

Tree waste pickup set

Tree waste only will be picked up Thursday, Sept. 23, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

Girl Scout sign-ups set

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council will host a sign-up event at South Belt Elementary, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 28, in the school cafeteria. All interested girls in Pasadena and Deer Park independent school districts are invited but must be accompanied by a parent. Girls must be in kindergarten through 12th grade. For more information, contact Myriam Hudson at 713-292-0287 or mhudson@sjgs.org.

PW Library sets events

The following events are scheduled for the week of Sept. 23-29 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

The Vietnamese Lunar Moon Festival will be celebrated Saturday, Sept. 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be no storytime this day.

Also on Saturday, the Friends of the Parker Williams Library will hold a book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations of books, movies and magazines are accepted throughout the year.

The genealogy discussion group will meet Monday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

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

Legler hosts enrollment fair

Rep. Ken Legler, R-Pasadena, will co-host an application fair on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist families enroll in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The event will be held at 171 Pasadena Town Square in Pasadena. For more information, contact Legler's district office at 713-944-1092.

LSA hosts dance camp

The Lutheran South Academy Strutters will host their annual dance camp on Saturday, Sept. 25, from noon to 4 p.m. Dancers in grades Pre-K3 through eighth grade are invited to attend. No dance experience is required. Participants will return on Friday, Oct. 1, to dance at halftime on the LSA football field.

The cost is \$50 and includes dance instruction, performance T-shirt, lunch, snack, framed photo, hair tie and certificate. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. in the LSA gym, Bldg. B. For information, contact SouthStrutters@Yahoo.com.

Free tutoring at St. Luke's

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

Kirkwood South meets

The Kirkwood South Committee will meet Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Judge Jo Ann Delgado's courtroom.

Dobie NHS garage sale set

The Dobie High School National Honor Society will host a car wash Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Kroger located at 11701 South Sam Houston Parkway from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pet vaccinations at San Jac

Pet owners may bring their dog or cat to San Jac College South campus for low-cost vaccinations from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 25. This event will be held in Rooms 1117 and 1114 of the administration building. The following will be offered for dogs: Rabies, \$10; Distemper/Parvo, \$15; Distemper/Parvo/Lepto, \$20; and Bordetella, \$10. Shots offered for cats are: Rabies, \$10; Distemper, \$15; Distemper/Leukemia, \$20.

Vaccinations must be paid for in cash. Each pet will receive a rabies tag and certificate. For information, call Dr. Adam Eiler at 281-998-3511 or e-mail adam.eiler@sjcd.edu.

Dobiefest set for Oct. 2

Dobiefest will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help raise money for Dobie High School. Event activities include moonwalks, face painting, pictures with Lucy the Longhorn, carnival games and more.

Ambands will be sold for \$3 each and allows unlimited access to all activities.

During the festival, Dobie and Bayway Lincoln Mercury will partner as part of Ford's Drive One 4 UR School program. Take a free test drive and Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to the school. Dobie's goal is to raise at least \$6,000, and to reach it, at least 300 drivers are needed.

Softball, baseball boosters

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

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

PISD unveils five-year strategic plan

After months of preparation, the Pasadena Independent School District recently unveiled its new five-year strategic plan.

"Pasadena ISD is not a district that will settle for anything less than the best for our students," said Candace Ahlfinger, spokeswoman for the district. "We are meeting and exceeding goals, but we realize the need for long-term planning that guides all decisions so that we will continue on the right road."

Working jointly with Cambridge Strategic Services, the process involved employees, parents, community members and students.

It is not the first time PISD has tackled such an endeavor.

"The last time that Pasadena ISD engaged in a thorough strategic planning process was in 1989. Each year the plan has been tweaked, but there

is a time when an entire plan must be revisited," Ahlfinger said.

The first step of the process involved a 30-member strategic planning team who met and developed a draft of beliefs, a mission statement, strategic objectives, parameters and strategies.

Action teams consisting of approximately 25 to 30 people then evaluated each of the seven proposed strategies and drafted a set of action plans, each of which included a cost-benefit analysis.

The strategic planning team then reconvened to evaluate the action plans and made a final draft that was presented to PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis, who made the final recommendations regarding timing and resource allocation.

Lewis then presented the plan to the PISD Board of Trustees for final approval.

The entire planning and development process

took approximately 18 months.

The district's mission statement, as established by the strategic plan, states, "The mission of Pasadena ISD, the gateway to unlimited opportunity for the youth of our culturally rich community, is to empower students to become accomplished, self-directed, and collaborative citizen-scholars who boldly contribute to an increasingly complex and evolving world by engaging in rigorous curriculum, relevant experiences, and positive relationships while embracing the uniqueness of each individual."

The goals of the plan are outlined in the following seven strategies: "We will ensure rigorous curriculum and relevant learning experiences that promote real life application; We will provide flexible learning environments, structures and schedules that meet the needs of all 21st

century learners; We will develop and promote 21st century career and college exploration and preparation programs for all students; We will actively recruit, develop, and retain a highly qualified staff; We will relentlessly pursue a culturally responsive approach to meaningful parental engagement; We will ensure vital and ongoing relationships with our business and community partners; We will embed appropriate technologies throughout the district to support both instructional and administrative needs."

Ahlfinger is confident the process will deliver results.

"The new strategic plan will help ensure that all of our energies and resources are being dedicated to the right areas to achieve these goals," she said.

For information, visit www.pasadenaisd.org.

SVFD station nears completion



The new Southeast Volunteer Fire Department station on Scarsdale Boulevard is nearing completion and is due to open in late October once the building has received final approval from the fire marshal's office. A community open house will coincide with the building's completion. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Pasadena Rodeo to begin Oct. 1

The 61st annual Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo is scheduled to take place Friday, Oct. 1, through Saturday, Oct. 9.

The event's 28th annual barbecue cookoff will take place the previous weekend on Thursday, Sept. 23, to Saturday, Sept. 25. A corresponding junior cookoff will take place Sept. 25.

Opening weekend festivities include a parade, trail ride, tailgate party and Little Wrangler Rodeo on Saturday, Oct. 2, and Cowboy Church, Rodeo Slack, steak-off and second annual bake-off on Sunday, Oct. 3.

A livestock auction is scheduled to take place Thursday, Oct. 7.

Professional bull riding will take place Friday, Oct. 8, and Saturday, Oct. 9.

Jack Ingram and the Cody Rosier Band will perform Friday, Oct. 1. The Casey Donahew Band and the Cody Johnson Band will perform Saturday, Oct. 2. David Grace will perform on Monday, Oct. 4. The Posse will perform Tuesday, Oct. 5. The Scooter Brown Band will perform Wednesday, Oct. 6. The Josh Ward Band will perform Thursday, Oct. 7. Easton Corbin and Misbehavin' will perform Friday, Oct. 8, and Driftwood will perform Saturday, Oct. 9.

For more information, visit www.pasadenarodeo.com.

Airshow set for Oct. 23, 24

The 26th Annual Wings Over Houston Airshow takes flight Saturday, Oct. 23, and Sunday, Oct. 24, at Ellington Airport with aerial performances, aerobatics and demonstrations. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will amaze and captivate audiences with the team's precision formations in the F-16C Fighting Falcon.

The 2010 Wings Over Houston Airshow features aerobatic performances by Sean D. Tucker and Team Oracle, Julie Clark in the Chevron Mentor, and John Klatt Airshows. The always-popular Tora!Tora!Tora! will re-enact the World War II air power attack on Pearl Harbor. Also returning will be a firepower demonstration with the Korea / Vietnam era aircraft, including the Huey helicopter, AD-4 Skyraider, O-2 Forward Air Command "Oscar Duce" and AC-47 Spooky Gunship. A new addition to this year's lineup is the Smoke-n-Thunder USO Jet Car, a 26-foot long rocket that never leaves the ground. Its Westinghouse jet engine churns 10,000 horsepower and pumps about 6,000 pounds of thrust. When driver Bill Braack cranks it, this jet car can hit a speed of 400 mph in eight seconds. Military demonstrations include the C-17 Globemaster III, A-10 Warthog West Coast Demo Team, Air Force Heritage Flight, U.S. Coast Guard MH65C Dolphin Helicopter and U.S. Navy F/A-18C Hornet from the West Coast Demo Team. Also new this year will be a C-130 cargo drop demonstration.

"Wings Over Houston Airshow is one of the most patriotic events in our area. We honor our servicemen and women of the past and those serving now all over the world. Our event strives to provide a wide range of top level aviation entertainment and education by honoring aviation's rich history in addition to celebrating new

advancements in the field," said Bill Roach, executive director of Wings Over Houston Airshow. "We greatly appreciate our loyal volunteers, sponsors, fans, and members of the media as the event could not be a success without each and every one of you."

Other highlights of the 2010 Wings Over Houston Airshow include the "Legends & Heroes Autograph Tent," 6th Cavalry Historical Association, Military Museum of Texas, and Houston Fire Museum vehicle displays.

Tickets for the 2010 Wings Over Houston Airshow are on sale now. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 through 11 and free for children 5 and under. Reserved "Prime-View" seats at the "50-yard-line" are \$40 and include reserved parking and an event program. Eagle Squadron Hospitality tickets are \$125 and include reserved seating, catered food and beverages throughout the day, reserved parking and a souvenir cap, program and poster.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 888-4-FLYSHOW (888-435-9746) or by visiting www.wingsoverhouston.com.

Leader correction

The Sept. 16 issue of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* contained an error.

A story that appeared in the paper's Over the Back Fence section incorrectly stated that former Dobie teacher Marilyn Dodd's husband, Satch, had died.

While Dodd is in fact ill, he is still alive. The erroneous information originated at a PARSE (Pasadena Area Retired School Employees) meeting but was later determined to be untrue.

The *Leader* apologizes for any confusion.

Evening of Cuisine set for Oct. 7

Las Vegas trip for two added to prizes

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 13th annual Evening of Cuisine and antique car show will take place Thursday, Oct. 7, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Attendees will be allowed to sample a wide variety of foods from local restaurants and businesses. Awards will be given to best entree, best dessert, best decorated, rookie of the year, people's choice and best of show.

Food vendors taking part in this year's event include Asian Buffet, Casa Ole', Deno's Cater Inc., Dixie Deli, Dos Mas, D'lish Catering, Fox and Hound, Granny Creeds Cinnamon Buns, H-E-B Blackhawk, Mi Tienda, Outback Steakhouse, Perry & Sons Market & Grille, San Jacinto College Culinary Department, Sicily Pizza, Pasta & More, Silver Eagle Distributors, Texas Land and Cattle and II Brothers Pasta.

The family event will also feature music and live and silent auctions.

Current auction items include a two-night hotel stay in Las Vegas, two standby airline tickets to Las Vegas donated by former South Belter and Dobie graduate Craig Arthur, a four pack of Houston Texans tickets on the 50-yard line that includes parking passes, two separate Houston Astros party packs that include 10 tickets each,

a liquor wheelbarrow, a family-fun pack to the Kemah Boardwalk, multiple restaurant gift cards and a wine-tasting party.

Additional auction items will be announced in next week's *Leader*.

This year's event will once again include a classic car and hot rod show. Trophies will be awarded in all categories. Entering a car in the show costs \$15 and includes a free ticket to the Evening of Cuisine.

Sponsors for this year's event include H-E-B Blackhawk, the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, Texas Citizens Bank, Almeda Mall, Clear Brook Realty, Texas Bay Area Credit Union, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Reflections/Campbell Family Practice, Sam's Club, JSC Federal Credit Union, San Jacinto College South, Prime-way Federal Credit Union, Redi Clinic, Fast Signs, Three K Consultants, Deno's, Bruce Cao Insurance, Premier Chiropractic, Zerick Guinn and Banco Herencia.

Dining tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Advance tickets are available at the chamber, 10500 Scarsdale, H-E-B, 9828 Blackhawk, and the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer.

For more information, call the chamber at 281-481-5516.

Pct. 2 deputies combat crime

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have remained busy battling crimes ranging from public intoxication to burglary of a habitation.

On Friday, Sept. 10, Deputy Jason Curry was patrolling the 12500 block of Beamer at roughly 1 a.m. when he spotted a car parked in a turn lane with its engine turned off.

Upon approaching the vehicle, Curry found the driver, Robert Fee, to be sleeping. The deputy woke Fee up and determined him to be intoxicated.

The Harris County District Attorney's office would not accept a charge of DWI because the vehicle was not running.

Fee, 34, was then arrested and charged with public intoxication.

Deputies arrested Zachary Salazar Thursday, Sept. 16, in connection with multiple home burglaries that occurred Wednesday, Sept. 8, in the 9900 block of Sagemill.

A break came in the case when officers from the Pearland Police Department arrested Salazar Thursday, Sept. 9, for a road-rage incident.

While searching Salazar's car, the officers found jewelry and items of identification that were traceable to the the Sagemill residences.

Under questioning, Salazar admitted to burglarizing the homes and gave officers a written statement.

The area residents were able to identify the stolen jewelry, and Salazar, 19, was arrested and charged with felony burglary of a habitation.

On Monday, Sept. 20, 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 this past 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.

County to resurface Hall Rd.



Harris County Precinct 1 workers are scheduled to resurface Hall Road from Beamer to Blackhawk beginning in early October. The project was bid out as part of a larger resurfacing endeavor, and no exact costs were announced, county officials said. The road will not be completely closed, but congestion is expected. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Readers' Opinions

Muecke city's District E boundary lines

The National 2010 census is now complete and the mayor of Houston has appointed a panel to look at the city district boundaries. If the population count is what was predicted, the city will probably need to add two additional council seats, which will necessitate the redrawing of all district boundaries.

I am concerned about the boundary lines of District E, in which we live. It includes Kingwood to the north, Freeway Manor/Edgebrook, The South Belt area and then down to the Clear Lake area. 35 miles from top to bottom. Former council member Addie Wiseman said she put way over 100,000 miles on her vehicle while representing this area for 6 years. Please take the time to look at a map of the city districts and see how District E starts in Kingwood, then follows the canal that brings water from Lake Houston to the East End water treatment plant and then on down to Clear Lake. Boy, if this is not gerrymandering, I don't know what is.

Every resident in the city of Houston needs to have representation, that means someone who knows and understands their needs. We do not have anything in common with Kingwood, they are a newer community and have more money. Our diversity is different, different income and living habits and needs. I ask that you follow this redistricting plan closely by watching the City of Houston municipal channel (16), read all news papers including the Southbelt Leader and get informed. Then make your feelings known to those on the redistricting panel.

There will be local town hall meetings across Houston; come, listen and speak up. If you cannot attend a meeting, write letters and emails to your representatives. Remember you have your District councilman and the council members that are elected at large to work with. This is not pointed to any current council person or the area they represent. Some members may end up no longer living in their district due to boundaries being redrawn. It is your tax dollars and your right to make known your feelings. Get involved, don't let a few make the decision on who represents you.

James E. Muecke

Valtasaros: Stoning under Sharia law

This story gets graphic so I'm warning

Bella Vita holds Mistletoe Market Oct. 2

Club Bella Vita will hold its Mistletoe Market Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shop for that special holiday gift item and browse the vendors for jewelry, clothing, accessories, cosmetics/perfumes, yard art, candles, home decor and much more. Don't forget the Treasure Box in the center of the clubhouse. All proceeds from the sale of these gently used items will benefit Helping a Hero, a charity that helps wounded soldiers as they return home to the area. Lunch will be available at Mrs. Claus' Cupboard beginning at 11:30 a.m. for \$5, and BBQ-to-go at 5 p.m. Admission is \$1 - enter through the sales office. Club Bella Vita is located at 1548 N. Riviera Circle off Scarsdale in Pearland. For information, visit the Web site at www.club-bellavita.org.

Health fair at New Covenant Christian Church

New Covenant Christian Church will sponsor a health fair Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church at 10603 Blackhawk. Screenings will be available for glucose, anemia, hypertension, blood type and cholesterol; and breast exams. Information will also be available for preventive healthcare, nutrition, Medicare, kidney disease, exercise, bone marrow donor program and more. For more information, call the church at 281-484-4230 or visit billhinesministries.org.

Lariaettes host Hand and Stand Clinic

The Dobbie Lariaettes will hold their annual Hand and Stand Clinic on Tuesday, Oct. 12. The clinic will be held in the Dobbie dance room from 6 to 8 p.m. for children in kindergarten through the eighth grade. Pre-registration is \$25 and at the door is \$35, cash or money order only. Preregistration by Oct. 4 guarantees a T-shirt. Clinic participants will be invited to sit in the stands with the Lariaettes at the Dobbie versus Memorial football game on Thursday, Oct. 14. For more information, contact Lori Perez at 281-797-8370 or by e-mail at lp.loriperez@gmail.com.

you now. The other night I scared the day-lights out of my wife. I didn't know that she was in the other room and I walked in sobbing. She asked me what was wrong and I couldn't get past telling her that her brother-in-law had sent me an e-mail even though I tried several times. At first she thought that someone in her family had had an accident or something until I finally was able to tell her what had happened.

Her brother-in-law sent me an e-mail of a video that was obviously taken by cell phone. It was shaky, low quality and rough. It was a video of a young Muslim woman being stoned, kicked, and stomped upon by a group of young Muslim men. These religious fanatics, these believers in Sharia law repeatedly kicked this girl, stomped on her head, and threw stones at her while she struggled to escape. She was surrounded. There was no escape. The entire time that this video was taken more and more of the men beating this woman stepped up to take pictures of her struggle with their cell phones. As she continued to struggle her skirt rode up on her thigh. As one of the men dropped a concrete block on her head to finally bring her frantic movements to a halt another reached down and covered her thighs. They left her there with a pool of blood surrounding her crushed head.

They exercised their religion. A religion of peace. A religion that considers our way of life anathema. In their religion they pray 5 times a day, they do not drink, they do not eat pork, and they do not smoke. They do, however; kill. My brother-in-law sent this video to me. His name is Abdu. He is a Muslim. He and I have had many conversations of his life in America. His family has disowned him because he married an American woman. He has dishonored his family. If he were a woman instead of a man his family would have every right to kill him. He misses his sisters, his mother and father, his nieces and nephews. He doesn't miss the radical beliefs of his people. He came here for freedom. He is afraid that his new country will not be strong enough to keep his old country from destroying it. I hope that he is wrong.

George Valtasaros

Community asked to join in Strollathon

Hi, my name is Caitlyn Patterson; I am five years old and live in Sagemont. I was born with a debilitating neurological disorder called Rett Syndrome (RTT). Because of RTT I am unable to talk, use my hands or walk by myself, although my parents say

that despite all of this I have a bright and infectious personality that captures the hearts of everyone I meet. One thing that I would like people to know about me is that just because I can't talk doesn't mean that I do not understand what you are saying and I really love it when people talk to me.

I am writing today because I would like to invite every one in the community to participate in a Strollathon that we are having on October 2, 2010, to help raise awareness about RTT and money for research.

The Strollathon will be held at Rob Fleming Park in The Woodlands at 12:00 p.m. I would love for you to come out and walk with us at the Strollathon. It will be a fun filled day with lots of activities going on.

National Night Out Oct. 5

The Houston Police Department will participate in the 27th annual National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

The event encourages citizens to get out and meet neighbors, as well as interact with HPD officers to discuss crime concerns in their communities.

HPD wishes to remind citizens to take advantage of this opportunity to get out and meet the officers who pa-

trol their neighborhoods and help strengthen police and community relations.

Thousands of citizens in neighborhoods all over the city are expected to step out of their homes to meet neighbors and renew their commitment to public safety.

On National Night Out, Houston Police Chief Charles A. McClelland Jr. will visit several communities in the Houston area to interact with

There will be the walk of course, a silent auction, free ice cream from Schwann's Frozen Food, Kevin Black will be performing and several other fun activities going on as well.

Please visit my fundraising page at <http://www.firstgiving.com/caitlynpatterson> to register to walk at the Strollathon or donate. If you would like more information on coming out to walk with us or on how to donate, please call my mom, Deberah Patterson, at 713-231-4643.

For more information about Rett Syndrome visit www.rettsyndrome.org. Thank you for coming out and supporting me and all the other girls and women affected by Rett Syndrome. Love,

Caitlyn Patterson

Abstract artist, photographer featured at UHCL art exhibition

Renowned Slovakian abstract artist Jozef Jankovic and photographer Dona Jalufka are the featured artists in University of Houston-Clear Lake's art exhibition opening Oct. 10 and running through Jan. 10, 2011, in the university's Bayou Building, Atrium I, Second Level, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Jankovic's figurative abstraction of the human form in his sculptures and works on paper explores the past, present and future social and political struggles of humanity. He was professor of sculpture at the Academy of Fine Arts and Design in Bratislava, Slovakia, as well as rector at the academy.

Jalufka uses photography to tell a visual story by blending whole and partial images that explore travel and the differences and similarities of cultures. She is inspired by the split-screen imagery of the films of French director Chris Marker and the photography of Ray Metzger and Mario Giacomelli.

The public is invited, and admission is free for all exhibits. Exhibition hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 281-283-3446 or e-mail artgallery@uhcl.edu.

Death

Bonnie Channon



Bonnie R. Channon, 79, died Monday, Sept. 13, 2010, after a lengthy illness. She had been a resident of the South Belt area for the past 20 years. She was born on Oct. 2, 1930, in Healdton, Okla. She was the daughter

of Edward R. and Bertha Ann Osgood.

Channon is preceded in death by one son, David Kim Hallcom, three sisters and two brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph L. Channon; two sons, Roy Dale Hallcom and Terry A. Hallcom and wife Cindi; one daughter, Vicki Cox and husband Roy; and two stepchildren, Darlene Pirtle and Sonny Channon.

Channon is also survived by one sister, Patsy Perez; five grandchildren, Mark Wilson, Jason Wilson, Vicki Jean Hallcom, Nafsika Flores and George Aretis; and two great-grandsons, Maxwell Wilson and Alex Flores.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010, at Niday Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Roy Cox, Mark Wilson, Jason Wilson, Scott Young, Larry Merchant and Andy Merchant.

Guest Editorial

Addressing border violence must be a national security priority

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

The growing violence in Mexico has become one of the most pressing national security issues in America today. In Texas, with more than 1,200 miles of the nation's 2,000 mile southern border, we bear the brunt of the security burden, and our border communities increasingly face the threats of crossover violence. El Paso residents are seeing first-hand the effects of drug-related violence in Mexico. Recently, stray bullets from a drug cartel gunfight taking place across the border in Juarez hit El Paso's City Hall. Not long after that incident, a building at the University of Texas at El Paso was hit by stray bullets.

Thankfully, no one was hurt in either of those incidents. But we should all be alarmed at this escalation. Until now, American communities have been largely shielded from the violence raging in Mexico. But every day, there are new reports of horrific violence occurring across the border.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon launched an aggressive war against the cartels after taking office in 2006, but the cartels are violently fighting back. In four years, the drug-related violence has resulted in 28,000 deaths in Mexico. In 2009 alone, there were nearly 10,000 organized crime deaths in Mexico. And so far this year, there have been well over 3,000 killings, including the murders of American embassy employees and their family members in Mexico.

In August, Mexican authorities discovered the bodies of 72 people who are thought to have been brutally murdered by cartels running human smuggling operations. This massacre happened only 85 miles south of Brownsville. And in the space of two weeks, two mayors of Mexican cities were assassinated by drug cartels.

The criminal activity is spilling over into our communities and stretching our law enforcement and court systems thin. The U.S. Judicial Districts of Southern and Western Texas represent two of the top five most crime-ridden districts in our country. On a typical day, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials arrest over 100 criminals at ports of entry, seize over 7,000 pounds of narcotics, and apprehend roughly 2,100 individuals attempting to illegally enter the United States.

More must be done at every level of government to secure our borders and to ensure the safety of border communities.

Last month, Congress passed a \$600

million supplemental border security bill. The bill allows Customs and Border Protection to hire 1,500 new agents to patrol the southern border and ports of entry. It will create a specialized "strike force" to be deployed to different parts of the border, allowing law enforcement to focus on areas with the greatest need as they emerge. The bill will allow federal border enforcement agencies and state and local law officials to better communicate and coordinate efforts. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Department of Justice will also receive funding to hire more agents, investigators, attorneys, and other law enforcement personnel.

I also strongly support another effort to deploy 6,000 National Guard troops to the southwest border. The National Guard would help CBP get operational control of the southwest border, and it would augment our security forces until a continued scale up and training of Border Patrol agents can take place.

My Senate colleagues and I are also pushing for Customs and Border Patrol to obtain and operate daily flights of unmanned aerial vehicles. Aerial surveillance using unmanned drones is a force multiplier, and it allows border enforcement officials to more efficiently and consistently monitor the border and respond to illicit activity.

On Aug. 1, President Obama deployed the first of a total of 1,200 additional National Guard members to help border patrol officials and local law enforcement. However, spreading 1,200 National Guardsmen over four states is an insufficient response to a national security priority. Texas alone has asked for 1,000 National Guard troops, and Arizona has asked for 3,000 National Guard troops.

I recently traveled to communities along Texas' southern border, where I had the opportunity to meet with U.S. Border Patrol Agents and hear directly about their challenges. This direct contact is invaluable in order to get a true perspective of the situation. The men and women of the Border Patrol are defending our nation, and we must never waiver in our commitment to support them as they do their jobs.

Border security is a national security issue. And we must treat it as such. As President Reagan said, "a nation without borders is not a nation." That is why securing our borders cannot just be a Texas priority. It must be a national priority.

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 p.m. September 28, 2010

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.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The CLEAR BROOK CITY M.U.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2010 on **October 14, 2010 7:30 PM at 11911 Blackhawk, Houston, TX 77089**. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Jim Bishop, Bill Morgan, Steve Buckman, David Flickinger and Charles Tylka

AGAINST the proposal: none

PRESENT and not voting: none

ABSENT: none

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.67000/\$100	\$.67000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.00000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		.00%
Average appraised value	\$154,098	\$150,998
General exemptions available	\$ 30,820	\$ 30,200
(excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average taxable value	\$123,278	\$120,798
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 825.96	\$ 809.34
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if		
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		-\$16.62
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-2.01%

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Stuchbery: Helping students to succeed one at a time

By Matt Griesmyer

For more than 40 years, Stuchbery Elementary has served as a local landmark; a friendly face into which children of the community are to be ushered to gain their first tastes of education.

Since it was first opened, however, the area around Stuchbery has changed quite a bit, according to Principal Jackie Salisbury.

"The demographics have changed considerably since we first opened," Salisbury said. "Now we're dealing with probably 70 percent low socioeconomic status in our students."

The student population at Stuchbery was approximately 727 for the 2010-2011 school year, which is almost as high as it was before changing from a pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade campus to a pre-k through fourth-grade campus.

With the population of the student body increasing, the needs for those students also increases. This is why Stuchbery hired a bilingual teacher for the pre-k classes to assist students who do not speak English as their primary language in gaining the education that is needed. "We now have bilingual instructors for pre-k through fourth," Salisbury said. "We really stress English in third and fourth so that, if they are able, the students can take the English tests in fourth."

In addition to the bilingual education, the administration at Stuchbery has several

programs in place designed to help students succeed at their campus. HOSTS is one of those programs.

Helping one student to succeed, or HOSTS, was designed by the HOSTS Corporation and is set up to pair a student who shows a need for assistance in a particular subject area with a member of the community who will make a difference in that child's life. Though the corporation that started the program does not exist anymore, the program is still going strong at Stuchbery.

"The staff and faculty participate in the program as well as Dobie students and members of the community," Salisbury said. "(Volunteers) help them on reading, writing and math skills."

Also among their programs to help student succeed is something less conventional than traditional tutoring.

Dedication, passion and hard work are words that are important not only in core education, but also in learning how to play instruments. Stuchbery Elementary, working with Buddy Griffin, has brought these values home with ukulele lessons being taught as an extracurricular facet. Students who choose to attend the after-school classes to learn and perform in the ukulele and banjo band led by Griffin, all while learning the skills to help in their education and lives.

The school itself, while it



Principal Jackie Salisbury stands in front of Stuchbery Elementary School near the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

is a pillar of the community, has gotten on in age. Occasionally they have power troubles, problems with the facilities and sometimes even family issues with the

staff who fill its hallways, but Salisbury gets help when it is needed, regardless of the troubles.

"The faculty is very family-oriented," Salisbury said.

"Everyone pulls together. Everyone may not like each other or get along all the time, but when the chips are down, this faculty is there for you."

SJC upgrades Web site, call center, phone system to handle growing enrollment

In response to enrollment growth, San Jacinto College has introduced a number of technology upgrades to meet increased demand for student services and help students achieve educational goals.

The most noticeable upgrade is the new SJC Web site (www.sanjac.edu).

A key upgrade to the Web site is the course finder. This feature allows students real-time access to their educational plan, course information and class schedules. Students can store their information using an online personal dock, a type of shopping cart, and then register for classes once they like their created schedule.

The college also made the application process smoother by implementing a streamlined online application.

Registered students have access to a free virtual desktop through the "My San Jac" portal located on the Web site. The virtual desktop can be accessed from any computer and once logged in, students have access to their own desktop and have college software, such as Microsoft Office, readily available. "Every student now has

access to a desktop, college services, resources, and their course work using any device such as an iPad or a netbook with a freely available open-source browser such as Firefox," said Rob Stanicic, acting chief information officer at San Jacinto College.

Besides many other features integrated into the new Web site, the college also built into the site compliance with new federal and state requirements for course descriptions, faculty vitae, and easy access to the bookstore—all within three clicks of the home page.

"The information presented on the Web site is directly linked to the college enterprise resource planning (ERP) software and allows flexibility in pushing the required information to the Web and allowing compliance with the requirements," said Teri Fowle, associate vice chancellor for marketing.

The college is also upgrading its call center and telephone systems to meet increased demand for student services.

The call center is now integrated with the college's Web site through an online

help desk feature where students can get the same information online or by phone.

"We have already seen a 25 percent decrease in calls this fall since the upgrade to the college's Web site," commented Anita Jones, director for customer services. "This means that students are getting answers to their questions without having to wait on hold."

Behind the scenes, the college's Web site and call center access information from a common publications database.

This database captures real-time transactional information from the college's Banner (ERP) system and other databases. The publications database includes course syllabuses, catalog and class schedule information, allowing students access to the most up-to-date information to make informative decisions regarding their educational plan.

"These underlying technology improvements are critical as San Jacinto College continues to focus on how to better serve students," added Stanicic. "We have upgraded the underlying tech-

nology to increase efficiency and improve student services through multi-channel access to information. Whether students are seeking advice on how to apply or inquiring about a payment deadline, information comes from a single authoritative source delivered in multiple mediums."

As the fall 2010 semester unfolds, SJC will continue with its telephone system upgrade to Voice over Internet Protocol. This will not only improve the efficiency of administrative functions it will help meet the demand for increased enrollment in distance learning and remote classroom collaboration through telephone, video and Web conferencing.

"With a robust student success focus at San Jacinto College, these upgrades to technology will provide us with the tools we need to respond to student needs so they have more time to focus on achieving their higher education dreams," concluded Fowle.

For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.

Clear Brook Speech & Debate excels

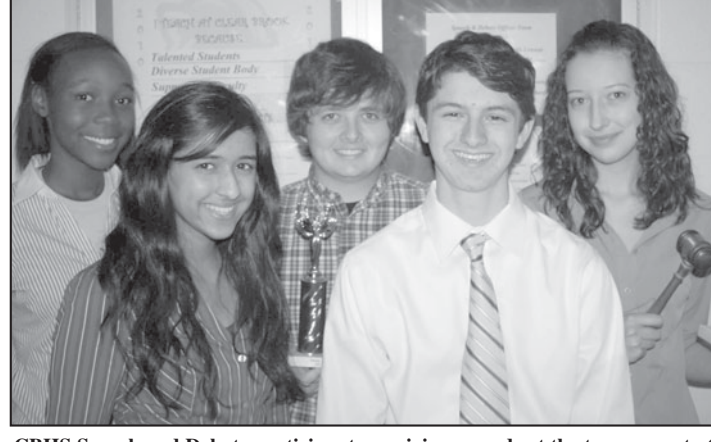
Monday, Sept. 13, saw the return of the Clear Brook Speech and Debate team from Elkins High School after making further progress in their march toward the state Texas Forensics meet later this year.

Newcomer Hunter Bodiford won fifth place in domestic extemporaneous speaking, earning 4 points toward his goal.

CX Debate partners Kelly Hogg and Eric Stone won third place and 4 points, with Hogg also winning a second-place speaker award in CX Debate.

Raveena Bhalara was an octo-finalist in Lincoln Douglas Debate, earning 1 point.

Rounding out the wins for the weekend was Kimberly Maima who won fifth place in impromptu speaking.



CBHS Speech and Debate participants receiving awards at the tournament at Elkins High School were, left to right, (front row) Raveena Bhalara, Hunter Bodiford, (back row) Kimberly Maima, Eric Stone and Kelly Hogg.

Photo submitted

High school students asked to submit artwork

San Jacinto College South is currently accepting entries from area high school students for its second annual mail art competition and exhibition scheduled for Oct. 21

through Nov. 19.

Students must directly mail their artwork, not in an envelope or box, by Oct. 15 to: Mail Art Competition Box 209, San Jacinto College

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Entries should include the artist's first initial, last name, e-mail and high school.

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any type of artwork that can be mailed, from postcard art to sculptures. All entries will be on display for the exhibition.

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award will receive \$200 in art supplies or books of his or her choice, and a second student award winner and top faculty will each receive \$100 for supplies or books.

Winners must be present at the reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the South campus library, to receive their awards.

For more information, contact San Jacinto art professor Martin Wnuk at 713-254-4205 or e-mail mar tin.wnuk@sjcd.edu.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The HARRIS COUNTY R.I.D. #1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2010 on **October 12, 2010 12:30 PM** at **Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, 1301 McKinney, Houston, TX 77010**. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: David Flickinger, John Bechtle Jr., Mike Daugherty, Bill Edwards
AGAINST the proposal: none
PRESENT and not voting: none
ABSENT: none

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$3.0000/\$100	\$3.0000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$0.00000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		.00%
Average appraised value	\$146,538	\$147,495
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$146,538	\$147,495
Tax on average residence homestead	\$439.61	\$442.48
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$2.87	.65%

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HCMGA sets October events

Harris County Master Gardener Association recently announced its events for the month of October.

Green Thumb Gardening Series

The Harris County Master Gardeners will present a program on tree care. The lectures are free and open to the public and are set for Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Bass Pro Shops, Highway 288 at the Sam Houston Tollway in Pearland.

Master Gardener Lecture Series

Dobie holds 25-year reunion on Oct. 2

The J. Frank Dobie High School Class of 1985 will hold its 25-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 2, from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Hugh and Jeff's

Dr. William Johnson, county extension agent for horticulture for Galveston County, will speak on year-round care of the landscape. Johnson will discuss when and how to accomplish major tasks and what not to do in the landscape. This lecture is free and open to the public and is scheduled for Oct. 20, at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park (on the lakeside), 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

Open Garden Day

The public is invited to

tour the working and demonstration gardens maintained by the Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2. Those who have toured the garden previously, are asked to come again because there's always something new, including the new food crops being planted in the production garden.

Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer any gardening questions during this free event. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Open Garden Day is set for Monday, Oct. 18, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff in Houston.

For more information on any of these or future events, visit the Web site at <http://hcmgap2.tamu.edu>.

SJC holds second set of Grease auditions

The San Jacinto College Central theater department will hold a second set of auditions Sept. 25 and 26 in search of performers ages 10-15 for the popular musical *Grease*.

Auditions begin at 7 p.m. each evening at Slocomb Auditorium, located on the Central campus at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Participants should come dressed to move and do not need to bring prepared material.

Grease performances are set for Oct. 8, 9, 15 and 16, with a 7:30 p.m. curtain. A matinee will be staged on Oct. 10 at 2:30 p.m.

A special matinee perfor-

mance for younger audiences will be performed for area schools and day cares on Oct. 15 at 10 a.m.

Grease is an American musical about two lovers in a 1959 high school. The smash hit film version of the musical, released in 1978, starred John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, and was successful both critically and at the box office. The soundtrack album became one of the best selling in pop movie history and provided several chart hits for the original artists and others.

For additional information on *Grease* auditions, call 281-542-2039.

Golf tournament fundraiser Oct. 21

A golf tournament fundraiser will be held Thursday, Oct. 21, at Southwyck Golf Club, 2901 Clubhouse Drive in Pearland. Four-man scramble will be at 1:30 p.m., shotgun start. Proceeds will benefit the Zerick Guinn for Constable in 2012 Campaign.

Fee is \$500 for a four-man team. Early pay discount by Sept. 30 is \$400 per team.

Fee includes green fee, cart fee, range balls, four free future green fees (one at each -Tour 18 Houston, Longwood, Southwick or Bear Creek),

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Lariaette of the Week



The Lariaette of the Week for Sept. 13 through Sept. 18 is Denise Ma. Denise is the daughter of Kathy and Mike Ma. She is a sophomore and a first-year member of the Lariaettes.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 23 through Sept. 29.

Burnett Elementary
Celebrating a birthday Sept. 28 is **Bernice Barraza**.

Frazier Elementary
Juan Mata enjoys a birthday Sept. 25. **Dina Edwards** and **Maria Moya** share a birthday Sept. 26. A birthday greeting is sent on Sept. 29 to **Cindy Resendez**.

Meador Elementary
The day for a triple-layer birthday cake for **Mary Browning**, **Cecilia Rivera** and **Connie Daumas** is Sept. 26.

Moore Elementary
Birthday greetings are sent to **Manuela**

Vela Sept. 29.
Stuchbery Elementary
On Sept. 24, birthday wishes are sent to **Mercedes Melendez**.

Melillo Middle School
Sept. 25 is the day for a birthday surprise for **Kristin Forster**. **Christopher Bui** celebrates a birthday Sept. 27. A double birthday is enjoyed by **Aaron Mathews** and **Megan Medina** Sept. 28.

Morris Middle School
The day for a party for **Cyrenian Scott** is Sept. 26.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
A birthday is enjoyed by **Grant Pector** Sept. 25. On Sept. 26, **Amber Medina** marks a birthday. The day for a cake for **Amy Dugat** is Sept. 27. Blow out the candles for **Crystal Lilly** Sept. 29.

Thompson Intermediate
The day to send a birthday greeting to **Glen Russell** is Sept. 23. **Jane Gorden** enjoys a birthday Sept. 24. On Sept. 25, **Dalia Castillo** has a birthday.

Dobie High
Christi Baker and **Denice Smajstrla** share a birthday Sept. 23. Sept. 24 is the day for a double birthday party for **Franklin Moses** and **Martha Varela**. Special birthday greetings are sent to **Maureen Nweke** Sept. 25. Double birthday wishes are sent to **Gilda Gatica** and **Aaron Mathews** Sept. 28.

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Dobie Band Sections of the Week



The J. Frank Dobie Longhorn Marching Band announced the color guard and saxophone section as Sections of the Week for Aug. 23 through Aug. 27. Band members of the week were Grace Boelsche and Quinn Velasquez, Band Leader of the Week was Ashley Garza, and Spirit Member of the Week was Tom Moe. Members of the color guard are, left to right, (front row, kneeling) Destinee Evans, Erin Blackwell, Jessica Huynh, (middle row) Briana Mazzola, Sanjuana Guerrero, Victoria Perla, Amberlin Parson, Erin Henderson, Jessica Dennis, Destiny Luna, Savannah Montoya, (back row) Jamie Phillips, Destinee Smith, Elizabeth Pier, Krystin Langley, Sydney Idele, Heidi Applegate and Erin Mauk.

Dobie debate competes

The J. Frank Dobie Debate Team recently competed at their first tournament of the year at Elkins High School in Missouri City. The events offered included the Lincoln-Douglas debate, public forum (partnered debate), extemporaneous speaking, original oratory, impromptu speaking, prose and poetry interpretation, duo and duet performance, and others.

While many Dobie students competed and passed preliminary rounds, only three teams made it to the finals. The duet team of Theresa Greene and Destiny Bellamy placed fourth; the duet team of Amber Stone and Mylinh Tran earned third; and Yancey Farrell was third in novice prose.

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30 years ago (1980)
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The Pasadena Independent School District would continue to use drug detection dogs in all district secondary schools, despite a recent ruling by a Tyler judge the dogs invaded the privacy of a student there.

A Beverly Hills woman was found dead, an apparent victim of a brain tumor. The 36-year-old had apparently been dead for several hours when her maid found her and called emergency personnel at the Sagmont Fire Station.

25 years ago (1985)
A local florist was accepting food and clothing donations from area residents to send to the survivors of the Mexico City earthquakes.

Dobie High School orchestra director Bill Porter was selected Orchestra Director of the Year by the Texas Orchestra Directors Association.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for Beamer Towers located on Beamer Road and South Hill, adjacent to the Beamer Road Medical Building and across from San Jacinto College South and Southeast Memorial Hospital.

20 years ago (1990)
Miss South Belt Josie Stein was crowned Miss Junior Pasadena Rodeo Queen. Dobie Lariaette Emily King won Junior Most Photogenic at the pageant. King was the 1989 Junior Miss South Belt.

After years of detouring off eastbound Fuqua trying to find a viable way to State Highway 3 and Pasadena, the final leg of Fuqua headed for the contractors' bids.

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable deputies ended a local auto theft ring with the arrest of five suspects and charges filed against one of them.

Numerous yellow ribbons were tied to trees, doors and poles throughout the South Belt area to show support and symbolize prayers for young people involved in the Middle East conflict.

15 years ago (1995)
The driver of a cement truck was transported to Hermann Hospital after the rear end of his truck was hit by a train near Highway 3 and Scarsdale Boulevard. An occupant of the train was taken to a Clear Lake hospital. None of the injured sustained life-threatening injuries.

A dedication ceremony was set for the Dr. Parker Williams Library at the center of the San Jacinto College South campus. Following the ceremony, tours of the two-story, 40,000-square-foot facility would be conducted, and light refreshments would be served.

A 14-year-old was hospitalized after being shot by a Woodmeadow resident who confronted the youth as he allegedly attempted to steal the man's car.

Teachers in the Pasadena and Clear Creek school districts received raises amounting to approximately 3 percent over the previous year's salary.

Four Clear Brook High School seniors, Melissa Johnston, Stephanie Keener, Elizabeth Tsai and Patricia Tsai, were named National Merit Semifinalists.

10 years ago (2000)
Brio Superfund Site remediation began.

Dobie graduate Kaycie Swain Czelusta was a contestant on *Wheel of Fortune*.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce raised in excess of \$21,500 at the third annual Night of Cuisine held at Almeda Mall.

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Longtime San Jac board member Slovacek announces retirement after 38 years of service

Wayne Slovacek, who has served on the San Jacinto College board of trustees for 38 consecutive years, announced his intentions to retire from the board at Monday night's board of trustees meeting. His official retirement date will be the final board meeting of 2010, which will be held on Dec. 13.

Slovacek, respected and beloved in the San Jacinto College communities for his civic involvement and volunteering efforts, retires with mixed emotions from the college he loves and has loyally served.

"This is a bittersweet decision and a hard decision to make after so many years, and so many fond memories," commented Slovacek, 88. "But, there comes a time when you must accept the fact that you just cannot continue doing everything you want to do."

Slovacek was first elected to the college's board in 1972 and has served for six consecutive terms as Position 7 trustee.

During his tenure, he has served as the board chairman and has been an integral part of numerous expansions and major upgrades, including construction of the college's North and South campuses, additions of the high-tech Interactive Learning Centers at all three campuses, and the college's current major capital improvement campaign that includes new allied health facilities and student success centers at each campus.

A primary building at San Jacinto College North is named in his honor - the C. Wayne Slovacek Student Center.

"We owe Wayne a big thank you for all the years of service he has given to San Jacinto College," said Marie Flickinger, San Jacinto College board of trustees chair. "He set a record of 38 years as a member of the board. I don't believe that record will ever be broken. His dedication to San Jacinto College, its students, faculty, staff, and community is unwavering."

Slovacek was a founding member of the San Jacinto College Foundation board of directors, and has served as

chairman of the foundation's primary fundraiser, the annual golf tournament that is hosted by San Jacinto College alumni Andy Pettitte.

Like his friend Pettitte, Slovacek is a longtime resident of Deer Park. In fact, Slovacek is affectionately known as "Mr. Deer Park" because of his avid support of the community and involvement in so many Deer Park activities.

He served as one of the charter members of the Deer Park Rotary Club, helped to build the service organization from the ground up, served as the organization's president, and has been one of the club's most loyal promoters until the present time.

Slovacek has been an active member of the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce for many years and once served as the president of the chamber, which instituted the Wayne Slovacek Humanitarian Award in his honor.

"Wayne has been a dedicated and tireless supporter of San Jacinto College," said Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "He has been a constant cheerleader for our students, faculty, staff, and college community. As our longest-serving board member, he helped build San Jacinto College into one of the premier higher education institutions in the Houston area. I am truly thankful to him and his family for his service to our college."

Slovacek worked for Union Equity Co-Operative Exchange (located on the Houston Ship Channel near Deer Park) for 44 years in many capacities and served as the company's vice president of port operations until his retirement in 1988.

He and his wife, the late Marja Slovacek, were married for 59 years and together raised one son (Joseph) and one daughter (Diana). They also have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Slovacek knows from experience how education can open doors of opportunity. He attended John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark., on an academic scholarship, and later earned a bachelor's degree in business adminis-

tration from Phillips University in Enid, Okla. Because of his education and business acumen, Union Equity asked Slovacek to move from Enid to Deer Park in 1962 to oversee the important task of building the company's first export elevator.

His appreciation for and understanding of the importance of education was one of the reasons Slovacek decided to run for a position on the San Jacinto College board once his family was settled in Deer Park. "An educated and well-trained work force is the key to a strong economy and a thriving community, and it's been an honor and a privilege to serve on the San Jacinto College board of trustees and help people of all ages to improve their lives through education," Slovacek stated.

San Jacinto College trustees are not paid for their volunteer service, but Slovacek said there are rewards that money cannot buy. "You just cannot buy the good feeling you get when you see people graduate with pride and you know those graduates will be able to improve their lives and be more productive citizens," he commented. "Knowing that I, as a board member of the college, have played an important role in helping those students to a better future through education has given me such a great sense of satisfaction. I would not trade that for anything."

Slovacek is greatly admired and respected by his associates. James Fowler, a longtime SJC faculty member and former vice chancellor of human resources, esteems Slovacek for his integrity and diligence.

"I admire Mr. Slovacek's honesty and commitment to what he believes in," commented Fowler, who worked with Slovacek on projects to



Wayne Slovacek

raise funds for SJC student scholarships.

"Wayne serves because of his genuine interest in the college and community. He doesn't just give lip service - he gives the time, energy, and sweat to see a project through," said Fowler.

As Slovacek reflected on San Jacinto College's transitions and progress through the years, he says the future looks bright. "The leaders of the college from the begin-

ning to our current leaders, such as our Chancellor Dr. Hellyer, have been instrumental in making the college one of the best, and the college is in great hands," he said. "Just look around at the construction under way at each campus, and look at how enrollment keeps increasing. The current administration is in the right place at the right time, and the future could not be any brighter for San Jacinto College."

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2010 Property Tax Rates in San Jacinto College

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for San Jacinto College. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$45,085,776
Last year's debt taxes	\$22,290,621
Last year's total taxes	\$67,376,397
Last year's tax base	\$39,447,539,227
Last year's total tax rate	0.170800/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) ÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) = This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and hold hearings.)	\$67,296,467
	\$35,356,767,869
	0.190335/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$45,032,290
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÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$35,356,767,869
= This year's effective operating rate	0.127365/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	0.137554/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.061984/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.199538/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If San Jacinto College adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.190335 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$1,017,470.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
M&O - Unrestricted	\$50,000,000
M&O - Designated	\$50,000,000
Interest & Sinking (Tax Supported)	\$2,000,000

Schedule B - 2010 Debt Service

This unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
2001 GO Bonds	\$1,460,000	\$29,200	\$1,000	\$1,490,200
2003 GO Bonds	\$185,000	\$150,530	\$1,000	\$336,530
2004 GO Bonds	\$1,685,000	\$633,618	\$1,000	\$2,319,618
2007 GO Bonds	\$810,000	\$625,006	\$1,000	\$1,636,006
2008 Refunding GO Bonds	\$120,000	\$563,269	\$1,000	\$684,269
2008Series A GO Bonds	\$1,050,000	\$2,973,968	\$1,000	\$4,024,968
2009 GO Bonds	\$5,000,000	\$6,780,625	\$1,000	\$11,781,625
Total Required for 2010 Debt Service				\$22,273,216
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010				\$22,273,216
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2010				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$22,273,216

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Suite 202, Pasadena, TX 77504.

Name of person preparing this notice: Kenneth D. Lynn, CPA
Title: Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs
Date Prepared: September 16, 2010

SJC South presents fall semester events

San Jacinto College South invites the community to experience a variety of performing and visual arts events this fall.

With the return of Solero Flamenco to the Christmas tradition of the *Messiah* sing-along, the South campus offers the public performances and exhibitions at little to no cost by the visual and performing arts department.

"This season, we have a very diverse offering of art exhibits, theater productions, dance performances, and music concerts," said Cynthia Stevens, visual and performing arts department chair. "We look forward to sharing our talents with the community and inspiring potential students who may choose to one day start their artistic pursuits at San Jacinto College South."

The following are upcoming arts events for the fall semester at SJC South:

- Rotating Art Show in Fine Arts Center Atrium, exhibited throughout the year
- Faculty Exhibition in the Fine Arts Building, showing through Oct. 15
- *Tres Vidas* in Studio Theatre, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- *Wonder of the World* in Proscenium Theatre, Oct. 13-16 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 17 at 2 p.m.
- Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Proscenium/Studio Theatre, Oct. 20-23 at various times TBA.
- High School Mail Art Show in the library, Oct. 21 through Nov. 19.
- Choir concert in Proscenium Theatre, Nov. 5-6 at 7:30 p.m.
- Percussion Ensemble in Proscenium Theatre, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m.
- Winter Works dance concert will be held in the Proscenium Theatre, Nov. 18-19 at 7:30 p.m.
- Jazz Band concert in Proscenium Theatre, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.
- Guitar Ensemble in Proscenium Theatre, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m.
- *No Hole Holiday* in Studio Theatre, Dec. 1-4 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.
- Dance Showcase in Dance Studio, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.
- *Messiah* sing-along in Proscenium Theatre, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

All dance, theater and music events are held in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center at the San Jacinto College South campus at 13735 Beamer Road.

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Bences swim with stingrays

The Bence family recently enjoyed a vacation in Cozumel and Grand Caymen. They swam with the stingrays and went snorkeling. Top photo: Telena holds children Trista (left) and Hayden while swimming. Middle photo: (left to right) Trista, Telena, Jeff and Hayden are all prepared for a snorkeling adventure. Bottom photo: Telena touches a stingray. Telena Fowler-Bence, currently residing in Milwaukee, is a former longtime South Belt area resident and a 1990 Dobie High School graduate who moved away from the area in 1998.



Gonzalezes, Garzas take a tour of the Big Apple

The Gonzalez family of Sagameadow recently went on a road trip with extended Garza family visiting from Monterrey, Mexico. The group stayed in Manhattan and visited Ground Zero and several other places in New York City. Emily, pictured at right, and Karina attend South Belt Elementary. Pictured bottom left, left to right, (front row) Karina Gonzalez, Emily Gonzalez and (back row) Elizabeth Gonzalez. Pictured bottom right are, left to right, (front row) Dora Veronica Garza, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Miranda Gonzalez, (back row) Karina Gonzalez, Jesus Gonzalez, Emily Gonzalez, Adrian Garza, Veronica Garza and Oscar Patricio Garza at the Statue of Liberty.



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Saturday's activities, beginning at 10 a.m., include: Radio Disney, a petting zoo, face painting, pumpkin decorating (while supplies last), and doll/teddy bear ER - kids can bring broken dolls or teddy bears to get a checkup.

There will also be health and wellness information for children and adults, and American Heart Association and Habitat for Humanity information booths.

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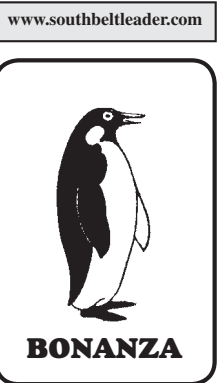
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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED



Dobie's defense humbles Wildcats 14-10

CB homecoming includes Alvin
Slowly but surely, the Dobie varsity football team is putting any defensive insecurities in the past. A unit that was a bit of a concern entering the season due to inexperience has steadily improved to the point of being a team strength. Just ask the Humble Wildcats.

After surrendering 10 points in the first quarter, the Longhorns' defensive unit blanked the Wildcats the rest of the way as Dobie evened its record at 2-2 with a 14-10 victory at Turner Stadium in Spring.

Junior tailback Andrew Robinson had 1-yard and

2-yard touchdown runs for the Longhorns in the second quarter as the locals went ahead for good.

Quarterback Blake Jackson was again solid in the passing department, completing nine of 14 throws for 104 yards.

Receivers Chris Stockman and Vance Leonard continued to impress on the

outside, and kicker Doug Leighton returned to action with a pair of conversion kicks, but the Longhorns' defense was the star of the show.

Humble entered the game at 2-0, but could manage just 167 total yards, including 47 on the ground.

After the first quarter, the Longhorns forced punt after punt as the Wildcats collected just nine first downs.

After a Wildcats' fourth-down pass late in the fourth quarter fell incomplete, the Longhorns escaped with the victory, giving the team momentum heading into a Sept. 24 road game against the Channelview Falcons.

Brook homecoming next
After a bye week in the

Dobie at Channelview
Friday, Sept. 24
Maddry Stadium, 7 p.m.

Brook hosts Alvin
Friday, Sept. 24
Veteran's Memorial, 7 p.m.
(Homecoming game)

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Brook volleyball facing key District 24-5A match against Lake

Dobie set to open 22-5A action
Forget about the Clear Brook varsity football team's homecoming game Sept. 24. The school's varsity volleyball team faces a match of far larger proportions against Clear Lake.

Currently even in District 24-5A action at 2-2 after a 25-23, 25-16, 25-16 victory over Brazoswood Sept. 21, the Lady Wolverines will host first-place Clear Lake (4-0) Sept. 24 in the Lady Wolverines' gymnasium.

Because of the school's homecoming football game

host Pasadena at 6:30 p.m.

On Sept. 28, the Lady Longhorns will travel to Pasadena Memorial for a 6:30 p.m. game that figures to provide an early indication as to just who the play-off contenders will be this season.

While Clear Brook is in the thick of its chase to the playoffs, Dobie's is about to begin.

The Lady Longhorns, who are coming off losses to North Shore and Channelview, are hoping for better fortunes in the District 22-5A mix. It all starts Sept. 24 as the Lady Longhorns

Brook hanging tough
A hard-to-swallow five game loss to Clear Springs has put Clear Brook a step behind the leaders in the 24-5A standings with the huge match coming against Clear Lake.

Springs rallied late for a 26-24, 21-25, 25-19, 22-25, 15-10 victory Sept. 17 at Clear Springs, sending the Lady Wolverines home with a defeat. Anita Permenter led the Lady Wolverines with 16 kills, but Springs managed to hang on in the final game.

Thus far in 24-5A action, Clear Lake and Clear Creek, both 4-0, are threatening to leave the rest of the pack behind.

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The Clear Brook High School varsity volleyball team had plenty to celebrate after sweeping past Brazoswood 25-23, 25-16, 25-16 Sept. 21 at Clear Brook. The win allowed the Lady Wolverines to square their District 24-5A record at 2-2 entering a huge match against first-place Clear Lake (4-0) Sept. 24 at Clear Brook. Against Brazoswood, Lady Wolverines Anita Permenter (7), Caiti O'Connell (4), Trysta Dionne (2) and Alicia Dittrich rallied after a big point.

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Coyotes at Tyler in battle of 1 vs. 2

The nation's top two ranked soccer teams will go head to head Friday night in Tyler as No. 2 San Jacinto College takes on the defending national champion and current No. 1 ranked Apaches.

At stake is an opportunity to seize early control in the Region XIV standings.

In 2009, Tyler downed San Jacinto twice in the regular season and once more in the postseason en route to a perfect 21-0 record and the National Junior College Athletic Association's national championship.

Yet as far as San Jacinto head coach David Santesteban is concerned, 2009 is in the books. So far this season, few teams in the nation have been as hot as his.

With a 7-1 win over Hill College and then a 5-0 shut-

out of Ranger in a two-day road trip last weekend, San Jacinto ran its record to 7-0.

Francisco Calvo led the way offensively with back-to-back, two-goal games. Carlos Picado chipped in with his team-leading sixth goal, and San Jacinto also got strong play from Jorge Puente and others.

Erik Stephenson, who has thrived from the mid-field spot, also got his first goal. Keeper Alex Cliff was credited with the shutout in the win over Ranger.

So far, so good, and Santesteban doesn't want to put too much emphasis on this first of two regular season games against Tyler.

"I'm trying to lay low on most of the hype at this point," Santesteban said. "Last year was last year, and this year is this. They took care of business last season, but as far as revenge or redemption, we just have to go out and play our game. The rest will take care of itself."

Until last season, San Jacinto had ruled the roost in Region XIV, taking wins over the Apaches in the post-season five straight years en route to four national tournament appearances in that span.

Tyler turned the tables last season, but San Jacinto has already shown this season that Santesteban's revamped roster is for real.

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Cowboys tough; Bayou City falls
The Sagemont Cowboys dominated their Bay Area Football League series against the Bayou City Gators, winning three of the four games. The Cowboys came out and played exceptionally well in the junior division game, eventually beating Bayou City 20-0. At left, D'Ondre Dykes leaves several Gators' defenders behind on his way to a big gain in the game. The win allowed the Cowboys' junior team to improve its record to 4-1 this season. Sagemont will play at Texas City Saturday, Sept. 25, at Texas City High School's Stingaree Stadium. Texas City's 5-1 record leads the division. For more BAFL news and photos, see Page 2B.
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Sagemont Cowboys continue to roll; Texas City handles Dolphins

Now halfway through the regular season, the Sagemont Cowboys have continued their roll through the Bay Area Football League.

The Cowboys, hosting the Bayou City Gators Sept. 18 at El Franco Lee Park, won the first three games of the day before a loss in the freshman game.

At Blackhawk Park, the Southbelt Dolphins weren't

as fortunate. The Dolphins had a difficult time with Texas City, which swept the series with four wins.

Cowboys seniors 37 Gators 21

The Cowboys' senior team improved to 4-1, good enough for a first-place tie with the Alvin Raiders, after dropping the Gators 37-21 in a game ruled by the offenses.

Each player for the Cowboys played a big role in the win. Sagemont's roster includes Esteban Telles, Ulanis Betts, Miguel Valencia, Shamaud Smith-Kizzee, Nick Melendez, Jacob Allison, Jamisson Wilson, James Johnson, Luis Hernandez, Matthew Monks, Noah Trevino, Xavier Griffin, Ricardo Estrada, Kenneth Brown, David Gamble, Javier Figueroa, Elias Campos, Justin Taylor and Joshua Saenz-Ortega.

jillo hit Braelon Hill for a 40-yard touchdown play.

Hill then scored on 60- and 50-yard scoring runs as the Cowboys took control in a big way.

The Cowboys kept the offense coming as Julius Wells scored on a run from 15 yards out, and Seth Barber ran for another score from 50 yards out. Trujillo added two extra point conversions as the Cowboys rolled.

Running the ball well was Elijah Dorsey, Jacob Sulak and Gavin Garcia.

Great blocking up front was delivered by Dustin Dominguez, Dominic Tamez, Logan Wrnich, Jason Cruz, R.J. Ortega, Ross Lowrey, Tony Aguirre, Bryant Brown, Joseph Reyes, Jacob Martinez, Eli Maz-zochetti-Seidel, Matthew Moron, Nick Gonzalez and Ian Lowrey.

The Cowboys also got great defensive play from Kyune Jeffery, Seth Gutierrez, Demontre Blacknell, Ryan Correa, Aguirre, Brown, Dorsey, Dominguez, Sulak, Barber, Hill, Wells and Garcia.

Crawford, David Trevino, Julian Mata, Matthew Olivares, Kaden Arnold, Grant Gamble, Richard Gary, Anthony Arellano, Christopher Pineda, Shawn Krivik, Xavier Elias, Kyle McDonald and Kyle Redmon.

Cowboys' PWs do well

The Cowboys' pee wee division team kept getting better midway through the season after a strong showing against Bayou City.

Those playing well for the Cowboys included Kaden Fernandez, Jayden Balderas, Robert Shriner, Joshua Carter, Juan Estrada, Dominic Serna, Matthew Castellano, Gage Lecourias, Ray Garcia, Jorge Olvera, Devin Molina, Marcus Izaguirre, Kadin Bahman, Samuel Box, Alejandro Rivera, Eden Diaz, Landon Hunt, Marcus Lind, Chance Cadena, Jalyune Jeffery, Keelan Brannon and Tavin Stormer.

game 41-30.

Londen Jenkins threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to David Garza for a score early in the game. After the touchdown, Alex Williams caught the conversion pass.

Jenkins ran 40 yards for a touchdown, and Jeremy Davis ran for the conversion.

Jenkins added a 15-yard touchdown burst as the Dolphins tried to keep pace.

On defense, Davis had a fumble recovery to lead the way.

Others playing well for the Dolphins included Tyrese Johnson, Joe Huerta, Jonathan Escalante, Jacoby Davis, Niko Jurado, Jaizac Garcia, Hector Nunez, DeMarcus Benjamin, Osby Mitchell III, Jamal Phillips, Jordan Efirid, Chris Whitehead, Trey Bell, Jayden Kelly and Julian Torres.



At right, the pee wee division game between the Cowboys and the Bayou City Gators provided plenty of excitement. In the fourth quarter, the Cowboys' Jayden Balderas (99) cuts inside to get past a Bayou City defender on his way to the end zone.

Photos by John Bechtle

Sports Calendar

VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 23
 Beverly Hills 8 Light at Bondy, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 8 Dark at Bondy, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 7 Light at Bondy, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7 Dark at Bondy, 6:15
 Thompson 8 Light hosts Jackson, 5:00
 Thompson 8 Dark hosts Jackson, 6:15
 Thompson 7 Light hosts Jackson, 5:00
 Thompson 7 Dark hosts Jackson, 6:15

Friday, Sept. 24
 Clear Brook varsity hosts Clear Lake, 6:30
 Clear Brook JV hosts Clear Lake, 5:30
 Clear Brook freshman A hosts Clear Lake, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman B hosts Clear Lake, 4:30
 Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena, 6:30
 Dobie JV hosts Pasadena, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A hosts Pasadena, 4:30

Tuesday, Sept. 28
 Clear Brook varsity hosts Pearland, 6:30
 Clear Brook JV hosts Pearland, 5:30
 Clear Brook freshman A hosts Pearland, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman B hosts Pearland, 4:30
 Dobie varsity at Memorial, 6:30
 Dobie JV at Memorial, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A at Memorial, 4:30
 Dobie freshman B at Memorial, 4:30

Thursday, Sept. 30
 Beverly Hills 8 Light hosts Queens, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 8 Dark hosts Queens, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7 Light hosts Queens, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 7 Dark hosts Queens, 5:00
 Thompson 8 Light at Southmore, 6:15
 Thompson 8 Dark at Southmore, 5:00
 Thompson 7 Light at Southmore, 6:15
 Thompson 7 Dark at Southmore, 5:00

Friday, Oct. 1
 Clear Brook varsity at Dickinson, 6:30
 Clear Brook JV at Dickinson, 5:30
 Clear Brook freshman A at Dickinson, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman B at Dickinson, 4:30
 Dobie varsity hosts Sam Rayburn, 6:30
 Dobie JV hosts Sam Rayburn, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A hosts Sam Rayburn, 4:30
 Dobie freshman B hosts Sam Rayburn, 4:30

TENNIS
Friday, Sept. 24
 Clear Brook varsity at Clear Creek, 3:00
 Dobie varsity hosts Clear Falls, 2:30

Tuesday, Sept. 28
 Clear Brook varsity at Clear Springs, 3:00
 Dobie varsity hosts Sam Rayburn, 2:30

Friday, Oct. 1
 Clear Brook varsity hosts Brazoswood, 3:00

FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sept. 23
 Clear Brook JV at Alvin, 6:30
 Dobie JV hosts Humble, Auxiliary, 6:30
 Clear Brook sophomores at Alvin, 4:30
 Dobie sophomores host Humble, Auxiliary, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman Black hosts Alvin, 4:30
 Dobie freshman Orange at Humble, 6:30
 Clear Brook freshman Silver hosts Alvin, 6:30
 Dobie freshman White at Humble, 4:30

Friday, Sept. 24
 Clear Brook varsity hosts Alvin, Veteran's Mem., 7:00
 Dobie varsity at Channelview, 7:00

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

Wednesday, Sept. 29
 Beverly Hills 7A hosts South Houston, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7B at South Houston, 5:00
 Thompson 8A vs. Bondy, Newcomb, 5:00
 Thompson 8B vs. Bondy, Newcomb, 5:00

Thursday, Sept. 30
 Clear Brook JV hosts Clear Creek, 6:30
 Clear Brook sophomores host Clear Creek, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman Black at Clear Creek, 4:30
 Clear Brook freshman Silver at Clear Creek, 6:30

Friday, Oct. 1
 Clear Brook at Clear Creek, Veteran's, 7:00

Tuesday, Oct. 5
 Beverly Hills 7A at Park View, campus, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7B at Park View, campus, 5:00
 Thompson 7A at Queens, campus, 5:00
 Thompson 7B at Queens, campus, 5:00

Wednesday, Oct. 6
 Beverly Hills 8A vs. Park View, Newcomb, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 8B vs. Park View, Auxiliary
 Thompson 8A at Queens, campus, 5:00
 Thompson 8B hosts Queens, campus, 5:00

SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 24
 San Jacinto College at Tyler, 7:00

Monday, Sept. 27
 San Jacinto College hosts HCC-Southeast, 7:00

Friday, Oct. 1
 San Jacinto College hosts Western Texas, 8:00
 Beverly Hills 7A at Park View, campus, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7B at Park View, campus, 5:00
 Thompson 7A at Queens, campus, 5:00
 Thompson 7B at Queens, campus, 5:00

Cowboys juniors 20 Gators 0

The Cowboys' junior defense came through with a big shutout effort while beating the Gators 20-0.

The victory allowed the Cowboys to take their record to 4-1, with a big game coming up Sept. 25 as the Cowboys take on the Texas City Stingrays, who lead the division at 5-1.

Members of the Cowboys' team who excelled against the Gators included Mario Gonzalez, Grant Laseley, Nathaniel Dominguez, Devin Sanchez, Jacob Kuhn, Jeremy Hernandez, Jacob Hinojosa, Jordan White, Jacob Sims, Caleb Morante, Manuel Miller, Christian Valdez, Arturo Ludek Garcia, Dralyn Brown, Isaiah Allen, Juan Izaguirre, D'Ondre Dykes, George Villarreal, Torrey Tapper, Isaiah Jackson, Stephen Moreno, Kayden Harris, Zachary Carter and Luis Figueroa.

Cowboys sophomores 34 Gators 6

Sagemont's sophomore team came through with an easy victory over Bayou City, allowing the locals to improve to 3-2 this season.

The Cowboys got on the board first when Juan Trujillo hit Braelon Hill for a 40-yard touchdown play.



In the senior game, the Cowboys' offense posted big numbers to get past the Bayou City Gators 37-21. The win improved the Cowboys' record to 4-1. On this play, Sagemont quarterback Jacob Allison (12) passes the ball over a Bayou City defender in the direction of Cowboys' receiver Esteban Telles (1).



Sagemont's senior defense came through with a physical performance to defeat Bayou City 37-21 in the first game of the series Sept. 18 at El Franco Lee Park. Here, a Gators' runner is hauled down by members of the Cowboys' defense, including James Johnson (17) and Ulanis Betts (2).

BHI volleyball too strong against Jackson

Beverly Hills Intermediate's volleyball program came away with four victories over the Jackson Wildcats Sept. 16.

In eighth-grade play, both the Light and Dark teams moved to 2-0 with wins.

The Light team started strong, taking early control of the match.

Mariah Escobar showed off her consistent serving skills with 11 strong serves, including three aces.

Setters Alondra Arriaga and Kianna Zermeno also served seven unstopable serves.

The eighth-grade Dark team played three strong games, shutting down the Lady Wildcats in their path.

Jai Franklin was unstopable with 15 strong serves, nine of which the Lady Wildcats could not return.

Mercedys Olguin also played big with five hits. Monica Ploucha was a force at the net with several blocks and tips.

The seventh-grade teams went to 3-1 overall with a pair of wins.

Others playing well for the Dolphins included Tyrese Johnson, Joe Huerta, Jonathan Escalante, Jacoby Davis, Niko Jurado, Jaizac Garcia, Hector Nunez, DeMarcus Benjamin, Osby Mitchell III, Jamal Phillips, Jordan Efirid, Chris Whitehead, Trey Bell, Jayden Kelly and Julian Torres.

Texas City sophomores 32 Dolphins 0

Despite a good effort, the Dolphins' sophomore team lost to Texas City 32-0.

Each player for the Dolphins played hard in the game. Those players included Peyton Miller, Ethan Riojas, Samuel Diaz, Cervantis Pounds, Ty Wright, Trey Trevino, Anthony Moreno, Marcos Aguilar, Steven Hernandez, Omotayo Thomas, Bryce Feagin, Ryan Puga, JaLon Hunt, Tyler Swanagan, Dante Proctor, Byron Flores, Jacob Garcia, Joseph Garcia, Sebastian Hinojosa, Tristin Sanchez, Roderick Puga, Damarius Countee, Cole Richard, Sandro Del Villar and K.J. Reyes.

Texas City freshmen 12 Dolphins 7

In the closest game of the series, the Dolphins' freshman team lost a hard-fought 12-7 game to Texas City.

Kelvin Gardner recovered a fumble to pace the Dolphins' defense.

Others who played well for the Dolphins included Jose Martinez, Xavier Lerma, Jalen Lendsey,

BAFL Week Seven Games

Sagemont Cowboys at Texas City Stingrays
 at Texas City High School

Ellington Rams host Pearland Hurricanes
 at South Houston High School

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

BAFL Week Six Results

Divisions	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.
Dolphins	7	30	0	7
Stingrays	21	41	32	12
Cowboys	37	20	34	0
Gators	21	0	6	20

BAFL Week 6 Standings

Senior Division American				Senior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Raiders	4	1	0	Eagles	6	0	0
Cowboys	4	1	0	Panthers	5	0	0
Sharks	3	2	0	Red Raiders	5	1	0
Rams	3	2	0	Texans	4	1	0
Patriots	3	3	0	Cougars	3	3	0
Stingrays	2	4	0	'49ers	3	3	0
Gators	2	4	0	Hurricanes	1	4	0
Dolphins	0	6	0	Mustangs	0	5	0
Wildcats	1	4	0	Braves	0	5	0
Junior Division American				Junior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Stingrays	5	1	0	Red Raiders	6	0	0
Rams	4	1	0	Hurricanes	5	0	0
Cowboys	4	1	0	'49ers	3	2	1
Patriots	4	2	0	Texans	3	2	0
Dolphins	2	3	1	Cougars	2	3	1
Wildcats	2	3	0	Panthers	2	3	0
Raiders	1	3	1	Eagles	2	4	0
Sharks	0	5	0	Braves	1	4	0
Gators	0	6	0	Mustangs	1	4	0
Sophomore Division American				Sophomore Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Rams	4	1	0	Red Raiders	6	0	0
Patriots	4	2	0	Hurricanes	5	0	0
Raiders	3	2	0	'49ers	5	1	0
Cowboys	3	2	0	Cougars	5	1	0
Stingrays	3	3	0	Texans	2	3	0
Wildcats	2	3	0	Eagles	2	4	0
Sharks	1	4	0	Mustangs	1	4	0
Gators	1	5	0	Braves	1	4	0
Dolphins	1	5	0	Panthers	0	5	0
Freshman Division American				Freshman Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Patriots	5	1	0	Texans	5	0	0
Stingrays	5	1	0	Red Raiders	5	1	0
Gators	4	1	1	'49ers	3	2	1
Cowboys	3	1	1	Hurricanes	3	2	0
Dolphins	1	3	2	Eagles	2	4	0
Rams	2	3	0	Cougars	3	3	0
Sharks	2	3	0	Panthers	1	3	1
Raiders	1	3	1	Braves	0	5	0
Wildcats	0	4	1	Mustangs	0	5	0

Beverly Hills FB pounds Bondy

The Beverly Hills Intermediate football program enjoyed great results Sept. 14-15, getting four wins over the Bondy Patriots.

The Bears' eighth-grade A team, playing in its first game of the season after being rained out a week earlier, debuted with a 16-6 victory over the Patriots.

In the eighth-grade B game, the Bears swept the Patriots 24-0.

Beverly Hills also cruised to an easy victory in the seventh-grade A game, improving to 2-0 this season.

The Bears struck early to take control and never looked back.

D'Vaughn Pennamom broke away for a 73-yard scoring run as the Bears moved in front quickly.

Vincent Gutierrez and Manuel Mendez came through with tremendous

blocking on the play to spring Pennamom for his score. Josue Villalta kicked the 2-pointer as the Bears led 8-0.

From there, the Bears' defense made a big play to lead to another score. James Washington intercepted a Bondy pass, which led to a 22-yard touchdown run for Pennamom and a 14-0 Beverly Hills lead.

In the second quarter, offensive linemen Roy Molina and Kevin Simms paved the way with great blocking as Bennie Hamilton went 34 yards for a touchdown. Villalta's 2-point kick gave the Bears a 22-0 edge.

Just before halftime, the Bears scored again, this time on special teams as Isaiah Chaney fielded a Patriots' punt and went 68 yards for a touchdown.

Leading 28-0 at halftime,

the Bears kept the pressure on in the second half.

Isaiah Myles connected with Washington on a 47-yard scoring pass. After Villalta's kick, the Bears were up 36-0.

Later in the third quarter, offensive linemen Michael Arnesen and Villalta had key blocks as Washington took a handoff and sprinted 55 yards for a touchdown.

The Patriots tried to avoid the shutout with a late scoring effort, but the Bears' Terrance Lambert recovered a fumble to seal the deal.

Others standing out for the Bears included Jurcory Shelvin, Walter Martinez, Jonhathan Batalla, Juan Saucedo, Tony Lozano and Jayvier Turner.

In the seventh-grade B game, the Bears improved their record to 2-0, toppling the Patriots 14-0.

South Belt football predictions



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	Dobie at Chanelview	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Beaumont West Brook hosts Tyler Lee	West Brook	Tyler Lee	West Brook	West Brook	West Brook	West Brook
Pasadena Memorial at North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
La Porte at Deer Park	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Clear Brook hosts Alvin	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Alvin	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook
Brazoswood at Clear Lake	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Clear Lake	Clear Lake
Clear Creek at Dickinson	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek
Pearland at Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Pearland	Pearland	Clear Springs	Pearland
Angleton hosts El Campo	Angleton	El Campo	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton
Pearland Dawson hosts Santa Fe	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Santa Fe	Dawson	Dawson
This week's record	7-3	6-4	8-2	7-3	10-0	8-2
Season record	29-11	24-16	31-9	28-12	33-7	25-15

Lions' football sweeps San Jac; 7C squad ties Bondy Patriots

The Thompson Lions continued their strong start to the intermediate football season, claiming four wins over the San Jacinto Tigers Sept. 14-15.

Thompson 8A rolls
Thompson's eighth-grade A team opened its season with a 22-0 victory over the Tigers.

After being rained out of action during the first week of the season, the Lions were eager to take the field. Their performance showed.

Deandre Jackson scored each of the team's three touchdowns, and Alex Saldivar made good on two of three 2-point kicks.

Offensively, the Lions were led by Ty Lozano, Daniel Carter, Keion Patterson, Xavier Brown, Cedric Horton, Rashaad Randall, Anthony Cantu and Jarvis Lester.

Defensively, the Lions were spectacular in the shut-out effort. Jonathan Shaw, Brad Cook, Giron Hall, John Rico, Darion Smith and Xavier Darion set the tone for the team with outstanding plays.

8B wins easily
The Lions' eighth-grade B team came up with an easy 27-6 victory over San Jacinto to open the season with a positive result.

Thompson kicked off to open the game, and Joseph Mercado made a big impact as he blasted the ball carrier on the return.

The tone was set, and the Tigers couldn't get anything going on offense against the tough Lion group including Ashton Craven, Anthony Gonzalez, Justyn Gonzalez, Socrates Guzman and Ricky Vasquez.

The Tigers punted the ball, and it took only four offensive plays for Julian Coronado to break free for a 39-yard touchdown run. Gage Myers ran in the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

The defense made a mistake on the next series as the Tigers scored on a long touchdown, but the entire team came together from that point on.

The Lions scored the next three touchdowns, including a 75-yard kickoff return by Chas Anderson, an 18-yard run by Anderson and a 35-yard run by Robert Saenz.

Myers ran for a pair of conversions after touchdowns to give the Lions their final margin of victory.

Steven Martin had the hit of the game on a huge block that freed Saenz up for his touchdown run.

7A now 2-0
In the seventh-grade A game, the Lions simply had too much athletic ability for the Tigers.

The outcome was decided early, and the Lions rolled to a 39-0 victory to open the season with a 2-0 record.

Jaylon Bolden broke free for a 55-yard touchdown jaunt early in the game as the Lions took control.

After a big defensive stop for the Lions, Kameron Dolford sprinted 18 yards for another touchdown to give the Lions a big lead.

Chandler Tisby got involved in the scoring as he went 24 yards for a second-quarter touchdown. Tyson Thompson added the 2-point kick.

Before the half, Dolford scored on a 38-yard run as Thompson's lead went to 26-0 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Malik Peters scored on a 12-yard run for the Lions. Thompson later scored on a 36-yard dash, and he then ran for the conversion point.

Thompson's offense clicked during the entire game. Tyler Giron and Michael Lopez also made big plays.

Jason Lester came through with a tremendous hit on defense, and teammate Chazz Williams had an interception as the Lions kept the Tigers off the

scoreboard.

Thompson 7B wins
The Lions' seventh-grade B team improved its record to 2-0 after beating the San Jacinto Tigers 25-0.

Lions 7C ties
The Lions' seventh-grade C team went against the Bondy Patriots. In the end, the two teams played to a 14-14 tie.

Bondy took a quick 7-0 lead, but the Lions responded as Jeremiah Guajardo scored a touchdown and Martin Trevino ran for the conversion point.

The Patriots went ahead 14-7 before the Lions came back to tie the game again. This time, Myles Harris scored the touchdown for the Lions, and Guajardo ran for the conversion.

Neither team scored in the second half.

Offensively, the Lions got strong play from Josh Dishong, Dyllon Smith, and Daniel Hernandez.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Lions were led by Robert Brown, John Dempsey, Enrique Reta, Garrett Chollett, Isaiah Bostic, David Gonzalez and Jaered Loosier.

BHI-Thompson next week
The annual Beverly Hills versus Thompson series was held Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 21 and 22.

Results from the series will appear in the Sept. 30 issue of the *Leader*.

Each of the teams in the series entered play with unbeaten records early on in district action.

Lady Lions' volleyball takes on Queens units

Thompson Intermediate's volleyball program came away with one win in four matches during its series against the Queens Hornets Sept. 16.

The Lady Lions earned a big 25-15, 27-25, 25-21 victory over Queens in the eighth-grade Light match to even their record at 1-1 this season.

Emily Wolfe led the way with 20 strong serves and five kills.

Kristin Scholwinski contributed a great effort with 18 service gems.

On the defensive side of the net, Valerie Colunga and

Jessica Jones made it tough for the Tigers to score with their fine play.

In the eighth-grade Dark match, the Lady Lions came up a bit short in the opening game and then had a tough time rebounding during a 25-21, 25-9, 25-4 victory for Queens.

The Lady Lions, now 0-2, were led by Maria Mejia and Jackie Bischof on offense. Jessie Huynh played well defensively.

Queens won both of the seventh-grade matches, sending each of the Lady Lions' teams to 0-2 early on this season.

Sports news, notes

SBHLL to host fall clinic

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will host a fall coaching clinic Sunday, Oct. 3, beginning at 11 a.m. at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park. Ryan Long, a former star baseball player at Dobie High School and current minor league hitting instructor in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization, will be on hand to teach hitting fundamentals and tips. Adults may attend for \$10, and youths will be allowed to attend the session for \$1. The clinic is part of an ongoing effort in the SBHLL to provide its coaches and players with offseason training sessions. For more information, call coaching coordinator Tommy Bischof at 281-481-1309.

Romero memorial softball Oct. 8-10

Officials in the South Belt Girls Softball Association are making plans for the second annual Team Gabby Memorial Softball Tournament Oct. 8-10, at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park. Teams in the 6-under through 12-under divisions are invited to compete in the event. Each team is guaranteed to play a minimum of four games in the tournament, which begins with pool play and shifts to bracket play. Cost is \$125 per team, and there are no umpire fees. To register, call Aaron Longoria at 713-478-0078, or direct e-mail to him at guylongoria@yahoo.com. Organizers are also seeking volunteers and vendors for the tournament. Anyone wishing to work in either capacity may call Alicia Gonzales at 281-630-5176 or direct e-mail to agonzales2002@yahoo.com. In recognition of the event, Team Gabby T-shirts are being sold. Those wishing to order Team Gabby T-shirts may direct e-mail to Romero's father, Jesse Romero, at jr11103@yahoo.com. Norma Partida is assisting with T-shirt orders, and she can be reached at 832-768-4170 or by e-mail at partida72@yahoo.com. Gabby Romero died Oct. 2, 2009, after a long battle with renal cancer. She was a member of the SBGSA as a youth and played varsity volleyball and softball at Dobie at the time of her death. All proceeds from the tournament will go to support renal cancer research in Romero's honor.

PISD Intermediate Football

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

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 16, Bondy 6
South Houston 16, Miller 0
Southmore 30, Queens 6

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

Game Scores

Thompson 22, San Jacinto 0
Jackson 19, Park View 8

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

Game Scores

Southmore 6, Queens 0
Beverly Hills 24, Bondy 0

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Thompson	0 0 0	1 0 0
Miller	0 0 0	1 0 0
Jackson	0 0 0	1 0 0
Bondy	0 0 0	0 1 0
Park View	0 0 0	0 1 0

Game Scores

Thompson 27, San Jacinto 6
Miller 6, South Houston 0
Jackson 20, Park View 0

PISD Intermediate Football

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

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 44, Bondy 0
Park View 34, Jackson 7
Southmore 21, Queens 0

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

Game Scores

Thompson 39, San Jacinto 0
Miller 18, South Houston 6

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

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 14, Bondy 0
South Houston 26, Miller 12
Southmore 14, Queens 6

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

Game Scores

Thompson 25, San Jacinto 0
Jackson 19, Park View 13

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Week Two Match Outcomes

Sept. 16 Results

Team	8L	8D	7L	7D
Park View	W	W	W	L
San Jacinto	L	L	L	W
Beverly Hills	W	W	W	W
Jackson	L	L	L	L
Thompson	W	L	L	L
Queens	L	W	W	W
Bondy	W	W	W	W
South Houston	L	L	L	L
Miller	W	W	L	L
Southmore	L	L	W	W

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 24
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.

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

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

Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

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

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 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.

9 a.m.
Friends of Parker Williams Library - Meetings are held at the

Parker Williams Branch Library on the fourth Monday of each month at 9 a.m. except for January, April, July and October, when they are held at 7 p.m. to accommodate members who work during the day. There will be no meeting in December.

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.

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.

New Directions Singles Club - The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassa Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information.

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.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28
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4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.

7 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BATP is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

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

8:30 p.m.
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Clear Brook, Dobie face big matches

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cludes Dickinson, Pearland and Clear Springs, so a win over Clear Lake would really help the Lady Wolverines as the battle for one of the four available playoff berths looks to be going down to the wire.

Dobie set for district
When Dobie hosts Pasadena Sept. 24 in the District 22-5A opener, the Lady Longhorns will have the opportunity to get off to a fresh start.

At 7-14, the Lady Longhorns fell victim to an extremely difficult non-district schedule.

Toss in the fact that Dobie has one of the youngest and least experienced varsity rosters in town, and things haven't been easy to this point.

But life starts over against Pasadena, and head coach Joe Sabatell believes in his team.

"The one thing the other teams have over us in district play is that experience of having been in those tough matches before," Sabatell said.

"We have a talented group, but with just one senior in Katherine Finney, sometimes it's been difficult to put everything together. I think district is our time to do that."

"I'm banking on us coming out with a fresh approach. We took some hits in nondistrict play, but we can bounce back from that and have a very good run in district."

On the surface, the District 22-5A alignment doesn't appear strong. Deer Park makes the play-offs every year, and Memorial has had a couple of solid seasons.

As for Pasadena, South Houston and Sam Rayburn, those programs haven't been part of the postseason for several years. Sabatell knows something has to give this year as there is a big opportunity available to each of the teams.

"I think all of us are going to have to battle every night," Sabatell said. "Our lack of experience is an issue, but I also believe we have the talent to put it all together."



Brazoswood's Malina Sanchez (1) led her team in kills against Clear Brook, but she couldn't clear the Lady Wolverines' block of Desiree Scott (20) and Kendra Turley on this point in the third game of Brook's sweep.



Clear Brook's Crystal Young (9) and Alicia Dittich (15) combine to block Brazoswood's Courtney Bass during the Lady Wolverines' victory Sept. 21 at Clear Brook.

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CB wants homecoming win; Dobie hunts momentum

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action as things are only bound to get tougher.

The best thing the Wolverines have going for them? They believe in themselves and their ability to get the job done.

After being shut down in the season opener, the Wolverines came back with wins over Conroe and Elkins to end nondistrict play at 2-1.

Now comes a chance to celebrate the school's homecoming week with a victory over Alvin.

Dobie coming along

Now four games into the season with a fifth to come against Channelview, the Longhorns are in a pretty good position. A win over Channelview will give the team its first winning record in nondistrict play in four years.

But as far as first-year head coach Jim Phillips is concerned, he wasn't part of the past. All he knows is that this year's varsity team is progressing just fine.

"I told the kids that Humble would come out with a ton of emotion and really try to take it to us in the first six minutes or so of the game."

"I knew if we could weather that storm and play our style of football, we could get a win. We did that. The defense made stop after stop, and offensively we made enough plays to win the game."

Through four games, Phillips and his staff are beginning to get a good feel for the capabilities of the varsity group.

Even though a couple of players have been dinged up on the defensive side, by and large the group has played exceptionally well.

On the offensive side, Phillips knows the Longhorns possess the speed to produce big chunks of yardage, but the unit has had to improve on the fly with an inexperienced offensive line. Week by week, that line is improving.

Jackson has played well at quarterback, but Phillips would like to see the junior signal-caller make better decisions in some situations and believe in his talents.

"Blake has played well, but he can play better," Phillips said.

Phillips said. "He knows he's not being singled out, but he is the quarterback and he has the decisions to make. He's going to get better and better."

With Channelview coming up next, Phillips simply wants the Longhorns to keep doing what they do well.

"We're hoping to get players like Davion Hurst more touches this week."

Phillips said. "Channelview worries me because they didn't play very well last week against Friendswood, but they have speed. Teams with speed always concern you. "After the Channel-

view game, we need that bye week to slow down, recharge a little bit and get everybody healthy before district. Right now, I love the way our guys battle and never give in."

Lady Longhorns' cross country off and running

The Dobie High School girls' cross country program has enjoyed a solid start to the season with another big meet coming Saturday, Sept. 25.

At Pearland, the Lady Longhorns went against several of the top teams in the Houston area and fared well.

The varsity team finished third, while the junior varsity team claimed second place in the team standings.

Among the varsity competitors, senior Chelsea Williams finished sixth, sophomore Thu Nguyen was 10th and freshman Mikaela Guevara placed 11th. Guevara's twin sister, Brianna Guevara, was fourth among the Lady Longhorns' top finishers, and sophomore Cassidy Peng rounded out

the top five.

Deer Park won the meet, and Pearland Dawson edged Dobie for second place by one point.

In the junior varsity division, the team was led by Chante Morris, Karen Treto, Meday Vargas, Ariel Hebert and Alisa Calvillo.

Dobie's program is loaded with young competitors, but coach Tina Knight-Gray

is pleased to this point. And there is plenty of time to improve prior to district.

"We are very young again at the varsity level, with only one senior on the varsity, but I'm really impressed with this team."

"They are all involved with other events here at Dobie, and practice time is tough sometimes, but we manage."

Horns' netters aim high in District 22-5A race



Phillip Nguyen (left) has played well early this season as the Dobie High School varsity tennis team has delivered consistently to this point in the season. The Longhorns achieved a winning record with a 22-5A opening victory over Pasadena Sept. 14, but after falling to Friendswood 11-0 Sept. 18 and Copperas Cove 15-4 the same day, the Longhorns are 7-8-1 with a key District 22-5A dual against Pasadena Memorial played Sept. 22 after press time. See results in the Sept. 30 Leader. Dobie will be back in action Sept. 24 in a nondistrict match against Clear Falls.

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