

Dobie sets new PISD enrollment record

Proposed bond measure to offset, district officials say

Campus enrollment in the Pasadena Independent School District continues to climb, according to figures reported for the start of the 2011-2012 school year, with Dobie enrollment now topping 3,500 – a new record for any district school.

A total of 52,834 students are enrolled on district campuses, an increase of 620 students from this time last year. That represents a 1.2 percent increase – in line with district enrollment growth for the past five years.

Proposals related to enrollment growth are part of the PISD bond that will go before the voters on Nov. 8. The district is seeking \$270.1 million in funding for several projects, including a new career and technical high school and three new middle schools.

Fight, not guns at Dobie

A police crackdown at Dobie High School Monday, Sept. 19, had many parents concerned, as rumors circulated of a gun being on campus. According to Pasadena Independent School District spokeswoman Candace Ahlfinger, the incident stemmed from fights that broke out at the Dobie football game on Friday, Sept. 16, when one of the students involved reportedly said he was going to bring a gun to school the following week. As a precaution, PISD police responded but found no evidence to back the claim.

The bond plan carries no tax hike. District growth since 2007 surpassed the size of an average high school – a net gain of 3,270 students, or a 6.6 percent increase.

The bond would provide for a sixth district high school, built specifically to expand the district's career and technical program. An estimated 1,500 to 1,700 students would be enrolled in the school, which would provide students the opportunity to pursue pathways in programs such as health science; business and public service; agriculture; technology, engineering and energy; construction and manufacturing; and transportation and shipping.

The program, currently housed at the L.P. Card Career and Technical Center, would be expanded to incorporate a full high-school curriculum, thereby relieving overcrowding issues at all five existing high schools.

Enrollment numbers underscore the overcrowding issues at Dobie High.

Over a five-year period, the school's enrollment has jumped 25.2 percent to its current total of 3,568.

"This is the biggest Dobie has ever been,"

School Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis said.

No other district high school has ever hit the 3,500 mark. The Pasadena High, South Houston and Sam Rayburn campuses inched over the 3,000 mark before the opening of the Memorial High campus in 2004 relieved crowded conditions on those campuses.

Lewis said the district is looking at several options, including boundary changes, to help with overcrowding at Dobie, as any bond-related relief would not take place until fall 2014.

The bond would also provide for three new middle schools, which would complete the district's adoption of the middle school concept.

Two of the new schools would feed Queens Intermediate and Park View Intermediate, which currently follow the Grade 6-8 model. One would be built to relieve overcrowding at Lomax and Melillo middle schools. Both Lomax and Melillo topped 950 students during the 2011-2012 year.

Projected cost for the four new schools, including the career and technical high school, is \$101.8 million.

Last fall, a group of 50 community members and parents from across the district formed the Future Facilities Committee. This committee looked at enrollment projections, analyzed the needs of the district and recommended that the PISD Board of Trustees call for a bond election. The committee recommended three new middle schools to be built to complete the Middle School Concept started in the 2004 Bond Program and to reduce crowding.

Two of the middle schools would, if the bond is approved, serve the Park View and Queens intermediate feeder schools. The third would be built in the Melillo and Lomax middle school areas to reduce overcrowding at those schools and provide for future growth. The new schools would be similar in design to the Lomax and Shaw middle school campuses.

The middle school concept from 2004 has al-

ready significantly relieved crowding at the intermediate and elementary campuses that were impacted. In addition, academic performance and student socialization have improved.

Middle schools serve students in the fifth and sixth grades. Curriculum and programming are tailored specifically for these age groups. Fifth-graders are no longer housed in the same building as first-graders, and sixth-graders are no longer with eighth-graders.

Given the vast developmental differences in students at those ages, middle schools provide a positive transition and eliminate negative peer pressure from older students. Campus goals and expectations can be clearly defined and targeted for a narrower age range, giving teachers a stronger focus on what they teach and how they teach it.

Middle schools also strengthen beginning band, orchestra and choir programs and can serve as an intramural training ground for students interested in athletic programs.

Middle schools under PISD's plan would serve the same attendance zones as the district's current intermediate schools. For example, most of the students in kindergarten would be with the same students through eighth grade if they remain in the same attendance zone. The majority of students would then feed into the same high schools.

The new schools with feeder patterns are as follows: Middle School 1 (serving Park View Intermediate); Bailey, Jensen and Fisher elementary schools; Middle School 2 (serving Queens Intermediate); South Shaver, L.F. Smith and Williams elementary schools; and Middle School 3: Melillo and Lomax middle schools.

The election has been called for Nov. 8. Early voting will be held Oct. 24 through Nov. 4.

The last of five public forums to discuss the proposed bond will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Memorial High, beginning at 7 p.m.

City Council filing finalized

As election day draws nearer, the official candidate list for City Council positions has been posted on the City of Houston website.

South Belt residents who are voting this year will have 27 candidates from which to choose between District D, District E and at-large positions for City Council alone.

To help residents stay informed, the following information regarding the City Council candidates is separated by position.

Mike Sullivan is the only council candidate

running unopposed. Sullivan represents District E which used to include the city portion west of the Gulf Freeway, but due to redistricting changes, no longer does as of January 2012. The portion of Sullivan's district on the west side of the Gulf Freeway is now in District D.

District D candidates for election are Wanda Adams and Larry McKinzie. Adams currently serves as a city councilmember, and McKinzie, a resident of Southeast Houston, is a teacher

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City bans smoking at parks

Mayor Annise Parker signed an executive order Friday, Sept. 16, extending the city's temporary burn ban to include smoking in city parks. The smoking ban applies to lighted cigars, cigarettes, pipes or any other device used for the burning of tobacco or other plant material.

The move comes one week after Parker introduced the People Protecting Our Parks campaign that banned the use of barbecue grills in city parks during the ongoing drought. With the addition of the smoking ban, the city's policy is now consistent with Harris County's burn ban. Violations of the mayor's executive order carry fines of up to \$2,000 per offense. The executive order will remain in effect until drought conditions improve.

"Houstonians always respond to calls for help during times of need. People Protecting Our Parks is our call for help to everyone who loves our parks, green spaces and trees," said Parker.

"We ask all Houstonians to join with us to help prevent fires in our city parks. We are already facing the loss of thousands of our trees simply because they won't survive the stress of the drought. I can't imagine losing thousands more trees, or possibly an entire section of one of our beautiful parks, simply because we failed to protect them from fire."

"We have seen wildfire tragedies all across our great state this past week. Our hearts go out to everyone who has been affected by them," said Houston Parks and Recreation Director Joe Turner. "With HPD's assistance, we made an aerial flyover of our park system on Wednesday (Sept. 7) to assess the condition of our urban forest and get a clearer understanding of what we, as a city, were facing due to this unprecedented drought. As a result of that assessment and the predictions we're hearing about the drought and

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JFD's Cavazos, Burns crowned

J. Frank Dobie High School seniors Joe Cavazos (left) and Alaina Burns were named homecoming king and queen respectively, during the school's halftime festivities Sept. 16 at Veteran's Stadium in Pasadena. The pair were crowned between halves as the Longhorns' varsity football team went on to defeat the Humble Wildcats 20-17 in the big game on the field. The win was Dobie's third in four games leading up to a big nondistrict contest Sept. 24 at Veteran's Stadium against the Channelview Wildcats. Other members of Dobie's 2011 homecoming court included Christopher Garcia, Treg Spigner, Tessa Andrade and Andrea Gonzalez.

Photo by Gary Williams



CBCMUD records peak water usage

Ongoing drought conditions have caused an unprecedented use of water in the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District.

During its July billing cycle (July 21 through Aug. 20), the district's customers consumed a total of 92.3 million gallons of water. This month was noticeably highest on record, according to Clear Brook City MUD Manager Chris Clark.

By comparison, customers used only ?? million gallons during the same time period last year and only ?? million gallons the previous year.

Residential usage accounted for nearly two thirds of the total, with 59.1 million gallons. More than half of that usage was accounted for by residents using less than 7,000 gallons. Clark said 1,755 of the total 5,153 residential customers consumed between 0 and 7,000 gallons.

According to Clark, 8.9 million gallons were used by 1,011 residents who consumed between 7,000 and 10,000 gallons; 13.1 million gallons were used by 1,770 residents who consumed between 10,000 and 20,000 gallons; 3.1 million gallons were used by 392 residents who consumed between 20,000 and 30,000 gallons; 928,000 gallons were used by residents who consumed between 30,000 and 40,000 gallons; 330,000 gallons were used by residents who consumed between 40,000 and 50,000 gallons; 327,000

gallons were used by residents who consumed between 50,000 and 100,000 gallons; and the remaining 555,000 gallons was consumed by only four residents who each used more than 100,000 gallons.

To promote conservation, the Clear Brook City MUD has a tiered water rate that charges customers more per gallon the more they consume.

Despite the drought conditions, Clark said most residents have been using water responsibly.

"We don't have a lot of water pigs," Clark said. "Most people are being responsible. People are watching what they're doing."

Unlike the City of Houston that is currently enforcing mandatory water restrictions, no such practice is currently in place within the utility district, as it is still pumping significantly more water than is being used.

Clark is opposed to water rationing for multiple other reasons. He said voluntary restrictions based on odd and even street numbers can actually stimulate overuse by encouraging residents to water when they otherwise wouldn't, and mandatory rationing creates unnecessary enforcement.

"We don't need our constables being the water police," Clark said.

Dobie's Chaparral moves online

Dobie's Chaparral student newspaper has moved completely online and can be found at www.thechaparralonline.com.

According to Dobie newspaper adviser Jacob Rogers, this was done for multiple reasons.

"One, it lets our students experience what it's like to be journalists in the digital age," Rogers said. "I'm not sure of any publication currently operating that does not have some sort of web component, and for the students who take journalism seriously and plan to study it later, they will need to know how to publish to the web."

The format also allows students to publish more frequently.

"In previous years, the students would write a

story, and by the time everything else was written and the paper was printed, the stories were already dated," Rogers said. "With our website, I can have a writer at a football game Friday night and a photo gallery posted Saturday morning. It really allows us to address the matter of timeliness in class."

A new readership record for the website was set last week, and Rogers is enthusiastic about its future.

"I think once we're established and we get the word out effectively, we can be a great asset to the school as well as the community as far as keeping them informed of what's happening at Dobie," Rogers said.

Police investigate death

Longtime South Belt resident Emily Ertl was found dead around 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Sagemont Park Townhomes. Although homicide investigators were on the scene, no foul play is suspected, as there were no signs of forced entry. She is believed to have been dead for several days. The cause of death is pending autopsy results. See next week's Leader for more information.

Cars in Windmill Lakes

Several readers phoned the Leader around 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, regarding helicopters circling above the apartments at Windmill Lakes. According to sources, several vehicles, presumed stolen, were extracted from the adjacent retention pond in the 10000 block of Windmill Lakes Boulevard. The vehicles had become visible due to low water levels. Authorities said police divers were also training in the pond.

Perez memorial scheduled

A memorial will be held for Jose Perez Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building at the San Jacinto College South campus from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Perez, a soccer player at the college, was killed in a traffic accident Tuesday, Sept. 13. The public is welcome to attend.

Tree waste pickup set

Tree waste only will be picked up Thursday, Sept. 22, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

Senior Parent Night set

Senior Parent Night will be Thursday, Sept. 22, at Dobie High School at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. All senior parents are invited.

K of C spaghetti dinner set

Knights of Columbus will sponsor a fundraising spaghetti dinner Friday, Sept. 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church. Dinners consist of all-you-can-eat spaghetti, two homemade Italian meatballs, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread, iced tea or lemonade. Cost is \$6.50 per person, eat in or take out. For children under 12, the cost is \$3, eat in only.

Craft show at BH Park

Beverly Hills Park Community Center, 10210 Kingspoint, will host an indoor craft show Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will feature handmade jewelry, custom monogramming, holiday crafts, candles, artwork, plumbers, dentists and more.

LSA cheer, dance camp set

The Lutheran South Academy Strutters and cheerleaders will host their cheer and dance camp Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Girls in Pre-K3 through eighth grade are invited. Participants return Oct. 7, to cheer and dance during halftime on the LSA field. The cost is \$65 if preregistered by Tuesday, Sept. 27, and includes dance and cheer instruction, a performance T-shirt, lunch, snack, photo, a hair bow and certificate. Same day registration is \$75 and begins at 9 a.m. in the gym. For information, contact Jean at 281-486-1144.

Mistletoe Market Oct. 1

Club BellaVita will hold its eighth annual Mistletoe Market on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1. Club BellaVita is located off Scarsdale in the BellaVita subdivision. For more information, visit www.clubbellavita.org. Shop with more than 70 vendors. Lunch will be available at Mrs. Claus' Cupboard beginning at 11:30 a.m. for \$5, and barbecue-to-go will be sold at 5 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a charity.

Burnett festival seeks vendors

Burnett Elementary will host its fall carnival on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The festival is seeking vendors to sell their crafts/items. To reserve a booth for \$25, call Teresa Abel at 713-740-0536.

Enchiladas at St. Luke

The Guadalupana Association of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, will serve authentic enchiladas on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 3 to 6 p.m. Plates consist of four enchiladas sprinkled with diced fried potatoes, rice and beans, and a drink (choice of tea or lemonade) for \$6. Patrons may eat at the church social hall or take out.

For more information, call Ruth Garay, Guadalupana at 281-635-1678. Funds collected provide local youth with scholarships.

Blues Worship at Cokesbury

Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale, will present Blues Worship at their evening service Sunday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m. Providing an alternative to the traditional hymns and contemporary Christian music typically featured at church, this service features live blues and a real-world message. The church will provide a light meal. All are welcome. For information, visit www.cumchouston.org.

Burglary suspects sought



The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office is seeking the public's help in identifying three to five suspects wanted for burglarizing a home in the 10100 block of Park Meadow Friday, Sept. 16, at roughly 11:30 a.m. The above photos were taken by the homeowner as he witnessed the men leaving his garage. At least four motor vehicles were also burglarized that day on the same block. The suspects are described as black males between 25 and 30 years old. They fled in a dark gray 2009 Toyota Camry with the license plate CV6-X901. Anyone with information is urged to call Pct. 2 Sgt. Zerrick Guinn at 281-481-9189.

Reader's Opinion

Reams: Food for thought

Our Nation's problems are growing in number and magnitude. The political left is out to destroy our way of life and the independents and political right are not mounting a sufficient counter-attack to stop it. Demagoguery, politics as usual, kicking the can further down the road, political correctness, lies, corruption, elitism, lack of will power, poor leadership, "establishment politics," and immoral, unprincipled men and women are leading us to a poor outcome yet a majority of Americans haven't a clue as to the potentiality. They have little knowledge of our history or our founding documents and the rule of law. Our Nation's morality is in tatters and the "entitlement mentality" dominates. What if the majority of the following came to fruition within a year or so? Where would we be?

The US defaults on its debts. Hyperinflation hits and the dollar becomes worthless. Your retirement savings, pension plans and social security are wiped out. The dollar is removed as the world's reserve currency. Our bond ratings become "junk" status. Our economy tumbles. Unemployment skyrockets. Other countries see our vulnerability and take advantage. The US can no longer afford to support our allies around the world including Israel. Iran successfully tests its first nuclear device. Saudi Arabia and Venezuela announce plans to develop nuclear weapons. Iran closes the Straits of Hormuse. Hamas and Hezbollah launches attacks on Israel. China successfully hacks thousands of systems in the US including big banks and the Department of Defense. Secrets are no longer secret. Privacy information no longer private. Islamist radicals around the world step up attacks on Americans, both in the war zones and in our homeland.

Larry Reams

Our president and his staff and advisors, who have zero business or military experience, fumble around like the weak incompetents they are. Our government shows no signs of knowing what to do or instilling confidence in the American people. The House of Representatives begin the impeachment process of Obama for a multitude of reasons – an already proven fraudulent birth certificate, unauthorized use of a social security number, acts of war against foreign countries without the blessings of congress, circumventing the Constitution and congress with executive orders and regulation dictates among other things. These many offenses rise to a higher level than Clinton's shenanigans with Lewinski and Nixon's Watergate foray.

What would America do? Would we implode like Greece with riots, assaults, runs on food markets and banks, looting? You bet! It may be a stretch for all these events to happen within a year or so but not much of a stretch. All are already underway in various degrees and one event can bring on the rest in rapid succession. One flash point could set off a succession of unthinkable events. And don't forget one of the guiding principles of the Left – a "manufactured crisis" could provide the opportunity to "not let an opportunity go to waste" such as Marshall Law, confiscation of weapons, confiscation of gold bullion, canceling elections or any number of other actions by our own government. It's been done before in this and other governments.

There used to be a commercial on TV and billboards: "Got Milk?" Well, got food? Got water? Got ammunition and the skill to use it? Got a plan? For those who are clueless or say "not in America," – wake up. Let's pray that we don't but we may soon see an environment in America not seen since the Civil War.

Dobie 'Walks for Success'



Several Dobie High School administrators, counselors and volunteers participated in the Pasadena Independent School District Walk for Success on Saturday, Sept. 17. The group encouraged last year's seniors who are missing only a few credits to enroll in PISD Community School and students who need to pass a portion of the TAKS test to sign up for tutorials in order to receive their high school

diploma. The day was a huge success as Dobie had several students re-enroll, and they are looking forward to receiving their diplomas. Pictured are, left to right, Jimmy Golden, Gilbert Aguilar, Jennifer Johnson, Judge Jo Ann Delgado, Gregory Culpepper, Donna Branch, Teresa Medrano, Jennifer Haynes, Erin Thompson, Melissa Allen, Mike Van Essen and Franklin Moses. Photo submitted

DeWitt, grandson ride the rapids



Joyce DeWitt (front right), formerly of South Belt, and her grandson, Aidan DeWitt (front left), pay attention to their guide as they whitewater rafting on the Nantahalla River near Bryson City, N.C. Aidan resides in Houston and spent the summer with his grandparents in Fort Mill, S.C. In addition to a trip to Washington, D.C., and to New York City, Aidan

and his grandmother made a trip to the Smoky Mountain National Park where they enjoyed tubing and sightseeing in addition to whitewater rafting. The experience was the first for them both, and the only fear was the spring-fed 45-degree water. Otherwise, they agreed it was loads of fun. Photo submitted

Guest Editorial

Victory by compromise

By Ronald L. Trowbridge, Ph.D.

Compromise occurs when both sides declare victory. That was the case on August 25 when the University of Texas System Board of Regents unanimously approved the "Framework for Excellence" action plan set forth by Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa.

In a recent interview with a reporter at the Chronicle of Higher Education, I was asked whether the Texas Public Policy Foundation's efforts to reform higher education will do any good? I responded that just getting university presidents to acknowledge that there is a problem and that reform is necessary, which they declared, is half the battle.

We are especially pleased that the plan presented by the chancellor and approved by the regents includes a dashboard on faculty productivity. This user friendly, interactive online database will include everything from system-wide budget figures to professor-by-professor data on teaching loads and research grants. University officials and the public can use the dashboard to access real-time productivity and success metrics at the system, university, departmental and individual faculty level.

The dashboard will include salaries, number of credit hours taught, and student evaluation scores of individual professors.

Tim Allen, chairman of the UT System Faculty Advisory Council, reports: "UT can benefit from clear, unambiguous guidelines regarding research, teaching and service." The dashboard, says Cigarroa, will also provide exhaustive accounting of faculty and staff members' contributions. To all of this, TPPF says, Amen.

We have now gone a good way in getting out of the woods. But one colossal problem remains: exorbitant, escalating costs for students, parents, and taxpayers.

Moody's Analytics reports, "Fears of a

bubble in educational spending are not without merit." And it issues this warning, "Unless students limit their debt burdens, choose fields of study that are in demand and successfully complete their degrees on time, they will find themselves in worse financial positions and unable to earn the projected income that justified taking out their loans in the first place."

Accounting Today reports that the average "student loan debt is pegged at \$29,000 for 2012 by the U.S. Department of Education." When combined with an additional \$10,000 in interest payments, the total approaches \$40,000.

The following data show why costs of higher education cannot continue to escalate:

Tuition in 2010 averaged \$8,000 at the 10 largest universities in Texas. The College Board reports that the average student's living expenses in 2010 was \$17,820 – for a total of \$25,820.

Multiplying this figure by six, which is unfortunately becoming the Texas standard for number of years from entrance to graduation, totals \$154,920.

But it gets worse: Tuition, if trends continue, will increase about 5 percent a year and total related costs about 10 percent a year. Fiscal Notes reports that in Texas "between 1999 and 2010, average tuition and fees at the state's 10 largest universities rose by 120 percent."

Now suppose parents send two kids to those Texas universities? Total costs, using the common rubric cited above, would be well over \$300,000.

It would be more expensive to send two kids to college than to buy a very nice house.

Let us hope that the dashboard enables some path toward substantial reductions of these escalating costs.

In any event, these costs cannot and will not continue. As economist Herb Stein once observed, something that can't go on forever, won't.

Barbecues, smoking banned at parks

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The wildfire situations all across our state, we decided it is necessary to temporarily ban the use of barbecue pits and grills in all City of Houston parks."

"The City of Houston

has seen more than its share of grass and woodland fires, with 160 fires since the beginning of September, compared to nine the same time last year," reported Houston Fire Chief Terry Garrison.

"The Houston Fire De-

partment is reminding citizens to be extra vigilant in activities that can lead to accidental fires, including the use of barbecues at home and smoking materials. We join Mayor Parker and HPARD in recognizing that our citizens can have the greatest positive impact on the safety of our parks by forgoing the use of barbecue grills right now."

HFD recommends the following safety tips during this drought:

Barbecue safety

Portable barbecue pits, charcoal grills and other open-flame cooking devices outside of a building should not be operated on combustible balconies or located within 10 feet of combustible walls or roofs or other combustible materials.

When igniting the barbecue charcoal, use a charcoal lighter, not gasoline. Gasoline can flash violently in and around the pit causing serious injuries to anyone in the area of the flash. A fire extinguisher or charged garden hose should be handy while the fire is burning. Check the pit frequently to ensure that it is OK.

Hot ash and coals from barbecue pits and charcoal burners should be placed in a noncombustible container until cooled or thoroughly saturated with water before being disposed.

Open flames

The City of Houston Fire Code prohibits all open burning within the Houston city limits at all times. The burn ban in unincorporated areas of Harris County also prohibits any outdoor open burning, including the burning of a bonfire, rubbish fire, campfire, trench fire, or other fire in an outdoor location when not contained.

Vehicles, trailers and tools

Park vehicles so that the exhaust system does not come in contact with dry grass, leaves, or weeds.

Adjust the safety chains on trailers to ensure they don't drag and create sparks that can cause roadside starts.

Keep lawn mowers and

agricultural equipment in proper working condition, and avoid rocks and other materials which might cause a spark.

Do not weld or cut without a spotter, a water source and a shovel. Notify the electric power company when dead trees or overhanging limbs endanger the electric wires. The wires may touch each other or the ground, causing sparks that start fires.

Cigarettes or other smoking materials

Another cause of accidental fires is carelessly discarded cigarettes or other smoking materials. They can smolder for hours and should be completely doused with water before being discarded in a safe manner, rather than tossed out a window or on the ground.

Texas' arson law includes felony punishment for anyone whose cigarette recklessly sets fire to a building or injures anyone. Arson is a second-degree felony in Texas, punishable by up to 20 years in prison, but if a person is hurt or killed or if the fire involves a church, arson is a first-degree felony, carrying possible punishment of up to life in prison.

Legler seeks re-election

State Rep. Ken Legler formally announced on Sept. 20 that he will seek re-election in Texas House District 144, where he has served since 2008.

Legler is a successful Pasadena businessman and, with his wife, owns Houston Wire Works, Inc. He currently serves on two prominent committees in the Texas House, the Pension, Investments, and Financial Services Committee and the House Committee on Environmental Regulation.

"Our work this session was critically important to the long term financial health of Texas. We were faced with a budget shortfall, and yet we were able to pass a balanced budget without raising taxes. The choice before the Texas

Deaths

Horace R. "Rock" Sawyer



Horace R. "Rock" Sawyer, 76, longtime South Belt resident, died peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011, at the home of his daughter, Barbara Lynn. He was born on Nov. 25, 1934.

Sawyer was a Marine and Purple Heart recipient from the Korean War. He never met a stranger and many times when he left the house, he came home with someone who needed help and gave them a meal, a place to rest and helped them get on their feet.

In 1972, Sawyer coached his first Little League Baseball team and led the Bears to first place. From 1973 to 1975, he coached the Cardinals in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League where under his direction they won first place every year. In 1975, he was the first coach to take a team from SBHLL all the way to the state playoffs. Also in 1975, he coached the Sagemont Knights youth football team to a perfect season, and they went on to win the Super Bowl.

From 1977 to 1978, Sawyer coached the Cardinals Senior Division where they took first place. He finished his career as a coach for the American Legion in 1980.

Throughout the years, he was proud to watch his son,

Eddie, win Batting Champ in the district, and his son, Randy, take District MVP two years in a row and Batting Champ one year under his guidance.

Many years later, as grown men, team members would stop by his home to tell him how much he made an impact on their lives.

Survivors include his children: Jimmy Sawyer, wife Gail and children Jill and Brad; Rocky Sawyer; Steve Sawyer, wife Tammy and children Jacob and David; Barbara Schneider, husband Karry and children Barbara Randy Lee and Crystal; Ed die Sawyer, wife Maureen and children Stacy and Scott Randy Sawyer, wife Traci and children Danielle, Lauren and Peyton; and Doug Sawyer, wife Cathy and children Brian and Daniel.

The celebration of life was held Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, at Niday Funeral Home. Burial followed.

Gilman LeFever

Gilman Rexford LeFever, 87, died Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011. He was born in Akron, Ohio, on July 13, 1924.

Gilman was an ironworker for 71 years, working out of Local 84. He resided in the Houston area for 65 years, 60 of those in the South Belt area. He was an avid bowler and golfer, and a member of Easthaven Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers and a son, Gilman Rexford LeFever Jr.

Gilman is survived by his wife of 65 years, Willa Mae LeFever; his daughters and sons-in-law, Cora and Cesar Cedeno and Patricia and Mark Carey; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous other family and friends.

A memorial service for the family is planned.

Stuchbery runners



Left to right, Juliana Moreno and Jaelyn Chapman were recently chosen to be this school year's Stuchbery Runners. They will help the office deliver items to the classrooms twice a day. Also, they will deliver items to students such as backpacks, lunches, homework and cupcakes that have been brought in by parents. Both girls are in Lauren Nalepa's fourth-grade class. Photo by A.M. Silva

Lariaettes host dance clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Hand and Stand Clinic on Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the Dobie dance room from 6 to 8 p.m. The clinic is for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Preregistration is \$25, at the door is \$35, cash or money order only. Preregistration by Oct. 17 guarantees a shirt. Clinic participants will be invited to sit in the stands with the Lariaettes at the Dobie versus South Houston football game on Friday, Oct. 28. For more information, contact Bertha Hernandez at 832-620-3304 or by email at 723amaly@gmail.com.

City election slate finalized; redistricting creates changes

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at Beechnut Academy.

Candidates for at-large Position 1 are Stephen Costello, a civil engineer who lives in the West Montrose area; Scott Boates, a probate, family and civil court lawyer and mediator who lives in the West Houston area; Don Cook, a retired parole officer who lives in the Glenbrook Valley subdivision, across from Hobby airport; and James Partsch-Galvan. As of press time, there was no information available on Partsch-Galvan.

Candidates for at-large Position 2 are Kristi Thibaut, a resident of Southwest Houston and former representative of District 133 to the Texas House of Representatives; Elizabeth Perez, resident of the Hobby area and accountant; Andrew Burks Jr., a Southeast Houston resident, pastor and business owner of a communications consulting company; Gordon Goss, a realtor and resident of the Lawndale/Wayside area of

Houston; Bolivar "Bo" Fraga, an East End resident and community developer of the Ripley House Neighborhood Center; Jennifer Rene Pool, a construction management consultant who lives in the Fondren area near Westheimer; Michael "Griff" Griffin, a Northwest Houston resident and vice president of K. Griffs Investigation private investigating firm; David Robinson, a Montrose resident and owner of an architecture firm; Roslyn "Roszy" Shorter, a Southeast Houston resident and international flight attendant. Also on the ballot is Eric Dick, but no information was available on him as of press time.

Candidates for at-large Position 3 are Melissa Noriega, East End resident and councilmember at large Position 3 since 2007; Chris Carmona, resident of the Galleria area and family law attorney and business owner; and J. Brad Batteau, resident of the Third Ward area and real estate investor.

Candidates for at-large Position 4 are Louis Molnar, Upper Kirby resident and realtor, educator and small business owner; Amy Price, resident of the Braeswood area and violin teacher; and C.O. "Brad" Bedford, a resident of the Medical Center area and attorney and public safety consultant.

Candidates for at-large Position 5 are Laurie Robinson, resident of the Memorial Heights area who is head of consulting and advisory services at MFR Solutions; Jolanda "Jo" Jones, Third Ward resident, councilmember and criminal defense lawyer; and Jack Christie, a resident of West Houston and chiropractor. Also on the ballot for at-large Position 5 is Bob Ryan, but no information was available on him at press time.

The city Election Day is Nov. 8. For additional information regarding the election, visit the City of Houston website at www.houstontx.gov/nov2011election.html.

High school reunions set

Dobie 20-year reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1991 reunion will hold its 20-year reunion Oct. 7, 8 and 9.

A reunion mixer will be on Friday, Oct. 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Hughes Hangar Bar & Grille, 2811 Washington Ave. Dobie senior classes of 1988 to 1994 are all welcome.

The reunion will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Trevisio Restaurant & Ballroom, 6550 Bertner Ave in Houston. All 1991 graduates and former classmates are welcome – "after 5" attire. For ticket information, visit http://dobieclassof91reunion.eventbrite.com.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, a family picnic is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Frankie Carter Randolph Park Pavilion 1 (covered) at 5150 FM-2351 Road in Friendswood.

Dobie 40-year reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1971 will hold its 40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Villa Capri on Clear Lake.

More information is available on Facebook Events and the J. Frank Dobie website (alumni), or email dianel10@comcast.net, dhughes533@aol.com or keen ersrus@comcast.net. Hotel blocks are available for Oct. 14-15.

SoHo 25-year reunion

The South Houston High School Class of 1986 Reunion is set for Oct. 14-16. Activities include:

Friday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. - South Houston versus Sam Rayburn (homecoming) football game at Pasadena Memorial Stadium, followed by a mixer at Hugh and Jeff's Carwash and Grill, 1232 FM 646 Road W. in Dickinson.

Saturday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. - Reunion at the Doubletree Hotel, Downtown Houston, 400 Dallas St. Buy tickets at http://www.greatreunions.com/.

Sunday, Oct. 16, from noon to 6 p.m. - All-class picnic hosted by the Class of 1986 at Walter Hall Park, 807 Highway 3 N. in League City (1.4 miles south of the NASA Parkway bypass).

Milby 50th reunion

The Milby Class of 1961 will hold its 50th reunion Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7 and 8, at the South Shore Harbor Resort & Conference Center. For more information, call Vicki Buckner Reber at 713-789-8144.

Library events scheduled

The following events are set for the week of Sept. 22 through Sept. 28 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

After School Craft Time will be held at the library Thursday, Sept. 22, at 4 p.m. The group will make tissue flowers. The program is recommended for ages 5 and up.

The Friends of the Parker Williams Branch Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the last book sale of the year.

A book discussion on *One Amazing Thing*, by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m.

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

Dobie FFA prepares for livestock auction

It's that time of year again to don cowboy boots and hats, but for Dobie FFA students it's a lot more. Recently, the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo kicked off. Students have prepared for this for several months. They begin to raise animals months in advance to be on their A-game for the big day. Advisors Don Williams and Greg Mitchell take this long road with their students dedicating lots of time and effort, including all summer, to make sure that Dobie would be well-represented. These students spend hours a day for months sweating and working to get ready for their competition. More than 40 Dobie students competed for auction spots that were limited to 12 per category. The auction is open to anyone or any business willing to sponsor. Auction buyers are a critical part of the entire process for the students, as this provides many of them the funds to continue participating in livestock shows or enabling future opportunities. For more information, go to the website at Dobie.ffanow.org, or contact Greg Mitchell at GMitchell@pasadenaid.org.



Top photo: Tyler Wolfe walks his pig in preparation for the Pasadena Livestock Show. Bottom photo: Brianna Smith (left) and Meagan Snyder ready their lambs for the competition. Photos submitted

Colleges increase developmental ed to address underprepared students

As recipients of the nation's underprepared students, community colleges continue to develop new programs to immediately address student academic performance. At San Jacinto College, Dr. Rebecca Goosen, associate vice chancellor of college preparatory, explained how understanding the reasons why students enter college underprepared helps in creating programs to increase their reading and math skills. The term "underprepared student" refers to those who are not ready to complete college-level work as determined by an assessment like the ACT, SAT, or the TAKS test. "I came to the SJC in 2000, a time when we noticed increasing numbers of underprepared students from the local high schools as well as nontraditional students who haven't been in a math class in 10 or 20 years," said Goosen, who also serves as National Association for Developmental Education president-elect. "What we're seeing is that in many cases, life gets in the way. If I'm in a math class and my car breaks down or my babysitter quits, my grades are going to suffer, and I'm going to have to restart the course at a later time."

It's a cycle that isn't new to higher education; however, it warrants attention in today's competitive world market. The Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education estimates that by 2025, 55 percent of the nation's jobs will require at least an associate degree; currently, less than 40 percent of American workers between 25 and 34 would qualify, said Jane Neuburger, director of the Tutoring & Study Center at Syracuse University and NADE president. "It seems to me historically, about one-third of our students have been deemed to be 'underprepared,' and this dates back to the 1800s," said Neuburger. "I think we forget that, in any normal curve distribution, there will be some who are above the mean, some at the mean, and others below the mean. We may be in an era where we need to raise the entire curve." Goosen said 68 percent of SJC incoming students are identified as needing a college prep class in read-

ing, writing, and/or math, with some needing English for speakers of other languages (ESOL). The newest initiatives developed to address this issue include course redesign, a student success course, Reading First, integrating math and reading skills with technical education curriculum, and no late registration for students. No late registration encourages students to enter their classes when they begin, avoiding the risk of missing curriculum instruction. "Innovations can be successful if they engage the students' interests, provide quality instruction, and provide time-on-task built into the system, so mandated attendance from the very first day of class is important," said Neuburger. "Imagine the results if you decided to start taking your antibiotic in the second week of the regime rather than in the first." By integrating math and reading skills with technical education, Goosen said students in programs such as cosmetology, welding, and automotive receive academic curriculum in math and reading. Reading First gives students an option on improving their reading skills by incorporating it with other subject areas. "It's not reading in isolation," said Goosen. "It's tied to something that is related to an additional subject area."

The student success course (known as GUST) is mandatory this year for incoming students needing a developmental education course. The course delivers a curriculum that teaches students how to navigate college, research, and how to form support systems and networks. The course redesign, Accelerated Learning Programs of Student, is a proven method, showing a 45 percent success rate in math. Goosen said ALPS identifies a student's weakness in a specific course and allows him or her to improve and test on that specific element without retaking the same course. This allows students to finish multiple levels of mathematics in one semester; however, it requires dedication to the process by the student. "It's about not having to retake subjects you've already learned," said

Goosen. "Course redesign allows the student to be in control of filling in the gaps of his/her knowledge and progressing to a higher level in a different format than traditional face-to-face delivery." Work is ongoing to reverse the statistics of underprepared students, not only as they enter college, but also during their high school years. "Community colleges have always been a champion of the 'almost-ready' student, the returning student, and the working student," said Neuburger. "Some may need a bit of a refresher. Some may need the confidence that they can succeed in academics. Others learned 'just enough' in high school to get by, but not enough for college. And others did not have the opportunity to have advanced courses in high school. We must find ways to provide more linkages from high school to college to university, and we must collaborate to provide college/high school courses that result in earning a certificate while still in high school, or one semester later, and to earn an associate degree within one year of high school graduation." In addition to the initiatives provided to full-time SJC students, the college also allows high school students an early start at higher education. Each SJC campus offers dual credit programs, along with the Modified Early College Academy for junior and senior high school students at the North campus, the four-year Clear Horizons Early College High School at the South campus, and the four-year Pasadena ISD early college high school offered through the Central campus.

Brook debate excels at Elkins

The Clear Brook High School Speech & Debate Team recently returned with many accolades and a state qualification from the Elkins High School tournament on Sept. 9-10. Hunter Bodiford joined Rishi Suresh in qualifying for the state tournament by placing first in domestic extemporaneous speaking. In impromptu speaking,

Bodiford and Daniel Hogg earned fifth and sixth, respectively. Furthermore, Amogh Kulkarni placed fifth in novice extemporaneous speaking. The team also excelled in the debate events. In public forum debate, the team of Nathan Tamburello and Hogg earned two state qualification points by advancing to quarter-

nals at the tournament. In Lincoln-Douglas debate, Adriel Rivera and Rishi Suresh advanced to octofinals (one state point) and quarterfinals (two state points), respectively. In his first tournament, Safin Momin also advanced to the quarterfinals in novice Lincoln Douglas debate and won the third-place speaker award.



Members of the Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate Team display the trophies won at the Elkins tournament. Members are, left to right, Adriel Rivera, Amogh Kulkarni, Daniel Hogg, Hunter Bodiford, Nathan Tamburello and Rishi Suresh. Not pictured is Safin Momin. Photo submitted

UH-Clear Lake hosts French film festival

Experience French films as the University of Houston-Clear Lake hosts Tournees Festival Sept. 24 through Oct. 15, showing at various times in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, Lecture Hall, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. All films are in French with English subtitles. The series begins Saturday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. with *Des Dieux Et Des Hommes (Of Gods and Men)*. On Sunday, Sept. 25, at 4 p.m., the series presents *Bellamy. L'Affaire*

Farewell (Farewell) is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., the series presents *La Graine Et Le Mulet (The Secret of the Grain)*. Finally the series concludes with *Potiche (Trophy Wife)* on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$3.75 for the general public. A festival pass is available for \$15. The series is offered in collaboration with Cultural Arts, the Foreign Language Program and University Advancement. Complimen-

tary mini French lessons will be provided by the Foreign Language Program prior to each film. Support for the Tournees Festival is provided by the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs/The Centre National de la Cinematographie/The Florence Gould Foundation/The Grand Marnier Foundation/Highbrow Entertainment. For more information about this series, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/tourneesfestival>.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Pasadena Independent School District will hold a public meeting at: 7:00 pm, September 27, 2011 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1515 Cherrybrook, Pasadena, Texas 77502.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Pasadena Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

Flood control urges preparation now, later

With weather experts and emergency preparedness officials closely monitoring any tropical systems that could be developing in the Gulf of Mexico, the Harris County Flood Control District urges all residents to review their hurricane preparation plans and be prepared to enact them if a system develops into a tropical storm or hurricane. The Flood Control District's online Tropical Weather Center at www.hcfd.org/tropicalweather/ has many tools to help individuals and families get prepared and stay prepared, including:

- A guide to creating, reviewing and updating a family disaster preparedness plan and hurricane preparedness kit.
- Information on what to do before, during and after a tropical storm or hurricane.
- A regional Hurricane Evacuation Zip-Zone map for Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris and Matagorda counties.
- A comprehensive hurricane guide.
- An interactive hurricane tracker tool at www.hcfd.org/hurricanetracker.
- Information about the importance of having flood insurance.

Even in the midst of a drought, flooding is at the top of the list of Harris County's natural disaster threats. Given the area's flat topography and clay soils there is a chance of flooding in Houston and Harris County, and residents should do their part to protect their families and property by creating a family preparedness plan, purchasing flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program, and staying put where they are during a flood unless lives are threatened. Just an inch of water inside a home or business can cause thousands of dollars in damages. Many who have experienced flooding in the past did not realize until too late that flood insurance was not included in their standard homeowner's policy. A separate flood insurance policy must be purchased to cover damages from flooding, including both contents and structure.

The National Flood Insurance Program - of which every community in Harris County is a member - underwrites flood insurance for the entire nation. Flood insurance is sold through private insurance companies. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs or floodplain maps) help determine flood risk zones and associated rates for flood insurance policies. Be aware that one does not have to be in a mapped floodplain to flood in Harris County. In fact, about half of all flooding events in Harris County occur outside a mapped 1 percent (100-year) floodplain.

Residences and businesses can also flood from other scenarios not captured on floodplain maps. In many cases, flooding is caused by water flowing overland trying to reach bayous and streams. Flooding also occurs when floodwaters exceed the capacity of roadside ditches or underground storm sewers. All of Harris County is at risk of flooding to varying degrees, and all homeowners should have flood insurance to protect their investments. Contact one's insurance agent for more information about purchasing flood insurance, or visit the National Flood Insurance Program at www.floodsmart.gov or call 1-888-379-9531.

For more information on being "flood wise," visit the Harris County Flood Control District's website at <http://www.hcfd.org/famfloodprepare.html>. Having flood insurance will not keep one from flooding, but it will help with the recovery.

Meador students receive shoes



Gordon Berg of Action Ministries recently donated several pairs of shoes to students at Meador Elementary as an effort to give kids a fresh start to a new school year. Students receiving shoes pictured are, left to right, (front row) Alonda Gonzalez, Emily Helms, Dylan Helms, Andrew Ho, Terrius Taylor, Andrew Chapa, (back row) Victoria Ho, Torrey Taylor, Jose Maxwell, Brady Johnson and April Rodriguez. Meador nurse Courtney Holt is pictured with the students. Photo submitted

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Lariaette of the Week



The Lariaette of the Week for the Sept. 9 game is Elizabeth Montemayor. She is the daughter of Charles and Anita Montemayor and is a sophomore and a first-year member of the team.

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Over The Back Fence by Jan

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 22 through Sept. 28.
Burnett Elementary
 A special birthday greeting is sent to **Bernice Barraza** Sept. 28.
Frazier Elementary
 The day for a party for **Juan Mata** is Sept. 25. Celebrating a birthday Sept. 26 is **Dina Edwards**.
Meador Elementary
 On Sept. 26, **Mary Browning, Cecilia Rivera** and **Connie Dumas** share a birthday.
South Belt Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Vilma Fernandez** Sept. 22.

Stuchbery Elementary
 On Sept. 24, a birthday is enjoyed by **Maria Melendez**.
Melillo Middle School
 Special birthday greetings are sent to **Lois Evans** Sept. 26. The day for a party for **Christopher Bui** is Sept. 27. Sept. 28 is the day for a cake for **Megan Medina**.
Morris Middle School
 On Sept. 26, **Cyrenian Scott** is wished a happy birthday.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Sept. 22 is the day for a birthday party for **Stacey Barber**. **Grant Pector** has a birthday Sept. 25. **Amber Medina** is wished a happy birthday Sept. 26. Double birthday wishes are sent to **Amy Dugat** and **Deronda Pitre** on Sept. 27.
Thompson Intermediate

A birthday greeting is sent to **Glen Russell** Sept. 23. On Sept. 24, **Jane Gorden** has a birthday. The day for a cake for **Dalia Castillo** is Sept. 25.
Dobie High
 On Sept. 23, birthday wishes are sent to **Christi Keeler** and **Denice Smajstrla**. Sharing a birthday Sept. 24 are **Franklin Moses** and **Martha Varela**. Sept. 25 is the day **Maureen Nweke** marks a birthday. Another double birthday is celebrated by **Gilda Gatica** and **Aaron Mathews** on Sept. 28.
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 Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Escort of the Week



The Lariaette Escort of the Week for the Sept. 9 football game is junior co-head escort Julian Navarez.

Longhorn Band Section of the Week



The Dobie Band announced the clarinets as Section of the Week for Sept. 6 through Sept. 9. Band Members of the Week were **Yesenia Rodriguez** and **Joshua Vasquez**. Student Leader of the Week was **Alex Lewis** and Spirit Member of the Week was **Rene Rodriguez**. Clarinets pictured are, left to right, (front row) **Briana Mazzola, Jonathan Lopez, Kemerly Dexter, Yesenia Rodriguez, Guillermo Betancourt, Kamille Harris, Fatima Castellon, Ernesto Klunk**, (second row) **Paul Sabal, Anjelica Sifuentes, Kayla Bryce, Estavaliz Garza, Angelica Vasquez, Lilibeth Mendoza, Burgandy Petri, Kristine Quintanilla, Robert Vo, Mercedes Martinez, Gabriela Elizarraraz, Raul Flores, Flavio Castillo, Sofia Guerrero**, (back row) **Juan Carranza, Julio Zavala, Daniel Kim, Joel Arhelger, Chanse Morris, Shikem Anthony, Khailon Harris and Johnathan Griffin**.

Umeh awarded Hobby Family Scholarship



Steve Umeh

Steve Umeh of South Belt recently received a \$2,000 Hobby Family Scholarship from Texas State University-San Marcos Department of Political Science, where he is in the Master of Public Administration degree program. Umeh, who earned his bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in health from the University of Houston, is concentrating

on public finance in his MPA program. After completing graduate school at Texas State University, he hopes to obtain admission into law school. The Hobby Family Scholarships, awarded for the first time in fall 2011, honor the family of former Texas Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby. The scholarship is awarded to students who have completed 12 hours toward the MPA degree and who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need.

Remember When

35 years ago (1976)
 The Harris County Mosquito Control District confirmed mosquitoes carrying the St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) virus were found in the Sagemont and Ellington Air Force Base areas.

The Scarsdale Maintenance Committee lowered the tax rate for property owners. Barbara Taylor of Sage-meadow and Steve Erickson of the Glenbrook Valley area were Junior Optimists for the month of September.

5 years ago (2006)
 Precinct 2 deputy constables made arrests for theft, drugs, a weapon violation and outstanding warrants. One arrest alone cleared 11 local warrants.

15 years ago (1996)
 Former Houston City Councilman Frank Mancuso was released from Memorial Hospital Southeast after undergoing open-heart surgery.

30 years ago (1981)
 The Pasadena Independent School District made low-fat milk the only choice for students. Would-be swindlers were operating locally with a scam including an envelope full of money. They tried to get the victim to put up his or her own money for a share of the cash.

25 years ago (1986)
 The child of a Wood Meadow resident was exposed to pesticides from diapers purchased from the Walgreens on Scarsdale at Beamer. Walgreens settled for \$3,000 in civil penalties and \$1,000 a day for each day the contaminated diapers remained on the shelf.

10 years ago (2001)
 In approximately 10 hours, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department collected more than \$16,000 which was sent to members of the New York City fire and police departments after the 9/11 attacks.

1 year ago (2010)
 Deputy Lance Willis arrested Glenn Biagas on charges of trespassing and assaulting a peace officer. The incident began when Willis spotted Biagas in a parking lot in the 10900 block of Scarsdale. Aware that Biagas had just been released from jail for distributing hate mail in the same parking lot the previous June, Willis told the suspect he had to leave the property. Rather than leave, Biagas, who was drinking a beer at the time, charged and attacked the deputy. A fight ensued, and Biagas reportedly punched Willis multiple times in the ribs. Biagas, 26, was subsequently apprehended and taken into custody.

20 years ago (1991)
 Construction began for a right turn lane west of Beamer at Scarsdale Boulevard. Plans for the Brio toxic waste incinerator called for

onstrate academic achievement and financial need.

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Learn time management skills at UHCL workshop

Explore time management techniques and identify wasted time traps during *Manage Your Time, Don't Let Time Manage You!* presented by Jennifer Clark, assistant director of Student Life, on Friday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the university's Bayou Building, Room 1437, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Sponsored by University of Houston-Clear Lake's Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement, this workshop will help attendees answer time management questions, including ways to improve productivity and how to avoid time traps. SLICE provides volunteer opportunities on campus and in the community. Admission is free, but preregistration is recommended. To preregister or find out more, call Clark at 281-283-2611 or email Clark Jen@uhcl.edu.

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Faculty Spotlight on Martin Wnuk:

Art is what you make it

The term "starving artist" is one that all parents foresee the minute their child expresses a desire to pursue a career in the arts. For San Jacinto College South campus art professor Martin Wnuk, seeing students flourish in his art classes is a reward in itself. "When you take an art class it should be a life-changing experience," said Wnuk.

"The major reason people stop doing art is because of fear - fear of failure. I don't give my students the opportunity to feel that anxiety because we work fast; they don't have time to work and be anxious at the same time."

Originally from Pennsylvania, Wnuk earned an associate degree in graphic design

from the State University of New York, and then went on to Syracuse University where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting. After teaching art for two years at Blodgett Junior High in Syracuse, N.Y., Wnuk enrolled in graduate school at Arizona State University where he taught drawing and painting courses while earning his Master of Fine Arts in studio art.

Upon leaving Arizona State, he was offered a position as an associate professor of art at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in which he was asked to create their graphic design department.

In 1985, he accepted a position at the University of Houston-Clear Lake where he taught graphic design for 15 years, helping also to computerize the whole department, preparing it for the digital design wave to come. Yet, his heart was still in fine art.

In 2000, he handed in his resignation to continue with his fine art opportunities. However, in 2005 the education door was opened once more when SJC offered him an adjunct faculty position. For the last six years, Wnuk has been inspiring and motivating his students in the art area he has always been most passionate about.

"Being able to see that progression within my students is really the most rewarding thing for me," he said. "I learn as much from them as they learn from me. As a teacher, you get to explore your own artistic ideas by giving them a project and seeing all the different points of view they come up with."

Unlike most professional areas, the arts continue to be one of the most competitive areas to break into. Whether it's painting, acting, dancing, photography, or music, Wnuk says that if the personal drive isn't there, the chances of doing something professionally associated within that area are slim. "When you're

in any of the arts, failure, disappointment, and rejection are a big part of it. I teach my classes with the understanding that doing art is probably one of the most competitive things that you could do in the world. I push them very hard, and the results are very good," he said.

It's easy to see what Wnuk's students gain from his teaching and experience. He has shown in exhibitions in New York, Massachusetts, California, Nebraska, Texas, as well as a few solo exhibitions in Arizona, and now has some of his work continuously on display at the Avis Frank Gallery in Galveston. His guidance in discovering their own artistic voice is definitely welcomed.

"Imagine that they're like a bunch of popcorn in a pot," said Wnuk. "You put on some heat, pressure, shake them up a bit, then right around mid-term they start to pop; they really find themselves as artists. It's very possible to teach an art class in a very uncreative way, and sadly, many students get used to that. So when they're actually in a class that exercises their creativity, it's a revolution to them."

In a report by the National Endowment for the Arts, nearly 2 million Americans identified an artist occupation as their primary job, with aggregate income totals about \$70 billion a year. Designers, which include graphic designers, fashion designers, and interior designers, are the single largest group of artists, followed by actors, dancers, musicians and announcers.

When comparing artists within the civilian labor force and other traditional professional occupations, 54 percent of artists have a bachelor's degree or higher, with a median full-time annual income of \$45,200.

In terms of artist populations, Texas ranked third in the top 15 artist-heavy states, with a population of 120,916 artists.

Ho, Huynh engaged



Tuyen Ho and Andy Phu Huynh announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Thanh and Noi Ho. She completed school in Vietnam and earned a cosmetology degree in 2007 from ITT in Houston. She is currently employed at the Summit Beauty Salon. The prospective groom is the son of Hiep and Nhung Huynh. He attended San Jacinto College, and graduated from Houston Community College in 2005. He is employed at H-E-B Blackhawk. Both are involved in volunteer work in the South Belt community. The couple is planning an October wedding.

CCISD's The View is open for business

The View, a full service salon staffed by Clear Creek Independent School District cosmetology students, has announced its fall 2011 community specials. Mention "monthly specials" when making an appointment.

Take \$1.00 off any appointment before 5 p.m.

on Oct. 3, 10 and 24. Appointments are available from 1 to 8 p.m. The View Salon is located inside Clear View Education Center at 400 S. Walnut in Webster. For appointments, call 281-284-1586 or email TheView@ccisd.net

Renovations set at South Houston Branch Library

Renovations are set to begin on the South Houston Branch of the Harris County Public Library. The library will be open until 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, with work scheduled to start on Monday, Oct. 3. The grant-funded renovations will include an update of the existing facilities and the addition of a computer lab.

During the closure, customers can use the following branches:

Parker Williams Branch

Library at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Suite 510, 281-488-1906; and the Clear Lake City-County Freeman Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, 281-488-1906.

Renovations are currently under way at the Jacinto City Branch, and the Galena Park Branch will be remodeled in the near future.

For more information, residents can visit www.hcpl.net or call 713-749-9000. All programs are free and open to the public.

CCART to meet Sept. 27

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This will be the first meeting of the 2011-2012 season. Meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Following the business meeting, featured speaker will be Tim Lee, executive director of the Texas Retired Teachers Association. Lee is the voice of retired Texas teachers.

There will be a luncheon. Bring a salad, sandwiches or dessert. All area Texas retired school employees are invited. New members dues are currently being accepted, and former member renewals for 2011-2012. Annual dues are \$35.

Divorce care group meets

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

Lions Club meeting set

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.



San Jacinto College South campus art professor, Martin Wnuk, inspires his students' creativity both personally and professionally. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

Library sets Bag Booksale

The Friends of the Parker Williams Branch Library will have their last book sale of 2011 on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

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Autism center launches 2011-2012 community speaker series at UHCL

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities welcomes all to a community speaker series created to help families and educators develop the full potential of autistic and developmentally challenged children.

Lectures are held monthly through April 2012 in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, Lecture Hall, Room 1100, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

"The lecture series was very well attended by parents, educators and other professionals last year," said Dorothea Lerman, CADD director and professor of psychology. "It is clear that there is a need for this type of community outreach in the Clear Lake area."

Provided by the center at no cost, lectures are presented by graduate students of the university's behavior analysis program and offer a question-

and-answer session and complimentary lunch.

All lectures are held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• Oct. 15, *Designing and Using Token Economies Effectively at School and Home*, presented by Sarah Antal.

• Nov. 12, *Assessing and Managing Stereotypic Behavior*, presented by Melania Brown.

• Dec. 10, *Using Reinforcement Effectively at School and Home*, presented by Amanda Greenup.

• Jan. 14, *Increasing Communication Skills*, presented by Adrian Rodrigue.

• Feb. 11, *Working with Staff: Training and Ethical Issues for Teachers and Parents*, presented by Anne Shroyer and Rachel Hoffman.

• March 10, *Teaching Activities of Daily Living*, presented by Kari Rote.

• April 14, *Strategies to Promote Generalization of Skills*, presented by Jessie

Reichwein.

Founded in 2008, the center supports research on autism and developmental disabilities, trains current and future professionals and provides services to children and their families through partnerships with community organizations.

The center is staffed by university faculty and students of the behavior analysis, psychology and early childhood education graduate programs.

Currently, about 60 families are on a waiting list for services.

Lerman says the speaker series was developed to reach more people in the community, since the intensive nature of their services requires them to focus on a small percentage of families.

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Murphys tour Hawaii



Don and Shari Murphy of Sagemont spent their vacation from Aug. 15 through Aug. 21, celebrating Shari's 50th birthday, on the island of Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands. They stayed at the Ashton Resort on Waikiki Beach. While on the island, they took a helicopter ride around the island (below), which included incredible views of many of the island's famous attractions, Diamond Head, Waikiki Beach, The Dole Plantation and Pearl Harbor. They also toured the Polynesian Cultural Center (top left), attended a traditional Polynesian luau (bottom left), toured Pearl Harbor, and rode in an outrigger canoe (above).



Perrett family enjoys 'fun in the sun'

The Perrett family traveled to Destin, Fla., the week of Aug. 15 for a vacation, prior to the children starting school.

Bottom left: Anselmo Perrett Jr. and his children, Lindsey and Anthony, build a castle on the beautiful white sand beach.

Bottom middle: Cousins Lindsey, Gabriel and Anthony get ready for take-off on a pontoon boat to Crab Island for some extra fun in the sun.

Far right: 7-year-old son Gabriel Barbosa and mom Adabel Perrett try parasailing for the first time in their lives. According to the duo, it was amazing to parasail 500 feet in the air and see the fish swimming in the ocean below.



London to the Lake District

Former Sageglen residents Phaedra Langham of Clear Lake and Crystal Langham of Brooklyn, N.Y., joined their parents, Fred and Judith Langham of South Belt, for a trip to England. They stayed at the Langham Hotel, Langham Place, London, England, and enjoyed a tour from the 'Big Red Bus' and cruise on the Thames through London. After a relaxing train ride to Boot in the Lake District, which is known for spectacular hikes and quaint villages, the group spent time hiking. Photos are from the hike from Boot to Hardknott Fort. The partially restored Hardknott Roman Fort was built in the second century. This remote and dramatically sited fort was founded under Hadrian's rule. Pictured, clockwise from top left: Phaedra Langham at Langham House in London; Fred, Crystal and Phaedra at Trafalgar Square; Fred, Judith and Crystal at the top of Hardknott Pass; Crystal and Phaedra on the bridge in Boot, Cumbria, England; and Judith and Fred at Hardknott Fort.



Hazardous materials collection at EFL Park

The Harris County HazMobile Neighborhood Collection Event will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, from 8 to 11 a.m. only, at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road.

collection system that can accommodate household hazardous waste (HHW) from approximately 100 households. HHW will be collected on a first come, first served basis

until the unit reaches full capacity. Containers must be 5 gallons or less in size.

Tips on transporting HHW materials:

- Containers should be sealed and in their original packing.
- Pack leaking containers in a larger non-leaking container.
- Place containers upright in a box or plastic bin and pack newspaper around the containers to prevent breakage.
- Place materials in the car trunk so the fumes are not breathed during transport.

Items accepted include: Fertilizers and pesticides,

paint related materials, household cleaners, used oil and filters, batteries, thermometers, fuels and antifreeze, pool chemicals, glues and solvents.

Electronics and tires will not be accepted at Mobile Collection events.

Other items not accepted include: business waste, medical waste, radioactive waste, PCBs or dioxins, ammunition, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, smoke detectors, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or household trash.

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Muses travel to the desert

Ashley Pointe residents Glen and Jo Muse spent their vacation driving through the southwestern United States.

At right, Jo and Glen pose in front of a canyon in Arches National Park in Utah. The bottom right photo is a different view of the same location. Bottom left photo: Glen and Jo stand in a crevice at Garden of the Gods in Colorado.



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QB Wolfe solid in first start

Longhorns hold off Humble 20-17, await Falcons

One of the keys to Dobie's resurgence on the varsity football field over the last year and a half has been the program's ability to overcome adversity.

That ability was on display Sept. 16 as the Longhorns managed to hold off the Humble Wildcats 20-17 at Veteran's Stadium, allowing the locals to improve to

3-1 this season with a huge nondistrict game coming against the Channelview Wildcats.

Dobie senior tailback Andrew Robinson, one of

the area's leading rushers, was again spectacular with 133 yards and three touchdowns. For the season, Robinson has 533 rushing yards, including 7.72 a carry. He has scored nine touchdowns in the first four games.

And then there's junior quarterback Tyler Wolfe, who made his first-ever varsity start in place of Blake Jackson, who is out for the season after ankle surgery.

Wolfe completed nine of 19 passes, but three of those incompletions were count-

ed as drops by the coaching staff.

Defensively, the Longhorns were able to offset five offensive turnovers by scooping up five Wildcat fumbles and picking off three Humble passes.

The turnover bug has bitten Dobie often this season, and that has to be fixed soon moving forward.

But head coach Jim Phillips had many things to be happy about in the win after the final gun sounded.

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Dobie defensive lineman Fabian Davalos shows his team spirit after collecting one of the team's eight turnovers against Humble during the Longhorns' 20-17 victory Sept. 16 at Veteran's Stadium. The win lifted the team to 3-1 overall entering a big game against unbeaten Channelview.
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Dobie (3-1) hosts Channelview (4-0)
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JFD tennis smashes Mavs

The Dobie High School varsity tennis team remains in contention for the District 22-5A championship after taking down rival Memorial 14-3 Sept. 20 at the Longhorn courts.

Two matches will be played Sept. 22, but the Longhorns have already earned the necessary 10 victories to win the duel.

With the win, Dobie is now tied atop the 22-5A standings at 2-0 along with Deer Park.

Head coach Manuel Moreno's team will play at Sam Rayburn Sept. 27 and at South Houston Oct. 4

before finishing out league play at home against Deer Park Oct. 11.

The Longhorns went 4-0 in the regular season in 2010 before falling to Deer Park and then losing in the 22-5A tournament semifinals to Memorial.

But this time around, it

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San Jacinto College soccer team to resume play

If there is a sense of normalcy to return to this season, the San Jacinto College men's soccer team will try to do so beginning Sept. 23 at Tyler.

The college, the team and its coaching staff are still mourning the death of player Jose Perez, who was killed in an automobile accident involving three other

teammates and a second vehicle on Sept. 13. The other three teammates survived the accident.

Head coach David Santesteban and his team attended Perez's services on Sept. 17, the same day parents of the softball and soccer teams hosted a fundraiser at the college during a day of softball action.

Perez's services now complete and the fundraising effort said to be a big success, the soccer team is now preparing to return to the field in a game situation for the first time since Sept. 10.

And what better way to do so than to take on the nation's No. 1 ranked team,

Jose Perez fundraiser - Kwik Kar Lube & Service, 11210 Scarsdale, will host a fundraising effort on Saturday, Oct. 1, in support of the family of San Jacinto College soccer player Jose Perez. From 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Kwik Kar will donate \$3 from the sale of each car wash to the Perez family. For more about Perez, visit www.joseperezmemorial.com.

Tyler, on its home field.

Tyler, which has played the role of San Jacinto's top rival for parts of three decades, is also the defending national champion.

San Jacinto lost three of its four games last season to Tyler, so it goes without saying the Coyotes would like to take back control of the series.

The two team will get back to action Sept. 23, at 7

p.m., on the campus of Tyler Junior College.

The Coyotes are off to a 2-2-1 start this season. But the team did win its final two games before the accident involving Perez.

The San Jacinto team has dedicated the remainder of this season to Perez and his loved ones. And there is no better way to get started than to knock off Tyler.

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SJC softball team taking shape



2011 Dobie High School graduate Ariel Morgan is one of the many first-year players at San Jacinto College bidding for a starting spot on the softball team. The Coyotes are currently playing an abbreviated fall schedule as head coach Kelly Saenz is getting a look at just who can make a difference in the spring of 2012. For more news, see Page 6B.
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Local sports news, notes

JFD softball/baseball fundraiser

The Dobie High School softball and baseball booster clubs will host the second annual fundraising golf tournament Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Country Place Golf Club in Pearland. The event will tee off at 1 p.m. The softball booster club is handling most of the pre-tournament activities, including registration. To sign up for the event or to gain more information, visit the softball website at www.ladylonghornsoftball.org.

Club South youth volleyball

Club South, a new volleyball club in the Bay Area will host a free volleyball clinic at Clear Springs High School on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. Those wishing to attend free of charge must preregister online at clubsouthvb.com or pay \$25 at the door for the clinic. The club is also looking to fill roster spots for the upcoming season. The club will also host a developmental league for fourth- and fifth-grade girls as well as teams for sixth- through eighth-grade students. For more information, call Nicole Westertep at 713-422-3633.







SBHLL offers Challenger BB

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is continuing plans to host a Challenger Baseball program for children with physical or mental handicaps for the spring 2012 season. The program will follow the competition and safety guidelines as determined by Little League Baseball. SBHLL board member Chrystal Sulak is handling the off-season plans for the program. Those wishing to get involved with the program or to learn more may contact Sulak at Chrystal_Sulak@hotmail.com.

SBHLL has openings

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League board of directors still has several available openings for the 2012 spring season. Available board positions include equipment manager, auxiliary chairperson for fundraising, major/AAA division player agent, AA/A division director, T-ball division player agent, concession stand assistant director, AAA field maintenance coordinator, AA field maintenance coordinator, Jr./Sr. division director and Jr./Sr. field maintenance coordinator. To apply for an opening, send email to sbhll@hotmail.com.

South Belt football predictions

						
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Barbers Hill hosts Dayton	Dayton	Dayton	Dayton	Dayton	Dayton	Dayton
Clear Creek hosts Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Creek
La Porte hosts Deer Park	La Porte	La Porte	Deer Park	Deer Park	La Porte	Deer Park
Manvel hosts La Marque	La Marque	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel
Friendswood hosts Galveston Ball	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Ball	Ball
Houston Lamar at Chavez	Lamar	Lamar	Lamar	Lamar	Lamar	Lamar
Clear Springs at Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Clear Lake at Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Clear Lake	Brazoswood	Brazoswood
This week's record	7-3	8-2	8-2	5-5	8-2	7-3
Season record	27-13	29-11	31-9	23-17	26-14	26-14

BAFL Week 6: Cowboys control League City with three wins; Rams gain Gators' split

The second half of the Bay Area Football League season began Sept. 17 as the three South Belt area teams saw varying levels of success.

season, winning three of the four games against the League City Wildcats.

Cowboys seniors 1 Wildcats 0

The Sagemont Cowboys senior division team claimed a 1-0 forfeit over League City to

improve its overall record to 2-4 this season. With four games left to play, the Cowboys remain in contention for the playoffs.

Wildcats freshmen 21 Cowboys 14

The Cowboys missed out on a chance to sweep the series as the League City Wildcats escaped with a 21-14 victory in the freshman game.

The loss sent the Cowboys to 2-4 this season with four games remaining.

Even though the Cowboys fell in the end, each player excelled, including Kyle Redmon, Kaden Fernandez, Jayden Balderas, Richard Gary, Joshua Carter, Kyle McDonald, Xavier Elias, Adrian Valdez, Christopher Pineda, Grant Gamble, Dominic Serna, Matthew Castellano, Gage Lecourias, Ray Garcia, Jorge Olvera, Devin Molina, Kaden Arnold, Kadim Bahman, Hector Valdez, Luke Giron, Neftaly Juarez, Marcus Lind, Jalyune Jeffery and Jonathan Jean.

SMC pee wees stand out

Scores are not kept in the pee wee division, but the Cowboys' team has nonetheless shown improvement each week of the season.

The League City game was no exception as Donovan Balderas, Bryan Bailey, Charles Holt, Justin Lucadou, Jacob Roppolo, Juan Estrada, Logan Sorsby, Ethan Beltran, Gabriel Preciado, Marcus Izaguirre, Jordan Peralez, Vernon Glover, Brycen Summerfelt, Alejandro Rivera, Diego Gonzalez, Eden Diaz, Ricardo Trevino, Houston Banda, Daylan Boone, Dominic Sanchez, Daniel Moreno and Tyler Deel all played well for the Cowboys.

Gators seniors 20 Rams 19

The Ellington Rams experienced a tough-luck loss against the Bayou City Gators, who went on to win a 20-19 game.

The Rams, now 2-4, have dropped several tight games this season and have some work to do to get back into playoff contention.

ER pee wees excite

The Rams' pee wee division team has played well all season. Although no scores are kept, the players on the team are making the future of the Rams' program look bright for years to come.

Those playing well for the Rams

included Ethan Bishop, Elisha Carrizales, Jaedin Higgins, Dylan Castillo, Jer'Keithric Moore, Michael Alvarez, Ian Johnson, Isaiiah Correa, Deckkoda Pham, Alexander Powell, Logan Vanek, Keshaud Conaway, Alejandro Cazares, Jeremiah Beverley, Torik Ougrah, Ronnie Thompson, Joshua Santee, Jaime Garcia, Swazi Gurnell, Walter Alexander and Bryce Alexander.

Dolphins seniors 40 Patriots 0

Coming off a bye week, the Southbelt Dolphins' senior team played one of its best games of the season while hammering the Pearland Patriots 40-0.

With the win, the Dolphins

saw their record move to 2-3 this season with five games remaining.

Players who stood out

for the Dolphins included Tyrese Johnson, Ernesto Rodriguez, Ashton Daniels, Joe Huerta, Jonathan Escalante, Jaizac Garcia, Alex Williams, Hector Nunez, Matthew Sanchez, Jeremy Mancia, Luis Davila, Jordan Efrid, David Garza, Dominic Vargas, Enrique Cordova, Omar Rodela, Julian Torres, Eric Sanchez and Dante Castillo.

Patriots juniors 45 Dolphins 6

The Pearland Patriots evened the series with the Dolphins in the junior division, winning a 45-6 game.

The loss leaves the Dolphins

at 0-5 midway through the season.

Even though the season

has not gone as well as the Dolphins would like to this point, the players, including Ethan Riojas, Jonathan Tobar, Ty Wright, Trey Trevino, Alex Estala, Nabor Alanis, Gabryel Patterson, Steven Hernandez, Joshua Mancia, Ryan Puga, JaLon Hunt, Byron Flores, Joseph Garcia, Jacob Garcia, Tristin Sanchez, Devon Bustamante, Bobby Borjas, Roderick Puga, Bryce Feagin, Cole Richard, Anthony Garcia, K.J. Reyes, Jr., Damarius Countee and Sebastian Hinojosa, have given their all.

SB pee wees play well

The Southbelt pee wee division team has improved each week of the season.

After a bye in the schedule,

the Dolphins returned to the field against the Pearland Patriots and excited the fans.

Brown, Noah Resendez,

Gabriel Fonseca, Christopher Jones, Jacob Martinez, Cameron Dorsey, Nakia Johnson, Mark Milton, Mark Barrow, Ian Butler, DeJuan Dixon, Trai Scott and Joshua Sordia.

Gators sophomores 15 Rams 6

In the sophomore division, the Bayou City Gators left the field with a 15-6 victory over the Rams.

At 3-3 now with four games to be played,

the Rams are sitting in a third-place tie with the Sagemont Cowboys.

Those playing well against the Gators included Alejandro Duenez, Murt Marshall Jr., Jabari Simon, Anthony Gonzalez, Marco Sanchez, Julian Calvillo, Devin Mercadel, Mario Barajas, Devin Childs, Marquice Scott, Kennedy Pena-Howard, Fernando Sifuentes, Justin Vega, Cedric Dorsey, Dominic Caballero, Sebastian Comabella-Paredes, Steven Trevino, Jaylen Beverley, Michael Powell Jr., Robert Ernest, Javian Castaneda, Neiman Lewis-Wellis and Matthew Gilliam.

Rams freshmen 27 Gators 0

The Rams closed out the series with the Gators with a 27-0 victory, giving both programs a pair of victories.

At 4-1-1, the Rams are

in third place in the division and still can improve their standing with four games to play.

Lewis Zamira, Joseph Hinojosa, Ryan Wyatt, Manuel Frias, Giovanni Rubio, Adrian Tamez, Angel Cano, Charvis Jones, Matthew Balderas, Jordan Stanford, Francisco Garza, Eric Davis, John Bermea, Zaire Walker, Ryan Saxton, Kevin Taulton, Kelby Williams, Izaac Garcia, Devin Caballero, Christopher Seretti, Cleveland Tucker, Algel Javier Silva, Dylan Dixon and Demontre Carr all made big plays for the Rams against the Gators.

ER pee wees excite

The Rams' pee wee division team has played well all season. Although no scores are kept, the players on the team are making the future of the Rams' program look bright for years to come.

Those playing well for the Rams

included Ethan Bishop, Elisha Carrizales, Jaedin Higgins, Dylan Castillo, Jer'Keithric Moore, Michael Alvarez, Ian Johnson, Isaiiah Correa, Deckkoda Pham, Alexander Powell, Logan Vanek, Keshaud Conaway, Alejandro Cazares, Jeremiah Beverley, Torik Ougrah, Ronnie Thompson, Joshua Santee, Jaime Garcia, Swazi Gurnell, Walter Alexander and Bryce Alexander.

Dolphins seniors 40 Patriots 0

Coming off a bye week, the Southbelt Dolphins' senior team played one of its best games of the season while hammering the Pearland Patriots 40-0.

With the win, the Dolphins

saw their record move to 2-3 this season with five games remaining.

Players who stood out

for the Dolphins included Tyrese Johnson, Ernesto Rodriguez, Ashton Daniels, Joe Huerta, Jonathan Escalante, Jaizac Garcia, Alex Williams, Hector Nunez, Matthew Sanchez, Jeremy Mancia, Luis Davila, Jordan Efrid, David Garza, Dominic Vargas, Enrique Cordova, Omar Rodela, Julian Torres, Eric Sanchez and Dante Castillo.

Patriots juniors 45 Dolphins 6

The Pearland Patriots evened the series with the Dolphins in the junior division, winning a 45-6 game.

The loss leaves the Dolphins

at 0-5 midway through the season.

Even though the season

has not gone as well as the Dolphins would like to this point, the players, including Ethan Riojas, Jonathan Tobar, Ty Wright, Trey Trevino, Alex Estala, Nabor Alanis, Gabryel Patterson, Steven Hernandez, Joshua Mancia, Ryan Puga, JaLon Hunt, Byron Flores, Joseph Garcia, Jacob Garcia, Tristin Sanchez, Devon Bustamante, Bobby Borjas, Roderick Puga, Bryce Feagin, Cole Richard, Anthony Garcia, K.J. Reyes, Jr., Damarius Countee and Sebastian Hinojosa, have given their all.

SB pee wees play well

The Southbelt pee wee division team has improved each week of the season.

After a bye in the schedule,

the Dolphins returned to the field against the Pearland Patriots and excited the fans.

plays from Christopher Sanchez,

Alex Cadengo, Logan Riley, Jaiden Garcia, Erik Gamez, Toddrick Ward, Hayden Alanis, Calil Raymond, Julian DelValle, Jason Hampton, Nathan Mena, Hinojosa.

Jackson Muckelroy, Amir Miles,

Andrew Cabrales, Byron Robinson, Tyler Burge, Andrew Loya, Evan Martinez, Theorin Randle, Davion Nichols and JuJu

BAFL Week 7 Games

- Rams at Texas City Stingrays
- Texas City YMCA
- Dolphins host League City '49ers
- Blackhawk Park
- Pee Wee games at 8 a.m., others follow with senior play at 9 a.m., junior play at 10:45 a.m., sophomore play at 12:30 p.m. and freshman play at 2:15 p.m.

BAFL Standings

Senior Division American			
Team	W	L	T
Raiders	4	1	0
Stingrays	4	2	0
Wildcats	3	2	0
Gators	3	2	0
Dolphins	2	3	0
Cowboys	2	4	0
Rams	2	4	0
Patriots	1	5	0
Junior Division American			
Team	W	L	T
Patriots	6	0	0
Rams	4	2	0
Cowboys	4	2	0
Stingrays	3	3	0
Raiders	2	3	0
Wildcats	2	3	0
Gators	1	4	0
Dolphins	0	5	0
Sophomore Division American			
Team	W	L	T
Patriots	6	0	0
Gators	3	1	1
Rams	3	3	0
Cowboys	3	3	0
Dolphins	2	2	1
Stingrays	1	4	1
Wildcats	0	5	0
Raiders	0	5	0
Freshman Division American			
Team	W	L	T
Patriots	6	0	0
Stingrays	5	1	0
Rams	4	1	1
Wildcats	3	2	0
Cowboys	2	4	1
Dolphins	1	4	0
Gators	0	5	0
Raiders	0	5	0

BAFL Week Six Results

Sept. 17 games

Team	Sr.	Jr.	So.	Fr.
Cowboys	1	26	33	12
Wildcats	0	0	6	21
Gators	20	0	15	0
Rams	19	32	6	27
Dolphins	40	6	6	6
Patriots	0	45	36	33

Brook volleyball now 3-1; Dobie to open D-22 play

The heat is about to get turned up a couple of notches as the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity volleyball teams face some tough upcoming matches.

The Lady Wolverines, who have opened play in the District 24-5A ranks with a 3-1 mark, are about to play one of their rivals in a match that can't be any bigger.

At 3-1, Clear Brook is tied with both Clear Lake and Pearland for second place in the current standings.

Clear Creek has leaped out to a 4-0 lead, so teams like Clear Brook are looking to stay among the leaders.

Clear Brook will take on Clear Lake Friday, Sept. 23, at Clear Lake's Krueger Field House. The match features a special 4:30 p.m. start time because of Lake's homecoming festivities last

er that evening.

The Lady Wolverines arrived at 3-1 after topping Clear Springs and Brazoswood in back-to-back 24-5A matches.

Senior hitter Anita Permenter paved the way in both wins. She had 16 kills as the Lady Wolverines beat Clear Springs 25-11, 16-25, 25-14, 25-17.

In a 25-21, 13-25, 26-24, 25-18 win over Brazoswood Sept. 20, Permenter pulled together 19 more kills to lead the way.

Meanwhile, Dobie has lost three straight heading into the District 22-5A opener Sept. 23 at Pasadena.

Dobie fell 25-20, 25-20, 25-20 at Channelview Sept. 20 as sophomore Bre'shaun Franklin had nine kills.

The Lady Longhorns host their first 22-5A match Sept. 27 against Memorial.

Sports Calendar

VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 22
 Beverly Hills 7 Light hosts Bondy, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7 Dark hosts Bondy, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 8 Light hosts Bondy, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 8 Dark hosts Bondy, 6:15
 Thompson 7 Light at Jackson, 5:00
 Thompson 7 Dark at Jackson, 6:15
 Thompson 8 Light at Jackson, 5:00
 Thompson 8 Dark at Jackson, 6:15

Friday, Sept. 23
 Brook varsity at Clear Lake, 6:30
 Dobie varsity at Pasadena, 6:30
 Dobie JV at Pasadena, 5:30
 Brook JV at Clear Lake, 5:30
 Brook freshman A at Clear Lake, 4:30
 Brook freshman B at Clear Lake, 4:30
 Dobie freshman A at Pasadena, 4:30
 Dobie freshman B at Pasadena, 4:30

Tuesday, Sept. 27
 Brook varsity hosts Pearland, 6:30
 Dobie varsity hosts Memorial, 6:30
 Dobie JV hosts Memorial, 5:30
 Brook JV hosts Pearland, 5:30
 Brook freshman A hosts Pearland, 4:30
 Brook freshman B hosts Pearland, 4:30
 Dobie freshman A hosts Memorial, 4:30
 Dobie freshman B hosts Memorial, 4:30

Thursday, Sept. 29
 Beverly Hills 7 Light at Queens, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 7 Dark at Queens, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 8 Light at Queens, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 8 Dark at Queens, 5:00
 Thompson 7 Light hosts Southmore, 6:15
 Thompson 7 Dark hosts Southmore, 5:00
 Thompson 8 Light hosts Southmore, 6:15
 Thompson 8 Dark hosts Southmore, 5:00

Friday, Sept. 30
 Brook varsity hosts Dickinson, 6:30
 Dobie varsity at Sam Rayburn, 6:30
 Dobie JV at Sam Rayburn, 5:30
 Brook JV hosts Dickinson, 5:30
 Brook freshman A hosts Dickinson, 4:30
 Brook freshman B hosts Dickinson, 4:30
 Dobie freshman A at Sam Rayburn, 4:30
 Dobie freshman B at Sam Rayburn, 4:30

SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 23
 San Jacinto College at Tyler, 7:00

FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sept. 22
 Clear Brook varsity at Alvin, 7:00
 Dobie JV at Channelview, 6:30
 Dobie sophomores at Channelview, 4:30
 Dobie freshman Orange hosts Channelview, 4:30
 Dobie freshman White hosts Channelview, 4:30

Saturday, Sept. 24
 Dobie varsity hosts Channelview, 7:00

Tuesday, Sept. 27
 Beverly Hills 8A at South Houston, campus, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 8B hosts South Houston, campus, 5:00
 Thompson 7A at Bondy, campus, 5:00
 Thompson 7B at Bondy, campus, 5:00

Wednesday, Sept. 28
 Thompson 8A at Bondy, campus, 5:00
 Thompson 8B at Bondy, campus, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7A at South Houston, campus, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7B hosts South Houston, campus, 5:00

TENNIS
Thursday, Sept. 22
 Dobie JV/freshman at Pasadena Memorial, campus, 3:15

Bears' FB bests Bondy Patriots

The Beverly Hills Intermediate football program won a series for the second straight week, taking three of four games against the Bondy Patriots Sept. 13-14.

Bears' 8A 36 Bondy 6

The Bears struck on the first offensive play of the game and went on to win the eighth-grade A game in 36-6 fashion over the Bondy Patriots.

On the first play of the game, D'Vaughn Pennamon found the end zone with a 76-yard run. Terrance Lambert and Roy Molina provided the blocking. Josue Villalta provided the extra point for an 8-0 lead.

Juawan Bracy added to the Bears' lead as he returned a punt 53 yards for a score. Jared Cinco had the block to spring Bracy into the end zone for a 14-0 lead.

Pennamon put the Bears up 20-0 at the half with a 66-yard scoring run. Vincent Gutierrez and Manuel

Mendez provided the blocking on the play.

In the third quarter, Pennamon went to work on defense as he picked off a Patriot pass and raced 26 yards for a score.

Villalta added the extra point for a 28-0 lead. In the fourth quarter, Bracy found the end zone from 35 yards out.

Michael Arneson and Kevin Brown provided the key blocks. Villalta booted the two-point kick for a 36-0 lead.

The Patriots, however, added a touchdown at the end of the game to make the final score 36-6. Isaiah Chaney blocked the Patriots' extra point try to give the special teams a lift.

Bondy 7A 38 Bears 12

Bondy grabbed its lone win of the series at the seventh-grade A level, pounding the Bears 38-12.

The Patriots led 12-0 before the Bears' London Jenkins scampered 25 yards for

a touchdown. Jay Armstead and Jeremy Davis turned in great blocks on the play to spring Jenkins.

In the third quarter, Jenkins stood out on defense as he stripped a Bondy ball carrier and raced 57 yards the other way for a score.

Other top players for the Bears included Chris Gutierrez, Jacoby Davis, Eric Nguyen, LaJohn Smith, Jeremy Marcum and Hunter Garcia.

In the two other games, the Bears won the eighth-grade B game by a tally of 38-6. The Bears also claimed a victory at the seventh-grade B level by a 14-0 margin.

BHI 7C rolls

On the opening drive, the Bears' Jalon Williams ran a 65-yard sweep to the end zone behind the blocking of Nico Gerrardo, Yarmain Gonzalez, Javier Castillo and Efrain Gloria.

Tristan Flores scored twice and Noah Mata also ran for a score as the Bears delivered plenty of offense.

The Beverly Hills defense played a solid game with everyone swarming to the football, holding the Lions to 12 points.

The defensive stars of the game were Taylor Nguyen, Everett Moreno, Diego Quintanilla and Ricardo Duarte.

Thompson-BHI rivalry
Who won the big series?
Find the answers coming inside the Sept. 29 issue!

Clear Brook varsity tennis team aces La Porte 16-3



At left, Clear Brook varsity tennis coach Todd Burrows (at right in photo) chats with his daughter, Kailey Burrows, during a break in the action. Clear Brook had lost four straight matches before getting back on track with an easy 16-3 victory over La Porte Sept. 16.

Clear Brook 16, La Porte 3

Boys doubles
 Shope/Rau (L) def. Hua/GUnawardena 6-2, 6-1
 Luu/Treuil (CB) def. Creed/Ceron 6-3, 7-5
 Hackney/Albright (CB) def. Engles/Batson 6-0, 6-1

Girls doubles
 K. Burrows/Predella (CB) def. Vest/Shope 6-2, 6-0
 S. Burrows/DeSilva (CB) def. Hazlett/Le 6-1, 6-1
 Santiago/Reeves (CB) won by default

Mixed doubles
 Pearson/Zeidan (CB) def. Staska/Buck 6-0, 6-0

Boys singles
 Brantlee Rau (L) def. Ruvinda Gunawardena 6-3, 6-3
 Tyler Shope (L) def. Blake Hua 6-2, 6-3
 Nick Treuil (CB) def. Steven Creed 6-0, 7-5
 Ben Hackney (CB) def. Josh Ceron 6-4, 6-7, 7-5
 Andrew Albright (CB) def. Daniel Engles 6-4, 6-0
 Victor Low (CB) def. Austin Batson 6-0, 6-0

Girls singles
 Megan Predella (CB) def. Anna Vest 6-0, 6-1
 Lavanya Hospeti (CB) def. Sydney Shope 6-1, 6-1
 Kailey Burrows (CB) def. Phong Lee 6-3, 6-1
 Amara DeSilva (CB) def. Lexie Hazlett 6-0, 6-0
 Sarah Burrows (CB) def. Emily Staska 6-1, 6-0
 Isabell Gomez (CB) won by default

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Through Sept. 14 games

8A Records	District			Overall		
Zone A	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	2	0	0
Park View	0	0	0	1	1	0
South Houston	0	0	0	1	1	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	1	1
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	2	0

Game Scores
 Beverly Hills 38, Bondy 6
 Southmore 16, Queens 14

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	2	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	2	0	0
Bondy	0	0	0	1	1	0
Queens	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jackson	0	0	0	0	2	0

Game Scores
 Miller 10, South Houston 6
 Thompson 32, San Jacinto 6
 Park View 33, Jackson 0

8B Records	District			Overall		
Zone A	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	2	0	0
South Houston	0	0	0	2	0	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	1	0
Park View	0	0	0	0	2	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	2	0

Game Scores
 South Houston 18, Miller 0
 Beverly Hills 38, Bondy 6
 Southmore 6, Queens 0

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	2	0	0
Bondy	0	0	0	1	1	0
Miller	0	0	0	1	1	0
Jackson	0	0	0	1	1	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	2	0

Game Scores
 Jackson 19, Park View 6
 Thompson 20, San Jacinto 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Through Sept. 14 games

7A Records	District			Overall		
Zone A	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	1	1	0
Park View	0	0	0	1	1	0
South Houston	0	0	0	1	0	1
Southmore	0	0	0	0	1	1
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	2	0

Game Scores
 Park View 21, Jackson 0
 South Houston 0, Miller 0
 Queens 6, Southmore 6

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	2	0	0
Bondy	0	0	0	2	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	1	0	1
Queens	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jackson	0	0	0	0	2	0

Game Scores
 Thompson 50, San Jacinto 0
 Bondy 38, Beverly Hills 12

7B Records	District			Overall		
Zone A	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	2	0	0
Southmore	0	0	0	2	0	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	2	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	2	0
Park View	0	0	0	0	2	0

Game Scores
 Beverly Hills 14, Bondy 0
 Southmore 21, Queens 6

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Miller	0	0	0	2	0	0
Thompson	0	0	0	1	1	0
Bondy	0	0	0	1	1	0
Queens	0	0	0	1	1	0
Jackson	0	0	0	1	1	0

Game Scores
 Thompson 35, San Jacinto 6
 Miller 25, South Houston 6
 Jackson 21, Park View 2

Dobie subvarsity football squads sweep past Humble

It was a great week all around as the Dobie High School subvarsity football program swept its series with Humble Sept. 15, adding to the school's success at the varsity level.

Dobie JV 24 Humble 17

The Longhorns edged Humble 24-17 at the junior varsity level in a game that was highly competitive from start to finish.

Daryl Edwards caught a scoring pass and also scored the eventual game-winner

on a run play for the Longhorns.

Darien Childs chipped in on defense as he grabbed up an Humble fumble and raced 70 yards for a Longhorns' touchdown.

Ray Maturey got in on the action as he ran for a third-quarter score.

Michael Johnson, Michael Abston and Nicholas Villarreal also excelled in the win.

On defense, Childs led a charge that also included fine plays from Karlton

Winchester, Robert Sanchez and Malik Dorsey.

Dobie sophomores 26 Humble 0

At the sophomore level, Dobie came up with another brilliant all-around effort, moving to 3-1 overall with a 26-0 shutout over Humble.

Tyler Baumann, Josh Johnson and B.J. Scott ran for touchdowns, and Keithon Robinson intercepted a pass and returned it for another score.

Dobie's offensive line dominated the action as

Humble had a difficult time slowing down the Longhorns.

Defensively, Matt Salas had three quarterback sacks, and Lazaro Galvan recovered a fumble to stall an Humble drive.

Dobie freshman Orange 29 Humble 13

Dobie's freshman Orange team raced out to a 22-8 halftime lead en route to a 29-13 victory over the Humble Wildcats.

Joe Gonzalez got things started for the Longhorns

as he dashed 42 yards for a touchdown, and Dobie also converted the two-pointer for an 8-0 lead.

Later Maurice Hightower sandwiched 7- and 1-yard touchdown runs around an 8-yard scoring burst by Chris Washington as the Longhorns squared their record at 2-2.

On defense, Darius Simmons and Gage Peete-Myers intercepted passes, and Rashaad Randall and Eddie Kelly also made big plays in the win.

Lady Bear volleyball off to strong start; 7-1 overall

The Beverly Hills Intermediate volleyball program is off to a strong start, having won seven of eight

Thompson football crushes Southmore

Thompson Intermediate's football program had a great second week as the Lions were able to sweep past the Southmore Bulldogs in each of the four games in the series.

Lions 7A 50 Southmore 0

Thompson's seventh-grade A team led the charge with a 50-0 defeat of the Bulldogs.

Isaiah Allen got things rolling with four touchdowns in the first quarter.

Jeremy Williams scored in both the second and third quarters, and James Johnson had a touchdown effort in the fourth quarter.

Edwin Saldivar provided

four extra-point kicks in the contest to give the Lions a big eight points.

Others playing well on offense included Trey Prater, Alvin DeVeza, Brandon Flores and Luis Chavez.

The defense unit showed its prowess with big plays time and time again as the Bulldogs were held out of the end zone.

Isaiah Stoneham made the hit of the game, and Landen Cunningham did his part along with Brandon Wilson and Josh Gomez.

The Lions also won the other three games in the series to give the program seven wins in eight games to open the season.

overall matches early this season.

During the opening week, the Lady Bears won three of the four matches against the Miller Lady Falcons.

The eighth-grade Light and Dark teams both gained wins to open the season using great play from each of the team's players.

The eighth-grade Light team started the match against Miller with good serves, consistent communication and great hustle plays from everyone.

Marina Allen played the net well with three blocks, five service winners and four kills.

Lada Heng, Giselle Landa, Sandra Gonzalez and Jenae Clark dominated the first game to help the Lady Bears beat the Falcons 25-21.

In the second game, the Bears added plays from Jazmin Valdez, Melany

Menjivar, Justice Henderson, Takira Butler, Kristy Christmas and Macalyn Castro-Cardenas to give the team a 27-25 win for the sweep.

In the eighth-grade Dark match, the Bears were on fire from the start.

Madeline Colunga gave the Bears a great lead with a total of nine service winners and three kills.

Georgette Wandji added 11 service winners and five kills.

Along the way, there were also good plays from

Ashley Castillo and Alyssa Cruz, Yessika Pena, Julianna Salinas, Diana Torres, Danielle Jones, Gabrielle Jones, Nicole Yanny and Toni Zatarain.

The Bears defeated the Falcons 25-6 and 25-19.

In seventh-grade play, the Lady Bears won the Light game with relative ease.

Miller picked up its only win of the series in the seventh-grade Dark match even though the Lady Bears played very well.

The Bears host Bondy Sept. 22, at 5 p.m.

Sept. 22 VB matches

BHI 7/8 Dark hosts Bondy, 5 p.m.
BHI 7/8 Light hosts Bondy, 6:15 p.m.

Thompson 7/8 Dark hosts Southmore, 5 p.m.
Thompson 7/8 Dark hosts Southmore, 5 p.m.

Lions' FB takes down Southmore Bulldogs

The Thompson Lions opened the 2011 Pasadena Independent School District football season with a fine effort against the Southmore Bulldogs, winning three of the four games.

The Lions also played in a game against Beverly Hills and another against Friendswood in the seventh-grade C division.

Lions' 8A 28 Southmore 0

In eighth-grade A action, Tyler Giron threw a pair of touchdown passes to Tyson Thompson as the Lions

were able to execute well in the passing game.

Jaylon Bolden scored on a 22-yard run, and Dre Childs threw a scoring pass to Kaelon Woods to round out the Lions' scoring.

Michael Rose, Orlando Logan, Miguel Lopez, Jesse Paredes and Adan Solis also excelled offensively up front as the Lions were able to post four touchdowns.

In the second half, the Thompson defense rose to the occasion time and time again to complete the shut-out victory.

Strong plays were made by Jason Lester, Sam Hart, Cody Murray, Travorus Gilbert, Malik Peters and Chandler Tisby.

In the other games in the series, the Lions' eighth-grade B team defeated the Bulldogs 13-0.

The Lions also won the seventh-grade A game by a score of 12-0, but fell 6-0 in the seventh-grade B action.

C team challenges BHI

Thompson's seventh-grade C team went up against the Beverly Hills Bears, with the Bears going

on to win 26-12.

Despite falling behind 13-0 at halftime, the Lions fought their way back into the game along the way.

DeJean Jollivette returned a kickoff for a touchdown of 73 yards, and Jeantrel Jollivette scored in the fourth quarter on a short run.

Joel Chicas, Hector Moreno, Andy Tamez and Brian Sharpe also played well, and the coaches listed David Strout and Nathan Doss as the top overall players in the game.

Lions' C falls to Fwood

The Lions' seventh-grade C team was defeated by Friendswood 20-0 despite a great effort by everyone on the team.

Jeantrel Jollivette, Chris Saucedo, Devin Hua, Ivan Diaz, DeJean Jollivette and Joe Gonzalez played well on offense for the Lions.

The defense was led by Nick Paulk, Kevin Gartner, David Stout, Luis Holmes, Oren Moreno, Esai Castro and Isaac Sanchez. Jesus Contreras was also terrific for the Lions.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
 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 a.m.

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

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

6:30 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

Carmel Temple - ECKANKAR, Religion of the Light and Sound, presents a Community HU at Carmel Temple, 1208 Pennsylvania Street in South Houston, on Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. HU is a love song to God. For more information, call 281-759-1130.

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, SEPTEMBER 23
 7 a.m.

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

9 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 - New Directions Singles support meetings are held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For further information, call Jerry at 832-279-8106 or Linda at 409-392-6886.

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, SEPTEMBER 27
 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.

American Begonia Society - Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxum Bank in League City. For more information, call 281-946-4237 or 281-471-5048.

1 p.m.

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

2 p.m.

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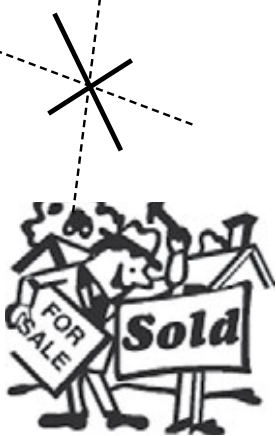
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4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First
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6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence sup-
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7 p.m.
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Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United
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Dobie netters ace Memorial Mavs

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appears the Longhorns are clearly one of the district's better teams.

In 2010, Dobie held off Memorial 10-9. Head coach Manuel Moreno wanted to see his team come out against the Mavericks and deliver a convincing win. He has seen it.

Based solely on overall records, Deer Park still appears to be the frontrunner in the 22-5A alignment.

The Deer, at 7-3 overall, possess the lone winning record among the six teams. Dobie, which has won four of its 14 overall matches, is likely to be able to host district tournament matches at least through the semifinal round. Memorial is 1-7 overall, with its lone win coming in district play.

Sam Rayburn is 0-2 overall, and South Houston (0-1) and Pasadena (0-2) have just begun their respective seasons in district play.

So, Dobie and Deer Park appear to be headed for a showdown.



Mixed doubles teammates Melanie Thompson (left) and Tony Teiu gained a big win over Memorial to help Dobie improve to 2-0 during fall team tennis action Sept. 20 at the Longhorn courts. Photo by John Bechtle

JFD's eight takeaways key Humble win; team set to take on unbeaten Falcons

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"I thought (Tyler) Wolfe did a great job in his first start, and he's only going to get better," Phillips said.

"He works at it, and he wants to be as good as he can be. This offense is not easy to pick up without having the benefit of game action.

"But Tyler was good in the offseason and he also threw the ball well in the 7-on-7 during the summer. We can help him more if we catch the ball."

As for Robinson, he has clearly taken over as the team's feature back after a very good junior season that saw him share the ball with DeMarcus Boyd.

The coaching staff seems very comfortable with the

ball in Robinson's hands either as a return man, running back or receiver as much or more than 30 touches per game.

So far, Robinson has handled the workload and proved his ability to break the big play.

"Andrew is the real deal," Phillips said. "Everybody knows how important he is to us. He's stronger than you think, and his speed speaks for itself."

"We have done a good job up front of creating some space for Robinson and some of the others, and Robinson doesn't need much of an opening."

Phillips acknowledged the team has to cut down on its costly turnovers, and the special teams units have to

execute better. But right now, the Longhorns are 3-1, and a win over Channelview will give the team a take-notice victory.

"We have some things that are fixable, and anytime you have things that are fixable, that's easier than missing a player. We're moving forward."



Junior quarterback Tyler Wolfe made his first varsity start against Humble. Despite the usual bumps in the road associated with a debut, Wolfe showed he is up to the task moving forward. GaryWPhotos.com

San Jac softball begins journey to spring 2012 season

The opening of the 2012 spring season is still months away, but the San Jacinto College softball team is getting an early start.

Like many collegiate teams do this time of year, the Coyotes are taking part in an abbreviated fall schedule of games. And for head coach Kelly Saenz and her players, the time is critical to the development of the team heading into the spring.

By the time the spring season arrives, Saenz is likely to survey the field and see as many as eight newcomers compared to 2011.

San Jacinto figures

to be fine in the circle as starters Shannon Millman and Alexis Estrada will return, with freshman Brooke DuBois also likely to see some time.

But elsewhere, Saenz has to look long and hard for familiar faces. Jaclyn Bechtle, the team's top home run hitter, is back in the infield along with Candyce Carter, one of the team's top hitters in terms of average.

There are a few other sophomores in the mix, but only Millman, Estrada, Bechtle and Carter saw significant playing time a season ago.

"We are extremely young in terms of collegiate experience, and that is why this

fall season is so important," Saenz said. "This isn't high school anymore. The game is quicker, the players are all talented, and things just happen faster. It's an adjustment for any freshman player."

During a doubleheader Sept. 17 at Coyote Field, the locals displayed some miscues in the field, and Saenz stopped the game on one occasion to counsel a young player. That's what the fall is for, the coach says.

Saenz pointed to the battle at catcher as just one reason why the fall is so key to the development of both young players and an inexperienced roster.

Ariel Morgan, a member

of Dobie's 2011 Region III title series team, is going up against Ashley Noak for the majority of playing time behind the plate. Things could always change, but the player who develops the best right now will have the edge heading into the spring.

"We have two freshmen catchers, and even though they are talented players, this is a new level for them. Players are bigger, faster and stronger, and you have to be more precise with your throws."

Yet the battle at catcher is not Saenz's only concern. Bechtle, who played primarily at first base and as a designated hitter in 2011,

has been shifted to shortstop this fall. The outfield has at least three newcomers.

"We have to use the fall to figure out a lot of things," Saenz said.

"Who hits better at the top of the lineup instead of the bottom? Who are our power hitters? Who is better suited for left field than right field?," she said. "Those are all things we would like to get a handle on right now."

Overall, even though this is a young and inexperienced group right now, Saenz plans on going head to head with defending Region XIV champion Blinn this spring.



Alexis Estrada, one of two sophomore pitchers returning to San Jacinto College, will use the fall to stay sharp prior to the spring season in February 2012.



Jaclyn Bechtle (left), one of the Coyotes' top power threats, chats with head coach Kelly Saenz during the team's fall series Sept. 17. The team will be back in action Sept. 24 for four games at the South campus. Photos by John Bechtle

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SJC soccer's Jose Perez benefit at Kwik Kar Sat., Oct. 1 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. See details on Page 1B!

11-under HTown Jokers win at Slugfest



The South Belt area based HTown Jokers, an 11-under select baseball team, defeated the Sweeney Vipers II 12-10 to win the United States Specialty Sports Association's September Slugfest crown at the League City Sports complex as Gavin Machado smacked a grand slam to lift the team to the trophy. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Brandon Valdez, Aaron Perea, Cameron Davis, Alex Hernandez, (middle row) Frank Mendez, Armando Soto, Lorenzo Mendez, Matthew Benitez, Machado, (back row) coach Oscar Perea, coach Mike Mendez, Dave Amaya, and manager Rudy Mendez.

Sluggers 12U rolls to baseball championship



The South Belt Sluggers 12-under select baseball team completed a five-game sweep at the United States Specialty Sports Association's September Slugfest at Big League Dreams. The locals won both pool games with last-inning comebacks, defeating the LC Mavericks of Dayton 7-6 and Team Citius of Laredo 8-7. The Sluggers lived up to their names on elimination day, outscoring their opponents 31-9. After winning a one-run game for starters, the Sluggers rolled to 11-2 and 12-0 wins for the championship. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Mikey Fuqua, Hunter Guerrero, David Zereno, Mario Rodriguez, Triston Gibson, Jacob Sims, (middle row) Seth Barber, Jacob Sulak, AJ Martinez, Torrey Tapper, Hunter Garcia, (back row) coach Joe Martinez and manager Taji Garcia.

SJC soccer team remembers Perez

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While the team has resumed preparation for the remainder of the season, Santesteban said the team's thoughts remain with Perez and his family.

At Perez's funeral services in Euless, his hometown, the team, including Santesteban, was in attendance. San Jacinto College South president Dr. Maureen Murphy also attended.

During the day, Murphy presented Perez's family with an associate of arts degree in teaching.

Perez's major was education, and while the events surrounding Perez's death are tragic, Santesteban said the young player and his family have taught his remaining players so much. "Jose's family is one of the strongest I have been around in a situation like

this," Santesteban said. "They are a very loving and caring family, and even though they are sad to have lost Jose, they know he is in a better place and his legacy will carry on."

"Through all of this, Jose and his family have taught us about strength and honor, and so much more. You always hate to see a moment like this come about for those lessons to be learned, but I believe we will all be better for having learned those things."

Santesteban also extended his thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the barbecue fundraiser such a success.

Along with his family, Perez is survived by his girlfriend, who is pregnant with the couple's child. All of the funds raised from the event will go to Perez's family, in-

cluding his girlfriend. Kwik Kar Lube and Service, 11210 Scarsdale, will also host a fundraising effort on Saturday, Oct. 1. For more details, see Page 1B.

"I have been humbled by the care and generosity this community has shown during this time," Santesteban said.

"Again, you hate to have something like this happen to see that kind of support, but all of us are so thankful for the support."

As for the remainder of the season, including the Tyler matchup, the team will carry on. "Our goal is to get back to nationals, and to do so, you have to go through Tyler," Santesteban said. "They are the two-time champion for a reason. It all starts now for us. We'll go there and give it our best."

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