with an easy 34-0 victory over La Marque.

Jacoby Perro paced the scoring with four touchdowns, including runs of 10 and 40 yards to go with a 60-yard kickoff return to begin the second half and a 40-yard pass reception.

Tamurick Hickman ran for a conversion. Willie Scott caught a pass for a big 15-yard completion.

covered 15 yards on the ground for a score. Osby Mitchell III closed out the scoring with a 10-yard pass reception. Eric Detiege had a run for a conversion point.

La Marque was held scoreless as the Dolphins' defense was great. Bennett Oko added a fumble recovery on defense.

Others playing well in the game included Ernesto Rodriguez, Kehlan Williams, Austin Czezinski, Matthew Sanchez, Osby Mitchell III, Desmond Flores, Alexander Williams, T.J. Kilby, Desmond Scott, Brandon Salgado, Joshua Ramirez, Keith Armstead and Jacob Arnesen.

Dolphins sophomores 28 La Marque 0
 Three fumble recoveries on defense by Ryan Puga keyed Southbelt's 28-0 victory in the sophomore game against La Marque.



Sagemont junior level defenders, from left, Danny Jones (25), Kenny Brown (31), Tyler Redmon (51) and Mark Eldridge (2) played exceptionally well as the locals opened with a shutout victory over Friendswood Aug. 22 at Moore Park.

Rima visits Dobie VB match



Former Lady Longhorns' basketball star Karima Christmas (right) was one of the many Dobie graduates who visited the area this summer before heading back to college. Christmas, a junior at Duke University, is a key member of the nationally ranked Blue Devils' women's team. Here, she shared a laugh with Dobie assistant principal Donna Branch.

Photo by John Bechtle

Thompson Lions

8th Light volleyball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 10	at South Houston	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Southmore	5:45 p.m.
Sept. 24	Miller	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Queens	5:45 p.m.
Oct. 8	Bondy	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Park View	5:45 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Beverly Hills	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Southmore	5:45 p.m.
Oct. 29-30	PISD tourn. at Jackson	TBA
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Oct. 15-16	PISD tourn. at Beverly Hills	TBA
Oct. 22	at Beverly Hills	5:45 p.m.
Oct. 27	Southmore	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Jackson	5:45 p.m.

South Belt area sports news, notes

SBHLL board nominations

Anyone interested in running for a position on the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's board of directors for the 2009-2010 season is asked to complete an online application and submit it at www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

All interested candidates must have an approved background check and a copy of their driver's license on file before being eligible to join the board of directors. Deadline for nominations is Aug. 27 at 11:59 p.m. The elections will take place Aug. 31 at the Harris County Annex on Scarsdale at 7:30 p.m.

SBGSA registration dates

Registration for the 2009 South Belt Girls Softball Association fall season is under way at El Franco Lee Park. The fee is \$55 per player in the 6-under through 14-under age divisions. The fee is \$35 for the newly formed 4-under Pixie age division. Registration in-

cludes a softball jersey and insurance coverage. Sign-up dates are Thursday, Aug. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eligible players must be 4 years old by Jan. 1, 2009, to register.

All parents must bring a copy of their daughter's birth certificate to submit with the registration form. Practices are held during the week, and games are scheduled on Saturdays during the fall season.

The Pixie age division has been formed to give young players in the community an opportunity to learn the basics of softball without the competitiveness of a regular softball game. Pixie teams will carry a maximum of six players per team and will also play on Saturdays against other 4-under teams. No scores will be kept, and volunteer parents will officiate the games. The league is looking for coaches for all age divisions. Direct questions or other issues to player agents Les Wincher at 832-746-1745 or Rodney Razo at 713-819-3054.

Thompson Lions

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Sept. 16	Southmore	5 p.m.
Sept. 23	Queens (Newcomb)	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	Beverly Hills (Newcomb)	5 p.m.
Oct. 7	Park View (Newcomb)	5 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Miller	5 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Bondy	5 p.m.
Oct. 27	Jackson (Newcomb)	5 p.m.
Nov. 7	playoffs at Newcomb	TBA

Games held on campus unless noted

Thompson Lions

7A football schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 9	South Houston	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	Southmore	5 p.m.
Sept. 22	Queens	5 p.m.
Sept. 30	Beverly Hills	5 p.m.
Oct. 6	Park View	5 p.m.
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Nov. 3	Jackson	5:45 p.m.

Thompson Lions

8B football schedule

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Sept. 8	North Shore	5 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Southmore	5 p.m.
Sept. 23	Queens (Auxiliary)	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	Beverly Hills (Auxiliary)	5 p.m.
Oct. 7	Park View (Auxiliary)	5 p.m.
Oct. 14	Miller	5 p.m.
Oct. 21	Bondy	5 p.m.
Oct. 27	Jackson (Auxiliary)	5 p.m.
Nov. 7	playoffs at Auxiliary	TBA

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Beverly Hills Bears

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUG. 27

information, call 281-482-8441.

information, call 713-204-2481.

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.

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

Free Line Dance Class - The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program offers free line dancing classes. The class is held at the activity building, located at 416 Morningside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. Previous experience not required. For more information, call 281-487-8787.

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

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Grief Support Group - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. For more information, call 281-487-8787.

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

Noon

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

7 p.m.

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

8:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 28
 7 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Free Line Dance Class - The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program offers free line dancing classes. The class is held at the activity building, located at 416 Morningside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. Previous experience not required. For more information, call 281-482-8441.

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

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 29
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SUNDAY, AUG. 30
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MONDAY, AUG. 31
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FB: Brook to Alice, Dobie hosts Channelview

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for the Clear Brook program. Prior to the 2007 season, Lanier was enlisted to rebuild a football program once proud but then struggling.

Granted, the players are largely responsible for helping Clear Brook restore its name after a powerful run in the 1990s. Lanier and his staff deserve credit, too.

In taking the invitation to the Gulf Coast Classic against Class 4A power Alice in the small-town atmosphere, the Wolverines surely are going for it on

opening night.

Lanier said Alice still runs the decades-old wing-T offense that has largely escaped the Houston area. That, however, is what makes the Coyotes dangerous.

"When I was at Galveston Ball and brought in the triple option offense, it was very effective because not many defenses had seen it or could run it well enough in practice to adjust," Lanier said.

"That's exactly the case in this game. There will be adjustments on both sides

of the ball after the opening series for both teams, I'm sure.

"To a large degree, they don't know what we are going to do, and we don't know what they are going to do.

"When you're talking about playing other Houston area teams, it's always easier to get a read because you have more familiarity involved with those teams and coaches. In this case, there isn't much."

Obviously, Clear Brook wants to win. The exposure of the Gulf Coast Classic

coupled with the chance to knock off a perennial playoff team along the way is exactly why the Wolverines are making the trip.

"We're going down there to win a football game," Lanier said. "We have to be careful not to let them jump on us in front of that crowd, but I think we'll be fine.

"This game should go a long way toward defining our leaders. Last season, these kids followed a solid group of senior leaders.

Now, many of these guys have to step up. As coaches, this is a great chance to see

who our leaders will be."

JFD hosts Channelview
To start what is a vital season for the Longhorns, Dobie will host Channelview in a nondistrict clash. It could also be a playoff preview as Dobie's District 22-5A will meet Channelview's 21-5A in the bidistrict round.

Playoffs aside for a moment, both teams simply want to open with a win. The Longhorns beat the Falcons last season, but the rosters on both sides have been overhauled.

For Dobie, Cotton wants to see a carryover effect after the Longhorns handled Elkins in the final scrimmage Aug. 20.

Sophomore quarterback Blake Jackson sparkled and likely earned some playing time against Channelview behind starter Aaron Kutra. On defense, Cotton was impressed with the aggressiveness and tackling he saw against Elkins. On opening night, a repeat performance is expected.

"We have some good momentum coming out of that scrimmage, and now we want to carry it over into the opener," Cotton said.

"Our guys are ready to go, and I think we are going to come up with a big effort against Channelview."

Because it's the opener and the game will begin at 6 p.m. while area temperatures likely hover above 90 degrees, the Longhorns will substitute freely.

"We want to see what a lot of these players can do under the lights," Cotton said.

"Randy Owens will start at running back, and we will look at some others. The same goes for the other positions. A lot of players will see time. Above all, we want to win."

Confident Dobie, CB enter Pearland event

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beating the Lady Longhorns in four games, 25-12, 25-19, 23-25, 25-18.

Then came the big win over Tomball, so heading into the Pearland tournament, annually the state's

most talent-rich, Clear Brook is getting its act together.

It's a good thing, because a 24-5A opener against defending Region III champion Clear Creek is on tap for Sept. 11.

JFD 8-2 in tournaments

Much of Dobie's success this season has come in tournament play, where the team is 8-2 overall.

The Lady Longhorns lost their La Porte tournament opener Aug. 20 to Manvel in three games but came back to win the consolation bracket in impressive style.

Dobie downed Baytown Lee, Angleton, Goose Creek Memorial and Manvel to win the consolation round.

"I was real happy with the way we bounced back and won the consolation division," Dobie head coach Joe Sabatell said.

"We would have liked to have won that first match and stayed in the winner's bracket, but to the credit of this group, they came back and won four matches to take the trophy."

It must be noted that fellow 22-5A competitor Deer Park defeated Mansfield to win the overall championship at La Porte. Pearland, host of the upcoming 76-team tournament, is also one of the top teams in the area.

But Dobie, which has already won more nondistrict matches than it did all last season, is coming on strong.

"The seniors are an incredible group of leaders," Sabatell said. "They all come to practice ready to get better. They are like sponges soaking up what we teach them. It's been great to see the older players blend with the younger players."

With one more tournament to go, both Dobie and Clear Brook appear to be getting better.

12-U Nightmare sweeps SBHLL classic



The 12-under Nightmare select baseball team won the Back to School Classic at El Franco Lee Park after completing a 4-0 record with an 8-2 win in the championship game. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jacob Alford, Garrett Hunt, Trevor Kitchens, Isaiah Myers, Wayne Lominac Jr., coach

Rudy River, (middle row) Ryan Shofner, Kevin Caballero, Micheal Munoz, Nate Martinez, Adrian Rivera, Daniel Escamilla, (back row) manager Daniel Martinez and coaches Wayne Lominac, Johnny Ojeda and Shawn Carter.

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Jokers 10-U places second at Back to School



The Houston Jokers placed second in the 10-under division at the Sagement-Beverly Hills Little League's Back to School Classic Aug. 21-23. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) coach Oscar Perea, (second row) Brendon Griffin, Daniel Garza, Lorenzo Navarro, Aaron Perea, and Elias Rodriguez, (third

row) Alex Muniz, Tank Mendez, Ricky Gonzales, Andres Padilla, Mattias Gallo, Andrew Hinajosa, and Matthew Benetiz, (back row) coaches Danny Garza and Carlos Gallo and manager Rudy Mendez.

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8-under Stingers capture third at Lufkin softball



The 8-under South Belt Stingers softball team placed third at a select tournament in Lufkin, missing out on playing in the final after dropping a semifinal game 16-15 in an international tiebreaker. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Vivian Mar-

tinez, Allysa Ramirez, Coco Garcia, Ima Montano, Sydney Franco, (middle row) Abigail Gallo, Raylene Martinez, Mckenzie Ermis, Camryn Wincher, Samantha Ortiz, (back row) coaches Raul Montano, Les Wincher, Cheryl Franco and Jimmy Martinez.

Lifelong friends, Dobie grads lift SJC volleyball

They've known each other since kindergarten. They attended Moore Elementary together. They played volleyball against each other in junior high, one at Thompson and the other at Beverly Hills.

They became teammates and close friends at Dobie High School.

Now, Abbey (Parker) Barnett and Brooke Spossey return for their sophomore season at San Jacinto College, where they hope to lead the squad back to the national tournament.

Barnett and Spossey have chemistry on and off the court.

Barnett, San Jac's dazzling setter, and Spossey, a dynamic and accurate passing libero, feed off of each other on the court. That's only natural after a friendship and playing career that has lasted as long as theirs.

"They were very close on and off the court," said Dobie High School coach Joe Sabatell.

"They both carried themselves with confidence. You could tell they both be-

lieved in their abilities and knew they could get the job done when they were on the court."

Barnett, who led the nation in assists last season and was the Region XIV co-setter of the year, said playing her favorite sport with her childhood friend just comes natural.

"It's great," she said. "It's been really fun playing with Brooke. It would be really different playing without her."

Barnett and the 2008 San Jac team had to do just that during last year's run at the national tournament after Spossey suffered a season-ending knee injury at the Region XIV tournament in Laredo.

"It was so hard," added Barnett. "After it happened, I couldn't even go up to her to see if she was OK because I was in total shock. It wasn't easy having Brooke on the sideline (and not on the court)."

Spossey has since rehabbed her knee during the offseason and is primed and ready to play.

"I just want to help us win conference again and go back to nationals," she said.

Although the two played together in high school and continued their volleyball careers at San Jac, Spossey was the one who was first recruited by Ravens' head coach Sharon Nelson.

"Brooke came to our open tryout, and we began watching her athletic ability and dynamic competitive nature," noted Nelson.

"Then we 'found' Abbey and discovered that she wanted to stay home and play instead of going away to a four-year school, so the two just fell into place perfectly. Abbey has been setting off of Brooke's passes for quite awhile, so there is a good rhythm between them."

While the two have been on similar paths since first playing volleyball as seventh-graders (Spossey at Beverly Hills, Barnett at Thompson), that will change after their playing days at San Jacinto College.

Barnett, who got married over the summer, plans to focus on family after this season, while Spossey looks to continue playing volleyball at a four-year institution.

"Because I was injured last year at nationals, four-

year coaches didn't get to look at me," she noted. "If I can play somewhere else after this, I'd love to."

However, their focus right now is on getting San Jacinto back to the national tournament, which will take place Nov. 19-21 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Barnett, Spossey and their teammates begin that quest Aug. 28-29 at the Texas Tornado tournament in Houston.

There, they'll get a look

at defending national champion, and in-state rival, Blinn College.

The first home game is Tuesday, Sept. 1, against Temple.

All San Jacinto volleyball home games are played at Anders Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

For a complete 2009 schedule ball, visit www.sanjacsports.com.



Dobie senior setter Quynhhu Ngo is part of a veteran group of leaders among the Lady Longhorns who have the team off to a 9-6 start.

Pearland Nike Classic

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Dobie vs. The Woodlands, 4:45 p.m.
Dobie vs. Langham Creek, 6:45 p.m.

Aug: 27 at Pearland Junior High South:
Brook vs. Cypress Woods, 8 a.m.

Brook vs. Pflugerville, 11 a.m.
Brook vs. Channelview, noon

Bracket play Aug. 28-29 based on pool play results, see www.pybclassic.com for more information and updates

7-U Little Chivas wins



The Texas Rush Little Chivas, a 7-under youth soccer team, won first place at the Space City Futbol Club's 4-on-4 tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Andres Guzman, Yahir Martinez, (middle row) Gabriel Alvarez, Mikey Torres, Noah Torres, (back row) coach Carlos Guzman.

Submitted photo

In photo at right, Dobie High School graduates Abbey (Parker) Barnett and Brooke Spossey will play one final season together at San Jacinto College after a lifelong volleyball career, first against and then with one another on the local scene.
Rob Vanya/SJC marketing



Ravens' VB ranked preseason ninth

The San Jacinto College volleyball team will open the 2009 season Aug. 28 ranked ninth in the National Junior College Athletic Association pre-season poll.

With four returning players from last season's team that finished fifth at the national tournament, SJC coach Sharon Nelson is once again relying on a talented young squad to get back to the national tournament.

"Being ranked in the pre-season NJCAA top 10 is a pleasant surprise," said Nelson, who is beginning her eighth season at the helm of the San Jac program.

"We lost four starters

from last year, including three NJCAA top 15 kills leaders, two of which were All-Americans, but we recruited well in the offseason, and return four players.

Being ranked ninth is a testament to the progress we have made to be recognized by the national committee, and we are thankful for that honor."

This is the second time under Nelson's tutelage that San Jac has been ranked in the preseason top 10.

Returning from last year's 33-3 squad are sophomore starters Abbey (Parker) Barnett and Brooke Spossey, Barnett, a setter from Dobie High School,

led the nation in assists last season, was a Region XIV all-conference selection and was the conference co-setter of the year.

Spossey, SJC's dynamic libero, averaged 4.19 digs per game.

Also returning to the court for San Jac are middle blockers Moana Masaniai and Brittney Wood.

In addition to the four returning players, San Jac welcomes 10 newcomers.

Included in that group are three NCAA transfers in middle blocker Jyoti Ruffin, right side Christie Dorch (Friendswood) and outside hitter Holly Moreno (Pearland).