

## Wildfire drive set

Desiree Green and Kimberly Snook, along with the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, are organizing a drive to help those affected by the wildfires in Central Texas. Donations of toiletries, sleeping bags, baby formula, batteries, diapers, medical supplies, bottled water, sports drinks, pet food and work gloves may be dropped off at the station at 10510 Scarsdale. For information, call Green at 832-552-0140. See next week's *Leader* for more information.

## Girl Scout Rally Sept. 8

The Girl Scouts will have a rally on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at The Gardens Houston located at 12001 Beamer Road. Girls ages 5-18 and their parents are invited to the event to learn more about Girl Scouting, participate in fun activities, and sign up to be a Girl Scout. Scouts are also looking for leaders and volunteers. For more information, email south breeze@girlscouts@gmail.com.

## Fundraiser set for Boyes

A benefit for Gail Boyes will be held Sunday, Sept. 18, at Walter Hall Park on Highway 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. A former PISD teacher and assistant principal and wife of Thompson Intermediate coach Bob Boyes, she has been diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer. The event will include barbecue plates at \$10 each, a silent auction, a golf cart raffle for \$10, various games, a volleyball tournament and live entertainment.

For barbecue or raffle tickets, call Wanda Reyna at 281-827-7061, or donations can be made to the Giving Gail Hope Donation Fund at any Wells Fargo location. For more information, visit [www.givinggailhope.org](http://www.givinggailhope.org).

## Dobie open house set

Dobie will hold an open house Monday, Sept. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. in an open visitation format to establish communication with students' teachers. Student schedules and building maps will be available, or avoid the lines and print a schedule at home with Parent Connection at [parentaccess.pasadenaisd.org](http://parentaccess.pasadenaisd.org).

Organization and athletic team displays will be available to showcase extracurricular activities available to students and for the purchase of "Dobie Pride" spirit items. Approved spirit shirts that can be worn to school will also be available. Cash only will be accepted for purchases.

Visit the library, field house, auditorium and other state-of-the-art facilities that foster students' success, see the intricate mural in the foyer, or view work of Dobie students displayed around the school. The AP parents' sessions begin at 7 p.m. Those attending should park at the rear of the school. Open house for Dobie East Campus will take place at its regular location.

## AARP meets Sept. 9

The South Belt AARP will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at El Franco Lee Community Center, 9400 Hall Road. Entertainment will be HUGGS, a magic clown. Lunch will follow the meeting. All seniors are invited.

## Team Gabby fundraiser

Team Gabby will start its annual fundraiser for the Gabby Romero Memorial Scholarship Fund at Dobie High School and to raise funds for Renal Cell Carcinoma Cancer Research center at the University of Texas Medical School in honor of the late Gabby Romero.

Orders are being placed for the long-sleeved T-shirts, hoodies sweats for the winter, caps and visors. To purchase an item, contact Jesse Romero at 832-876-0502 or email [jrl1103@yahoo.com](mailto:jrl1103@yahoo.com).

## LSA cheer, dance camp set

The Lutheran South Academy Strutters and cheerleaders will host their annual cheer and dance camp Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Girls in Pre-K3 through eighth grade are invited. No experience is required. Participants return Friday, Oct. 7, to cheer and dance during halftime on the LSA field.

The cost is \$65 if pre-registered by Tuesday, Sept. 27, and includes dance and cheer instruction, a performance T-shirt, lunch, snack, photo, a hair bow and certificate. Same day registration is \$75 and begins at 9 a.m. in the LSA gym. For information, contact Jean at 281-486-1144.

## Spaghetti at Cokesbury

Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale, will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. The fundraiser is open to the community, and cost is \$7 a plate, with students at \$5 - dine in or carry out. Tickets are available at the door or from the church at 281-484-9243/cumchouston.org.

## Special 9/11 prayer, worship

Cokesbury United Methodist Church will host a special Patriotic Prayer and Worship Service Sunday, Sept. 11, at 5 p.m. The service lasts about 30 minutes and includes special music and prayer for the community and the country on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The church will provide a meal following worship. All are welcome. For information, visit [www.cumchouston.org](http://www.cumchouston.org).

# Graduates receive truancy summonses

Multiple former South Belt students recently received summonses to appear in court for excessive absences last school year.

Despite their truancy, many of the defendants have already gone on to graduate from high school, according to a Harris County Precinct 2 Constable deputy responsible for delivering the summonses. In at least one case, the recipient had joined the military and is currently serving in Iraq.

Confounding the matter, the summonses were dated last April but were not delivered until late August due to a significant backlog, according to Pasadena Independent School District spokeswoman Candace Ahlfinger.

The school district is limited in what it can do to help with the situation, as it is now in the hands of the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

"We must follow the court's laws," Ahlfinger said.

Since the 2003-2004 school year, the Harris County District Attorney's Office, along with

numerous governmental and nonprofit partners, has administered a truancy prevention program called the "Stay in School Program."

The Stay in School Program emphasizes early intervention to attain its goals: to increase student attendance in Harris County schools, to reduce the number of students dropping out of high school, to reduce juvenile crime and to identify students and parents in need of social services related to antisocial and criminal behavior.

The district attorney's truancy section sends out a warning letter to parents when their child accumulates three unexcused absences. More extreme cases, however, often require the filing of criminal truancy charges against the student and/or parent(s).

The recent PISD cases all involved students who had 10 or more unexcused absences, Ahlfinger said.

The goal of prosecutors in the truancy section is to divert truancy defendants from convictions while attempting to address the causes of a particular student's absences from school. However,

the prosecutors utilize all of the resources within law to obtain compliance, and a conviction can lead to fines of up to \$500 plus court costs, other sanctions and possible criminal contempt prosecution.

While most of the known PISD cases were

dismissed upon appearing in court, at least one of the students was fined \$150. Many of the students were also forced to miss work or college courses to appear.

Attempts to reach the Harris County District Attorney's Office for comment went unanswered.

## PISD career/tech school planned

The Pasadena Independent School District's plan to build a full-campus high school dedicated to career and technical education represents an expansion of the district's current technical education structure, district officials say.

Implementation of the plan awaits voter approval on Nov. 8 of a \$270.1 million school bond proposal. The career and technical education high school is one of four new campuses proposed under the bond. Three new middle school campuses are also planned.

The bond proposal carries no tax rate increase.

The total construction cost for the four new campuses is placed at \$101.8 million. Cost of the new career and technical high school is placed at \$46.2 million.

"The career/tech center was part of the recommendation that the Future Facilities Committee made to our school board," said Dr. Kirk Lewis, the Pasadena ISD superintendent of schools.

"It will increase the number of opportunities for our students and allow us greater opportunities to work with area employers to meet their needs."

District officials say the career and technical education high school would provide three primary benefits:

It would better meet the specific employee-

skill needs of businesses in the community and provide students with curriculums that better emphasize and develop those skills.

It would consolidate many technical education programs now scattered across various district facilities and broadly expand the scope of technical training to 31 different fields.

Current programs provide 20 different career pathways.

It would help relieve crowded conditions at some of PISD's five other high-school campuses, especially Dobie High School. Dobie enrollment currently stands at 3,550.

Many of the district's career and technical education programs are currently housed at the L.P. Card Center, an annex-type facility adjacent to Memorial High School. Others are offered at select high-school campuses, a situation that requires special transportation services for students enrolled at other high schools.

The bond plan would establish a fully contained high school campus just for career and technical education students. District officials expect the high school to serve between 1,500 and 1,700 students.

Negotiations are ongoing with San Jacinto College for partnership agreements in some of the programs. Successful completion of course

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## Area swimming pools to close

With the passing of Labor Day, both the Highland Meadow and Ashley Pointe swimming pools are now closed for the season.

Both the Riverstone Ranch and Sageglen swimming pools will remain open weekends through September from noon to 8 p.m.

The Clear Brook Meadows swimming pool

will be open weekends through Sunday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Both the Sagemont and Beverly Hills pools closed for the season Sunday, Aug. 14.

The Kirkmont Municipal Utility District water park has been closed indefinitely due to drought conditions.

## Sheriff deputy goes extra mile

By Diddy Clark

Deputy Breck Staude from the Harris County Sheriff's office was a good Samaritan Wednesday, Aug. 31, when he went out of his way to return lost goods to a member of the community.

Staude, a South Belt resident, was off duty when he stopped to pick up a box and dolly that had fallen off a truck.

He attempted to find the owner by driving around the neighborhood but had no luck.

Staude stopped by the *Leader* office to see if the staff could help.

Upon examining the box's contents, the deputy was able to identify the owner of the property.

*Leader* staff member Bobby Griffin knew the family and was able to get in touch with them.

Staude left his name and telephone number. The family in turn contacted Staude and were able to retrieve their lost items.

## SBHLL to begin Challenger program

Children with disabilities are about to have a chance to be a part of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League, likely as early as the spring 2012 season. Members of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce have encouraged the establishment of a local Challenger Baseball program and will make a donation to help start the program.

Chrystal Sulak, a SBHLL board of directors member who heads the league's AAA/major division, is guiding an effort to get the Challenger Baseball program started within the league.

Challenger Baseball was created to allow any

youths with physical or mental handicaps to have the chance to play the game in a safe environment. It was introduced by Little League Baseball in 1990, and leagues across the nation have taken hold of the program in recent years. Now, Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials want to have their own Challenger program in the South Belt community.

Youths age 4 through 18 are eligible to compete. But it is important to note that teams will be created based on an individual youth's mental and physical capabilities rather than age.

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## Pearland invades South Belt



Two men were arrested the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 6, on Scarsdale Boulevard, following an alleged home burglary in Pearland. According to Pearland police, an alert homeowner reported seeing two suspects loading TVs into a silver Honda Accord at a residence in the 3100 block of Wild Turkey around 10:40 a.m. A responding officer spotted the vehicle in the 10500 block of Scarsdale and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was asked to step outside the vehicle for questioning and reportedly fled on foot after handing the officer his driver's license. Additional officers were then called to the scene. A search perimeter was established, and the suspect was found in a nearby ditch with the aid of a canine unit. Both suspects, one Pearland resident and one Alvin resident, were charged with burglary of a habitation. Numerous law enforcement agencies, including the Houston Police Department, the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office and 11 units (10 marked and one unmarked) from the Pearland Police Department are shown above participating in the manhunt. The inset photo shows the TVs suspected of being taken from the home, which were found in the vehicle.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

## City issues 180 code citations

The City of Houston has released the results of its recent code violation sweep in the Sagemont subdivision, with a total of 180 citations being issued.

Conducted between Tuesday, Aug. 9, and Friday, Aug. 12, the block-by-block campaign was done at the behest of the Sagemont Civic Club.

"I just wish people cared a little more about their community," said Sandy Robb, civic club vice president.

The civic organization initially requested that the city enforce its heavy-trash regulations, but officials responded with a comprehensive sweep to find violators of multiple city codes and ordinances.

The campaign was a joint venture between City of Houston's Neighborhood Protection Corps and Conya Barreras, Mayor Annise Parker's community liaison.

Of the 180 total citations issued, 49 were for heavy-trash violations, 20 were for junk motor vehicles and the remaining 111 were for minimum standard violations, such as high grass, peeling paint and trash on property.

Violators are subject to fines ranging from \$50

to \$2,000.

Of particular concern to city officials is that junk waste is not mixed with tree waste.

Tree waste months are January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Junk waste months are February, April, June, August, October and December.

Although junk waste is not accepted during tree waste months, tree waste is accepted during junk waste months. However, to ensure that tree waste is recycled, residents should hold tree waste materials until the next tree waste designated month or bring it to a neighborhood depository.

While many residents welcome the sweep, Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan is upset his office wasn't notified, adding that the issue could have largely been resolved without citations.

"I'm caught completely off guard by the sweep," Sullivan said. "The mayor didn't have the courtesy to ask for my advice. She just went ahead and did this without any regard for me or my constituents. I'm at a loss for words. I apologize to my constituents."

## Dept. of Neighborhoods created

The City of Houston recently welcomed its newest department, the Department of Neighborhoods (DON), with approval from City Council.

DON is a consolidation of many divisions that were previously dispersed throughout the city organization, with the end result being a "one-stop-shop" for accessing city services and resolving neighborhood issues.

"While this has been a long transition, we are anxious to hit the ground running and certainly acknowledge that we have a lot of work to do," said DON Director Catherine Flowers. "Our mission is to promote the advancement of Houston neighborhoods by communicating available city services to civic organizations and citizens with a goal of improving the quality of life for all constituents."

Currently, DON consists of the following divisions: City of Houston Inspection & Public Services (CHIPS) - formerly Neighborhood Pro-

tection Corps; Mayor's Anti-Gang Office; Mayor's Citizens' Assistance Office (CAO); Mayor's Office of Education Initiatives; Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities; Mayor's Office of Immigration & Refugee Affairs (MOIRA); and Mayor's Volunteer Initiatives Program (VIP).

CHIPS is responsible for enforcing Chapter 10 related to the Code of Ordinances for junk motor vehicles, weeded lots, open and vacant buildings, graffiti and other nuisances on private property. To report violations, contact the city's service helpline at 311 or 713-837-0311 or online at [www.houston311.org](http://www.houston311.org).

Residents wishing to receive periodic emails from Mayor Annise D. Parker and the City of Houston on topics related to specific neighborhoods, go to [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) and register with CitizensNet.

For additional information about DON, visit [www.houstontx.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.houstontx.gov/neighborhoods).

## Homecoming court announced



J. Frank Dobie High School recently announced its 2011 homecoming court. Pictured above, candidates for queen are, left to right, Tessa Andrade, Andrea Gonzalez, and Alaina Burns. King candidates pictured are Joe Cavazos, Christopher Garcia and Treg Spigner. The homecoming king and queen will be crowned Friday, Sept. 16, when the Longhorns play the Humble Wildcats at Pasadena Veterans Memorial Stadium, beginning at 7 p.m.

# Reader's Opinion

## Reams: The Ugly American

Saturday, Aug. 27, I attended the Pete Olson townhall meeting in Clear Lake. He had held one that morning in Pearland that was disrupted by members reported to be from MoveOn.org. As soon as Rep. Olson began, by explaining the morning's incident and allowing as to how everyone has a constitutional right to have his / her voice heard, the disruption began. There were perhaps 400 constituents in attendance with about 15-20 disrupters strategically scattered throughout the audience. They had one goal—disrupt proceedings; disrupt the democratic process.

It was apparent they were not trying to hold Olson accountable for his voting record or position on any issue. They were there to usurp the constitutional rights of the other 380 or so attendees who were there to gain information, have their voices heard, and hold Olson accountable. They were not tea party people. I was with the Clear Lake tea party folks. They were not republicans, conservatives or independents. They were left wingers (democrats, progressives, socialists, Marxists, etc.); those who always preach tolerance but are

very intolerant of anyone but themselves. Free speech was OK as long as it was their speech. It was very similar to the recent events we saw in the Wisconsin Teacher's Union demonstrations, or Rep. Maxine Waters' recent rant about the tea party.

Rep. Olson is to be commended for his determination and courage. He stuck to his agenda and kept talking through their loud disruptions. He said time and again "the only way to eliminate this kind of stuff is to change administrations in 2012." For that he received a loud applause.

Saturday, the Ugly American made his presence felt locally. It was a despicable display of vile disrespect, abuse of freedom of speech, abuse of the rights of others, and evil. I can't imagine this group won any votes for the democrats in any upcoming elections. I don't see how this tactic can win votes in a conservative district. If anything, they solidified votes against their party in upcoming elections. Perhaps their ultimate goal was to provoke a physical / violent response from other attendees to use as a media propaganda tool. They did have one of their own taking pictures. But, they failed there too. Except for loud voices from the disrupters, the audience remained peaceful.

Larry Reams

## Dennis L. Shippey



Dennis L. Shippey, 65, died Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011. He was born Feb. 5, 1946.

Shippey attended West High School in Davenport, Iowa, and Eastern New Mexico University on a swimming scholarship. He received a Master of Physical Education degree from the University of Northern Iowa. He served

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in Vietnam, fighting with the 101st Airborne.

Most who knew Shippey called him "Coach." His passion was swimming. Whether coaching or competing, he was always at his best in the water. He taught and coached at J. Frank Dobie High School from 1976 to 2004 in the Pasadena Independent School District. After retirement, he continued to compete, set records, and positively impact the lives of those around him.

Shippey is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Adeline Shippey of Davenport, Iowa.

He is survived by his wife Linda; brother Steve and wife Lisa of Rock Island, Ill.; son Scott and wife Melissa of Austin; and daughter Sondra of Pasadena. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Ian, Luke, Mia, Aaron and Hannah.

A vigil will be held Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church beginning at 7 p.m. Rosary

will commence at 6:30 p.m. for those wishing to participate. Celebration of life services will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m., also at St. Luke's. A reception will follow in the Dobie High School cafeteria, 10220 Blackhawk.

Burial will be at a later date in Rock Island, Ill., at the Rock Island Arsenal, Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The family will travel to his hometown of Davenport for a memorial service at St. Alphonsus Church where he and Linda were married, followed by a full military burial.

In lieu of usual remembrances, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org.

## PISD bond forums scheduled

Sam Rayburn High will host the first of five public forums for discussion of issues related to the Pasadena ISD's \$270.1 million bond proposal. An election has been called for Nov. 8 on the bond, which carries no tax rate increase.

This bond will provide a new career/tech high school, three new middle schools, four replacement campuses and renovations to Veterans Memorial Stadium and Phillips Field House. The bond will not require a tax rate increase.

A public forum has been scheduled for each of the district's five high schools. The forum at Sam Rayburn has been set for Monday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m.

The complete schedule of public forums:

- \* Sam Rayburn High, Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m.
- \* South Houston High, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m.
- \* Dobie High, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.
- \* Pasadena High, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.
- \* Memorial High, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.

Early voting runs from Oct. 24 through Nov. 4.

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF UPCOMING ACCREDITATION REVIEW VISIT BY THE NLNAC

San Jacinto College Central Nursing Program wishes to announce that it will host a site review for continuing accreditation of its Associate Degree nursing program.

You are invited to meet the visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled for September 28, 2011 at 2:30pm – 3:30pm at the Health Sciences Building Room 121.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Sharon Tanner, Chief Executive Officer  
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850  
Atlanta, GA 30326

or email: [sjtanner@nlac.org](mailto:sjtanner@nlac.org)

All written comments should arrive at NLNAC by September 20, 2011.

## Taylor seeks Jackson's seat

Recently, state Rep. Larry Taylor officially announced his intention to run for the Texas Senate in District 11.

The seat is currently held by Sen. Mike Jackson who announced his plans two weeks ago to run for a newly created congressional district. Senate District 11 is composed of parts of Brazoria, Galveston and Harris counties.

A large portion of the South Belt ZIP code 77089 area is in Senate Dist. 11.

Taylor said, "I'm running for the Texas Senate on my record of conservative leadership and effective representation. I'm committed to ensuring sound fiscal discipline in state government spending and stopping the growth of needless govern-

ment intrusion into our lives."

Taylor also announced the endorsement of his Republican colleagues in SD 11: Rep. Dennis Bonnen, Rep. Ken Legler, Rep. Randy Weber and Rep. Wayne Smith.

Weber said, "Larry Taylor has been a leading voice for conservative leadership in the Texas House of Representatives. It will be an honor to have him as my state senator because I know he can get the job done."

Legler voiced his support for Taylor's campaign and said, "Senate District 11 is a huge district, with nearly 800,000 residents. Larry Taylor will be able to hit the ground running when he is elected and will be effective

on Day 1 because of his respected leadership abilities."

Taylor is currently serving his fifth term in the Texas House of Representatives and his second term as chairman of the House Republican Caucus. He is the chairman of the House Elections Committee, a member of the House Insurance Committee, co-chairman of the Joint Windstorm Insurance Legislative Oversight Board, and member of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission.

Taylor is the owner of Truman Taylor Insurance, a family-owned business operating in southeast Texas for almost 50 years. Taylor was raised in Friendswood. He and his wife, Kerri, are the parents of three children.

## CCISD approves budget

Budget reflects \$375 less per student from state

The Clear Creek Independent School District is committed to providing students a world-class education despite \$14.5 million less from the state for the 2011-2012 school year.

On Monday, Aug. 29, 2011, the board of trustees unanimously approved a \$280,677,596 operating budget for the school year. This budget reflects nearly \$8 million less in expenditures from the prior year.

A federal one-time grant of \$5.9 million made it possible for the district to not pull funds from its savings account, which consists of only two-months operating costs, and it does not replenish year to year.

"On behalf of the board of trustees, I want to express our gratitude to the staff of CCISD. This team worked in collaboration with the community to make some very difficult budget decisions and always put children first," said Dee Scott, board president.

The approved budget does

not call for a tax rate increase or pay raises for teachers and staff. The proposed tax rate remains at \$1.04 for maintenance and operations; otherwise, the district's day-to-day operating cost and \$.32 for interest and sinking, this fund is to pay for approved bonds.

With 85 percent of the district's budget tied to personnel, primarily at the campus level, the district was able to eliminate 248 positions through attrition over the last three years. "Our parents and teachers will tell you they have noticed," said Greg Smith, superintendent of schools. "Our classrooms are tighter, our a/c and lights are being turned off earlier than ever before, but in the end, Clear Creek ISD is an exceptional place for teaching and learning. Just visit one of our classrooms and witness it yourself."

For a complete look at the Clear Creek ISD 2011-2012 budget, visit [www.ccisd.net](http://www.ccisd.net) or call 281-284-0020 for a paper copy.

## PW Library events scheduled

The following events are set for the week of Sept. 8 through Sept. 14 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Movie Madness will be Thursday, Sept. 8, at 4 p.m. This family-friendly film is rated G and runs 88 minutes.

Effective Strategies to Prepare Your Children for College will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m. This workshop will be conducted in Vietnamese.

The genealogy group will meet Mondays, Sept. 12 and Oct. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. Those interested in researching their family history are encouraged to join the library (no dues) during a "brick wall" discussion.

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

## Craft show vendors sought

Beverly Hills Park Community Center, 10210 Kingspoint, will host an indoor community craft show Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The show will feature handmade jewelry, custom monogramming, holiday crafts, candles, artwork, plumbers, dentists and more.

Vendors are needed – \$35 per space. Deadline is Sept. 12. To participate, call 832-215-1367 or 713-962-8457.

## High school reunions set

### Dobie 20-year reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1991 reunion will be held Saturday, Oct 8, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Trevisio Restaurant & Ballroom, 6550 Bertner Ave. All 1991 graduates and former classmates are welcome – "after 5" attire.

For ticket information, visit <http://dobiclassof91reunion.eventbrite.com>.

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

### Dobie 40-year reunion

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

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

### SoHo 25-year reunion

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

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

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

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

### Milby 50th reunion

The Milby Class of 1961 will hold its 50th reunion Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7 and 8, at the South Shore Harbor Resort & Conference Center.

For more information, call Vicki Buckner Reber at 713-789-8144.

# Guest Editorial

## Rocky 2011 leads to opportunities

By Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor

This past year was difficult for state institutions across Texas, including San Jacinto College. We faced record enrollment in the midst of significant legislative debates about budget and educational accountability measures. Between current biennium cuts and looking into the next biennium, the college was forced to find a way to manage approximately \$20 million in reductions to the 2011-2013 budget. As chancellor, this is not the future that I envisioned for San Jacinto College, but I realize it is our reality.

On Monday night, the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees approved the FY2011-2012 operating budget of \$135,499,797. Through all of the challenges we have experienced over the last year, I am very pleased with how far we have come to get this budget balanced and approved without raising tuition or increasing our maintenance tax rates. While I can't guarantee that won't happen in the future, I am committed to not passing on the burden to our students and community, as many of you are facing the same struggles.

The college's leadership team, with input from employees and students, has worked diligently over the past several months to manage the decline and ensure that our budget is balanced. These were difficult decisions, but included in the plan was a voluntary separation and severance plan, a soft hiring freeze, and operational budget cuts. Through these measures, we generated significant cost savings. Our mission at San Jacinto College is to ensure student success, and one of our four strategic goals is our people, and both of these were at the forefront of each budget decision we made. I hope our community will see that having a balanced budget moving forward in tough economic times is a positive move, especially when we see that other institutions and organizations are having a much more difficult time while raising tuition and tax assessment rates.

In our budget, we established a pool for compensation dollars. Two years ago, we implemented a robust performance management system for all of our employees, with annual pay increases based on individual employee performance. We have spent significant time at the college implementing performance management for all employees, faculty, staff, and administrators. As we continue to implement this system that is truly unique in higher education, it is important that I see it through and reward those employees who are going above and beyond in their performance. Through the performance management system, we have raised the bar on our expectations of employee performance, and we have aligned work efforts with our four strategic goals – student success, P-16 pipeline, workforce and economic development, and our people. An employee who earns a rating of "valuable contributor" has truly lived our college values and has performed his or her job with absolute excellence. Our people are our most valuable asset – our people are San Jacinto College. Even though all of us are aware of the current economic challenges, the college must continue to fund startup programs and invest to expand high demand programs. As we innovate and discover new ways to operate the college, we are committed to repurposing and directing funding according to our strategic goals.

San Jacinto College has a history of being fiscally responsible. While this has been a challenging year, and we have had to reduce costs in many areas, I am so proud of the fact that we have not laid off

people. With our focus on our four strategic goals, we are weathering this storm, and will continue to do so in the future. We are hearing from our elected officials that we will go into the next legislative session with a deficit. We know that managing further cuts will be required. I am often asked, "Do you worry about the reductions we have taken?" And the simple answer is, I most certainly do. I worry about the impact on our students, I worry about the impact on all of our employees, and I worry about the impact on our community. Innovation and excellence are two of our college values. The excellence shows in the number of employees who serve on statewide or national initiatives. I am pleased to tell you that San Jacinto College is being looked at across the state of Texas, and across the nation, for the innovative programs we are implementing to address the accountability measures and management practices. These things are happening due to our innovative employees who embody excellence.

We were fortunate to have the support of our community in 2008 when voters overwhelmingly approved a \$295 million bond referendum to support our growth. The bond is funding infrastructure improvements as well as the construction of new facilities to better serve our students in the critical student support areas and in allied health and science as well as a state-of-the-art transportation center. This is a true testament to our community understanding our needs, and supporting us as we move forward. We are well under way in the construction of these facilities – in fact, the transportation center opened this semester for students in our automotive technology program. I thank all of you for your support of San Jacinto College and our building program. Even if you don't have students attending the college at this time, the investment of creating an educated workforce will keep jobs in our community.

As the college celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, I can't help but think back on our golden past while at the same time look to the future. I am amazed at the determination of our founders and the supporters who rallied to create this college, despite the opposition they received. I'm thankful that they believed in the need for quality and affordable higher education in East Harris County. We have been compiling our history, and it is impressive. We have weathered several storms... both literally and figuratively. Our future, although it might look just a little different, will be even more extraordinary. I am hearing the term "new normal" everywhere these days. That is true at San Jacinto College. We are realizing a new normal in how we deliver education, in accountability measures in student success, and in the resources available to do all this.

We're expecting to welcome more than 30,000 students this semester. Despite the decrease in state funding, coupled with another record enrollment, we will move forward with our innovative and entrepreneurial spirit to tackle the challenges and changes that will continue to impact us. We understand the dire nature of the state's budget, but we also must continue to serve our students and our community. We will embrace the future and all that it brings to advance our student success agenda and serve our students. We are fiscally conservative, and this has made us a strong institution, even in this "new normal." As the leader of this institution, I can assure you that my goal is for San Jacinto College to continue to be a leader in higher education, not only in our region, but throughout the state and across the nation as well.

# UHCL celebrates shuttle program with exhibit, reception

University of Houston-Clear Lake welcomed NASA Johnson Space Center leaders, space contractors and community friends during *Celebrating Shuttle: An American Icon* photo exhibition opening reception Aug. 23.

In addition to viewing the photos, guests were treated to a program that included Rep. Pete Olson; Dion McInnis, UHCL associate vice president for university advancement; Milt Heflin, associate director (technical) of the Johnson Space Center

and former JSC flight director office chief; William A. Staples, UHCL president; Mike Coats, Johnson Space Center director; Bob Thompson, STS-1 Space Shuttle Program manager and former space shuttle program office manager; John Shannon, space shuttle program office manager and former deputy manager of the space shuttle flight director; Col. Michael Fincke, STS-134 Mission Specialist.

After brief remarks by

Olson, McInnis introduced Staples and spoke about the creation of the university in response to the 1965 request of Johnson Space Center then-Director Bob Gilruth.

"With the community in mind, the partnership began," said McInnis. "If you have attended a single presentation by UHCL's president, you will have heard the expression, 'community-minded, partnership-oriented' to describe the focus of this university.

"It has been so since the

beginning and expands each year."

"UHCL is here because of NASA and the Johnson Space Center," said Staples. "Our partnerships and collaborations with the Johnson Space Center have continued over the past 37 years.

"One of our very significant collaborations occurred in 2001 when Johnson Space Center and UHCL signed an agreement for the JSC History Collection to be housed in the university's Neumann Library and this partner-

ship continues today."

Offering an opportunity to experience a big part of the history of spaceflight through pictures, the exhibit includes photos from all 135 shuttle missions and is located on the second and third floors of Atrium II in the university's Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

"For the past 50 years, the Johnson Space Center workforce has propelled us into the 21st century," said Coats, who explained that he joined Johnson Space Center just three years before the shuttle program. "We want to thank Dr. Staples for the opportunity to show off 30 years of space history."

As the space shuttle program manager for the first mission, Thompson gave a brief history of different phases of the space shuttle program.

Shannon spoke about the shuttle program, NASA's continued goal to fly safely and the positive impact the shuttle had on the future of space exploration. Finally, Fincke offered his gratitude to UHCL and his shuttle experience. He also presented the university a special gift that included a

framed photo of him wearing a UHCL shirt in space next to the actual shirt in the frame.

McInnis concluded the evening with a poem that he wrote about the importance of space flight and thanked all in attendance. Guests were also invited to sign a shuttle tire that will be displayed permanently at the university.

Music during the event was provided by the Clear Lake High School Chamber Orchestra led by directors Bryan Buffaloe and Kevin Black.

A special thank you was offered to those who served on the exhibit committee and provided support for the exhibit and opening event.

Those serving on the committee included Joyce Abbey, Dayni Alba, Jeanie Aquino, Will Close, Eva de Cardenas, Warren Harold, Eliza Johnson, Shelly Kelly and Rebecca Wright.

The exhibit, *Celebrating Shuttle: An American Icon*, will be on display through Sept. 28.

For more information about the exhibit, call the Office of Alumni and Community Relations at 281-283-2021.

## Sabo Road buckles



Several South Belt residents have complained in recent weeks about a buckle in the road on Sabo between Sagetree and Sageforest, presumably caused by the ongoing drought. The above photo, taken by Kirkwood Civic Club President Ralph Robbins, shows a hubcap that fell off due to the damage. The street has since been repaired by the city.



University of Houston-Clear Lake held an opening reception for a special photo exhibit, *Celebrating Shuttle: An American Icon*, that will run through Sept. 28 in the university's Bayou Building. The program featured comments from area leaders including, left to right, William A. Staples, UHCL president; Bob Thompson, STS-1 Space Shuttle program manager and former space shuttle program office manager;

Mike Coats, Johnson Space Center director; Rep. Pete Olson; John Shannon, space shuttle program office manager and former deputy manager of the space shuttle program and space shuttle flight director; Milt Heflin, associate director (technical) of the Johnson Space Center and former JSC flight director office chief; and Col. Michael Fincke, STS-134 Mission Specialist. Submitted photo

# PISD career/tech school planned

Continued from Page 1A work in some programs would earn students an associate degree, certification and/or licensure at the time of their high-school graduation.

"The career and technical education high school will meet a growing need to prepare students for careers in health care, business, technology, engineering and manufacturing," said Ben Meador, the owner of Meador Staffing Services in Pasadena and past chairman of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

"The many job opportunities that will be created by employers in our community will require specific education and skills that allow students to define, support and meet their career goals and for employers to remain competitive in maintaining a quality workforce."

Preliminary plans call for the high school to be divided into six "academies": health services, business and public services, agriculture, technology and engineering, construction and manufacturing, and transportation and shipping.

The academies could be structured as follows:

Health services: Programs leading to careers as a nurse assistant, vocational nurse, dental assistant, emergency medical technician and pharmacy technician. Estimated enrollment: 200.

Business and public services: Programs in hospital and tourism, law, public safety, corrections and security, human services, and finance. Possible career paths include travel agent, restaurant manager, culinary specialist, policeman, police dispatcher, cosmetologist, childhood educational aide, small business owner and accountant. Estimated enrollment: 550.

Agriculture: Possible career paths include veterinary assistant, floral

designer and landscape architect. Estimated enrollment: 100.

Technology and engineering: Programs in information technology, science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and arts, audio/visual technology and communications. Possible career paths include computer technician, network administrator, graphic artist and video technician. Estimated enrollment: 350.

Construction and manufacturing: Possible career paths include welder, draftsman, construction engineer, electrical engineer and heating and air-

conditioning technician. Estimated enrollment: 250.

Transportation and shipping: Possible career paths include automotive technician, collision repair technician and maritime specialist. Estimated enrollment: 250.

Plans called for students to attend high school exclusively on the career and technical education campus.

Official say a plan will be developed to allow students at the school to participate in social and extracurricular activities — such as prom, athletics and fine arts — at their home high schools.

Plans call for the new fall of 2014, pending passage of the bond.

## Showcase table tennis skills at tournament

Get the table tennis paddle out and be ready to play or just watch during University of Houston-Clear Lake's table tennis tournament sponsored by the university's Fitness Zone.

The tournament is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Services and Classroom Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. The event is free and open to the public.

Register to play by Sept. 9 at noon, in the Fitness Zone, Student Services and Classroom Building, Room 2103. Then pick up a racket and send the ball spinning in this fast-paced game of coordination and quick reflexes. Meet new people and enjoy free snacks while playing both singles and doubles games.

For more information, email fitnesszone@uhcl.edu or call 281-283-2410 or 281-283-2560.

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

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

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

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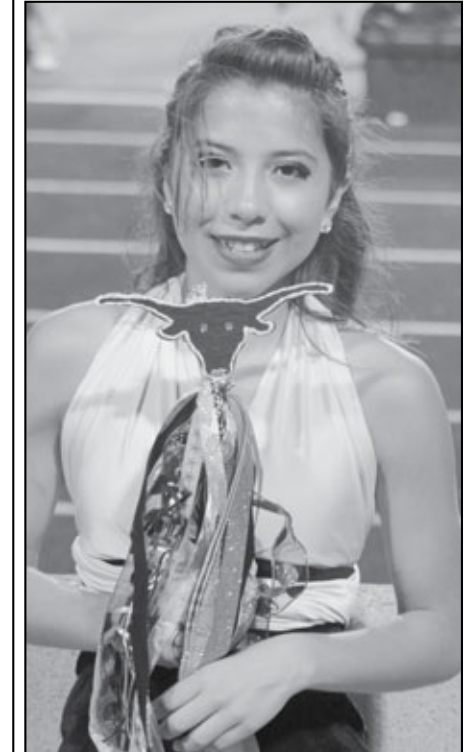


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# Lariaette of the Week



The Lariaette of the Week for the Aug. 26 football game was Geraldine Navarrette. She is the daughter of Tania Tristan and is currently a sophomore and a new member of the team.

# Over The Back Fence by Jan

**WELCOME TO THE WORLD BROOKLYN**  
**Brooklyn McKenna Hale** was born Aug. 27, 2011, at 9:15 a.m. at the Woman's Hospital of Texas in Houston. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz, and stretched 19 inches. Proud parents are **Erin** and **Aaron Hale** of Pearland. Also welcoming Brooklyn is big sister **Kaylyn Smith**. Grandparents are **Larry** and **Connie Kirk** of Alvin, **JR Hale** of Riverstone Ranch, and the late **Nelda Hale** of Sageglen.  
**HAPPY 14TH BIRTHDAY, AARON!**  
**Aaron Matthew Whitted** will celebrate his 14th birthday Sept. 9. Happy birthday wishes are sent from dad **Gary** and mom **Donna**, sister **Heather**, brother **Jacob**, **Amber** and **Riley**. Also sending their love are grandparents (MeMaw and PaPaw) **Carl** and **Frances Valigura**.  
**DAVID CELEBRATES ANOTHER YEAR**  
 A happy 49th birthday is sent to Dobie graduate **David Griffin** on Sept. 13. Family members in Houston and Pearland send wishes for a great day!

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 8 through Sept. 14.  
**Atkinson Elementary**  
 Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Kathie Teuscher** Sept. 12.  
**Burnett Elementary**  
**Jennifer Petrillo** is wished a happy birthday Sept. 10. Sharing a birthday Sept.

11 are **Glenda Moore** and **Cassandra Sneed**. **Noel Becerra** enjoys a birthday Sept. 13.  
**Frazier Elementary**  
 A special birthday greeting is sent to **Paula Golden** Sept. 8. The day for a party for **Becky Shelton** is Sept. 13. Marking a birthday Sept. 14 is **Wendy Wiseburn**.  
**Meador Elementary**  
 On Sept. 14, **Maria Rutherford** enjoys a birthday.  
**South Belt Elementary**  
 Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 8 for **Anh Ton**.  
**Stuchbery Elementary**  
 On Sept. 10, a double birthday is enjoyed by **Laurie Graham** and **Curtis Halvorson**. Marking a birthday Sept. 13 is **Heidi Eberhardt**.  
**Melillo Middle School**  
 The day for a party for **Elizabeth Dean** is Sept. 10.  
**Morris Middle School**  
 On Sept. 9, **Erin Jackson** is wished a happy birthday. **Carman Sonnier** has a birthday Sept. 11. Blow out the birthday candles for **Maria Gonzalez** Sept. 14.  
**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
 Sept. 10 is the day for a double birthday party for **Chris Harris** and **America Mendoza**.  
**Dobie High**  
 Birthday wishes are sent to **Dianne Berreth** Sept. 8. Celebrating a birth-

day Sept. 9 is **Irma Iracheta**. A double birthday is had by **Kelly Cooling-Davis** and **Tucker Smith** Sept. 10. On Sept. 12, **Chad Barrett** celebrates a birthday. Three cheers for a happy birthday are sent to **Erika Garcia**, **Stacia Sweet** and **Tiffany Turner** who share a birthday Sept. 13. A double birthday is enjoyed on Sept. 14 by **Rodney Pannell** and **Dana Stockton**.  
**LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS**  
 Deer Park Council of Beta Sigma Phi kicked off its new year with a Hawaiian luau. **Debbie Sorge**, council president, hosted the event at the Maxwell Center.  
 After an activity to test the attendees' knowledge of Hawaii, everyone feasted on salads and desserts. Attendees danced the hula and limbo. **Sharon Brewer** won for the best dressed.  
 Laureate Psi members met recently in the home of **Susan Watson**. Watson gave an enlightening program titled *Building Our Future on Traditions - Royal Wedding Traditions*. Watson and **Barbara Jennings** furnished refreshments of wedding cake and soft drinks.  
 Members of Laureate Psi attending the luau were **Carroll McCullough**, **Nancy McShane**, **Judy Switzer** and **Jennings**.  
**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**  
*Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.*

# Pasadena ISD hosts special 9/11 event

Because Sept. 11 falls on a Sunday this year, many schools may not be inclined to observe the event in the manner that Pasadena Memorial High School will. Memorial High School has always observed a 9/11 remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001, and will do so again this year by commemorating the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.  
 On Friday, Sept. 9, at 7 a.m., the Honor Guard of the Pasadena Fire Department will post the colors of both the United States and Texas in the school dining hall. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will present a wreath to the people who perished on this fateful day.  
 American citizens know that more people would have perished on Sept. 11 had it not been for the New York Fire Department and their heroic efforts.  
 President George W. Bush named this day Patriot Day, in memory of the 2,977 people who were innocently killed.  
 Pasadena Memorial will observe Patriot Day and recognize the city of Pasadena firemen for their time, dedication and heroism to the citizens of Pasadena, Texas and beyond.

# Nature center seeks volunteers

Experience the joy of volunteering and the satisfaction of doing important work by supporting one of this nation's most significant habitat preserves as an Armand Bayou Nature Center volunteer.  
 Volunteer service is critical to keeping the nature center open during these challenging times, and volunteers are involved in all aspects of nature center operations.  
 Choose from volunteer positions in environmental education, resource stewardship, facilities maintenance, and visitor service programs. No experience or particular skills are needed to get started, but volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.  
 The next volunteer orientation is scheduled for two half-day sessions at the nature center. Join the center on Sept. 17 at 9 a.m. for an overview of Armand Bayou Nature Center and the many volunteer opportunities.  
 On Sept. 24, the center will provide basic training and a guide to advanced training and specialized assignments.  
 Both days will include classroom and outdoor activities so come prepared with a sack lunch and sturdy shoes. Both sessions will conclude by 2 p.m.  
 Some planned activities have limited seating. Advance reservations and volunteer program details are available at [www.abnc.org](http://www.abnc.org). To reserve a space, call 281-474-2551.  
 Armand Bayou Nature Center is located at 8500 Bay Area Blvd. near Red Bluff Road in Pasadena.  
 The center is open Wednesday through Saturday at 9 a.m. and Sundays at noon. The last admission is at 4 p.m. The gates and parking lot close at 5 p.m.  
 Admission fees are \$2 for seniors over 59, \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 4 to 12, and children under 4 are free.  
 Visitors are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes and be prepared for changing weather conditions. More information about Armand Bayou Nature Center is available at [www.abnc.org](http://www.abnc.org).

# Career workshop helps with job-hunting success

Choose the right career by attending University of Houston-Clear Lake's Career Exploration Workshop Fridays, Sept. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the university's Student Services Classroom Building, Rooms 3103 and 3109.  
 Small group seminars are designed to help those seeking a career change, setting career goals or returning to the workforce and is hosted by university counselors and psychologists of Career and Counseling Services.  
 Participants must attend both Saturday workshops.  
 The fee is \$200 for the general public. UHCL students pay \$30; UHCL Alumni members pay \$75; UHCL faculty and students attending other schools pay \$100.  
 For more information, call 281-283-2529 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/careerservice>.

# Longhorn Band Section of the Week



The J. Frank Dobie Longhorn Marching Band announced the French horns as Section of the Week for Aug. 23 through Aug. 26. Band Members of the Week were Zach Flores and Darian Smith, Student Leader of the Week was Erik Frias, and Spirit Member of the Week was Peter Vu. French horn members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Darian Smith, (second row) Ricky Flores, Zach Flores, Abby Benavides, Alexis Romero, Lazaro Galvan, Peter Vu, Demetri Bellini, (back row) Edward Ramirez, Erick Frias and Isaac Cisneros.

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**NARFE meets Sept. 20**  
 The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Gulf Freeway Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Senior Community Center, 9500 Hall Road.  
 The next meeting will be Sept. 20 at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

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# Remember When

**35 years ago (1976)**  
 Dr. C. Lee Meyer, superintendent of the Pasadena Independent School District, announced that Heidi, the drug sniffing dog, along with trainer Billy Smith would be used in surprise visits throughout the district's intermediate and high schools.  
 The Murphy family achieved highest honors in karate. Sharon joined husband Bill as a black belt holder. Their children, Debbie and Ricky, were awarded purple belts, the highest color

awarded in the junior karate division.  
 Houston Fire Chief Joe Perino told the South Belt Press that Sagemont would not lose its fire station. In fact, three different sites in the South Belt area were being considered for a new station, one of those located at Beamer and the beltway. The station on Sagearbor being used as No. 70 was previously under the jurisdiction of the Southeast (formerly Sagemont) Volunteer Fire Department. The city took possession of it upon annexation of the Sagemont area.  
 Road crews from Harris County Precinct 1 finished blacktopping a 170-foot roadway extension of Blackhawk between Sagemeadow and Green Tee Terrace subdivisions. Precinct 1 officials were also investigating the possibility of completing the four-lane section of Beamer between Kirkwood and Sagemont.  
**30 years ago (1981)**  
 PISD enrollment figures showed a growth of 234 students compared to the first week of school the previous year.  
 Figures released by Clear Creek Independent School District showed a district-wide enrollment of 18,806 students in the 19 district schools.  
**25 years ago (1985)**  
 U.S. Postal Service officials acknowledged that traffic flow problems existed within the potential service area of a planned post office for the South Belt area and said that the Postal Service would support South Belt

Coalition efforts to get the problems resolved.  
 Houston vice officers raided a Scarsdale apartment complex after an anonymous tip that pornographic-related activities were taking place in one of the units.  
 Work on a new section of the beltway that would ultimately stretch past Interstate 45 and Beamer Road was expected to begin during the month according to representatives of the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.  
 The City of Houston planned to begin construction the following year of a regional, 50 million-gallons-a-day water treatment plant on the north side of Ellington, east of Highway 3.  
**20 years ago (1991)**  
 Members of King of Kings Lutheran Church celebrated 25 years of service.  
 School enrollment in PISD schools grew by more than 1,100 students including a small population growth in South Belt area schools.  
**15 years ago (1996)**  
 Original Sagemont resident Emma Norris was seen as General Burns in the movie E.L.M.-Entry Level Male.  
 An exit incentive program for San Jacinto College employees aged 55 and up with 15 years of district employment was approved by regents. Under the plan, those choosing to accept the incentive could get one year of contracted salary.  
**10 years ago (2001)**  
 The PISD Board of Trustees approved the administration's proposed \$235.5 million budget.

The *Leader* asked Mayor Lee Brown's assistance in having the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers present a program to South Belt residents regarding the studies which have been conducted on Clear Creek. City officials immediately responded and agreed to make the official request.  
**5 years ago (2006)**  
 South Belt area residents, notably Patricia Ochoa, Bill Corcoran, and LeRoy Underwood, became more active in safeguarding and improving their communities.  
 Gov. Rick Perry ordered special elections to be held concurrently with the November general election for the congressional seat vacated by former Rep. Tom DeLay, who resigned and removed his name from the ballot.  
 Two weeks after the start of school in Pasadena ISD, traffic on Blackhawk near the J. Frank Dobie entrance was still a major problem for motorists.

**1 year ago (2010)**  
 The accomplice in the 2009 kidnapping of Susana De Jesus was sentenced to 13 years in prison for his role in the crime that left the former South Belt resident dead. Wallace Ledet IV pleaded guilty to aggravated kidnapping in the case, as well as burglary of a habitation in an unrelated crime. Ledet, 26, was reportedly a high school friend of Nicholas-Michael Edwin Jean, who in May, pleaded guilty to killing De Jesus, and in June, was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole. Ledet told investigators he had nothing to do with De Jesus' death but admitted dropping Jean off at the site of the abduction.

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## Barbour, Carlton engaged



Greg and Kay Barbour of Sagemont announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Rebecca, to Derek Carlton, son of Pat and Liz White of Dallas and Lewis and Helen Carlton of Rockwall. The bride-to-be grew up in the Sagemont area, graduated from Dobie High School and University of Houston Clear Lake, and currently works as an accountant in North Houston. The prospective groom was raised in the Dallas area and owns a personal training business in Spring, Texas. The couple is planning an October wedding in Nassau Bay.

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## Bay Area Singles dance Sept. 17

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the VFW Lodge 8566 in Bacliff, located at 1401 Grand Avenue on FM-646, one-quarter mile west of Highway 146. Attendees are asked to bring snacks to share. Cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

### Lions Club meeting set

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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## Students receive scholarships from volunteer auxiliary

Thirteen San Jacinto College health science students were recently presented scholarships from the Bayshore Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary program.

For the first time, students from all three San Jacinto campuses within the nursing, radiology and physical therapy programs were among the scholarship recipients. The scholarships, made possible through gift shop sales and donations, provide each student with \$1,000 per semester, which will be distributed through the San Jacinto College Foundation. "These scholarships definitely show us that we have support from our community," said SJC nursing student Justin Birkner. "Not only does it help to take some of the financial pressure off students, but working with the volunteers is so inspiring and really shows us that what we do matters."

For SJC physical therapy student Maria Dominguez, this scholarship enables her to continue pursuing her career goals, showing her children that hard work and dedication pays off. "I never dreamed I would go to college," said Dominguez. "I didn't even get accepted to the program on my first application. I tried again the next year and made it. As a single mom, this helps me accomplish my dream and showing my kids that if you work hard for something you want to accomplish, you'll succeed. I was getting close to my limit for financial aid and started worrying about how I was going to finish paying for school, and this helps out so much. These volunteers are like angels, and I hope that one day I can give back and help someone accomplish their dreams."

The Bayshore Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary program donates between 13,000 and 17,000 volunteer hours per year and has been donating medical scholarships to SJC students for more than 20 years.

Last year, they raised more than \$45,000 for scholarships. This year, in addition to eight returning students and the 13 new scholarship recipients, the volunteers have donated \$21,000.



San Jacinto College student recipients of the Bayshore Medical Center Volunteers Scholarship pictured are, left to right, (front row) Maria Dominguez, Tammy Bemko, Steven Chan To, Lauren Gibson, Kari Banks, Justin Birkner, Jennifer Rodriguez, (back row) John Logan, Bayshore Volunteers Scholarship chairman, Eric Vaquerano, Miguel Martinez, Karen Arce, Shannon Rogers, Morgan Greene and Tarek Abdelhafiz.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez

## Bullin, Ghormley marry



Betty Bullin and Cecil Ghormley were united in marriage on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011. The bride, a retired realtor and longtime South Belt resident, and the groom, a longtime Pasadena realtor and former Pasadena Independent School District board member, now reside in Bella Vita.

## Jackson honored for support

State Sen. Mike Jackson, R-La Porte, has been given three recent awards by groups acknowledging his legislative accomplishments. On Aug. 8, he was honored at a ceremony in San Antonio by the National Coalition for Capital for his legacy of support for small business. Jackson was one of three Texas legislators named a Champion of Small Business by the coalition for 2011.

At the ceremony, Jackson expressed his thanks to the coalition for the award. "The National Coalition for Capital plays a major role in providing small businesses with much-needed access to capital to get off the ground and expand," he said. "I am a small business owner and understand the struggles and hardships that go along with it. I have been in the construction industry for many years and realize the importance of making payroll on Fridays."

"This award recognizes Sen. Jackson's important work to preserve and create jobs through access to capital policy that helps Texas small businesses grow and develop," said Michael Votta, executive director of the NCFC. "Senator Jackson has demonstrated that he is a champion of small business, and his efforts will have an enduring positive impact on Texas."

On Friday, Aug. 12, Jackson received the Outstanding State Senator of the 82nd Legislative Session award from the Texas Deer Association in recognition of his "leadership, loyalty and friendship to TDA." This is the highest honor bestowed by the association to legislators following the legislative session.

Finally, on Aug. 15, Empower Texans/Texans for Fiscal Responsibility named Jackson a Taxpayer Advocate, which is an award presented to legislators based on their strong rating on the most recent fiscal responsibility index. More can be learned about the group and this award by visiting [www.empowertexas.com](http://www.empowertexas.com).

Andrew Kerr, who presented the award on behalf of the organization, explained that the award is given to legislators who prove themselves to be good stewards of taxpayers' money. "It's for a job well done," said Kerr.

In accepting the award, Jackson said Republicans in the state legislature "have worked hard over many, many years to develop the great business environment enjoyed today in Texas."

## Clear Horizons begins new year



Clear Horizons Early College High School freshmen dive right into high school and college courses this new school year. Pre-AP Biology I teacher, Sheryl Dalpe, prepares students for their first lab on determining volume and mass differences. Located on the San Jacinto College South campus, CHECHS is a partnership between Clear Creek Independent School District and SJC, allowing high school students to earn their diplomas while simultaneously completing college courses toward an associate degree. Last May, 66 graduating seniors received their associate degrees before their high school diplomas. For more information on CHECHS, visit [www.cchchs.net](http://www.cchchs.net). Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Christina Le, Darian Askew, Dalpe, (back row) Sydney Williams and Gabi Salazar.

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## Williamses fish, explore Alaska!

Andrew Williams (at right and below), a 2010 Dobie High School graduate, and his father, Gary, took the father-son trip of a lifetime as they explored the sites and fished the waters of Resurrection Bay in Seward, Alaska, this summer. During their stay, they had a chance to see beautiful mountainous views, watch whales swim in the bay, and take part in some of the world's best fishing action. Andrew is now back at College Station, where he is entering his sophomore year at Texas A&M University with an engineering major. Photos by Gary Williams



Andrew Williams (right) was all smiles after landing this ling cod in Resurrection Bay, Alaska, with the help of fishing guide Hill Norvell.



## Salazar family relaxes in Texas

In early August, the Salazar family traveled to Concan, Texas, in hopes of visiting the Frio River. One evening was spent at Garner State Park. The group took a hayride to the top of a mountain as the sun set and heard cowboy history, songs and poetry. The remainder of the week was spent at Happy Hollow on the Frio River where they managed to find a beautiful swimming hole.

At left, Leyla Salazar, Celeste Salazar and Ciera Gamez swing at the log cabin in Leakey, Texas, near the Frio River.

Bottom left, Celeste Salazar, a third-grader at Atkinson Elementary, jumps from a cliff at Happy Hollow. Bottom middle, Happy Hollow at the Frio River. Bottom right, Leyla Salazar, a first-grader at Atkinson, enjoys a hayride in Garner State Park.



## Harpers cruise to Cozumel

The Harper family, Ralais, Ruth and daughters Rebecca and Yazmeen, recently took a cruise to Cozumel to celebrate Rebecca's sweet 16th birthday, Yazmeen's graduation from middle school, and Ruth and Ralais' 24th wedding anniversary. The cruise departed from Galveston to Cozumel on July 28.

At right: Yazmeen, Rebecca and Ralais go snorkeling in Playa Uvas.

Below left: Rebecca and Yazmeen pose for a photo.

Below right: Yazmeen, Rebecca and Ruth enjoy the ocean on the cruise ship.

Both girls attend Mount Carmel College Prep (charter school). Yazmeen is in the ninth grade, and Rebecca is in the 10th grade.



## Estrada family travels to the West Coast

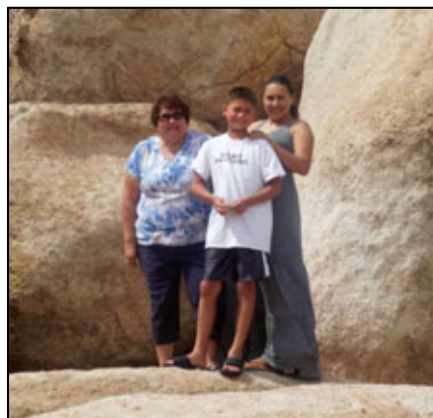
This summer, a West Coast trip was traveled by Jose and Herlinda Estrada and Kobe Ruiz, longtime South Belt residents. They visited relatives in Phoenix, Las Vegas and Gilroy, Calif. Kobe is a fourth-grade student at Moore Elementary.

At left, Amber, Kobe and Herlinda pose in the hotel lobby of the Palazzo in Las Vegas.

Bottom left: Herlinda, Kobe and Amber stand on rock formations in Arizona.

Below: Kobe and Herlinda in Las Vegas. At right: Jose, Kobe and Herlinda in Las Vegas.

Photos by Jose Estrada



## South Belters share 2011 vacation photos

## Kaminsky art exhibit at SJCS

The San Jacinto College South fine arts department opens its fall event schedule with artist Marty Kaminsky's exhibition, *Photography and Woodturning*.

Opening on Sept. 8, Kaminsky's exhibition will display photography works and art pieces created from the process of woodturning, a form of woodworking that spins the piece of wood on a lathe while a stationary tool is used to cut and shape it.

In addition to his intricate woodturning art, Kaminsky's photography also strikes

audiences with the same appreciation for nature he captures in his images. "The creativity in all this is not merely show a place or event but to also present the emotional essence that I experienced in being there," said Kaminsky.

Having previously worked mostly with film, once he transitioned to digital photography some of his peers scoffed at the idea of creating fine art through a digital medium. For Kaminsky, it only opened his artistic world even more. "Now I have

amazing, precise control over color images," he said. "My friends say I've gone to 'the dark side.' If I have, I'm very happy in the shadows."

The opening reception for *Photography and Woodturning*, will be on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the art department gallery, Room 12114, in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building on the South campus, located at 13735 Beamer Road. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit [www.arts.sanjac.edu](http://www.arts.sanjac.edu).



Marty Kaminsky opens his *Photography and Woodturning* exhibit on Sept. 8 at the San Jacinto College South campus. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

## Trio takes girls' trip to Cabo

Waynette Peters-Ferguson, a 1981 Dobie graduate, and Lori Van Wormer-Whistler, a 1982 Dobie graduate, enjoyed a girls' week trip to Cabo San Lucas. Lori's daughter, Erica McMillan, recently received her BSN degree in nursing and went along to celebrate. They went on a fishing trip to catch a tuna or marlin, but no one caught a thing. The following day, they went horseback riding on the beach. Water activities daily included riding Jet Skis and riding a banana behind a boat. Eating a lot of Mexican food was their favorite of all.



At left: A day at the spa for the girls, Lori, Erica and Waynette. Above: Waynette, Erica and Lori go horseback riding on the beach.



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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## Despite turnovers, Dobie gets past Alvin 48-27 in home opener

On paper, Dobie's 48-27 victory over Alvin in the Longhorns' home opener Sept. 3 looked good. Thing is, that paper might be the only place the game looked good for either team in the end.

Overcoming the loss of four fumbles, a kickoff return for a touchdown and an interception that went for a score on the final play before halftime, Dobie won for the second straight week with the help of a great rushing attack and several timely defensive plays.

Alvin, playing its first game of the season, had plenty to be happy about. Junior running back Corey Jackson rushed for 120 yards, and John McDowell accounted for more than 230 yards of total offense and two touchdowns.

But the Yellowjackets had few answers for the Longhorns' ground attack as Dobie's offensive line had its way up front.

Of Dobie's 472 total yards, 371 came via the ground game. Senior tailback Andrew Robinson averaged 12.5 yards per carry en route to a 162-yard effort and three touchdowns.

Fellow senior Deandre Bolden enjoyed his finest varsity outing, gaining 92 yards on 16 carries. Quarterback Blake Jackson added to the assault with three carries for 72 yards.

Dobie usually likes to employ a bit more diversity with the passing game, but a 25-mile-per-hour wind coupled with drizzling second-half rain hampered Jackson's passing game.

After Dobie started the game with a three-and-out, Alvin opened some eyes with a tidy scoring drive. Jackson, looking very much like the feature tailback every team needs,

rushed five times for 37 yards as the Yellowjackets methodically marched down the field.

Aided by a facemasking penalty, the Jackets made their way to the Dobie 7-yard line, where McDowell finished the march with a dash to the end zone.

Dobie answered quickly, with Bolden handling much of the load. Bolden rushed for 15 yards on the first play of the ensuing drive and then caught a 24-yard pass down the middle from Jackson to get to the Alvin 4-yard line. There, Robinson scampered into the end zone. Although the point-after try was missed, Dobie was awakened.

The two teams traded turnovers after that, with Dobie getting inside the Alvin 20 before Patrick Hurst's fumble was recovered by Alvin's Jorge Hernandez at the Yellowjackets' 27-yard line.

Dobie quickly returned the favor with Kalon Bailey's interception, and the Longhorns later got a 69-yard touchdown dash from

Jackson. Still in the second quarter, Jackson scored his second touchdown on a 5-yard burst and then threw to Vance Leonard for the 2-pointer and a 21-7 lead.

Dobie appeared to be in control at that point, but Alvin struck back. Following a stalled Alvin drive, the Longhorns attempted to catch the Jackets sleeping as Jackson launched a pass down the middle on the final play before halftime. Trouble is, before halftime. Trouble is, before halftime. Trouble is, before halftime. **Continued on Page 6B**

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Dobie junior middle linebacker Jordin Harrison pressures Alvin quarterback Aaron Jackson into making a poor throw during the Longhorns' 48-27 victory over the Yellowjackets Sept. 3 at Veteran's Stadium. To see the result of Jackson's poor throw, see Page 6B.

Photo by David Flickinger

## Brook bounces back, takes down Conroe

For the second straight year, Clear Brook's varsity football team got back on track with a big win over the Conroe Tigers.

**Brook (1-1) hosts Elkins (1-1)**  
Thurs., Sept. 8, 7 p.m.  
Veteran's Stadium, League City

Four different players rushed for touchdowns as the Wolverines built a 35-6 lead on the way to a 35-20 victory Sept. 2 at Conroe's Moorhead Stadium.

The Wolverines, clearly getting back on track after surrendering 58 points to Houston Lamar in Week

1, came through with 348 total yards, all but 29 of those yards coming on the ground.

Dominique Holmes added a 1-yard run of his own as Clear Brook went up 21-0 at halftime.

The Wolverines still had trouble with turnovers though. After giving away the football five times against Houston Lamar, Clear Brook lost three fumbles and tossed an interception versus Conroe.

Todd Burrows watched closely as his girls' squad won each of the nine matches in the draw.

Timothy East had a pair of 1-yard plunges, and sophomore quarterback

Derek Simmons, via a 15-yard run, and Cameron Sonnier with a 4-yard run

Turnovers aside, a big win always lifts team spirits.

## Girls' singles sweep is big Clear Brook netters ace Dobie 12-7 in duel

A sweep of the girls' singles and doubles by Clear Brook provided the margin of victory as the Wolverines defeated Dobie 12-7 in team tennis Aug. 30, at Dobie.

Remember Ike tournament in Galveston Sept. 9-10, but Longhorns' head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. is eyeing his team's District 22-5A opener Sept. 13 against the Pasadena Eagles at Dobie.

After falling to Clear Brook, Dobie went on to slip against Clear Creek Sept. 2 by a wide 17-2 margin.

"We're 2-6 right now, but I have told the kids that right now it's not about wins and losses," Moreno said.

Dobie's boys played very well, winning six of the nine matches, but in the end, Clear Brook was able to earn enough W's to take

The Wolverines will begin action in District 24-5A against Alvin on Sept. 20.

Dobie, meanwhile, will make a two-day trip to the

"If you judge your work solely on wins and losses, Continued on Page 3B

## FB boosters set to meet at Dobie

The Dobie High School football booster club will host its monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 12, in the athletics media room.



Clear Brook varsity tennis girls' doubles players Megan Predella (left) and La Vanya Hesperti take a break between games during the team's Aug. 30 match against Dobie. Predella and Hesperti won their doubles match and also won respective singles matches as the Wolverines defeated Dobie 12-7. For more, see Page 3B.

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# SBHLL eyes Challenger Baseball

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Typical Challenger Baseball games last three innings and last about an hour.

In the league, each player will also have a "Buddy" assigned to him or her to help with any of the game's skills such as swinging a bat, running the bases or fielding the ball defensively.

Players may also have the use of a hitting tee in order to make hitting the baseball

Challenger Baseball uses bats that are lighter and balls that are softer than the ones used in regulation baseball.

Players also wear helmets both at bat and in the field in an effort to further promote safety.

Sulak told the *Leader* that specifics involving the program such as game days, length of the season and the like have yet to be determined.

But Sulak stressed that she and the rest of the SBHLL board are intent on making Challenger Baseball a part of the youth sports scene in the South Belt area.

"The important thing right now is to get the word out and to let potential can-

didates and their families know that we are committed to making this a reality in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League," Sulak said.







"From a personal standpoint, I am very excited and am ready to do everything I can do to adding our own Challenger League to the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League."

Sulak's first objective is to compile a list of candidates wishing to play in Challenger Baseball next spring.

Potential players or their families may contact Sulak via email at [Chrystal\\_Sulak@hotmail.com](mailto:Chrystal_Sulak@hotmail.com).

The *Leader* will publish additional details as they become available.

## South Belt football predictions

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| <b>Cinco Ranch at Clear Springs</b>   | <b>Cinco Ranch</b>   | <b>Cinco Ranch</b>   | <b>Cinco Ranch</b>   | <b>Cinco Ranch</b>   | <b>Cinco Ranch</b>   |
| <b>Deer Park at Clear Creek</b>   | <b>Deer Park</b>   | <b>Clear Creek</b>   | <b>Deer Park</b>   | <b>Deer Park</b>   | <b>Clear Creek</b>   |
| <b>Brazoswood at Lamar Consolidated</b>   | <b>Brazoswood</b>  | <b>Brazoswood</b>  | <b>Brazoswood</b>  | <b>Brazoswood</b>  | <b>Brazoswood</b>  |
| <b>North Shore at Klein Oak</b>   | <b>North Shore</b>   | <b>North Shore</b>   | <b>North Shore</b>   | <b>North Shore</b>   | <b>North Shore</b>   |
| <b>This week's record</b>   | <b>7-3</b>   | <b>8-2</b>   | <b>9-1</b>   | <b>6-4</b>   | <b>8-2</b>   |
| <b>Season record</b>  | <b>15-5</b>  | <b>15-5</b>  | <b>17-3</b>  | <b>12-8</b>  | <b>13-7</b>  |

## SBYSC carnival wristbands sold Sept. 15

Carnival plans are picking up steam as the South Belt Youth Soccer Club prepares to celebrate the start of the 2011 season with a party Sunday, Sept. 18, at El Franco Lee Park.

SBYSC staff members are now selling activity wristbands for \$20 each, which will allow carnival-

goers to enjoy a variety of activities, rides and games for a one-time cost.

Board members will be selling the wristbands at the pavilion at El Franco Lee Park Thursday, Sept. 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

On the day of the event, only single ride/activity tickets will be available for

50 cents each.

Participants are advised that many of the activities will require the usage of multiple tickets.

There is also a limited number of vendor booths still available for the big event. For booth or event details, call Ana Garcia at 832-788-3720.

## Sports Calendar

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
Dobie varsity at Dickinson tourn., TBA

**Friday, Sept. 9**  
Brook varsity at Alvin, 6:30  
Dobie varsity at Dickinson tourn., TBA  
Dobie varsity hosts Dickinson, 6:30  
Dobie JV hosts Dickinson, 5:30  
Brook JV at Alvin, 5:30  
Brook freshman A at Alvin, 4:30  
Brook freshman B at Alvin, 4:30  
Dobie freshman A hosts Dickinson, 4:30  
Dobie freshman B hosts Dickinson, 4:30

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
Dobie varsity at Dickinson tourn., TBA

**Tuesday, Sept. 13**  
Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek, 6:30  
Dobie varsity at La Porte, 6:30  
Dobie JV at La Porte, 5:30  
Brook JV hosts Clear Creek, 5:30  
Brook freshman A hosts Clear Creek, 4:30  
Brook freshman B hosts Clear Creek, 4:30  
Dobie freshman A at La Porte, 4:30  
Dobie freshman B at La Porte, 4:30

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

**Friday, Sept. 16**  
Brook varsity hosts Clear Springs, 6:30  
Dobie varsity at North Shore, 6:30  
Dobie varsity hosts Dickinson, 6:30  
Dobie JV at North Shore, 5:30  
Brook JV hosts Clear Springs, 5:30  
Brook freshman A hosts Clear Springs, 4:30  
Brook freshman B hosts Clear Springs, 4:30  
Dobie freshman A at North Shore, 4:30  
Dobie freshman B at North Shore, 4:30

**SOCCER**  
**Friday, Sept. 9**  
San Jacinto College soccer hosts Lon Morris, 7:00

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
San Jacinto College hosts Northeast, 1:00

**FOOTBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
Clear Brook varsity hosts Elkins, 7:00, Veteran's  
Dobie JV hosts Dickinson, campus, 4:30  
Dobie sophomores host Dickinson, campus, 4:30  
Dobie freshman Orange at Dickinson, campus, 4:30  
Dobie freshman White at Dickinson, 4:30

**Friday, Sept. 9**  
Dobie varsity at Dickinson, Vitanza, 7:00

**Tuesday, Sept. 13**  
Thompson 8A hosts San Jacinto, campus, 5:00  
Thompson 8B hosts San Jacinto, campus, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 7A at Bondy, campus, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 7B hosts Bondy, campus, 5:00

**Wednesday, Sept. 14**  
Beverly Hills 8A at Bondy, campus, 5:00  
Beverly Hills 8B hosts Bondy, campus, 5:00  
Thompson 7A hosts San Jacinto, campus, 5:00  
Thompson 7B at San Jacinto, campus, 5:00

**TENNIS**  
**Friday, Sept. 9**  
Dobie varsity at Remember Ike tourn., Gal., TBA

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
Dobie varsity at Remember Ike tourn., Gal., TBA

**Tuesday, Sept. 13**  
Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena, Dobie, 2:30

**Thursday, Sept. 15**  
Dobie JV/freshman hosts Pasadena, Dobie, 3:15

## Bay Area Football League week 4 – Rams win three games; SMC, SB slip

Labor Day weekend, otherwise known as Week 4 in the Bay Area Football League, brought the Ellington Rams plenty of reasons to celebrate hard work on the field.

The Rams, despite losing the senior division game, came back to down the Alvin Raiders in the junior, sophomore and freshman divisions, winning the series in Alvin.

Things weren't as good for the area's other two programs, the Sagemont Cowboys and Southbelt Dolphins.

The Cowboys faced off against the Pearland Texans, losing all four games to the visitors at El Franco Lee Park. However, the Cowboys were extremely competitive, losing three of the games by a total of 11 points.

At Texas City, the Southbelt Dolphins lost three of the four games to the Stingrays, and the two teams played to a 12-12 tie in the sophomore division.

**Alvin seniors 32 Rams 6**  
Alvin came up with its lone win in the series against the Rams in the senior division, walking off the field

while the Raiders slipped to 2-2 this season.

Those leading the way for the Raiders included Xion DeLaGarza, Ivan Tagle, Anthony Gracia, Gregory Mumphy, Matthew Lopez, David Hernandez, Joseph Holbert, Stephen Molinar, Jacob Wise, Sebastian Lopez, Sabian Smith, Jady Brown, Noah Resendez, Gabriel Fonseca, Christopher Jones, Jacob Martinez, Cameron Dorsy, Nakia Johnson, Mark Milton, Mark Barrow, Ian Butler, DeJuan Dixon, Trai Scott and Joshua Sordia.

**Rams sophomores 19 Raiders 0**  
Ellington's sophomore defense played one of its finest games of the season, shutting out the Raiders 19-0 as each player made something good happen.

Along the way, the Rams (3-1) kept their grip on second place in the division, sending the Raiders to 0-4.

Marquice Scott ran for three touchdowns and also added a conversion run to account for all of the offensive points for the Rams.

Jaylen Beverley, Robert Ernest, Javian Castaneda and Devin Childs also contributed big things on of-

pher Seretti, C. J. Tucker, Angel Javier Silva, Dylan Dixon and Demontre Carr.

**Rams pee wees get better**  
The Rams' pee wee division squad continued to improve its play, putting together a great effort against the Raiders.

Ellington's pee wee players are Ethan Bishop, Elisha Carrizales, Jaedin Higgins, Dylan Castillo, Kaleb Talbert, Jer'Keithric Moore, Michael Alvarez, Ian Johnson, Isaiah Correa, Deckkota Pham, Alexander Powell, Logan Vanek, Keshaud Conaway, Alejandro Cazares, Jeremiah Beverley, Torik Ougrah, Ronnie Thompson, Joshua Santee, Jaime Garcia, Sawzi Gurnell, Walter Alexander and Bryce Alexander.

**Texans seniors 12 Cowboys 6**  
Ahmed Harris scored a touchdown for the Sagemont Cowboys senior team, but the Pearland Texans held on for a 12-6 win.

The loss was another tough one for the Cowboys, who are now 1-3 this season despite playing excellent football.

Members of the Cowboys senior squad who played well included Grant Lasley,

the Cowboys was Braelon Hill, Reese Dawson, Gavin Garcia, Jacob Sulak, Ajare Sanni and Seth Barber.

The Cowboys also got great blocking up front by Dimitri Giannokopoulos, Tony Agirre, Dustin Dominguez, Dominic Tamez, Jacob Hinojosa, Ian Lowrey, Nick Gonzales, Jacob McMurrough, Eli Mazzoche-Sidel and R.J. Ortega.

Playing great defense was Elijah Dorsey, Cole Burgess, Max Garcia, Kendra Green, Zaid Harris, Hayden Broussard, Hill, Giannokopoulos, Dominguez, Barber, Sanni, Gutierrez and Dawson.

Sulak and Harris both came up with interceptions to pace the defensive effort.

The win moved the Texans to 4-0, while the Cowboys are now 2-2.

**Texans sophomores 39 Cowboys 0**  
The sophomore game went the way of the Texans as the visitors took a 39-0 victory, sending the Cowboys to 1-3.

It was an off day for the Cowboys, who will look to bounce back in the fifth week against the Alvin Raiders.

In the game, the Cowboys had tough play from Jacob Martinez, Mason Banhart, Deon Blacknell, Kyune

Jeffery, Justin Kuhn, Ryan Correa, Anthony Arellano, Kobe Ruiz, Jartis Solomon, Marcello Merced, Ross Lowrey, Logan Campos, Dylan White, Xavier Cantu, Jayden Robinson, Alaja Sanni, Zion Crawford, Julius Wella, Matthew Olivares, Bryant Brown, Joseph Reyes, Matthew Moron, Shawn Krivik, Patric Serna and Nathan Barnett.

**Texans freshmen 14 Cowboys 13**

The difficult day for the Cowboys continued in the freshman division as the locals went down 14-13 despite an all-around effort.

The loss was the third in four games for the Cowboys even as players such as Jonathan Jean, Jalyune Jeffery, Marcus Lind, Neftaly Jauruz, Luke Giron, Hector Valdez, Kadin Bahman, Kaden Arnold, Devin Molina, Jorge Olvera, Ray Garcia, Gage Lecourias, Matthew Castellano, Dominic Serna, Grant Gamble, Christopher Pineda, Andrian Valdez, Xavier Elias, Kyle McDonald, Joshua Carter, Richard Gary, Jayden Balderaz and Kaden Fernandez all excelled.

**Cowboys pee wees excite**  
The Cowboys' pee wee team continued to impress the home fans during the action against the Texans. The Cowboys' players include

Tyler Deel, Daniel Moreno, Dominic Sanchez, Daylan Boone, Houston Banda, Ricardo Trevino, Eden Diaz, Diego Gonzalez, Alejandro Rivera, Bryce Summerfelt, Vernon Glover, Jordan Per-

alez, Marcus Izaguirre, Gabriel Preciado, Ethan Beltran, Logan Sorsby, Juan Estrada, Jacob Roppolo, Justin Lucadou, Charles Holt, Bryn Bailey and Donovan Balderas.

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## BAFL Week 5 Games

**Cowboys host Alvin Raiders**  
*El Franco Lee Park*  
**Rams host Pearland Hurricanes**  
*Dobie High School*

*Pee Wee games at 8 a.m., others follow with senior play at 9 a.m., junior play at 10:45 a.m., sophomore play at 12:30 p.m. and freshman play at 2:15 p.m.*

## BAFL Standings

| Senior Division American |   |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| Team                     | W | L | T |
| Wildcats                 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Stingrays                | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Raiders                  | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Rams                     | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Dolphins                 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Cowboys                  | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Gators                   | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Patriots                 | 1 | 3 | 0 |

| Junior Division American |   |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| Team                     | W | L | T |
| Patriots                 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Rams                     | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Cowboys                  | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Raiders                  | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Stingrays                | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Gators                   | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Wildcats                 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Dolphins                 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

| Sophomore Division American |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| Team                        | W | L | T |
| Patriots                    | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Rams                        | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Dolphins                    | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Gators                      | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Stingrays                   | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Cowboys                     | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Wildcats                    | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Raiders                     | 0 | 4 | 0 |

| Freshman Division American |   |   |   |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|
| Team                       | W | L | T |
| Stingrays                  | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Patriots                   | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Rams                       | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Cowboys                    | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Dolphins                   | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Wildcats                   | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Gators                     | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Raiders                    | 0 | 4 | 0 |



Teammates Matthew Monks (65) and Nathaniel Dominguez team up to bring down a Pearland Texans ball carrier during the senior division game between the two teams in the Bay Area Football League. In the end, the Cowboys (1-3) suffered a heartbreaking 12-6 loss to the Texans (2-2).

with a 32-6 victory. The decision moved the Raiders into a tie for first place at 3-1, while the Rams fell to 2-2.

Despite the loss, the Rams got outstanding play from Dezmond Carter, Bradley Greene, Fernando Bertrand, Micah Dison, Josue Aldape, Elcee Ray, Isaiah Vasquez, Rosbel Chavez, Dreze McCoy, Blake Greene, Alejandro Pena, Malcolm Weston, Adrian Fonseca, Luke Gilliam, Te'Von Mercadel, Frank Arrendondo, Jordan Marcum, Rayvon Sims, Devonte Edwards, DeJarrion Edwards, Marc Anthony Quiroz, Joseph Silguero and Marc Anthony Rivera.

**Rams juniors 12 Raiders 6**  
A defensive battle ensued in the junior division, and the Rams made a few more big plays than the Raiders while taking a 12-6 win.

At 3-1, the Rams stayed close to the division-leading Pearland Patriots (4-0),

fense. Beverley had 50 yards rushing, and Ernest and Castaneda came through with 30 yards rushing each.

Defensively, the Rams played exceptionally well to gain a key victory within the division.

**Rams freshmen 12 Raiders 0**  
Strong defensive play continued in the final game of the day as the Rams' freshman team blanked the Raiders 12-0.

The Rams improved their record to 3-1 after the big win, which sent the Raiders to 0-4.

Those standing out for the Rams in the win included Zamira Lewis, Joseph Hinojosa, Ryan Wyatt, Manuel Frias, Giovanni Rubio, Adrian Tamez, Charvis Jones, Matthew Balderas, Jordan Stanford, Francisco Garza, Eric Davis, John Bermea, Zaire Walker, Ryan Saxton, Kevin Taulton, Kelby Williams, Izaac Garcia, Devin Caballero, Christo-

Nathaniel Dominguez, Alex Gonzalez, Jacob Kuhn, Marcus Torres, Jeremy Hernandez, William Michon, Paulo Serna, Ajani Sanni, Jordan White, Hunter Cripple, Manuel Miller, Mark Moorman, George Villarreal, Isaiah Jackson, Colin Averre, Matthew Monks, Esteban Telles, Jamison Williams, Kaylen Harris, Zachary Carter, Kobe McMahon and Nathaniel Gonzalez.

**Texans juniors 13 Cowboys 8**

The Sagemont Cowboys junior team came up short in a heartbreaker against the Texans 13-8.

The Cowboys score came in the first quarter when Kendrick Christian ran the ball into the end zone from 12 yards out.

Following the touchdown, Christian hit Seth Gutierrez in the back of the end zone for a 2-point conversion and an 8-0 lead for the Cowboys.

Running the ball great for



Kaylen Harris (80) of the Sagemont Cowboys senior division team chases down a Pearland Texans receiver and makes the tackle during the Cowboys' close 12-6 loss to Pearland Sept. 3. Photos by Jaime Hickman

# Brook netters defeat Dobie 12-7 in battle for area supremacy

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 then it is sometimes hard for the kids to see their progress. But I can say for sure that I see tons of progress, and I like the way the kids are battling.”  
 Moreno certainly knows what he is talking about after being on the scene for 12-plus seasons at Dobie. Over the past several years, the Longhorns have enjoyed a great deal of success.  
 Because of the overwhelming varsity level inexperience of the players at the start of the season, both coach and players have had to be more patient than normal.  
 But Moreno is undeterred. For Dobie, the goal remains the same – to be in the mix for one of the two available Region III tennis tournament berths coming out of District 22-5A.  
 Moreno, without ques-

tion, still believes his team is on track.  
 “I said from the beginning that not only did these young players need valuable court experience at the varsity level, but that we were also going to be asking many of them to play higher on the singles and doubles ladder than they have been accustomed to,” Moreno said.  
 “They have all handled it well. We are going to play against four teams at the Galveston tournament, and that is eight more matches for the majority of these players.  
 “We just have to be ready for Pasadena (Sept. 13), and I know we will be. These kids have everything it takes to finish at the top of the district, and I’m going to do everything I can to help them get there. I love their effort.”



Playing No. 2 singles for the Clear Brook varsity girls, Megan Predella helped her team with a big 6-1, 6-3 victory over Dobie’s Osaka Heng.



Dobie freshman Ruben Vargas won his match against Clear Brook’s Kai Bui 6-0, 6-3 and continues to be one of the early season bright spots for the Longhorns. Vargas has won 14 of his 16 matches this season combining singles and doubles competition.



Clear Brook’s Blake Hua prepares to serve as he and teammate Ruvinda Gunawardena (not shown) take on Dobie’s Kevin Nguyen and Phillip Nguyen in boys’ doubles. The Wolverine duo won the match 6-4, 6-4.



The Dobie doubles pairing of Shaun Bui (left) and Brian Williams celebrate winning a big point during the No. 3 doubles match versus Clear Brook. In the end, the Wolverines’ Andrew Albright and Alan Luu won the match 7-5, 6-0.



Shannon Veal directs a serve toward her Clear Brook opponents during the girls’ doubles round. Veal and partner Osaka Heng fell in straight sets.



Phillip Nguyen played No. 1 singles against Clear Brook’s Ben Hackney and won a tough three-set match for one of Dobie’s seven team victories.

## Clear Brook 12, Dobie 7

- Boys doubles**  
 Hua/Gunawardena (CB) def. Kevin Nguyen/Phillip Nguyen 6-4, 6-4  
 Pham/Vargas (D) def. Hackney/Hussain 6-1, 6-2  
 Albright/Luu (CB) def. Shaun Bui/Brian Williams 7-5, 6-0
- Girls doubles**  
 Hospeti/Predella (CB) def. Veal/ Heng 6-4, 6-0  
 K. Burrows/DeSilva (CB) def. T. Nguyen/Le 6-2, 6-1  
 S. Burrows/Zeidan (CB) def. Ivette Alba/Gloria Mancía
- Mixed doubles**  
 Tieu/Thompson (D) def. Bui/Kent 6-1, 3-6, 6-2
- Boys singles**  
 Phillip Nguyen (D) def. Ben Hackney 7-5, 2-6, 10-8  
 Kevin Nguyen (D) def. Blake Hua 6-1, 6-0  
 Tony Tieu (D) def. Andrew Albright 6-4, 6-0  
 Areeb Hussain (CB) def. Shaun Bui 6-0, 6-0  
 Ruben Vargas (D) def. Kai Bui 6-0, 6-3  
 Brian Williams (D) def. Kevin Dang 7-5, 6-1
- Girls singles**  
 Lavanya Hospeti (CB) def. Melanie Thompson 6-2, 5-7, 9-7  
 Megan Predella (CB) def. Osaka Heng 6-1, 6-3  
 Kailey Burrows (CB) def. Shannon Veal 6-2, 6-1  
 Amara DeSilva (CB) def. Van Le 6-0, 6-1  
 Sarah Burrows (CB) def. Ivette Alba 7-5, 6-1  
 Rana Zeidan (CB) def. Tina Nguyen 6-1, 6-2

## Southbelt Dolphins play week four Bay Area Football League games

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 Going against a tough Texas City Stingrays program on the road, the Southbelt Dolphins experienced a tough Week 4 of results.  
**Stingrays seniors 22 Dolphins 21**  
 The Dolphins saw a sign of things to come in the first game of the session as Texas City escaped with a narrow 22-21 victory.  
 The Dolphins, now 1-3 this season, deserved a better outcome as each member of the squad gave it their all.  
 Southbelt’s senior division players include Jaizac Garcia, Alex Williams, Tyrese Johnson, Ernesto Rodriguez, Ashton Daniels, Joe Huerta, Jonathan Escalante, Jaizac Garcia, Alex Williams, Hector Nunez, Matthew Sanchez, Jeremy Mancía, Luis Davila, Jordan Efid, David Garza,

Dominic Vargas, Enrique Cordova, Omar Rodela, Julian Torres, Eric Sanchez and Dante Castillo.  
**Stingrays juniors 12 Dolphins 8**  
 The junior game between the Dolphins and Stingrays was also very competitive. Again, the Stingrays walked away with a close victory, 12-8, in a defensive struggle.  
 The loss was another difficult one for the Dolphins, who fell to 0-4 this season despite a great effort.  
 Those playing well for Southbelt in the game included Ethan Riojas, Jonathan Tobar, Ty Wright, Alex Estala, Nabor Alanis, Gabryel Patterson, Steven Hernandez, Joshua Mancía, JaLon Hunt, Byron Flores, Joseph Garcia, Jacob Garcia, Tristin Sanchez, Devon Bustamante, Bobby Borjas, Bryce Feagin, Cole Rich-

ard, Anthony Garcia, K.J. Reyes, Jr., Damarius Countee and Sebastian Hinojosa.  
**Stingrays sophomores 39 Dolphins 0**  
 Texas City played a complete game at the sophomore level, winning 39-0 over the Dolphins, who saw their record go to 2-1-1.  
 The result wasn’t what the Dolphins wanted to see, but each player on the team played hard until the final whistle. Members of the Southbelt sophomore team include Jalen Lendsey, Tyler Swanagan, Christopher Thomas, Coby Riley, Noah Estrada, A’Darius Ward, Cervantis Pounds, Kelvin Gardner, Christian Cleckley, Justin Silva, Clint Calvert, Justus Vela, Kevin Vargas, Marcos Aguilar, Siva Kone, Sandro Del Villar, Beto Garcia, Theodore Randle III, Joshua Jacobs and Marcus Herrera.

**Stingrays freshman 25 Dolphins 0**  
 Texas City closed out the sweep with a 25-0 victory in the freshman game.  
 The Dolphins fell to 1-3 in the standings with the loss as Texas City stayed unbeaten at 4-0.  
 Southbelt got great play from Jose Martinez, Xavier Gonzales, Dreshon Downey, Jacob Rodriguez, Randy Smith, Jr., Dominic Alanis, Deven Lendsey, Santos Sanchez, Walter Ward, Evan Ybarra, John A. Torres, Jay Paquinto, Donovan Berotte, Christon Hardeon, Gabriel Barbosa, Dwayne Jones Jr., Ronald Hughes, Matthew Arnesen, Austin Rhoden, Julio Torres, Emond Jackson, Andrew Richard, Justin Rhoden and Alejandro Quiroga.  
**SB pee wees stand out**  
 Scores are not kept in the pee wee division, but

the Dolphins’ team again showed improvement against the Stingrays.  
 Members of the Dolphins’ pee wee team include Christopher Sanchez, Alex Cadengo, Logan Riley, Jaiden Garcia, Erik Gamez, Toddrick Ward, Hayden Alanis, Calil Raynard, Julian DelValle, Jason Hampton, Nathan Mena, Jackson Muckelroy, Amir Miles,  
 Andrew Cabrales, Byron Robinson, Tyler Burge, Andrew Loya, Evan Martinez, Theorin Randle, Davion Nichols and Julian Hinojosa.  
 After four weeks, the Dolphins will enjoy a break with a bye week Saturday, Sept. 10. The Dolphins will return to action Saturday, Sept. 17, on the road against the Pearland Patriots.

**Clear Brook tennis team falls to Friendswood 16-3**  
 Clear Brook’s varsity team tennis victory over Dobie was short-lived as the Wolverines were easily beaten, 16-3 by the Friendswood Mustangs.  
 The Wolverines entered the match having won three of five duels to start the season. However, Friendswood took control in the singles matches, winning 10 of the 12 matches along the way.  
 The Friendswood girls swept the singles matches 6-0. Brook’s wins included one in girls’ doubles (Megan Predella and Lavanya Hospeti) and a pair in boys’ singles.

# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**  
 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.  
 9:30 a.m.  
**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** – meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Fellowship of Friends, 144 Park Avenue in League City. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others to the interdenominational meeting.  
 11:30 a.m.  
**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** – American Business Women’s Association-South meets on the second Thursday of each month at MiMi’s Cafe in the Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway Street, #1600. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.  
 Noon  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** – Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.  
**AI-Anon** – Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.  
 6:30 p.m.  
**St. Luke’s Catholic Church** – St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe\_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

8:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**  
 7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** – “Breakfast With Bill” each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.  
 10 a.m.  
**AARP-South Belt Chapter** – The American Association of Retired Persons meets the second Friday of each month at the community center at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road.  
 Noon  
**Moving Forward Women’s Adult Children Anonymous** – The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
 6 p.m.  
**Frontier Squares** – Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**  
 2 p.m.  
**Grief Support Group** – For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother’s Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.  
 8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are

held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**  
 7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** – “Breakfast With Bill” each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.  
 9 a.m.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** – Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.  
 6 p.m.  
**Scrabble Club #511** – Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.  
 6:30 p.m.  
**New Directions Singles Club** – New Directions Singles support meetings are held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. Nasa Parkway. For further information, call Susan at 832-494-5098 or Carolyn 281-340-2354.  
**Civil Air Patrol Meeting** – Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.  
 7 p.m.  
**Sagemont Civic Club** – Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair Dr.  
**Grief Support Group** – “Friends Helping Friends” meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
 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.  
 9:30 a.m.  
**CCART** – The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. They are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook near the Landolt Pavilion. All Texas retired school employees from all surrounding school districts are welcome to attend and join this organization. Annual dues are \$35.  
 10 a.m.  
**American Begonia Society** – Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Pasadena Town Square Community Room. For more information, call 713-946-4237 or 713-941-7158.  
 10:30 a.m.  
**Tri-County Republican Women** – General meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month except June and July at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland. A luncheon is available. To make reservations, call 281-484-8083.  
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2 p.m.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - TOPS #1530 meets at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint, from 2 to 4 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.  
6:30 p.m.  
**Green Thumb Series** - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening lectures the second Tuesday of each month at the Bass Pro Shops, Hwy. 288 @ the Sam Houston Tollway. Programs will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Visit the Web site for a list of topics and location at [www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu](http://www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu) or call 281-991-8437.  
**Clear Lake Toastmasters Club** - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.  
7 p.m.  
**St. Luke's Catholic Church** - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at [joe\\_pavlicek@yahoo.com](mailto:joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com).  
**Houston Space City Lions Club** - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.  
8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**  
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.  
9:30 a.m.  
**Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second and fourth week of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for more information.  
11:30 a.m.  
**American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter** - Now meets at Perry's Italian Grill, 1001 Pinelock in Houston on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information or to R.S.V.P., call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202.  
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](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered.  
6 p.m.  
**Alzheimer's Support Group** - The free group meets the second Wednesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. For more information, call Steven Williams at 281-929-4199 or 713-266-6400.

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](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.com). BAPF 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.  
**Bay Area New Democrats** - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 16603 Buccaneer Drive, across from the new Clear Lake Library. For more information, contact John Cobarruvias at [john.cobarruvias@bayareanewdemocrats.org](mailto:john.cobarruvias@bayareanewdemocrats.org) or visit [www.bayareanewdemocrats.org](http://www.bayareanewdemocrats.org).  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
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**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered.  
**Al-Anon** - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.  
5:30 p.m.  
**Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter** - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.  
6:30 p.m.  
**St. Luke's Catholic Church** - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at [joe\\_pavlicek@yahoo.com](mailto:joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com).  
8 p.m.  
**Pasadena Little Theatre** - Special two-for-one performance of *Once Upon a Mattress* by Rodgers, Barer, Thompson and Fuller at 8 p.m. at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Geoffrey Geiger is the director. Buy one ticket for \$14 and get another person in free. To make reservations, call 713-941-1758 or online [www.pasadenalittletheatre.org](http://www.pasadenalittletheatre.org).  
8:30 p.m.  
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# Longhorns overcome obstacles, race past Alvin using great ground game

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Alvin safety Cole Pitts drew a bead on the ball, intercepting Jackson's toss near midfield and weaving his way through the surprised Dobie offense for a touchdown. After Jackson Basalliere booted the conversion point, Alvin went to the locker room down just 7 points at 21-14.

Dobie head coach Jim Phillips took responsibility for the Alvin interception. "That was my fault all the way," Phillips said. "They were crowding the line of scrimmage watching for the quick hit trap (play), and I thought we could get one over the top on them. But they dropped into a prevent coverage and made a good

play. My deal all the way." Coming out of the locker room, the two teams were greeted with a steady rainfall that did not end until the final gun had sounded. Despite the gusty, swirling winds and rain, Dobie kept up the pressure offensively and, in turn, made a few more big defensive plays. Dobie sophomore line-

backer Marlon Jackson sacked Alvin quarterback Aaron Jackson for a 9-yard loss to end the Yellowjackets' first drive after halftime. After a short punt, the Longhorns went 54 yards in five plays, including a brilliant 32-yard touchdown run by Robinson to seal the drive. Alvin went three-and-out on its next drive, and Dobie again struck quickly as Robinson scampered past the Jackets' defense for his third touchdown, a 34-yard dash down the right side. "Andrew was terrific,"

Phillips said. "We know what he can do. He's got a big role for us this season, and of course, his type of speed is something you don't coach." Up 35-14, Dobie allowed McDowell to get free on the ensuing kickoff for a 105-yard score. After that, Marlon Jackson capped a great night with a fumble recovery, and Dobie defensive lineman Kerry Robinson, who also had a sack in the game, picked up an Alvin fumble and went 77 yards for a touchdown.

The good news included the performance of several players getting their first significant varsity looks, including Bolden (92 yards rushing), tailback Patrick Hurst and Marlon Jackson, a sophomore. "Offensively, we did some good things," Phillips said. "Five turnovers is not good, but we responded with scores when we needed to. Alvin is a much-improved football team. Those two running backs are very good football players, and their offensive line is big.

They are going to win some games." Next up for Dobie is Dickinson, which opened the season with a 38-21 loss to Deer Park but then came back for a 28-14 defeat of Texas City. Against Texas City, Dickinson tailback Tyrell Preston rushed for 300 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Dickinson defeated Dobie in the closing moments last season, handing the locals one of just two regular season losses. To win at Dickinson, Phillips said his team has to play better. "No offense to Alvin, but we went into that game thinking we were good after beating Alief Taylor," Phillips said. "I've seen it too

many times. It's hard to put last week behind you and focus on the current opponent, but that's what you have to do. "Our guys know what Dickinson is capable of, and now they know what can happen when you don't play every snap. We just have to focus this week and get better."



At left, Dobie junior defensive back Kalon Bailey intercepts a pass intended for Alvin's Adrian Cordova (84) during the first half of the Longhorns' 48-27 beating of the Yellowjackets Sept. 3 at Veteran's Stadium in Pasadena. Longhorns' linebacker Jordin Harrison put pressure on Alvin quarterback Aaron Jackson (see photo, Page 1B) to help cause the interception. Also in on the play is Dobie's Quinton Roberts (36).

**Dobie (2-0) at Dickinson (1-1)**  
*Fri., Sept. 9, 7 p.m.*  
**Sam Vitanza Stadium, Dickinson**  
*Photos by David Flickinger*

At right, running back Kelton Bailey (3) is able to get to the sideline for a 10-yard gain with the help of a block from receiver Vance Leonard (11) during first-half play from the Longhorns' 48-27 win over the Alvin Yellowjackets. Bailey also caught a pass for a 16-yard gain on the same drive. Bailey and three other running backs saw solid playing time in the game as the Longhorns improved to 2-0 this season.



## JFD volleyball sweeps Dickinson, Clear Brook riding hot streak

Dobie sophomore hitter Bre'shaun Franklin had 13 kills as the Lady Longhorns swept Dickinson in varsity volleyball action Sept. 2. Franklin, the 2010 Newcomer of the Year in District 22-5A, led the Lady Longhorns to a 25-18, 25-20, 25-20 victory at home.

The Lady Longhorns took on Alief Hastings Sept. 7, after press time. The team, now 5-7 this season, has put together a two-match winning streak as Franklin and her teammates have begun to mesh. Dobie will make its third and final preseason tournament appearance Sept. 8-10, at the Dickinson event. The locals will then play at La Porte Sept. 13 and at North Shore Sept. 16 before the start of District 22-5A

action. League play begins Sept. 23 as Dobie plays at Pasadena. Clear Brook, meanwhile, is playing as well as any team in the area with a string of victories. The Lady Wolverines, who will have to face high-profile teams such as Clear Lake, Clear Creek, Pearland and Clear Springs in the District 24-5A race, have

been on a roll for the past couple of weeks. Head coach Meredith Thompson's team should be heading into the district slate with plenty of confidence. Anita Permenter, a senior hitter, had 16 kills as the Lady Wolverines, now 14-7, swept past Cinco Ranch 25-17, 25-20, 25-19 on the road Sept. 2.

**Clear Brook at Alvin**  
*Friday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.*  
**Dobie at Dickinson tourn.**  
*Sept. 8-10, TBA*

## JFD subvarsity football trips Alvin

The Dobie High School subvarsity football program got two wins in its series with Alvin Sept. 1. **Dobie JV 14 Alvin 8** Enduring a tough loss in the opening week against Alief Taylor, Dobie's junior varsity football team came back and got a 14-8 victory over the Alvin Yellowjackets. The Longhorns scored twice in the fourth quarter to gain the win after trailing 8-0. Reynaldo Maturey and Daryl Edwards found the end zone for the Longhorns. Malik Dorsey, Nick Villar-

real, Edwards and Maturey were the offensive leaders for the winners. Defensively, Dobie's outstanding effort was led by Robert Sanchez, Jonathan Betancourt, Carlos Munoz and Ross Garcia. **Dobie sophomores 20 Alvin 6** The Longhorns' sophomores came up with the most impressive effort of the series, defeating Alvin 20-6 to improve to 1-1 this season. Alvin led 6-0 at halftime, but Dobie put things together in the second half for a big win. Quarterback Kevin Ca-

ballero threw two touchdowns passes to DeMarcus Green, and Caballero also rushed for a touchdown to lead the Longhorns. Defensively, Dobie was on its game throughout. Keithon Robinson halted one Alvin drive with an interception. **Alvin 28 Dobie freshman A 22** Dobie's freshman A team came up with a big second-half effort, but it wasn't enough as the Longhorns fell 28-22 to Alvin. Ty Lawson scored two touchdowns, and Joe Gonzalez added a third for the Longhorns.

**Dobie H.S. girls' CC runs at CL**  
Dobie varsity girls' cross country coach Tina Knight-Gray (not shown) came away impressed as her Lady Longhorns came out of the gate with a strong performance at the Clear Lake Invitational Sept. 2. Briana Guevara posted a team-leading time of 12 minutes, 38 seconds over the 2-mile course, besting any time from her 2010 season. Cassidy Peng was next at 13:19, and Mikaela Guevara was at 13:29. Thu Nguyen (pictured far right) finished at 13:32, and Tessa Costello, a newcomer to the varsity squad, was at 13:50. In photo at right, Costello and Mikaela Guevara navigate the course. *MamyGPhotography.com*



## SBYSC White Lightning U-15 wins select championship



South Belt Youth Soccer Club Select Girls U-15 Super 2 White Lightning girls' team started its season exceptionally well, winning the championship at the Texas Rush Cup. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Al-lison Pinchbeck, Christine Oakes, Anjali Perera, Chelsie Laws, Rachel Glass, Gigi Grilli, (back row) Coach Adam Serna, Brittany Exley, Olivia Williams, Madison Leidy, Brandie Gibbs, Sam Ess, Gabby Serna, Alyssa Williams, Coco Eck, Paige Kolupski, coach Rod Amour and coach Jeeven Perera. Not pictured is Emma Zawila.

## SJC Central campus leaders named

Longtime San Jacinto College employees Sandi Morgan and Sharon Nelson have taken on new roles in the athletic and physical education departments, respectively, at the Central campus. Morgan, a dance instructor, will chair the physical education department. Nelson, the college's head volleyball coach, will now also serve as athletic director at Central. Scott Horstman had served in these positions before stepping down earlier last month for personal reasons. Horstman will remain at San Jacinto College as a faculty member in the physical education department. "Scott Horstman has done an excellent job and accomplished a great deal as department chair and athletic director over the last year," said Dr. H. Neil Matkin, Central campus president. "He is working hand in hand with Sharon and Sandi to make sure we move for-

ward smoothly. The physical education faculty is a great group of people and truly student-oriented, and that makes this transition easier." Morgan, a longtime Sageglen resident, has spent more than three decades at San Jacinto College Central bringing the gift of dance to everyone from beginners to experienced performers. Such generosity to the college and its surrounding community earned her the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Artist of the Year. "I am very excited to begin a brand new challenge after 35 years of teaching at San Jacinto College," commented Morgan. "I am fortunate that Scott Horstman is here helping me find my way." She has since become an award-winning faculty member, having received the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence in Teaching Award, being named the Outstanding

Honors Professor (2006-07). Morgan has also been nominated for such prestigious honors as the Minnie Piper Stevens Award. Nelson is entering her 10th season as head coach of the San Jacinto volleyball program. She is 264-97 overall and has led the program to the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament the last six years. Last season, San Jacinto finished as the national runner-up, and Nelson was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association Southwest Region Two-Year Coach of the Year. This season, Nelson's team has started hot. "Taking over the helm of a nationally recognized athletics program will be a wonderful experience," noted Nelson. "I look forward to the challenges ahead, the changes to come and to the continued success of athletics at San Jacinto College."



Sandi Morgan (left) and Sharon Nelson (right) will take on new roles at the San Jacinto College Central campus. *Photo by Jeannie Peng-Armao*