

Photo winners named

The August winners of the *Leader's* vacation photo contest have been named. Winning first-place is Abdias D'orville who submitted photos of his family attending a reunion in Dominican Republic. The second-place prize was awarded to Edgar Ramirez who submitted a photo of his family rafting in Colorado. Additional winners include Jesus Gonzalez and Gilbert Torres, whose photos will run in future issues.

Holiday trash pickup

Residents of Clear Brook City MUD will have regular trash pick-up on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6. Residents need to make sure trash is at the curb by 7 a.m.

Holiday closings set

South Belt-Ellington Leader
The *Leader* office will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day.

Clear Brook City MUD
The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, 2010, in celebration of Labor Day. They will re-open on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 8 a.m. To avoid late penalties, payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side of the building.

Football boosters meet

The next Dobie Football Booster Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 7, (due to Labor Day on Monday) at 7 p.m. in the Dobie athletic media room.

Heinicken benefit set

A benefit for the late Noah Heinicken, on behalf of his fiancée, Brittany Snedeker, and unborn daughter Paisleigh Rae, will be held Sunday, Sept. 5, at The Nutty Bar, 10943 Scarsdale Blvd. from 2 to 5 p.m. The benefit is set to raise money for this mother and unborn daughter. Barbecue plates will be available and an auction will be held. A baby registry is set up at Target, Wal-Mart and Babies R Us for those who would like to bring things for Paisleigh Rae. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact Leslie LaBoube at 281-787-2068 or Christina Meglic at 281-248-3616.

Health Fair at Easthaven

Easthaven Baptist Church's Nurse Ministry will sponsor a community health fair Saturday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church located at 13100 Beamer Road (across from Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital). Area health providers will be on hand with free information and screenings. There will be free giveaways, a raffle and refreshments.

LSA hosts dance camp

Experience the glitter of football field dancing with the award winning Lutheran South Academy Strutters at the annual dance camp Saturday, Sept. 25, from noon to 4 p.m. Dancers in grades Pre-K3 through eighth grade are invited. No dance experience is required. On Friday, Oct. 1, participants will dance during halftime on the LSA football field. The cost is \$45 when registered by Wednesday, Sept. 22, and includes dance instruction, performance T-shirt, lunch, snack, framed photo, hair tie and certificate. Same day registration is \$50 and begins at 11:30 a.m. in the LSA gym. For information, visit SouthStrutters@Yahoo.com.

Softball, baseball boosters

Dobie softball and baseball booster clubs will hold their first Longhorn Golf Tournament (4-person scramble) Saturday, Oct. 23, at Glenbrook Golf Course. Check-in is from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Shotgun starts at 2 p.m. The public is invited. Entry fee is \$80 per person - entry deadline is Oct. 15. Late registration will be \$85. Price includes golf (green fee and cart fee), goodie bag, tickets for door prizes and a ticket for a lunch meal. For more information, call Nick Medina at 713-206-8224.

BHCC hosts celebration

The Beverly Hills Civic Club will host a Grandparent's Day celebration to honor all grandparents in Beverly Hills, Palm Springs and Eastridge Terrace additions. Refreshments will be served. The event will be Monday, Sept. 13, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. at the Beverly Hills Park Recreation Building.

Textbooks open for review

Textbooks for consideration in the 2011 state adoption are available for public review at the Region 4 Education Service Center located at 7135 W. Tidwell. To set an appointment, call 713-462-7708.

Vendors sought for festival

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

Sagemont Church growth continues

South Belt residents traveling on Beltway 8 recently have likely noticed the massive construction efforts taking place at Sagemont Church.

The endeavor is part of the church's \$25 million renovation and beautification project.

Designs call for a new sanctuary, an educational space and extensive landscaping to be installed at the site.

The 170-foot cross erected on the church grounds last year was also part of the ongoing project.

In all, the renovations will provide roughly 120,000 square feet of new building space, according to church administrator Jim Green.

The sanctuary will serve as a place for worship and seat approximately 2,500. Multiple ser-

VICES are planned to take place in the new facility, Green said.

The educational space, which will consist of two separate wings stemming from the sanctuary, will focus primarily on teaching adults through the church's iCONNECT program. Some classes will be geared specifically toward single adults and seniors.

Green noted the church already constructed an educational space for youths back in 2001.

New landscaping at the church is projected to cost approximately \$750,000 and will be done in installments as the new facility is being built.

According to Green, the new center is expect-

ed to be framed up and "dried in" from outside elements by the end of December. The interior of the new facility, however, is not scheduled to be complete until September 2011.

PISD locks down Dobie

The *Leader* received several phone calls from concerned Dobie parents between 5 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, as to why they were unable to pick up their children from the high school.

According to Pasadena Independent School District spokeswoman Candace Ahlfinger, the incident stemmed from a domestic dispute, with a wife showing up at Dobie with concerns about her husband. No other details were available at press time.

Ahlfinger said the school was placed under lockdown as a precautionary measure with all students still on campus being told to remain indoors.

Band students, cheerleaders and athletes were among those affected.

Neighboring Moore Elementary was also being watched by PISD police, Ahlfinger said.

The lockdown was lifted about 6:15 p.m. when police deemed the campus safe.

"It is better to err on the side of caution," Ahlfinger said.

Former JFD student found dead at home

A former Dobie student was found dead by his father Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the 9900 block of Southport Drive near Keese Drive at about 10 a.m.

Patrick Carver, 18, had reportedly been shot multiple times.

According to police, the boy's father, Russell Carver, discovered his son in the front room of the residence.

Authorities said items were missing from the home but had not determined a motive at press time.

No further details were immediately available.



Sagemont Church

Photo by Matt Griesmyer

Friends promote Patriot Day by providing free flags to fly

South Belt resident Carolyn Friend is on a mission to encourage area residents to fly American flags on Patriot Day, Saturday, Sept. 11.

To help in this goal, Friend will provide flags free of charge to South Belters who wish to dis-

play them.

Friend was inspired to distribute the flags after being disappointed by the lack of patriotism shown during other recent holidays.

"It was noticed that Memorial Day came and

went, Flag Day came and went, even the Fourth of July came and went, and only one-half of 1 percent of houses in the South Belt area displayed an American flag of any size," Friend said. "Let us not forget to display our flags on Sept. 11 in memory of all the innocents who died or were injured that day."

In keeping with this thought, Friend recently ordered 200 8 inch by 12 inch American flags from an online vendor to give to the *Leader* to distribute.

Inspired by Friend, South Belt resident Kathleen Taylor purchased an additional 100 flags to be distributed.

The flags will be given away for free with a limit of one per home and may be picked up at the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* office, 11555 Beamer, from Wednesday, Sept. 8, to Friday, Sept. 10.

If not all of the flags are claimed, Friend hopes to do a similar drive for Veteran's Day in November.

Man caught exposing himself

A South Belt resident was arrested Sunday, Aug. 29, after allegedly exposing himself to a female employee at a local fast food restaurant.

Deputy Lance Willis from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to the incident, which occurred at the Sonic Drive-In at 11110 Scarsdale Blvd., at roughly 7:30 p.m.

According to Willis, a male customer ordered a soft drink while parked at the establishment. When a female employee, or carhop, attempted to serve the customer, he was reportedly exposed and gratifying himself.

The employee then notified her manager, who

approached the customer's vehicle to find him attempting to cover himself up with a T-shirt.

The customer was then told to leave the property.

The car's license plates led Willis to a home in the 11000 block of Sageberry.

While the resident of the home admitted to being exposed at the establishment, he denied it was intentional and said he was merely changing clothes after having gone swimming.

After being positively identified by the restaurant's manager, the suspect, a 24-year-old white male, was arrested and charged with indecent exposure.

Bank robbery suspect sought

The Wells Fargo bank on Beltway 8 near the Gulf Freeway was robbed Thursday, Aug. 26, at roughly 9:40 a.m.

According to FBI Special Agent Pat Villafranca, a lone suspect entered the bank with a silver revolver and announced his intention of robbing the establishment.

Villafranca referred to the incident as a "take-over," as opposed to most other bank robberies where a suspect subtly passes a note to the teller.

Before leaving the bank, the suspect fired a single warning shot, but no one was struck.

As the suspect left the bank, he carjacked a turquoise Toyota Highlander sport utility vehicle with Texas plates BZ8C189 from a bank employee who was just arriving at work.

At press time, the vehicle had not been recovered.

The suspect is described as being a black male between 25 and 35 years old, wearing a yellow short-sleeved Polo-type shirt with blue jeans and a baseball cap.

Anyone with any information about this case is urged to call the FBI at 713-693-5000 or Houston Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

The Great Storm revisited



Dobie graduates Peter Wittenberg (left), class of '88 and Mark Stanley (right), class of '89 are among several actors and crew helping to perform *The Great Storm* by playwright Aaron Alon, a series of 10 short plays portraying the life of different people during the events of Hurricane Ike. Wittenberg and Stanley, along with Karen Schlag, class of '88, and others are performing the play at Obsidian Art Space on 3522 White Oak in Houston. Ticket prices are not set, but suggested ticket price is \$15. Photos submitted

Police chase ends with crash

A police chase that took place Monday, Aug. 30, ended with a collision and three suspects being arrested.

The pursuit began about 2:30 p.m. on Blackhawk near Moore Elementary when an officer from the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department who was helping direct traffic at the school attempted to stop a vehicle for a routine infraction.

Rather than stop for the officer, however, the driver sped off toward Beltway 8.

One of the vehicle's two passengers, Mafileo Kefu, jumped out of the moving car on Blackhawk and was quickly apprehended. Kefu, 22, was determined to have two outstanding warrants for drug possession.

The chase continued east down the beltway,

but came to a stop when the vehicle's driver, Davajae Prince-Williams struck a cement pillar while trying to navigate north onto Beamer.

Once the car crashed, the vehicle's second passenger, Tierre Williams, fled on foot down Beamer toward Beverly Hills Intermediate, where he too was apprehended.

Williams, 17, was charged with misdemeanor evading arrest.

Uninjured in the crash, Prince-Williams, 18, was apprehended and charged with felony evading arrest.

All three suspects are listed as being South Belt residents.

Officers from the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Sheriff's Office assisted in the chase.

Traffic stop leads to drug arrest

A traffic stop in the 11500 block of Beamer near Beltway 8 on Friday, Aug. 27, led to an arrest for cocaine possession.

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Sgt. Zerick Guinn was patrolling the area about 12:30 p.m. when he spotted a vehicle driving erratically and changing lanes without signalling.

Guinn pulled the car over and found both the driver and passenger to be acting nervously.

The passenger of the vehicle did not have any identification, but provided Guinn with his name and date of birth. Upon running his information, Guinn determined the man to have an open war-

rant in Brazoria County for a parole violation.

Guinn ordered both men out of the car and gained consent from the driver to conduct a search of the vehicle.

Upon searching the car, Guinn found a small plastic baggie containing three white rocks between the passenger's seat and seat frame. A field test of the substance concluded it was cocaine.

The vehicle's passenger, Scarsdale resident Carnell Walker, 19, was subsequently arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. The car's driver was ticketed for having an open container of alcohol, but was not arrested.

Dobie grads remember Ike

By Matt Griesmyer

Hurricane Ike hit land around 1 a.m. the morning of Sept. 13 in Galveston.

Ike tore families from their homes and homes from their foundations and left ruined terrain in its wake.

While residents may remember and possibly may still be cleaning up from the storm, three Dobie grads, along with other Houston residents, are taking it upon themselves to revisit the storm through the theatrical arts.

Peter Wittenberg and Karen Schlag, Dobie class of '88, and Mark Stanley, Dobie '89, have banded together with other playwrights and actors to create *The Great Storm*, a series of 10 short plays that takes place during the events of Ike.

The short play series will be at Obsidian Art Space at 3522 White Oak in Houston Sept. 9-11 and Sept. 16-18 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are pay-what-you-can, with a suggested ticket price of \$15.

The 10 short plays comprise different stories in the life of people throughout the course of the storm.

Short plays include *Bare Necessities*, a story

of two friends in a checkout line at a supermarket in preparation for the storm and *Visitor*, a very common tale about a Galveston resident who, while staying with a friend in Houston after the hurricane, worries about the fate of his home and business.

"These are stories that everyone can identify with," Wittenberg said. "The long lines at grocery stores, not knowing anything, lack of electricity and people getting closer after the storm is something that happened to most people during Ike."

The series itself has been read before in a theater setting.

Last year, on the one-year anniversary of Ike, a group of local artists, writers and actors got together and read the plays as a benefit in the Etc Theater in Galveston.

"Everyone liked the performance, so we decided to put together (*The Great Storm*)," Wittenberg said. "But it is more than that. It is writing about Houstonians and residents of the Gulf Coast. Its about doing things for the people around here."

Portions of the proceeds from *The Great Storm* will go to Galveston Historical Society.

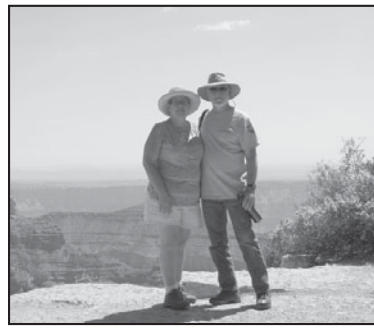
Thompson staff enjoys summer vacation



Pre-AP Science teacher Martha Weatherford and husband Bill in Glacier Bay of Alaska.



Librarian Amy (right) and Stan Whalen stand atop Bootleg Canyon in Nevada preparing to ascend the first of four zip lines.



Science Department Chair Felicia Pett and husband David at North Rim of Grand Canyon July 2010.



Coach Ashley Chaddock and her son, Brydan, enjoyed their vacation at the beach. At left, Brydan loves the pool. Right, Brydan is workin' the mohawk and letting mom give smooches.



At right, Melinda Funni and granddaughter, Emma Rebecca Parker, enjoy some of their first moments together.



Nurse Jessica Krustchinsky and her family, husband Jerry and kids Marissa and Evan, visited Magic Kingdom at Disney World in Florida.



Cherrise Lindsley and Mike Hammer prepare to board the Natchez steamboat for a dinner cruise along the Mississippi in New Orleans.



Above, Coach Bob Boyes and wife Gail pose with the Blue Man Group in Las Vegas. Below, science teacher Carol Waters enjoys her role as Mission Specialist 1 and flight director at Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala.



Deaths

James Terrell Finley



James "Jim" Terrell Finley, 65, of South Belt, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010.

Finley is survived by his wife, Cheryl, and three children, Whitney, Kelly and Scott, all of Houston, and one grandson, Isaac James.

Finley and his wife lived in Houston for almost 35 years and were married for more than 41 years. He worked as an engineer in the Houston area for Crown Petroleum, GB Biosciences, and last for United Valve.

Finley and his wife were instrumental in working the remediation plan for the Brio Superfund Site. They were one of the first couples involved in the multi-year project.

Finley served in the Vietnam War for two years for the

U.S. Army as captain of the engineering unit, the 553rd Floating Bridge Brigade. His faith and family were his top priority. He was especially proud of his kids and loved seeing them excel in school, life and faith. He was a member of Sagemont Church.

Finley loved the outdoors, he enjoyed reading the Bible, fishing, kayaking, camping, welding and being the all-around handyman.

The service celebrating Finley's life was held Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment was at Houston National Cemetery.

Joe Pete Grizzaffi

Joe Pete Grizzaffi, 82, of South Belt, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010. He was born Oct. 22, 1927, in Houston.

Grizzaffi is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Rose, and his brothers, Luke, Anthony, Bennie, Johnnie, Vincent and Sam.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Bernadine Tallierne Grizzaffi; his children, Frank Grizzaffi and wife Kathy, Kathy Campise and husband Charles, and Susan Towey and husband James; grandchildren Jeff, Greg and Katie Grizzaffi, Christopher, Joe, Ryan and Valerie Campise, and Jennifer and Daniel Towey; eight great-grandchildren; sister Angelina Joslin;

numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

A Mass of Resurrection was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 30, 2010, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road.

Rite of committal followed at Forest Park Lawn-dale Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jeff and Greg Grizzaffi, Chris, Joe and Ryan Campise, and Daniel Towey.

John Robert Moran

John Robert "Popo" Moran, 96, of South Belt, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2010. He was born in Los Angeles on Dec. 15, 1913, to John Robert Moran and Mary Pearl Gordon Moran.

Moran was baptized on his 7th birthday in San Bernardino, Calif. He graduated from Gretna High School in Gretna, La., in 1932. He worked for Lykes Brothers Steamship Company from 1932 to 1940. During that time, he achieved the status of chief mate. From 1940 to 1948, Moran worked for Pan American Airways as a flight navigator. During WWII he was on loan from Pan American to the armed forces.

He set up a school and was a navigator instructor in Miami until 1945. After the war, Moran returned to New York and continued working for Pan American as a flight

navigator until 1948.

In 1948, he moved to Needles, Calif., where he built and operated the Lazy J Motel. In 1951, he moved to Houston and went back to work for Lykes Brothers Steamship Company as a stevedore supervisor at the Port of Houston until he retired in 1982.

He was an active member of the Odd Fellows Lodge for 62 years. He and his wife, Mary Dean Smith, were married 58 years and 8 months when she preceded him in death.

Moran is survived by his son, John R. "Jack" Moran daughter and son-in-law Patricia and Larry Eubanks four grandchildren and their spouses, Dawna and David Dyson, John and Cheri Moran, Paula and Jeff Owens and Ross and Kerrie Eubanks; five great-grandchildren, Emily Dyson, Jessica Crane, Weston Owens, Clare Owens and Hudson Eubanks.

Services were held Monday, Aug. 30, 2010, in the Chapel at Forest Park East Funeral Home. Interment followed in Forest Park East Cemetery.

The Rev. Stan Gerber of St. Timothy's Anglican Church officiated. Grandson Ross Eubanks shared with a eulogy.

Pallbearers were David Dyson, Ross Eubanks, Larry Eubanks, John Moran, Jeff Owens and Weston Owens.

College extends *Shaken* to raise funds to fight Parkinson's disease

San Jacinto College Central's theater and film department will extend *Shaken* for a special fundraising performance on Friday, Sept. 3. All proceeds from the one-day-only show will be donated to the Houston Area Parkinson Society.

The college presented the world premiere of *Shaken* on Aug. 27, with plans to run for one weekend only. The performance was so well received that Dr. Jerry Ivins, director of the show, decided to extend the show as a way to help the fight against Parkinson's disease.

"We encourage the community to come out and enjoy this humorous, entertaining, and often poignant show, while also helping to find a cure for this disorder," Ivins commented.

Shaken is an inspirational dark comedy written by Dr. David LeMaster, a widely published English professor at the college. The Sept. 3 performance will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the Powell Arena Theatre on the Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

"*Shaken* is a chronicle of LeMaster's struggle with early onset Parkinson's disease. "Heavily influenced by Charlie Chaplin, Jimmy Durante, Buster Keaton and the Marx Brothers, the play takes a comedic, Vaudevillian approach to a serious subject and teaches us to laugh in the face of adversity," commented LeMaster.

In addition to teaching at San Jac, LeMaster is a prolific author. He has written more than 50 short stories and plays, many of which are children's plays produced by Brooklyn Publishers. He is serving as the resident playwright for *Shaken*, working closely with the cast and crew during rehearsals at the Powell Arena Theatre.

"I've written all my life, and writing is my passion, so when I learned of my illness I instantly knew I

wanted to write about it," he remarked. "I spent nearly a year writing a memoir, but realized it wasn't the right venue. My goal with the play is to help other people recognize their own challenges and discover themselves as they find methods to cope. Hopefully the audience will come to the conclusion I've taken from *Hamlet*, which serves as the theme of my show: there is nothing good or bad but

thinking makes it so."

LeMaster says the goal of the production is not to vent or call attention to himself, but to educate the public in hopes of finding a cure and to encourage viewers, healthy or not, to examine their own lives and to find their own senses of peace. "We all have afflictions," he commented. "They are part of the human condition. *Shaken* is for anyone with a physical or mental

challenge, anyone who believes they've lost hope for tomorrow. You haven't. Find your peace. Find your life."

Admission to the fundraising performance is \$10 per person.

Tickets will be available at the door, and further information can be obtained by calling 281-542-2039, or by calling the Houston Area Parkinson Society at 713-626-7114.

Perry speaks on education funds

Gov. Rick Perry recently issued the following statement regarding the U.S. House of Representatives vote to pass legislation that included language specifically targeting Texas with restrictions related to the distribution and use of education funds.

"Educating our children is one of our highest priorities, and Texas has a strong track record of continuous educational improvement. From rising standardized test scores

to recognition as a national leader for having the steps in place to prepare our students for success in college and the workplace, Texas schools are moving in the right direction.

"Despite Texas' public school success, Lloyd Doggett and the misguided congressional majority are putting Texas in the position of violating our state constitution to receive additional federal funding for Texas students.

"It is unfortunate that Washington continues to play partisan games with Texans' tax dollars and the very future of our children. Texas will not surrender to Washington's one-size-fits-all, deficit-spending mindset or let Washington do to the Texas budget what they have done to the federal budget.

"We'll continue to work with state leaders, including the attorney general, to fight this injustice."

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MHSE offers new pediatric weight management program

In its commitment to help fight childhood obesity, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital will launch a free pediatric weight management program for the community.

The Memorial Hermann Southeast Pediatric Weight Management Program is a family-based, group behavioral and educational program. The goal is to promote lifelong healthy eating and exercise habits for overweight children, adolescents and their families.

"From the start of the program to graduation and beyond, our team of specialists will be with the families every step of their journey to a healthier new life," said Sonny Gornek, dietitian at Memorial Hermann Southeast. "Our program is aimed to educate, counsel and implement new, healthier behaviors for the entire family."

The program calls for families to meet each week for six weeks with the comprehensive team of specialists.

Each session is 120 minutes long and is broken down into three segments.

During the first segment, the family will be privately weighed and measured.

During the second segment, children and parents will be divided into separate groups, and then the families will reconvene in a large group for the last segment.

During this time participants will learn to:

- identify and avoid high calorie, low nutrition foods;
- develop better exercise habits;
- reduce sedentary behaviors;
- follow a healthy, balanced diet, even in difficult situations like family gatherings, holidays, and parties;

maintain a healthy weight over the long term.

The participants of this program will be guided by a dedicated team of professionals, including: internal medicine physicians, dietitians, child life specialists, mental health professionals, specially trained nurses, affiliated fitness consultants, and peer support groups.

Participants will also receive ongoing support following participation.

Upon completion, families will be provided with highly effective motivational, psychological and group support options to help maximize the benefits of the program.

The fall session begins Saturday, Sept. 18. To register for the program, call 713-222-CARE (2273).

To learn more about the Memorial Hermann Southeast Pediatric Weight Management Program, visit www.memorialhermann.org.

PW Library events set

The following events are scheduled for the week of Sept. 2-8 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

On Saturday, Sept. 4, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

The library will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 6.

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

Library closed on Tuesdays

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

St. Luke's offers tutoring

St. Luke the Evangelist Church, located at 11011 Hall Road, will offer free tutoring beginning Sept. 21 on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring will be held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

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- Scan Specialists USA will be here to make appointments for ultrasound health screening at Easthaven on Sept. 18th. (Cost: \$145-\$189)

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Williams-Yates: Gold medal winner turned coach

By Matt Griesmyer

"The South Belt area taught me that community can always rally if called upon," said Christa Williams-Yates, girls' softball coach and health teacher at Manvel High School.

Williams-Yates has always been interested in sports, but her passion and skill for softball, which continues today, manifested in Olympic gold as a member of the U.S. Softball Team for 1996 and 2000.

When she lived in the South Belt area and attended Dobie, she was just Christa Williams. She may not have grown up in South Belt area, but she did spend her high school – and Olympic gold medalist years – locally.

Williams-Yates was involved in playing volleyball, softball and basketball when she first got to Dobie but dedicated herself entirely to softball for the final three years of her high school education. Williams-Yates directly benefited from this, as she was selected to play for the U.S. softball team in both the '96 and '00 Summer Olympics; teams which won the gold medal both years.



Christa Williams-Yates (far right) stops for a picture with her husband Mark Yates and daughter Kendall.

When Williams-Yates was playing for Dobie, winning two state titles with her team, she remembers

the support of the community throughout their rise to the top.

"The first year that I was in high school at Dobie, we did not have much as a squad," Williams-Yates said. "I gradually drifted toward being a teacher and coach. I like trying to make an impact on kids' lives."

Never leaving softball, Williams-Yates met her husband while playing soft-pitch within the Pearl-land community. Mark Yates, her husband of two years, currently works for AT&T Corp., and together they have a 13-month-old daughter named Kendall.

The road to where Christa is now has not always been paved with Olympic gold.

"I retired from playing softball when I was at an age at which I could still compete; I was playing my best game," she said. "It is hard to look back and wonder 'what if.' As if that were not enough, my newest challenge is being a mom. I have to balance being a mother, wife, teacher and coach all at once."

While Christa's plan for the future is brief, it shows her adaptability and confidence in herself.

"I am just trying to get through the year; as a teacher I can't look too far ahead," she said. "I am just enjoying what I have, living life day by day and seeing what happens."

Christa still comes out to the area to visit and for the occasional meal.

"I come out there from time to time," she said. "I used to think the old Dobie was big – the new Dobie is really big. It is weird how big the area has gotten. It is amazing to me how much (South Belt) has grown."

Christa's parents currently reside in Pearland. Her mother, Patricia, is a land analyst, and her father, Ed, works for AT&T Corp. Her brother, Edward, works at AT&T Corp. as well and plays slow pitch softball.

Even though she feels that the area has changed quite a bit, there is one thing that remains constant about the area where Williams-Yates spent her high school years.

"Whenever I go back to South Belt, I always feel like I am walking into open arms," she said.

Lariaettes excel at Crowd Pleasers Line Camp



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes attended Crowd Pleasers Line Camp Aug. 2-4, 2010. They spent three days working hard, learning four football season routines, as well as spending a great amount of time focusing on dance technique and performance, leadership and teambuilding. They did an outstanding job, leaving with numerous ribbons and awards. The Lariaettes will show what they learned and perform during halftime at Dobie Lighthorn football games. Pictured with two of the camp's staff members are the 2010-2011 J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes at the conclusion of Line Camp: Left to right, (front row) Blanca Garza, Tori Gomez, Sandra Gonzalez, Katia Ceja, Clarissa Vega, Deseray Figueroa, Karena Duran, Denise Ma, Jasmine Johnson, Jasmine Walker, (second row) Feliss Goree, Rachel Moore, Cassandra Velasquez, Angelica Guevara, Joanna Garza,

Ashley Rodriguez, Cindy Guzman, Amanda Palacios, Anissia Bell, Taylor Sias, Tearra Small, Breyonna Milton, (third row) Bhrianna Fair, Shante McGill, Kameko Bryant, Delilah Galindo, Phyleesha Daigle, Cecilia Uribe, Marina Sanchez, Lorin Mata, Anna-Queen Onokwu, Monique Lewis, Amanda Medrano, Samantha Green, Kaila Hernandez, Layla Brown, Kayla Smith, Demi Ayala, Tabitha Troxlar, Thu Nyugen, Princess Tabarez, Katie Tyer, Maritza Perez, Paige Cavazos, (fourth row) President Katlyn Hoggard, Party Girl Caitlin Woods, Crowd Pleasers staff Megan Smith, Crowd Pleasers staff Alaina Flores, Spirit Leader Briana Harper, Vice President Asia Allen, (back row) Lt. Alyssa Loredo, Capt. Jontay Warner, Lt. Elise Harper, Col. Aimee Cessna, Lt. Col. Aracely Perez and Maj. Alaina Burns.

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All Stars, Elite Performers named



All Stars: Several Lariaettes were named Crowd Pleasers Line Camp All Stars. This means they excelled at all routines and were awarded ribbons and recognized numerous times for their hard work and performance throughout camp. Pictured above with their certificates are, left to right, (front row) Denise Ma, Lt. Alyssa Loredo, Monique Lewis, Sandra Gonzalez, Katia Ceja, Lt. Elise Harper, (back row) Victoria Gomez, President Katlyn Hoggard, Joanna Garza, Shante McGill, Col. Aimee Cessna, Maj. Alaina Burns, Capt. Jon'tay Warner, Lt. Col. Aracely Perez and Amanda Palacios.

Elite Performers: Five Lariaettes were chosen by Crowd Pleasers staff members as Crowd Pleasers Elite Performers at Line Camp. Pictured at left with the new bags they received are, left to right, (front row) Hard Worker Sandra Gonzalez; Outstanding Old Member Katia Ceja; (back row) Outstanding New Member Kameko Bryant; "Soul Sister" Aimee Cessna for exemplifying the true meaning of what it is to be a Lariaette and representing the camps theme, *The Soul Movement*; and Miss Congeniality Samantha Green.

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Christus St. John Hospital, Nassau Bay is partnering with the nature center on the event, making for a perfect fit for this month's topic. Hospital personnel will set up fitness stations and offer health screenings. This is a great opportunity to learn important information about blood pressure, BMI (body mass index, a measure of body fat based on height and weight), grip strength, stretching and flexibility.

The two-hour Saturday morning event provides a wide variety of activities all geared toward getting fit while enjoying a touch of Mother Nature. Dr. John Cottingham, family practice physician from League City, will speak about the overall health benefits of being outside.

Nature center volunteer Sandy Parker will give an outdoor yoga demonstration.

Other local organizations and businesses also participate as Bay Area Fit, a group of runners and walkers of all abilities, provides information about their organization.

On the Run, an athletic shoe and clothing store on Bay Area Boulevard, will offer store coupons and talk about proper shoe choices and fit.

Each month the nature center helps the community reconnect with nature in family-friendly ways. Be a part of the fun as the nature center brings another exciting

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This event is scheduled for Sept. 13, 20 and 27, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Melvin Knapp Center, 2424 South Park Avenue in Pearland. Participation in all three sessions is recommended.

Led by Dion McInnis, UHCL associate vice president for university advancement, the workshop, *Memo-*

ries to Memoirs, provides information and encouragement for seasoned and aspiring authors. All programs are free and open to the public, but registration is requested.

The workshop is sponsored by Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs at UHCL as an outreach initiative that provides education and intellectual challenge to community members.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR LAURA
 Laura Garner will celebrate her birthday Sunday, Sept. 5. Congratulations are sent from husband **B.J.**, daughters **Jennifer Johnson** and **Julie Martin**, grandchildren **Allison, Ana** and **Olivia**, and Laura's patients and friends.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 2 through Sept. 8.

Atkinson Elementary
 Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Belva Alaniz** Sept. 3.
Burnett Elementary
 Celebrating a birthday Sept. 5 is **Esmeralda Paredes**.
Frazier Elementary
 A happy birthday greeting is sent on Sept. 3 to **Maria Arriaga**. On Sept. 8,

Paula Golden enjoys a birthday.
Moore Elementary
 Birthday greetings are sent to **Veronica Rangel** Sept. 2. The day for a cake for **Viet Lam** is Sept. 4.

South Belt Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Amy Otwell** on Sept. 3. **Thu Duong** is wished a happy birthday on Sept. 4. Marking a birthday Sept. 8 is **Anh Ton**.

Melillo Middle School
 Sept. 3 is the day for a birthday surprise for **Deanna Little**.
Morris Middle School
 Sharing a birthday Sept. 4 are **Maria Chapa** and **Kristy Lee**. On Sept. 6, blow out the birthday candles for **Wendy Stal**. Sept. 7 is the date for a party for **Jamie Otto**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 The day for a cake for **Sandra Gomez**

and **Dawn Nguyen** is Sept. 2. Sharing a birthday Sept. 5 are **Norma Alba** and **Sonia Linares**.

Thompson Intermediate
 The day to send a birthday greeting to **Elizabeth Ramirez** is Sept. 3. **Amy Whalen** enjoys a birthday Sept. 4. The day for a cake for **Ca-Lishea Woods** is Sept. 7.

Dobie High
 Special birthday wishes are sent to **Caleb Hernandez** Sept. 2. On Sept. 3, a birthday is celebrated by **Gregory Mitchell**. Sept. 8 is the day for a birthday party for **Dianne Berreth**.

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Lariaette of the Week



The Lariaette of the Week for Aug. 23 through Aug. 27 is **Amanda Palacios**, the daughter of **Celina** and **Kent Monroe**. She is a sophomore and a first-year member of the Lariaettes.



De Los Santos awarded scholarships

Julia De Los Santos, a 2010 Dobie High School graduate, was recently awarded the prestigious U.S. Marine Corps Scholarship. This scholarship is given to a son or daughter of a U.S. Marine. Her father, **Jimmy De Los Santos**, served 20 years in the Corps. De Los Santos also received the **Guadalupe and Catholic Daughters scholarships** sponsored by **St. Luke the Evangelist Church**, as well as the **Stuchbery Elementary PTO Scholarship**. She grew up in the South Belt area attending **Stuchbery, Thompson Intermediate** and **Dobie**, where she was heavily involved in sports and part of the **Dobie Longhorn Marching Band**. She plans to attend **San Jacinto College South**, then transfer to **Sam Houston State University** or the **University of Texas-San Antonio**. She is the daughter of **Jimmy and Janie De Los Santos** and sister of **Emilio De Los Santos** of **Woodmeadow**.

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The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam. It tests what students have actually learned in school, not their aptitude for learning. It also measures what students need to know to be ready for first year credit-bearing college courses based on ACT College Readiness Standard. ACT has four sections - English, mathematics, reading and science - and takes about three hours to complete.

Students who take the ACT Plus Writing complete an optional writing test that requires an additional 30 minutes. Unlike other exams, students are not penalized for guessing or answering all the questions on each test section. In fact, it is beneficial for test takers to answer all questions within the time allowed.

During registration, students may select up to four universities to receive their score reports. ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities across the United States. ACT reports scores only when requested to do so by the student.

Each test taker receives an ACT score report that includes information to assist with high school course selection, college readiness, career planning, and college admissions. The cost for the ACT test without writing is \$33. When combined with the optional ACT Writing Test, the total cost is \$48. Students who qualify may apply for a fee waiver through their high school counselor.

The Web site, www.actstudent.org, has information, free sample items, and options to order inexpensive test prep materials to assist test takers get ready for the exam. However, the best preparation is to take rigorous core courses in school, study hard, and learn the academic skills needed in college.

Most students register online at www.actstudent.org. Students may also pick up registration forms from their high school counseling offices.

Registration is available until Oct. 1, 2010, for an extra \$21 fee.

Remember When

30 years ago (1980)
 Pasadena Independent School District enrollment figures showed that once again the South Belt area - which accounted for one-fourth of the district's 35,415 enrollment - had the district's largest high school, intermediate school and elementary school - **Dobie High, Thompson Intermediate** and **Burnett Elementary**.
 Numerous South Belt business establishments had used their marquees to send out get well wishes to Houston Astro pitcher **J.R. Richard** since his surgery the previous month.

25 years ago (1985)
 U.S. Postal Service officials acknowledged that traffic flow problems existed within the potential service area of a planned post office for the South Belt area and said that the Postal Service would support South Belt Coalition efforts to get the problems resolved.

10 years ago (2000)
 Pasadena Independent School District involved faculty and staff in planning for the new **Dobie**.
Gene Paul Robertson, 28, was arrested and charged with felony murder in the death of **Anthony "Tony" Chapin**, 23.

5 years ago (2005)
 Local elected officials expressed optimism for the military presence at **Ellington Field** to continue despite being affected by the **Base Realignment and Closure** committee. The **Texas Air National Guard** was slated to lose its **F-16s**, which would result in the loss of about half of the personnel of the **147th Fighter Interceptor Group**.

1 year ago (2009)
Matheos Pitikas, 24, who was wanted in connection with the July 25 robbery of the **Chase Bank** in the 11200 block of **Beltway 8**, died Sunday, Aug. 30, of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, following a three-day manhunt in the **Florida panhandle**.

A grand opening was held for the new non-denominational chapel at **Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital**. The renovation was chosen by hospital staff as their 2008 employee campaign project. The campaign was one of the most successful in the hospital's history with employees, physicians and community members raising roughly \$56,000.

20 years ago (1990)
 Approximately 1,400 feet of noise reduction barriers would be included in the extension of **Beltway 8** through the South Belt area.
 First-day enrollment for **PISD** schools increased by 2,070 students from 33,817 to 35,887. Both elementary and secondary school enrollments rose by approximately 1,000 students.

16-year-old male student at **Dobie High School** apparently suffered a superficial knife wound during an alleged robbery attempt on campus.

South Belt resident Opal Piercy, deaf since the age of 9, made history by talking to **Gov. Bill Clements** on a special telephone system for the deaf.

Houston vice officers raided a **Scarsdale** apartment complex after an anonymous tip that pornographic-related activities were taking place in one of the units.
 Work on a new section of the **beltway** that would ultimately stretch past **Interstate 45** and **Beamer Road** was expected to begin during the month according to representatives of the **Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation**.

The **City of Houston** planned to begin construction the following year of a regional, 50 million gallons-a-day water treatment plant on the north side of **Ellington**, east of **Highway 3**.

Gas prices in Houston soared. Regular unleaded at **South Belt area stations** ranged from \$2.74 to \$3.31 per gallon. This was after **Hurricane Katrina** hit the **Gulf Coast** but before **Rita** threatened the **Houston area**.

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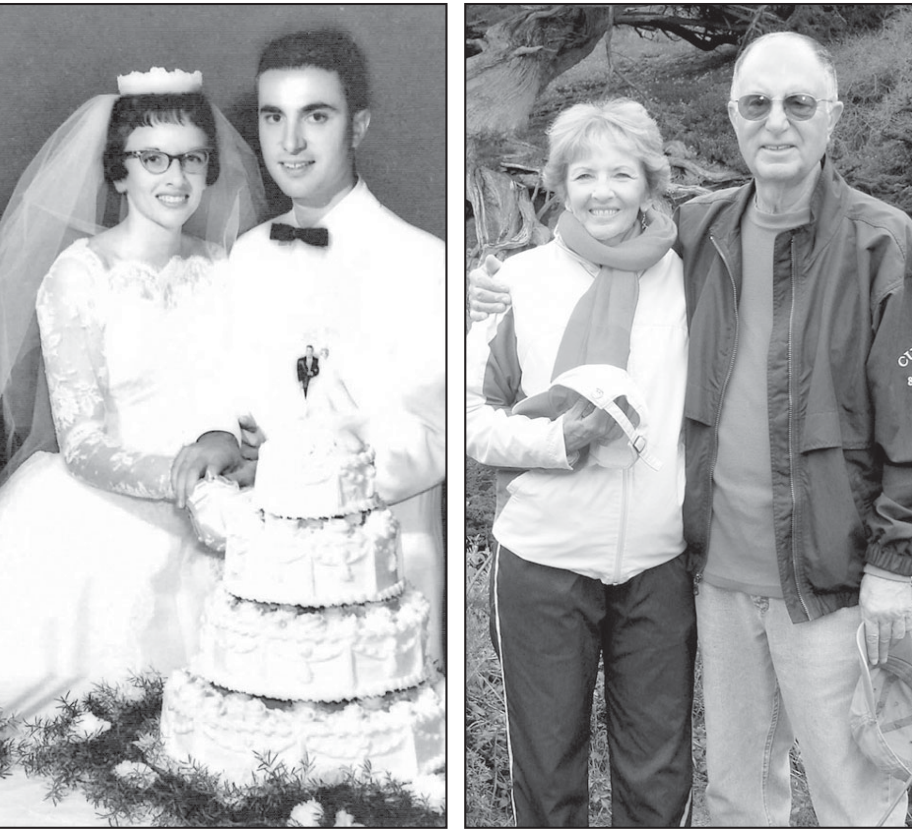
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Kraficks celebrate 50th anniversary



Joe and Donna Krafick celebrated their Golden Anniversary on July 22, 2010. Fifty years ago, they married in Charleston, W.Va., and then moved to Sagement in 1966. Donna is a homemaker, and Joe worked for Ethyl Corporation as a chemical engineer until his retirement in 1994. They have two daughters, Kim Krafick Eastland and Kelly Krafick Jacob, both graduates of Dobie High School (classes '79 and '82, respectively). Joe and Donna are spending their retirement years traveling, connecting with friends, and spending time with their family. They have two grandchildren, Shelbey Eastland Hart and Phillip Eastland, both college grads who live in the Dallas area. An anniversary party is planned in September at the home of their daughter, Kelly, in the Houston Heights.

Caton, Fitzmorris wed



Daniel Thomas Fitzmorris and Jessica Lynn Caton were united in marriage Saturday, July 10, 2010, at Adams Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs, Mo. The bride is the daughter of Bryan Caton and Laurie Boone of Kansas City, Mo. She is a 2005 graduate of Grain Valley High School in Grain Valley, Mo., and a 2009 graduate of Missouri Valley College with a bachelor's degree in human service agency management and recreation administration. She is currently doing accounting at Mountain View Apartments and serves at Granite City Food and Brewery in Kansas City. The groom is the son of Tom and Mary Beth Fitzmorris of Houston. He is a 1999 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School and a 2009 graduate of Missouri Valley College with a bachelor's degree in exercise science. He is currently a football coach at Pembroke Hill High School and does maintenance at Mountain-View Apartments. The couple resides in Gladstone, Mo., with plans to move back to Houston in April 2011. They are expecting their first child, Ella Lynn Fitzmorris, in mid-November.

Local chapter of American Association for Women in Community Colleges established

San Jacinto College has established a local chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC) to offer support and maximize the potential of women working in higher education. Dr. Sarah Janes, vice president of continuing and professional development operations, will serve as president of the chapter; Dr. Toni Pendergrass, vice president of instruction at SJC South, will serve as president-elect; Dr. Catherine O'Brien, dean of teaching and learning, will serve as secretary; and Niki Whiteside, vice president for educational technology, will serve as treasurer. South campus President Dr. Maureen Murphy serves as president-elect of the national AAWCC. "This is a very valuable organization for women," said Janes. "Members will learn about professional development, particularly to women working in higher education. Our primary goal will include

activities for women that benefit the internal or external SJC community. However, anyone can join." Membership is open to all faculty, staff, students and administrators. Annual dues, from date of membership establishment, will be based on an individual's income level. Janes said the chapter will announce the first meeting in the near future, which will cover finalizing the chapter charter and defining major functions and focus. "I am looking forward to working with the chapter members to support educational and leadership initiatives that strengthen the college and the community," said Pendergrass.

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Pictured are, left to right, officers of the newly established American Association for Women in Community College chapter at San Jacinto College: Dr. Toni Pendergrass, vice president of instruction at SJC South, as president-elect; Dr. Catherine O'Brien, dean of teaching and learning, as secretary; Dr. Sarah Janes, vice president of continuing and professional development operations, as president; and Niki Whiteside, vice president for educational technology, as treasurer. Photo by Jeannie Peng-Armao, San Jacinto College marketing department

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SJC student wins computer



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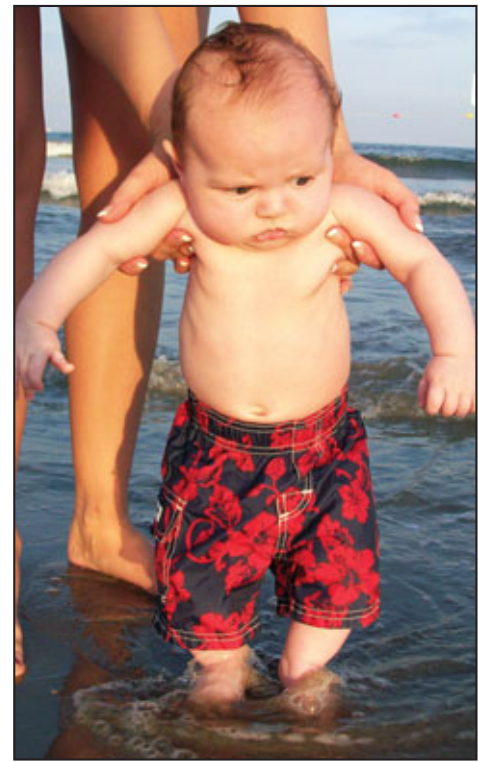
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South Belters share vacation photos

Old friends visit in Cabo



South Belters Todd and Lori Whistler (right photo) and Greg and Barbara Dugat traveled to Cabo San Lucas. Bill and Janet Platt of Dickinson and Mike Wise and Tonya Watkins of Pearland also joined them. Todd and Lori Whistler and Greg and Barbara Dugat are 1981 and 1982 graduates of J. Frank Dobie High. Todd and Lori own Architrave Construction & Design, Inc. Pictured directly above are, left to right, Greg and Barbara Dugat and Todd and Lori Whistler. In the bottom right photo are Barbara, Greg, Mike Wise, Tonya Watkins, Lori and Todd.



First beach visit

Tyler Jay Nicks plays at the beach for the first time with his mother, Cheresa Wood, of South Belt. In the top left and photo directly at left, Tyler experiences the feel of waves and sand between his toes. His cousin, Ava Spendley (left), and her friend, Mia Andrade, are pictured in the bottom left photo enjoying summer vacation with Tyler on Galveston Island.

Kaderkas cruise to the Leeward Islands

The Kaderkas of Sageglen enjoyed a cruise to the Leeward Islands which visited San Juan, Puerto Rico, Barbados, Antigua, St. Lucia, St. Maarten and St. Croix. The best part was diving in St. Croix and St. Lucia. Diving are, left to right, Justin, David, Kendra and Norma. In the bottom photo, Norma, Justin, Kendra and David enjoy a formal dinner on the ship. The Kaderkas are longtime South Belt residents, purchasing their first home in the Sage-meadow subdivision in 1977 then relocating to Sageglen in 1989. Justin and Kendra both graduated from Clear Brook High School. The family has taken family trips since the kids were very young, but as they went off to college, getting everyone together became more challenging each year. This year, they had a two-week window when both Justin and Kendra were "free" for a family vacation, so they decided to take a cruise. This trip celebrated Justin's graduation from MIT in Boston with a master's degree in astronautical/aeronautical engineering and Kendra's completion of her first year in the Teach for America program. She is a sixth-grade science teacher in Houston ISD.



SLICE facilitates community service

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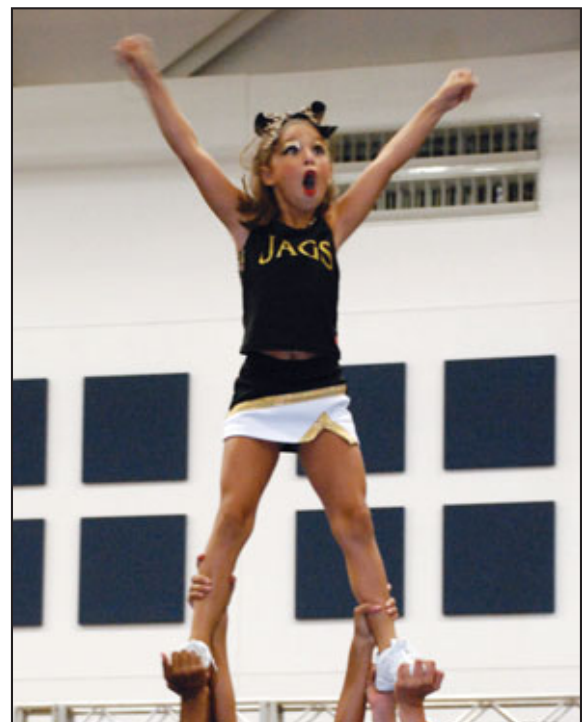
community organizations. Among the many opportunities available are the Interfaith Caring Ministries, who is seeking volunteers for its Egret Bay Resale Shop tax free weekend sale Aug. 20-21, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Other opportunities for volunteering include Interfaith Caring Ministries, Bay Area Turning Point, Crisis Intervention of Houston and Help Our Military Endure. For more information about SLICE and volunteer opportunities in the area, visit www.uhcl.edu/studentleader shipinstitute or call UHCL Assistant Director for Student Life Jennifer Clark who oversees the Center for Student Leadership and Involvement Community Engagement at 281-283-2611 or e-mail her at clarkjen@uhcl.edu.

Velas cheer, relax at South Padre

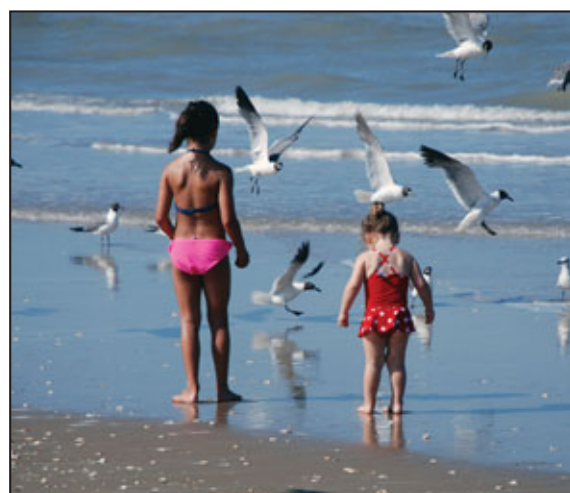
The Vela family traveled to South Padre Island this summer for a cheer competition, in which the Jaguars won first place in their division. Being there only for a weekend was not long enough, so they decided to stay a week and make a vacation out of it. The Velas have lived in the Sage-meadow subdivision for five years. Daughter Lexy is in the third grade at Frazier Elementary.



Addison had too much fun and fell asleep on the beach.



Lexy on top of a cheerleading stunt during competition.



Lexy and Addison feed the seagulls.



Lexy poses in front of the South Padre sign.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Horns, Clear Brook struggle in varsity football debuts

There's little where else to go but up for the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity football teams after both suffered opening-night losses against gifted opponents.

Clear Brook fell behind 17-0 at halftime and could not recover as Houston Lamar came away with a 24-

0 victory Aug. 27 at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in League City.

The Wolverines played well enough to make the game closer at times, but more than 140 yards in penalties proved to be too much to overcome against a Lamar team that has championship aspirations in District 20-5A.

Just miles away at Newcomb Field in Pasadena, the Longhorns also had their share of struggles against an Alief Taylor team that is considered the frontrunner in District 18-5A.

The 43-13 final score seems to indicate the Lions thoroughly dominated, but it was actually a span of about 11 minutes of action just prior to halftime that was the turning point for Dobie in the loss. The rest

of the way, the two teams competed on even ground for the most part.

Taylor uprise downs JFD
Playing in front of first-year head coach Jim Phillips in his debut, the Longhorns got out of the gate quickly against Alief Taylor.

After forcing the Lions to go three-and-out on their first drive of the game, Dobie needed just three plays to find the end zone.

Andrew Robinson picked up a fumbled exchange on first-and-five from the Lions' 38-yard line and dashed 40 yards for a touchdown. Doug Leighton booted the extra point as Dobie led 7-0.

Thanks to Chris Uzo-

mah's fumble recovery on Taylor's next drive, the Longhorns had a chance to extend their lead. But they didn't, and Taylor finally woke up.

Taking over from Taylor's 35-yard line, the Longhorns gained just three yards on two downs before quarterback Blake Jackson fired incomplete for Davion Hurst. A punt gave the Lions the ball back, and they took advantage.

Quarterback Jordan Are' had a 20-yard completion on the first play of the drive to Langston Williams. Are' then found James Scott for a 32-yard pickup later in the drive and capped a seven play, 80-yard march with

a 16-yard jaunt to the left corner of the end zone. Curiously, Taylor went for two points on the conversion try, but Dobie's Reggie Wilson intercepted the pass.

Dobie led 7-6 briefly as Jackson fumbled the ball on the first play of the Longhorns' next drive, leading to points for Taylor.

An illegal procedure penalty hurt the Lions in the series, but they settled for a 16-yard field goal from Emmanuel Blanco to lead 9-7.

Then came the turning point of the game. Despite two fumbled exchanges, the Longhorns got themselves in position for a 33-yard field goal try from Leighton early in the second quarter.

Leighton got off a solid kick, but pulled it right for the miss. From there, Alief Taylor took over.

Are' found Williams down the right sideline for a 65-yard touchdown on the fifth play of the Lions' next drive. It was the first of four straight scoring drives for Taylor.

"The turning point of the game came when we had a chance to take the lead with the field goal," Phillips said.

"We had an opportunity to go ahead 10-6, but instead they proceed to reel off 27 points. The outcome was decided right there in that stretch of about nine or 10 minutes."

Following Are's scoring pass to Williams, the Lions forced Dobie to go three-and-out. The Lions' next drive resulted in an eight-play, 67-yard march that ended with a six-yard touchdown run by Derrick Lair.

Robinson fumbled the ensuing kickoff, and Taylor running back Trevon Taylor needed just two plays to cover 14 yards. The touch-

down came on a five-yard run as the Lions went up 29-7.

After another stalled Dobie drive of three plays, Lair's brilliant 49-yard dash down the left sideline gave the Lions 36 unanswered points and a big halftime edge.

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At right, Dobie running back Andrew Robinson (22) heads for the end zone on a 40-yard touchdown run after picking up a fumbled exchange in the first quarter. Robinson's score gave the Longhorns an early lead, but a 27-point second quarter from Alief Taylor allowed the Lions to roll to a 43-13 victory in the regular season opener Aug. 27 at Newcomb Field. On the play, Robinson ran away from Taylor defenders Jacobii Derrow (9) and Fred Rhine (6). Trailing is Dobie receiver Alfonso Guillen (8).
Photo by David Flickinger



Dobie VB splits pair; Brook drops marathon match

Another Tuesday, another rough night for the Dobie and Clear Brook varsity volleyball programs.

Dawson, coming off a 6-2 record at the prestigious Pearland tournament, quickly dispatched Dobie 25-13, 25-7, 25-16 Aug. 31 at Dobie.

While it's only a coincidence that Dobie has struggled on Tuesdays, the fact is the team has won once all season on that day. The team's other wins have come primarily in tournament action.

Dobie, looking to prepare for the upcoming District 22-5A race, continues to have its ups and downs while a largely young and inexperienced varsity roster learns on the go.

At right, Dobie's Natalie Skaggs (6) returns a service against Dawson as teammate Katherine Finney provides backup. The Lady Longhorns had a tough night against a very talented Dawson team in a three-game sweep.
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The Lady Longhorns went into the match against

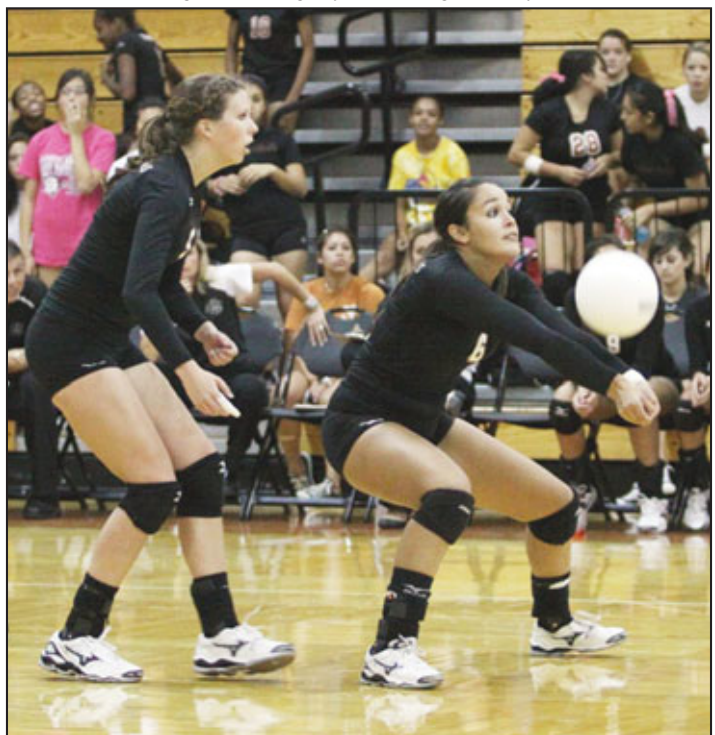
Dawson on a high note after beating Baytown Sterling in

a marathon five-setter Aug. 27 by a 25-22, 25-20, 12-

25, 19-25, 15-11 score.

Clear Brook, on the other hand, continued to struggle in marathon matches on Tuesdays as well.

The Lady Wolverines, who struggled early in the
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San Jacinto men's soccer enjoys smooth opening

The San Jacinto College soccer team seems to be determined to uphold its rich tradition that brought some lofty preseason honors.

The 2010 team, rebuilt largely with a talent group of 16 freshman newcomers, nonetheless found itself holding the No. 9 preseason ranking in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division III.

Head coach David Santesteban was quick to point out that his current team had been given the ranking due at least in part to the program's long history of success.

In the same breath, however, Santesteban admitted he believed this team could handle the status.

So far, the Coyotes have certainly done just that.

Carlos Picado had two goals and an assist while Sergio Rionda assisted on both of Picado's goals and added a score of his own as San Jacinto College downed Richland 3-1 in the season opener for both teams Aug. 27 at Coyote Field.

Richland has quite a history of its own. A national contender in the Division III ranks, Richland opened this season ranked No. 2, and Santesteban is of the

opinion that Richland has the potential to play for the national title this season in Division III. If that is indeed true or anywhere close to it, San Jacinto has scored a fine season-opening win.

"Richland always has an outstanding program," Santesteban says. "They came out and played their tough style of soccer, but we came out and did a great job to win the game."

"Carlos and Sergio got most of the scoring done for us, but the rest of the team really stepped up. It was a solid team win."

The Coyotes came back Aug. 28 and scored a 2-0 scrimmage win over the University of the Incarnate Word.

In that win, Josh Hernandez scored off an assist from Alfonso Magana, and Picado chipped home another score in the easy win.

"We had a chance to score several more goals against Incarnate Word," Santesteban said.

"There were three other times that we hit the post with shots, so we had plenty of chances. Overall, it was a great weekend of soccer for us. From here, we just have to continue to train and get better as a team."



San Jacinto College men's soccer coach David Santesteban had plenty of positives to cover during his post-weekend meeting with his players after his team downed nationally ranked Richland 3-1 Aug. 27 and then played well in a 2-0 scrimmage win over the University of the Incarnate Word. With the opening weekend now complete, the Coyotes need to keep up the pace at the Tyler tournament Sept. 4-5.

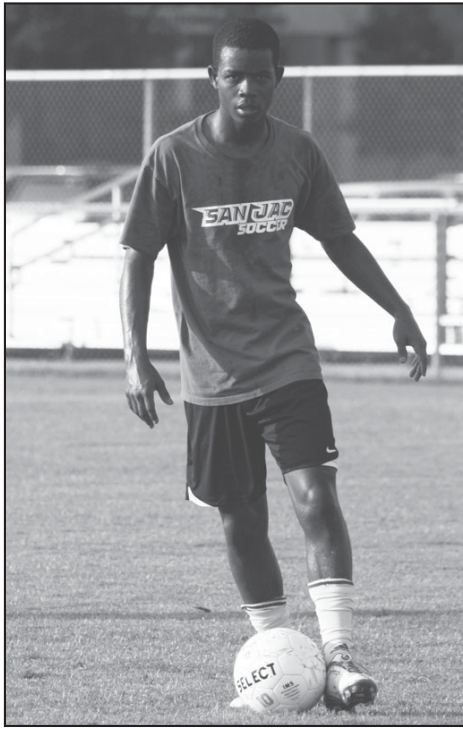
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At left, San Jacinto College men's soccer player Natak Stewart and his teammates will be in action Sept. 3-4 at the Tyler Junior College tournament to highlight a busy sports calendar of local events. San Jacinto, which opened the season ranked ninth nationally, already has scored an early victory over Richland College, which began the season ranked nationally as well.
Photo by John Bechtle

Sports Calendar

VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 2
Beverly Hills at preseason scrimmages, TBA
Thompson at preseason scrimmages, TBA

Friday, Sept. 3
Clear Brook varsity hosts Cinco Ranch, 6:30
Dobie varsity at Dickinson, 6:30
Clear Brook JV hosts Cinco Ranch, 5:30
Dobie JV at Dickinson, 5:30
Clear Brook freshman A hosts Cinco Ranch, 4:30
Dickinson freshman A at Dickinson, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman B hosts Cinco Ranch, 4:30
Dickinson freshman B at Dickinson, 4:30
Beverly Hills at preseason scrimmages, TBA
Thompson at preseason scrimmages, TBA

Saturday, Sept. 4
Clear Brook at Alvin JV tourn., TBA
Clear Brook at Alvin freshman A tourn., TBA
Clear Brook at freshman B tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Sept. 7
Clear Brook varsity hosts Baytown Sterling, 6:30
Dobie varsity at Alief Hastings, 6:00
Clear Brook JV hosts Baytown Sterling, 5:30
Dobie JV at Alief Hastings, 5:00
Clear Brook freshman A hosts Baytown Sterling, 4:30
Dobie freshman A at Alief Hastings, 4:00
Clear Brook freshman B hosts Baytown Sterling, 4:30
Dobie freshman B at Alief Hastings, 4:00

Thursday, Sept. 9
Beverly Hills 8th Light hosts Miller, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Dark hosts Miller, 6:15
Beverly Hills 7th Light hosts Miller, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7th Dark hosts Miller, 6:15
Thompson 8th Light hosts Park View, 5:00
Thompson 8th Dark hosts Park View, 6:15
Thompson 7th Light hosts Park View, 5:00
Thompson 7th Dark hosts Park View, 6:15

Friday, Sept. 10
Clear Brook varsity hosts Alvin, 6:30
Clear Brook JV hosts Alvin, 5:30
Clear Brook freshman A hosts Alvin, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman B hosts Alvin, 4:30

TENNIS
Friday, Sept. 3
Clear Brook varsity hosts Friendswood, 3:00
Dobie varsity hosts Clear Creek, 2:30

Tuesday, Sept. 7
Clear Brook varsity hosts Friendswood, 3:00

FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sept. 2
Clear Brook JV at Conroe, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts Alvin, Auxiliary, 6:30
Clear Brook sophomores at Conroe, 4:30
Dobie sophomores host Alvin, Dobie, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman Black hosts Conroe, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman Silver hosts Conroe, 6:30
Dobie freshman Orange at Alvin, 6:30
Dobie freshman White at Alvin, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 3
Clear Brook varsity hosts Conroe, Veteran's, 7:00
Dobie varsity at Alvin, Alvin Memorial, 7:00

Tuesday, Sept. 7
Beverly Hills 8A at Cunningham, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8B hosts Cunningham, 5:00
Thompson 8A at North Shore (9th grade campus), 5:00
Thompson 8B hosts North Shore, 5:00

Wednesday, Sept. 8
Beverly Hills 7A at Jackson, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7B at Jackson, 5:00
Thompson 7A at Southmore, 5:00
Thompson 7B hosts Southmore, 5:00

Thursday, Sept. 9
Clear Brook JV hosts Elkins, 6:30
Dobie JV at Dickinson, Vitanza, 6:30
Dobie sophomores at Dickinson, Vitanza, 5:00
Clear Brook sophomores host Elkins, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman Black at Elkins, 6:30
Clear Brook freshman Silver at Elkins, 4:30
Dobie freshman Orange hosts Dickinson, 4:30
Dobie freshman White hosts Dickinson, 4:30

Saturday, Sept. 11
Clear Brook varsity at Elkins, 7:00
Dobie varsity hosts Dickinson, Newcomb, 6:00

SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 4
San Jacinto College at Tyler Classic vs. Jefferson, 5:00

Sunday, Sept. 5
San Jacinto College at Tyler Classic vs. Barton, noon

Miranda Hunt Twitty softball fundraiser in the works

The fifth annual Miranda Hunt Twitty Memorial Softball Tournament will be held at the Kipper Mease Park Fields on Red Bluff in Pasadena on Saturday, Oct. 23, beginning at 8 a.m.

Twitty died suddenly on May 12, 2006, at the age of 27, while attending her son's baseball game at Durant Field in Deer Park.

The autopsy revealed an undiagnosed heart defect, referred to as mitral valve prolapse.

As a youth, she attended Moore Elementary, Thompson Intermediate, and then graduated from Dobie High School in 1997.

Twitty was actively involved in youth baseball in the South Belt community and distinguished herself in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League by becoming the first female elected to an all-star team.

Twitty is survived by her husband, Edwin Twitty, and their three children, Kade, Kai and Keira, as well as her parents, Dana and Bruce Willis and Jay Hunt, her brothers, Jason Hunt and Jarod Hunt, her grandparents, Diane and Orville



Miranda Hunt Twitty

Langston, Betty and J.R. Hunt and Nena Willis

Proceeds from the softball tournament will be divided among Twitty's three children, and Camp Agape, a bereavement camp for children who have lost a loved one.

Camp Agape is set in the Texas Hill Country, and Twitty's eldest son, Kade, has attended the camp.

"The family appreciates the overwhelming response we have had in past years more than we can express," Twitty's mother, Dana Willis, said.

"This is a fun, family day with the emphasis on honoring not only Miranda but the loved ones in each of our lives that we are missing each and every day.

"Sharing this event together has been very beneficial in our healing and also helps keep memories alive for Miranda's children that were very young at the time of her death."

Entry fee is \$200 per team, which includes T-shirts for all team members. Tournament organizers welcome anyone to come out and play, and a strong 10-

Youth football league contenders emerge after third week

The third week of the Bay Area Football League season has concluded as several contenders in the respective divisions are beginning to emerge.

Here is a look at how the South Belt area's teams fared in action Aug. 28. In the fourth week, one of the highlights comes as the Southbelt Dolphins host the Ellington Rams.

Alvin 19
Cowboys seniors 18
The Sagemont Cowboys' senior team lost a tough 19-18 decision to Alvin, slipping to 2-1 this season with the loss.

Alvin's victory allowed the Raiders to move to the top of the division standings at 3-0, one game ahead of the Cowboys and the Magnolia Park Sharks.

Despite the loss, the Cowboys got terrific play from all of the players on the roster.

Those who contributed to a well-played game included Esteban Telles, Ulanis Betts, Miguel Valencia, Shamaud Smith-Kizzee, Nick Melendez, Jacob Al-

Banhart, Jonathan Morales, Keegan Seymour, Deon Blacknell, Neftaly Juarez, Kobe Ruiz, Luke Giron, Hector Valdez, Jayden Robinson, Jartis Solomon, Zion Crawford, David Trevino, Julian Mata, Matthew Olivares, Kaden Arnold, Grant Gamble, Richard Gary, Anthony Arellano, Christopher Pineda, Shawn Krivik, Xavier Elias, Kyle McDonald and Kyle Redmon.

Sagemont pee wees excel
The Cowboys' pee wee team played a great game against Alvin. Scores are not kept in the division, but it was clear the Cowboys played well.

Those who helped the Cowboys in the game included Tavin Stormer, Keelan Brannon, Jalyune Jeffrey, Chance Cadena, Marcus Lind, Landon Hunt, Eden Diaz, Alejandro Rivera, Samuel Box, Kadin Bahman, Marcus Izaguirre, Devin Molina, Jorge Olvera, Ray Garcia, Gage Lecourias, Matthew Castellano, Dominic Serna, Juan Estrada, Joshua Carter, Robert Shriner, Jayden Balderaz

Javier Casteneda, Gregory Mumphrey, Nieman Wells, Mateo Guzman, DeJuan Dixon, Anthony Gracia, Nick Rodarte and Jayden Brown.

On offense, Milton was able to stand out with the great help of Devin Childs, Zion Walker, Noah Resendez, Matthew Lopez, Jofo Holbert, A.J. Gonzalez, Gabe Fonseca, Jacob Wise, Jalen Clark, Julian Castillo and Travis Watson Jr.

Patriots 39
Rams freshmen 6
The Rams' freshman team found the action tough as the Pearland Patriots cruised to a 39-6 victory.

The Rams saw their record go to 1-2 after the final whistle was blown.

Although the Rams fell short in this game, they got fine play from Demontre Carr, Matt Gilliam, Adrian Tamez, Sebastian Comabella-Paredes, Mario Barajas, Steven Trevino, Edward Lilly, Darius Pamplin, Jordan Soliz, Murt Marshall Jr., Michael Powell Jr., Matthew Balderas, Marquice Scott, Mikey Ramirez, Manuel Frias Jr., Marcus Saenz, Chris Seretti, Dominic Caballero, Joseph Hinojosa, Robert Ernest, Aric Cortez, Fernando Sifuentes and Jaden Reyes.

Rams' pee wees star
Although scores are not kept in the pee wee division, the Rams' young squad sparkled against the Patriots.

Those playing well for the Rams included Alexander Garcia, Xavier Musquiz, Ethan Bishop, Jordan Stanford, Ignacio Izaguirre, Kevin Taulton, Dylan Dixon, Isaac Garcia, Zaire Walker, Logan Vanek, Michael Alvarez, Ian Johnson, Isaiah Correa, Keshaud Conaway, Zamira Lewis, Ryan Saxton, Elisha Carrizales, Kelby Williams, Swazi Gurnell, Jesse Valdez, Giovanni Rubio and Andre Duke.

Bayou City 38
Dolphins seniors 0
Southbelt's senior team had a rough go of it against the Bayou City Gators, who came away with a 38-0 win. The loss was the third of the season for the Dolphins.

The Dolphins got strong play from Joshua Kelly, Desmond Flores, Ernesto Rodriguez, Beto Quiroga, Antonio Cuellar, Matthew Sanchez, Jaime Lopez, Luis Davila, Xavier Loehr, Adam Gonzales, Noah Manzanales, Bennett Oko, Jesse Escalante, Isaiah Manzanales, Kevin Collins, Omar Rodela, Oscar Rodela, Isaac Gomez and Jacob Arnesen.

Dolphins juniors 37
Bayou City 0
Southbelt's junior team stayed unbeaten (2-0-1) with a 37-0 rout over Bayou City.

Contributors on offense were London Jenkins, Jaizac Garcia, Jeremy Davis and Jacoby Davis.

Jenkins had a 45-yard touchdown run, and Garcia had a 50-yard scoring pass to Jeremy Davis to cap the first half.

The defense was anchored by Ogsby Mitchell and Alex Williams as the unit scored three touchdowns in a totally dominating effort.

Other defensive contributors included David Huerta, Jamal Phillips, Chris Whitehead and DeMarcus Benjamin.

The Dolphins also got fine play from Tyrese Johnson, Joe Huerta, Jonathan Escalante, Niko Jurado, Alexander Williams, Jordan Efrid, David Garza, Trey Bell, Jayden Kelly and Julian Torres.

Dolphins sophomores 25
Bayou City 6
The Dolphins' sophomore team cruised to an

easy victory over Bayou City to move its record to 1-2.

Dante Proctor started the scoring with a 60-yard touchdown off the right side.

Tyler Swanagan had a scoring run of 45 yards on a quarterback bootleg play.

Proctor added to the lead as he scored again, this time from 40 yards away.

Cervantes Pounds had a run of 35 yards for a touchdown. After the score, Pounds got the extra point conversion to seal the win.

Others who did their part in the big victory included Peyton Miller, Ethan Riojas, Samuel Diaz, Ty Wright, Humberto Trevino, Anthony Moreno, Marcos Aguilar, Steven Hernandez, Omotayo Thomas, Bryce Feagin, Ryan Puga, JaLon Hunt, Tyler Swanagan, Byron Flores, Jacob Garcia, Joseph Garcia, Sebastian Hinojosa, Tristin Sanchez, Roderick Puga, Damaris Countee, Cole Richard, Sandro Del Villar and Kelvin Reyes Jr.

Dolphins freshmen 13
Bayou City 13
The Dolphins' freshman team played very well but had to settle for a 13-13 tie in the end against Bayou

City. After three games, the Dolphins have a record of 1-0-2.

Members of the Dolphins who played well included Jose Martinez, Xavier Lerma, Jalen Lendsey, Randy Smith, Bryce Sanchez, Zain Dempsey, Jacob Rodriguez, Kelvin Gardner, Christian Cleckley, Christopher Thomas, Tristan Pedraza, Donovan Berotte, Christon Hardemon, Dwayne Jones Jr., Isaac Alvarez, Jhonas Washington, Julio Torres, Siva Kone, Andrew Richard, Theodore Randle III, J'Colby Kelly, Jono-

van Wade, Kevin Vargas, A'Darius Ward and Marcus Herrera.

Dolphins' PW explosive
The Dolphins' pee wee division squad was explosive in its game against Bayou City.

Scores are not kept in this division, but the Dolphins nonetheless looked solid throughout the game.

Members of the Dolphins who continued to improve included Deven Lendsey, Theorin Randle, Dreshon Downey, Davion Collins, Walter Ward, Logan Riley, Jaiden Garcia, Eric Gamez,

Jason Hampton, Santos Sanchez, Jackson Muckelroy, Ronald Hughes, Andrew Cabrales, Derrick Woodley II, Andrew Loya, Emond Jackson, Moses Sabala, Curtis Grays III, Alejandro Quiroga, Matthew Arnesen, Cy Ojeda and Julian Hinojosa.

Through three weeks, each of the programs in the league are competing well.

After three weeks, though, contenders for the respective division titles are beginning to rise to the top of the standings. Stay tuned to the *Leader* for more.

BAFL Week Four Games

Sagemont Cowboys host League City Wildcats
at El Franco Lee Park

Southbelt Dolphins host Ellington Rams
at Blackhawk Park

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

lison, Jamisson Wilson, James Johnson, Luis Hernandez, Matthew Monks, Noah Trevino, Xavier Griffin, Ricardo Estrada, Kenneth Brown, David Gamble, Javier Figueroa, Elias Campos, Justin Taylor and Joshua Saenz-Ortega.

Junior Cowboys 19
Alvin 15
Sagemont's junior division team outlasted Alvin in a 19-15 game to stay close to the top of the standings.

The victory moved the Cowboys to 2-1 this season. Those helping in the big victory included Mario Gonzalez, Grant Lasley, Nathaniel Dominguez, Devin Sanchez, Jacob Kuhn, Jeremy Hernandez, Jacob Hinojosa, Jordan White, Jacob Sims, Caleb Morante, Manuel Miller, Christian Valdez, Arturo Ludek-Garcia, Dralyn Brown, Isaiah Allen, Jua Izaguirre, D'Ondre Dykes, George Villarreal, Torrey Tapper, Isaiah Jackson, Stephen Moreno, Kayden Harris, Zachary Carter and Luis Figueroa.

Alvin 19
Cowboys sophomores 18
In yet another close game in the series, Alvin's sophomore team came up with a 19-18 victory over the Cowboys' sophomore squad.

The defeat dropped the Cowboys to 1-2 this season, while the Raiders jumped into a first place tie at 2-1 with the win.

Elijah Dorsey, Jacob Martinez, Dustin Dominguez, Seth Gutierrez, Kyune Jeffrey, Ryan Correa, Logan Wranich, Damontre Blacknell, Jason Cruz, Ramon Ortega, Ross Lowrey, Tony Aguire, Jacob Sulak, Seth Barber, Gavin Garcia, Julius Wells, Braelon Hill, Bryant Brown, Joseph Reyes, Matthew Moran, Nicholas Gonzalez, Juan Trujillo, Ian Lowrey, Dominic Tamez and Elijah Mazzochetti- Seidel all excelled for the Cowboys.

Cowboys freshmen 12
Alvin 12
A late score by Alvin forced a 12-12 tie in the freshman game as the Cowboys saw their record go to 2-0-1.

The Cowboys were paced by the strong play of each player, including Mason

and Kaden Fernandez.

Senior Rams 14
Patriots 0
The senior division Ellington Rams won their first game of the season after shutting out the Pearland Patriots 14-0.

Those who stood out in the victory for the Rams included Brandon Harper, Julian Guevara, Isaiah Vasquez, Zishan Kabir, Joshua Martinez, Alexander Duke, Joe Alex Ponce, Jose Escobar Jr., Gerald Bowman, Rosbel Chavez, Alex Gonzalez, Davante Conway, Heber Alonso, Peyton Polk, MiKeevan Chestnut, Mason Lee, Jerrod Norrell, Jalen Williams, Adrian Fonseca, Adrian Torres and Michael Rose.

Patriots 18
Rams juniors 13
The Rams' junior division team lost its first game of the season after dropping an 18-13 decision to the Pearland Patriots.

Ellington played well throughout the game despite the defeat, getting contributions from Luke Gilliam, Anthony Stasiak, Royce Hunter, Ernie Guzman, Ivan Tagle, Michah Dixon, Joseph Castaneda, Earl Gresham, Joseph Gallien, Dereze McCoy, Keoni Conway, Brandon Gonzalez, Cameron Dorsey, Hunter Garcia, Jacob Worsham, Francisco Pineda, DeJarrion Andrus, Malcolm Weston, Breon Simmons, Jordan Marcum, Jeremy Marcum, Julio Ayala Jr., Dezmond Carter and Adrian Gonzalez.

Rams sophomores 18
Patriots 17
Mark Milton scored three touchdowns as the sophomore Rams held off the Pearland Patriots for an 18-17 win.

The victory allowed the Rams to improve to 2-1 this season as Milton guided the offense with touchdown runs of 45, 63 and 60 yards.

Milton added an interception on defense, and the Rams held off the Patriots with a goal-line stand in the final seconds.

Other defensive players who excelled included Montrai Scott, Jon Jon Moreno, Josh Sordia, Dimitri Giannapolous, Naki Johnson,

BAFL Week Three Results

Divisions	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.
Cowboys	18	19	18	12
Alvin	19	15	19	12
Dolphins	0	37	25	13
Bayou City	38	0	6	13
Rams	14	13	18	6
Patriots	0	18	17	39

BAFL Week 3 Standings

Senior Division American				Senior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Raiders	3	0	0	Panthers	3	0	0
Cowboys	2	1	0	Eagles	3	0	0
Sharks	2	0	0	'49ers	2	1	0
Gators	1	2	0	Red Raiders	2	1	0
Rams	1	2	0	Texans	2	1	0
Patriots	1	2	0	Cougars	1	2	0
Wildcats	1	1	0	Hurricanes	1	1	0
Dolphins	0	3	0	Mustangs	0	2	0
Stingrays	0	3	0	Braves	0	3	0
Junior Division American				Junior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Dolphins	2	0	1	Red Raiders	3	0	0
Cowboys	2	1	0	Hurricanes	2	0	0
Patriots	2	1	0	Texans	2	1	0
Stingrays	2	1	0	'49ers	1	1	1
Rams	2	1	0	Mustangs	1	1	1
Wildcats	2	0	0	Cougars	1	1	1
Raiders	0	2	1	Panthers	1	2	0
Dolphins	0	3	0	Eagles	0	3	0
Stingrays	0	3	0	Braves	0	3	0
Sophomore Division American				Sophomore Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Raiders	2	1	0	'49ers	3	0	0
Rams	2	1	0	Red Raiders	3	0	0
Patriots	2	1	0	Cougars	2	1	0
Gators	1	2	0	Hurricanes	2	0	0
Dolphins	1	2	0	Mustangs	1	1	0
Cowboys	1	2	0	Texans	1	2	0
Stingrays	1	2	0	Eagles	1	2	0
Wildcats	1	1	0	Panthers	0	3	0
Sharks	1	1	0	Braves	0	3	0
Freshman Division American				Freshman Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Gators	2	0	1	Texans	3	0	0
Cowboys	2	0	1	Cougars	2	1	0
Dolphins	1	0	2	Hurricanes	2	0	0
Patriots	2	1	0	Red Raiders	2	1	0
Stingrays	2	1	0	'49ers	1	1	1
Sharks	1	1	0	Panthers	1	2	0
Rams	1	2	0	Braves	0	3	0
Raiders	0	2	1	Eagles	0	3	0
Wildcats	0	2	0	Mustangs	0	2	0

Longhorns' subvarsity FB drops pair to Alief Taylor

Going up against an outstanding Alief Taylor subvarsity football program during the opening week Sept. 26, Dobie came away with two ties and two losses against the Lions.

Patrick Hurst ran five yards for a touchdown in the first quarter, and Kelton Bailey ran for the two-point conversion.

Alief Taylor Fr. White 20 Dobie freshman White 0
In a game that was far closer than the final score made it appear, Alief Taylor's freshman White team blanked Dobie 20-0.

Alief Taylor JV 35 Dobie 0
Dobie's junior varsity team played hard but had a difficult time hanging with Alief Taylor in a 35-0 decision.

Offensively, the Longhorns' entire group looked strong as Hurst and Bailey combined to rush for 100 yards. On defense, Carlos Munoz had an interception in the first quarter that led to Dobie's score.

The Longhorns moved the ball well offensively but were hurt by costly turnovers. On defense, Dobie played very well but gave up a couple of big plays that were critical to the outcome.

The Lions scored twice in the first quarter and lengthened their halftime edge to 21-0 before closing out the shutout.

Dobie Fresh. Orange 6 Alief Taylor 6
Dobie's freshman Orange team started strong with a first-half drive for a touchdown. From there, Alief Taylor evened the score in the second quarter and the two teams eventually finished in a 6-6 tie.

Matt Salas had several good runs for the Longhorns, and Kevin Caballero was strong at quarterback. Jerry Blacknell made a great catch in the game as well. Ross Garcia and Francisco Bader were the top performers along the offensive front.

Taylor Finney, Tyler Wolfe, Quinton Roberts and Brandon Terrell stood out on the offensive side of the football for Dobie.

Darien Childs scored Dobie's touchdown in the opening quarter. Other offensive standouts included Jesse Cedeno, Darrell Edwards and Chazz Jenkins. The coaching staff also cited the strong play of the offensive line.

Zach McMahon and Luis Lopez played terrific all-around games on the defensive line, and Tyler Bauman and Salas excelled in the secondary.







Defensively, the Longhorns got fine play from Caleb Wiechmann, Demetrius Green, Jonathan Jones and Deshaun Whitehead.

On defense, the Longhorns were paced by the effort of Cedeno and Childs.

Albert Rivera and Wesley Shoppe led the line-backing group as the Longhorns held on for the tie.

Dobie sophomores 8 Alief Taylor 8
Both teams scored in the first quarter as Dobie and Alief Taylor tied 8-8 in the sophomore game.

South Belt football predictions

						
	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Joe Craddock
Dobie at Alvin	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Alvin	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Brook hosts Conroe	Conroe	Brook	Conroe	Conroe	Brook	Conroe
Dickinson hosts Texas City	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Texas City	Dickinson	Texas City
Angleton hosts Brazoswood	Angleton	Brazoswood	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Brazoswood
Alief Elsie hosts Clear Lake	Elsik	Elsik	Elsik	Elsik	Elsik	Elsik
Bryan hosts Clear Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs
Kempner hosts Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Kingwood hosts Clear Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek
Galveston Ball hosts Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Ball	Atascocita	Ball
West Orange Stark vs. Friendswood	Friendswood	WOS	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
This week's record	6-4	5-5	8-2	7-3	7-3	4-6
Season record	6-4	5-5	8-2	7-3	7-3	4-6

Local sports news, notes

BHI sets Fun, Food & Football

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

JFD college footballers sought

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

SBYSC has limited openings

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

SBHLL fall ball set to begin

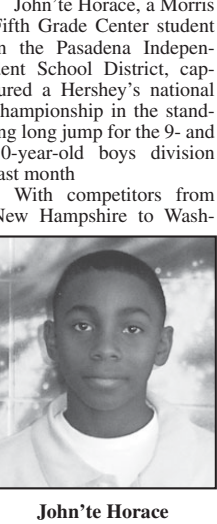
Registration is complete, and the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League season will begin competition Sept. 19. For details, see www.eteamz.com/sbhl.

South Belt Banditos win Pearland Mariachi baseball event



The South Belt Banditos select baseball team captured first place at the Pearland Mariachi tournament after playing terrific baseball during each of the games. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Andrew Cabelo, Mario Rodriguez, Albert Castillo, and Fernando Perez III, (middle row) Quirino Guajardo, Brian Cisneros, Owen Castillo, Gavin Machado, Camryn Davis, Damien Lopez, Andrew Arriaga, (back row) coach Quirino Guajardo, coaches' assistant Collin Davis and coaches Mario Rodriguez, Ray Garcia and Fernando Perez.

Morris student, trackster Horace captures a national championship



John'te Horace

John'te Horace, a Morris Fifth Grade Center student in the Pasadena Independent School District, captured a Hershey's national championship in the standing long jump for the 9- and 10-year-old boys division last month. With competitors from New Hampshire to Washington vying for the title alongside Horace, the former Laura Bush Elementary student took the national crown with a jump of 7 feet, 5 1/2 inches at Milton Hershey Field. After his win, Horace got another thrill as he was presented his gold medal by former University of Houston and Olympic track and field star Carl Lewis. Horace won the coveted crown by a full two inches over silver medalist winner Cooper Boehm of Lafayette, Ind. The Hershey's record for the standing long jump in the age group is 7 feet, 11 inches, set in 1979. Horace began his stampede to the national championship in Pasadena at the

PISD Hershey's competition at Auxiliary Stadium May 26. At the district competition, Horace won three events. In the standing long jump, he cleared 7 feet, 6 inches. Horace also won the PISD title in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. At the Hershey's regional meet in Texas City in June, Horace won the standing long jump and the 200-meter dash. Those performances clinched a trip to the Hershey's state championship meet in Austin June 26, where Horace won the state crown in the standing long jump and claimed second place in the 200-meter dash.

Intermediate athletics set to get under way early this month

The battle for the Pasadena Independent School District Cup in the intermediate school division is about to begin. Beverly Hills, the 2009-2010 champion, will try to retain its trophy while the district's other nine schools will look to seize control as the football and volleyball seasons soon start. Last year, the second for the PISD Cup, produced a heated battle as many of the district's schools were in the hunt until the very end. The way the Cup standings are tabulated, schools are awarded points based on respective finishes in each of the team sports such as football, volleyball, boys' and girls'

basketball, boys' and girls' track and field and boys' and girls' cross country. PISD assistant athletic director Rodney Chant, who co-authored the Cup idea with athletic director Mike Stephens prior to the 2008-2009 school year, likes the competition he sees. "Last school year was a very competitive one for many of our schools in all of the sports," Chant said. "Our young athletes understand that we care about the success of each and every one of them. "Regardless of the sport or whether it's the A or B team, all of our teams and their performances count for something. We think it's made a great difference." Chant also likes the com-

petitive atmospheres coaches have been able to develop on their respective campuses. The coaches, said Chant, are being counted on to help develop young athletes for the future, and in turn, those athletes are responding with great effort. "We have raised the expectations of our coaches and our athletes, and I think we've seen a great result from that," Chant said. "For

Pasadena ISD football openers
Tuesday, Sept. 7
Beverly Hills 8A at Cunningham, 5 p.m.
Beverly Hills 8B hosts Cunningham, 5 p.m.
Thompson 8A at North Shore, 5 p.m.
Thompson 8B hosts North Shore, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 8
Beverly Hills 7A at Jackson, 5 p.m.
Beverly Hills 7B hosts Jackson, 5 p.m.
Thompson 7A at Southmore, 5 p.m.
Thompson 7B hosts Southmore, 5 p.m.


Pasadena ISD volleyball openers
Thursday, Sept. 9
Beverly Hills 8 Light hosts Miller, 5 p.m.
Beverly Hills 8 Dark hosts Miller, 6:15 p.m.
Beverly Hills 7 Light hosts Miller, 5 p.m.
Beverly Hills 7 Dark hosts Miller, 6:15 p.m.
Thompson 8 Light hosts Park View, 5 p.m.
Thompson 8 Dark hosts Park View, 6:15 p.m.
Thompson 7 Light hosts Park View, 5 p.m.
Thompson 7 Dark hosts Park View, 6:15 p.m.

It all starts with football games Sept. 7-8 across the area. Volleyball matches will start Sept. 9 for the regular season. The race to the PISD Cup is about to begin, and by all indications, this intermediate level is a big school year may be the most competitive yet.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
AI-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. For information, call 281-487-8787.
6:30 p.m.
Diabetes Support Group - A support group for young adults with diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month at 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-756-8536 for more information.
7 p.m.
The Bay Area Writers League - Meets the first Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble at Bay Area Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway. Newcomers are welcome.
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, SEPT. 3
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.
Noon
Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 4
6 p.m.
Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 5
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m., and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, SEPT. 6
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.

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9 a.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.
6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles Club - The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information.
Civil Air Patrol Meeting - Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.
7 p.m.
Grief Support Group - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 7
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
11:30 a.m.
Local NARFE Meeting - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.
1 p.m.
Trailmixers - Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main. For information, call 713-472-0565.
1:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6:30 p.m.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Due to Sagemont Recreation Center closing for remodeling, TOPS will meet at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.



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Volleyball teams lose matches

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Pearland tournament but then rebounded with victories over Cinco Ranch, Austin Westwood and Deer Park, was looking to keep its momentum going by taking down Seven Lakes Aug. 31 at Clear Brook, but it wasn't to be.

The Lady Wolverines were fantastic early on in the match, winning the opening two games to take a 25-21, 25-17 lead over Seven Lakes. From there, though, the visitors seized

control. Seven Lakes won the third game 25-20 and then evened the match with a 25-17 victory to send the match to a decisive final game.

In a back-and-forth battle, Seven Lakes sneaked away with a 15-13 win, sending the Lady Wolverines off the court in disappointing fashion.

Clear Brook, coming off a berth in the 2009 regional quarterfinals and aiming at another deep run this season, has shown the ability to compete with the state's very best teams at times.

But the Lady Wolverines have also experienced their share of tough-luck losses against their opponents.

With the District 24-5A race set to begin Sept. 10 at home against Alvin, the Lady Wolverines hope to finish stronger.

In the 24-5A ranks, Pearland, Clear Lake, Clear Creek and Clear Brook have all played very well at times in non-district action, and the matches figure to be tough when some of those teams go head-to-head. Brook wants to finish stronger.

At left, freshman outside hitter Bre'shaun Franklin prepares for a kill attempt during Dobie's three-set loss to Dawson Aug. 31. Franklin has shown plenty of promise this season as the Lady Longhorns have shifted largely to a youth movement.

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At left, Dobie varsity volleyball player Tracy Montes serves a ball during the Lady Longhorns' match against Dawson Aug. 31 at Dobie High School. Dobie, featuring just one senior along with a freshman and three sophomores as part of a young roster this season at the varsity level, could not overcome the experience of Dawson in a 25-13, 25-7, 25-16 sweep for Dawson. Dobie will now play three road matches, starting with Dickinson Sept. 3, before returning home Sept. 14. The Lady Longhorns, part of a six-team alignment in District 22-5A, still have plenty of time to prepare for the playoff race, which will start Sept. 24 against Pasadena.

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Jim Phillips' debut as Dobie High School's varsity head football coach did not go perfectly as the Longhorns surrendered 36 unanswered points in the first half and eventually fell 46-13 to Alief Taylor. Still, Phillips came away impressed with his team's effort throughout the game.



Dobie's defense gave up a number of big plays to the Alief Taylor Lions in a season-opening 46-13 loss, but the group kept up its intensity the entire way. On this play, Alief Taylor running back Treveon Taylor (7) tries to elude the pursuit of Longhorns' linebacker Brayden Beynaerts (80) as linebacker Jordan Harrison (30) and defensive back Reggie Wilson (4) move in to assist. Photo by David Flickinger

Dobie, Clear Brook fall in football openers

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Dobie quarterback Blake Jackson had a 4-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter, and overall, the Longhorns played much better.

After giving up more than 350 yards of total offense in the first half, Dobie surrendered 125 or so in the second half. It was a tough opening loss, but Phillips came away pleased with the way his team responded to adversity.

"I saw things that are certainly fixable," Phillips said. "We had a player here or a play there where if we handled the ball or made a different decision with the ball, the outcome would have been much better for us."

"We're going to go back to work. Alvin has a very good football team for us to play next, but we'll be ready."

Brook to recover

Clear Brook will also be looking to bounce back against Conroe Sept. 3 after being shut out in its opener against Houston Lamar.

For the Wolverines, their undoing came in the form of more than 140 yards in

penalties. Quarterback Matt Heidt led the team in rushing in the option attack, but the Wolverines were continually pushed back by penalties.



Dobie linebacker Chris Uzomah (28) was just a little late in getting to Alief quarterback Jordan Are' (8), who completed a first-half pass out in the flat to receiver Devonta Felder. Photo by David Flickinger

Wolverine netters now 6-0 after topping Longhorns



It's early in the season, but the Lady Wolverines' doubles duo of Kailey Burrows (left) and Radhini Abeysekera have played very well this season through a handful of matches. Against Dobie, the pair beat Hongnhung Ho and Eun Le in three sets.

So far, the fall team tennis season is going splendidly for the varsity programs at Clear Brook and Dobie.

Thanks to a 17-2 victory over Dobie Aug. 31 at the Longhorn Courts, Clear Brook is off to a 6-0 start with a big test looming Sept. 3 against Class 4A power Friendswood.

Dobie's record isn't as perfect as that of Clear Brook's, but at 4-3-1 through the first third or so of the season, head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. has been thrilled with his team's play.

Brook starts strong
Entering the season with just two seniors, including No. 1 girls' singles player Julie Dang, head coach Todd Burrows didn't know what to expect.

Given Clear Brook's longstanding run of winning seasons and an extremely competitive girls' roster, he knew his team could win some key matches. But even the 6-0 start has been a little bit of a surprise to Burrows,

now in his 13th season.

Clear Brook opened the season Aug. 27-28 at the Kingwood tournament. At the end of two days of action, the Wolverines had strung together five wins.

In the first match of the season, the Wolverines were at their best, according to Burrows. The team swept Baytown Sterling 19-0 and then went on to wins over Manvel (10-0), Pearland (14-5), Angleton (15-4) and George Ranch (17-2).

"We really have a young team in terms of varsity experience, but on the girls' side we have one super-championship player (Dang) and five other championship level players," Burrows said.

"I came into the season figuring we could handle our own on the girls' side. Another team is going to have to play pretty well to get an edge on us."

But Burrows has also been pleased with the way the Wolverines' boys have

played to this point.

"We're playing some good tennis among the guys as well," Burrows said. "It's early, and we still have some tough matches ahead that will give us a better idea of where we are, but so far, so good."

In the end, Brook's goal will be to make the Region III tournament. For much of the past, District 24-5A foes Clear Lake and Clear Creek have advanced ahead of the Wolverines. Can this be the year?

"I feel like we are closing the gap on Clear Creek and some of the others," Burrows said. "With a new high school opening in our school district, players get shifted sometimes. You never know how all of that is going to play out in terms of tennis. I know we have the talent to advance, but you have to play well at the right time."

Dobie improving

Coming into the season with little proven talent at

the varsity level, Moreno figured the season would be a work in progress, with the ultimate goal being to play at a high level by the time district play arrives.

Well, Moreno has gotten more than he bargained for. His team lost 17 matches to a gifted Clear Brook program, but seven of the matches went to tiebreakers for a decision.

Clear Brook prevailed in six of the tiebreakers and ultimately rolled to a win, but Moreno continues to be impressed.

"Our kids are looking more comfortable and more confident on the court every time they go out and play," Moreno said.

"We played some great tennis in wins over Galveston Ball and Clear Springs to get to 4-2-1, and even though Brook handled us on the scoreboard, I love the way we competed."

With the District 22-5A opener coming in two weeks, Dobie is on course.



Now in his 13th season as the head coach of the Clear Brook High School tennis program, Todd Burrows has been pleased with what he has seen thus far.

Clear Brook 17, Dobie 2

Note: Seven matches went to a tiebreaker; Brook won six.

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Golden/Pearson (CB) def. Jimmy Ly/Jonathan Taylor 6-2, 6-1
Hackney/Zetka (CB) def. Dao/Nguyen 6-3, 5-7, (10-4)
Hua/Treuil (CB) def. Lee Nguyen/David Abrego 7-5, 7-5

Girls doubles

Burrows/Abeysekera (CB) def. Ho/Lee 3-6, 7-5 (10-7)
Escobar/Veal (D) def. Hospeti/Desilva 4-6, 6-4, (10-5)
Dang/Zeidan (CB) def. Cao/Le 6-1, 6-2

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Dang/Gunawardena (CB) def. Thompson/Tieu 6-2, 6-1

Boys singles

Tanner Pearson (CB) def. Jonathan Taylor 4-6, 6-4, (10-8)
Chase Golden (CB) def. Phillip Nguyen 6-0, 6-2
Ruvinoza Gunawardena (CB) def. Jimmy Ly 6-1, 6-2
Ben Hackney (CB) def. Travis Dao 6-2, 4-6, (10-7)
Nick Treuil (CB) def. Tony Tieu 6-4, 5-7, (10-5)
Jacob Alasmir (D) def. Blake Hua 6-4, 7-6 (7-3)

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Julie Dang (CB) def. Hongnhung Ho 6-0, 6-0
Kailey Burrows (CB) def. Eun Lee 1-6, 6-1, (11-9)
Megan Predella (CB) def. Chloe Escobar 7-5, 6-0
Radhini Abeysekera (CB) def. Melanie Thompson 6-4, 6-1
Lavanya Hospeti (CB) def. Samantha Simmons 6-1, 6-0
Amara Desilva (CB) def. Thuy Cao 7-5, 7-6 (7-3)



Dobie's Jimmy Ly smashes a forehand return during his doubles match against Clear Brook Aug. 31. Ly and his partner, Jonathan Taylor, came up on the short end in the No. 1 doubles match as Clear Brook's Chase Golden and Tanner Pearson.



Travis Dao (serving) and Phillip Nguyen played No. 2 doubles for Dobie against Clear Brook Aug. 31 at the Longhorn courts. In the end, the Dobie pair lost a hard-fought 6-3, 5-7, (10-4) decision to Clear Brook's Ben Hackney and Tommy Zetka. Photos by John Bechtel