

JFD homecoming bonfire set

Dobie High School will have its annual homecoming bonfire Thursday, Oct. 2, by the retention pond behind the student parking lot. All Dobie students, staff, community members, Dobie alumni and supporters are invited. There will be a pep rally prior to the lighting of the bonfire and live music starting at 6:45 p.m. The bonfire will be lit at sunset.

Lariaettes hold dance clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Hand and Stand Dance Clinic Monday, Oct. 6. Participants will learn routines, and sit with Lariaettes at the first half of the Dobie versus South Houston football game Saturday Oct. 11, at 1 p.m. The clinic will be held at Dobie from 6 to 8 p.m. for students in Pre-K through eighth grade. Preregistration is \$25, at the door is \$35, no checks. Participants who pre-register receive a shirt that guarantees them free admission into the game. For more information, contact Maria Zuniga at Mariadg31@yahoo.com or 713-314-6086.

Mistletoe Market Oct. 4

Club BellaVita will hold its 11th annual Mistletoe Market Saturday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$1. Shop over 70 vendors for holiday gift items, jewelry, clothing and accessories, cosmetics, yard art, candles, specialty food items, and more. Lunch will be sold by Hope Village for \$7, with proceeds benefiting Hope Village. The Treasure Box, gently used items donated by residents, will benefit Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County. For information, visit www.club-bellavita.org.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Oct. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Kirkmont meets Oct. 8

Kirkmont Association Inc. Section 1 Homeowners Association meets Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kirkmont MUD building, 10102 Blackhawk. Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month. All Kirkmont residents are welcome to attend to discuss violation letters and share comments or concerns.

Blackhawk garage sale set

Blackhawk HOA, Blackhawk at Astoria, will hold a communitywide garage sale on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date will be Oct. 18.

College prep clinic offered

All high school seniors and parents are invited to attend a College Prep Clinic hosted by the Young Adult Group at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. The clinic will cover information such as how to fill out the FASFA, deciding what to study, how to find scholarships, essay editing and more. There will also be prizes.

The College Prep Clinic will be held at the Cenacle Learning Center, 1750 Riverstone Ranch Drive, Saturday, Oct. 11. The clinic will begin with food at 12:30 p.m. and plans to end around 5 p.m. The clinic is free but RSVP to Matt Kiernan for food and supplies at matt.kiernan@stlukescatholic.com or call 281-481-6816, extension 229.

Attendees should bring a draft of a college scholarship essay (laptop or paper, double spaced). Topics can be found at <http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/articles/>.

Dobie 40-year reunion set

The Dobie Class of 1974 will hold its 40th reunion Saturday, Oct. 11, from 7 to 11:30 p.m. at South Shore Harbour. Cost per person is \$95. Make checks payable to Dobie 40 Reunion, and mail to Dobie 40 Reunion, c/o Janet Kolajack Thompson, 10306 Grand Brook Dr., Houston, TX 77089. Pay by credit card via Paypal (4 percent charge added). For information, email Dobie40Reunion@yahoo.com or call Suzan Patterson, 713-944-7755 or 832-283-1956.

Bond information meeting

Pasadena Independent School District will have a presentation on the 2014 Pasadena ISD Bond. The district will lay out the information concerning the bond and how it will affect the South Belt community. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie High School auditorium.

Nominations accepted

J. Frank Dobie High School is accepting nominations for the 2015 Hall of Honor through Oct. 17. Individuals may be nominated in the following categories: alumni, community volunteer, faculty/staff/administrator, and fallen hero. Nominations can be submitted online at http://dobie.pasadenaisd.org/campus_information/hall_of_honor. Forms are also available in the front office at the school. The event will be held Friday, March 6, 2015, in the Dobie auditorium.

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Police chase ends in fatal shooting of suspect

A police chase that began in Brazoria County early Wednesday ended with the suspect being fatally shot in the 11700 block of Kirkmeadow.

According to police, the chase started before 9 a.m. in the town of Liverpool, south of Alvin, when officers responded to an aggravated assault call in which the suspect allegedly pulled a shotgun on someone.

Brazoria County deputies attempted to pull the suspect over, but he fled, driving north on

Highway 35.

Pearland police then joined the pursuit and were fired upon as the chase continued. Houston police joined in as the suspect headed east on Beltway 8.

Multiple police units were in hot pursuit when the suspect exited on Beamer northbound toward Kirkmeadow, coming to a stop at his residence at the 11703 address.

As the suspect was exiting his vehicle, he re-

portedly pointed a shotgun at a Pearland police officer, who then shot at the man. The suspect then returned fire, and a massive shootout began.

During the exchange of gunfire, the suspect went back to his vehicle and retrieved a handgun, then also shot it at officers.

At some point during the shootout, the suspect was struck and was pronounced dead at the scene.

While the suspect's name had not officially

been released at press time, the *Leader* confirmed the truck he was driving was registered to Ryan Champ.

Three Pearland officers and one Houston officer fired their weapons. It was unclear at press time how many shots were fired and how many times the suspect was struck. Witnesses reported hearing 40-50 shots.

No officers were injured.

The incident is being investigated by the HPD's Homicide Division and Internal Affairs Division, the Harris County District Attorney's Office and the Pearland Police Department.

Multiple agencies respond to deadly incident



The window of the above Pearland police car was shot out. It was unclear who fired the shot. Police are shown in the above right photo marking the sites of spent shell casings with cones. When police ran out of cones, plastic cups were borrowed from residents. It was unclear at press time how many shots were fired.

Photos by Marie Flickinger



IRS issues warning over phone scammers

The Internal Revenue Service is warning people about an old scam that seems to be picking up steam again in the Houston area.

Fraudsters are calling residents, claiming to be IRS agents and threatening arrest if immedi-

ate payments are not made.

As of mid-August, the treasury inspector general had received 90,000 complaints of the scam, KPRC reported.

The IRS issued the following warning:

Panhandlers irk many residents

The number of panhandlers and street solicitors at the intersections along Beltway 8 continues to increase, irking several South Belt residents.

Many times the individuals in question are actually in the lanes of traffic, rather than on the

side of the road.

While city regulations specifically prohibit panhandling in the middle of the street, authorities rarely enforce the rule, as it is a low priority for them.

See related editorial and photos on Page 2A.

Walmart named most dangerous lot

A recent study conducted by KHOU's I-Team determined that the parking lot of the Walmart at 9598 Rowlett off the Gulf Freeway near Alameda Genoa had more reported crimes than any other in the city.

The I-Team analysis reviewed nearly 7,000 crimes that were reported to Houston Police that took place in the parking lots of grocery stores over the past three years, including burglary of a motor vehicle, hit-and-run accidents, auto theft, vandalism and assault.

The Walmart had 136 reported crimes from May 2011 through May 2014 – the latest available data.

Next on the list is the Walmart Supercenter at

Crosstimbers and the North Freeway, with 132 crimes.

No. 3 on the list is the Mi Tienda grocery store at 3800 E. Little York, with 118 crimes over the same three-year period.

Next is the Fiesta Mart at the North Freeway and Airline, with 110 reported crimes.

Walmart officials said it has numerous surveillance cameras, enhanced lighting and roaming security guards to protect its locations.

To see a complete list of parking lots with five or more reported crimes, visit www.khou.com/story/news/investigations/2014/09/23/grocery-store-parking-lots-hot-target-for-thieves/16114633.

Kirkwood to curb yard parking

By Allison Davis

The Kirkwood Civic Club filed an application with the City of Houston with the intention of putting an end to vehicles parking in front yards.

Ericka McCutcheon, the president of the Kirkwood Civic Club, had hoped people would "police themselves," but with several residents continuing to park cars, boats and RVs on the grass, she felt the application was necessary for neighborhood aesthetics.

A neighborhood civic club or homeowners

association can file an application through the City of Houston to be protected under City Ordinance No. 2009-59, which prohibits vehicles from parking on any unimproved areas in the front and side yards of residential buildings or single-family dwellings.

The City of Houston has up to 10 days to provide the Kirkwood Civic Club with notification of a complete application, at which time signs will be posted around the affected area (which

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Detention pond groundbreaking set

Harris County and Galveston County officials will hold an official groundbreaking ceremony for the new South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m.

To be located on South Fork Boulevard off Beamer near Dixie Farm Road, the detention pond, formerly known as the Mud Gully Stormwater Detention Basin, will eventually hold up to 1,250 acre/feet or 407 million gallons of stormwater.

Construction of the 174-acre site, which is expected to significantly reduce area flooding, is estimated to take roughly seven years to complete.

Carpooling is strongly encouraged, as limited parking will be available on South Fork Boulevard.

RSVP to Harris County Project Communications Manager Karen Hastings at 713-684-4153 or karen.hastings@hcfcd.org.

Evening of Cuisine prizes accumulate

A unique array of auction prizes is beginning to accumulate for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual Evening of Cuisine, set to take place Thursday, Oct. 9, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

The most talked about prize, donated by Meador Staffing, includes a one-hour hot air balloon ride complete with champagne. Another unique prize is a stargazing party and dinner for 10 at San Jacinto College. Other prizes include a two-night stay at L'Auberge Casino Resort in Lake Charles, La., featuring a golf package and dinner at Jack Daniel's Bar & Grill and a chance to name two area streets.

Now in its 17th year, the Evening of Cuisine allows attendees to sample food from a wide variety of local vendors. Confirmed vendors include Outback Steakhouse, Floyd's Cajun Seafood and Steakhouse, Barcenas Mexican Restaurant, Sicily Pizza, Celeste's Cakes & More, Randy's BBQ, Pizza Lounge Express, Black-Eyed Pea, Dunkin' Donuts, Longhorn Steakhouse, Time Out Sports Bar, H-E-B Blackhawk, San Jacinto College Culinary Department, Cakelicious, Savannah Café & Bakery, Rene's Catering, Egg & I and Silver Eagle Distributors.

Dining tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and are available at the chamber, 10500 Scarsdale; ACE Central Hardware, 11676 Beamer; Primeway Federal Credit Union (inside H-E-B), 9828 Blackhawk; and the *Leader* offices, 11555 Beamer.

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.

- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number.

- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.

- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.

- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.

- After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should

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Sagemont cleanup scheduled



A project to clean up the Sagemont community will take place Saturday, Oct. 11. A combined effort between the City of Houston and the Sagemont Civic Club, Let's Spark Sagemont will coincide with the city's Keep Houston Beautiful Day. In addition to picking up area litter, volunteers will also clean up local houses that have been abandoned. The above residence at 11402 Sagehollow has grown so unkempt, only its roof is now visible. See related story on Page 2A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Publisher's Opinion

Why wait till someone gets injured or dies?

For years now, from our office at the corner of Beamer and the Beltway, we have literally watched many people, sometimes, children as young as 5 years old solicit money from local drivers. This also occurs at the Beltway at all nearby cross streets, as well as other places throughout the city and county.

These people do not stay on the side of the road. Yes, even the 5-year-olds walk between the moving vehicles traveling on the Beltway and Beamer. I have frequently taken pictures and sent them to law enforcement officials.

So far, Houston Police officers have not responded, but officers from Constable Chris Diaz have.

This dangerous practice, which used to be only occasional, is happening daily.

At Beamer and also Hughes/Sabo, there is a sign posted forbidding the solicitation, there are city laws against what is being done, yet I am confident that no one has ever had to pay a fine for violating the city panhandling ordinance.

When so many are concerned about child abuse, why do they think it is OK to put children in between lanes of traffic on the feeder road so they can collect money?

Additionally, with very few exceptions, these groups that solicit come from other places, for example, a Sugar Land team was one having very young children soliciting here for a number of

weeks. I asked them why they did not solicit in Sugar Land. The answer was, "The people who live here are rich!"

I may be crazy, but I have been to parts of Sugar Land, and the homes I saw, surpass many of ours.

For a few weeks there was an older group of kids, mostly teens who wore "Longhorn" T-shirts. I asked them which Longhorns they were. I was told the "Texas Longhorns." They would give no more information.

There is no doubt in my mind that many who donate believe they are giving to local children's groups or local organizations. Ninety-five percent of the time, this is not the case.

I am told city police don't have the time to enforce the law and protect the safety of those in harm's way.

I thank the officers of Chris Diaz for responding when I send them pictures of children and adults soliciting in the street.

But they can't work the area all the time, and it is not their responsibility.

I have seen a number of near misses with children and am concerned that the only thing that will save a driver from the guilt of hitting someone who is breaking the law is for someone first to be injured or killed in our intersections. If a child is killed, then the law will be more strongly enforced. That's usually what it takes.

But if we, as a community, would focus our generosity to those in the

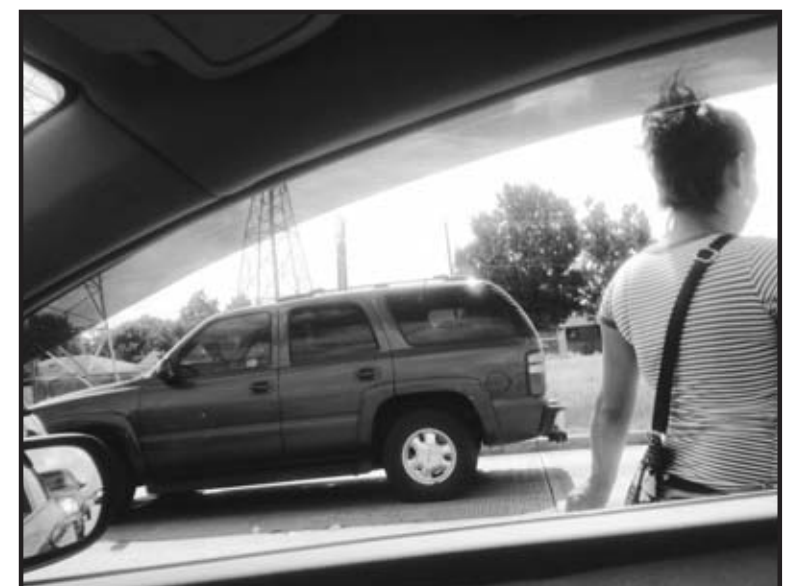
community who could use it, and there are a number of groups and people that qualify, and not donate so freely to those from the outside, who very probably are taking advantage of a good, generous community, we would all be better off.

—Marie Flickinger

And one last thing . . .

On another topic, on Saturday, Oct.

11, the city of Houston, in conjunction with the Sagemont Civic Club will be holding a community cleanup. Your help is needed. Please come out and help beautify our community. Be at the Sagemont Community Center, Hughes and the beltway at 8 a.m. We need lots of volunteers! See photo Page 1A and story this page. Thanks in advance!



This past weekend a young woman spent her Sunday morning between moving traffic on the Beltway feeder at the Beamer intersection next to McDonald's. Photo by Alexis Lochner

Clear Brook debate attends Alief Elsiek Tournament

The Clear Brook speech and debate team ended its homecoming week by attending the Alief Elsiek Tournament and walking away with success in several events.

Newcomer Auva Shariatmadari placed first overall in novice Lincoln-Douglas debate, while varsity members Rakesh Vijayakumar, Suketh Subramanya and Gabe Rivera each acquired 2 state points

in LD by advancing to the octofinal round, bringing each of their totals to 3.

Arian Shariatmadari won first overall speaker in LD, along with gaining his first 2 state points for the season in this event by advancing to the octofinal round as well.

In foreign extemporaneous speaking, team members Dhiren Wijesinghe, Arian

Shariatmadari and Riviera all advanced to semifinals, while Anish Antony also advanced to semifinals in domestic extemporaneous speaking.

Team President Vijayakumar rounded out the success by placing third in domestic extemporaneous speaking, which also earned him the team's first qualification to attend the TFA state meet in March.



Clear Brook debate team members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Auva Shariatmadari, Arian Shariatmadari, Rakesh Vijayakumar, Suketh Subramanya, (back row) Dhiren Wijesinghe, Anish Antony and Gabe Rivera. Photo submitted

2nd annual fall festival at Little Longhorns

Little Longhorns Daycare will host its second annual fall festival Saturday Oct. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 10300 Blackhawk Blvd.

For information or inquiring about volunteering, contact Little Longhorns Daycare at 281-412-4411. Vendors wanting booths should call Kenny Fernandez at 281-684-4421.

Dobie art show at San Jac

Dobie High School art students will exhibit their work in the San Jacinto College South Art Gallery, Room S15.112 through Oct. 8. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Monday and Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Moore fall festival set

Moore Elementary will hold a fall festival on Friday, Oct. 24, from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. Vendors are being sought who are interested in reserving a booth for this event. For more information, call Silvia Luna at 713-740-0656.

ESL class at Life Church

An ESL class will be held on Thursday nights beginning Oct. 2 at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa.

This will be an opportunity to learn conversational English.

The class lasts six weeks and costs \$50, which includes the workbook.

To enroll, email Mike Carlen (mike.carlen@life.cc) or call 713-910-1911 by Sept. 21.

Church offers tutorials

New Covenant Christian Church offers tutorials to students in first through 12th grade, in the South Belt area on Wednesdays. Tutorials will be conducted from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Jingle Bell Market Nov. 3

The Jingle Bell Market, hosted by the Golfcrest Country Club Ladies Association, will be held Monday, Nov. 3, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland.

The Jingle Bell Market is a holiday shopping experience where visitors can explore unique displays of jewelry, apparel, home décor, gourmet food selections, and much more.

A \$5 admission benefits the Pearland Neighborhood Center.

For more information about the center, visit www.pnctexas.com.

Veterans Day coat drive set

Congregation Shaar Hashalom in Clear Lake is heading up a Veterans Day 2014 coat drive for homeless veterans in the Greater Houston area.

There are, as of 2013, more than 2,600 homeless veterans in the Greater Houston area. Many suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and other disorders. Veterans Affairs reports that, on average, 22 veterans take their lives every day nationwide, as

a result of these illnesses. That amounts to more than 8,000 veterans who commit suicide every year.

Shaar Hashalom is asking the help of the entire community for coat donations. Remember, these men and women offered to make the ultimate sacrifice for Americans to be free. Almost all of them reached this stage of homelessness as a result of PTSD and/or traumatic brain injury, caused by the wars.

Help Hashalom help

these veterans, be warm this winter. The congregation is trying to collect as many coats as possible by Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Drop coat donations at the synagogue between Oct. 13 and Nov. 5 weekdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donations from all denominations and individuals are welcome.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is at 16020 El Camino Real. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281.488.5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Sagemont cleanup set for Oct. 11

Let's Spark Sagemont, a joint effort between the City of Houston and the Sagemont Civic Club to clean up the Sagemont community, will take place Saturday, Oct. 11, between 8 a.m. and noon.

The project, which will also include dozens of volunteers from Dobie High School and Sagemont Church, will involve cleaning up litter and debris and making landscape improvements throughout the area.

The project will coincide with the city's Keep Houston Beautiful Day.

In addition to cleaning up the area, volunteers will also distribute brochures to educate residents on the city's environmental ordinances and heavy trash regulations.

While the endeavor will focus on the area thoroughfares of Beamer and Hughes Road, private properties that have been abandoned will also be targeted for cleanup.

Among these are 11027 Sagevale, 11402 Sageholow, 11322 Sage-oak and 11314 Sagecreek.

Multiple other lots were initially to be targeted, but arrangements have since been made with property owners to rectify the problems.

A piece of property behind Frazier Elementary has also been scheduled for cleanup.

On the city's end, the cleanup is a collaborative effort between the Department of Neighborhoods, District D City Council

Member Dwight Boykins' office, the Solid Waste Department, The Public Works and Engineering Department and the Parks Department.

Anyone can volunteer for this project, and everyone is encouraged to help out.

Volunteers will meet at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes, at 8 a.m. to sign in and pick up tools.

For additional information on the Let's Spark Sagemont, call Sagemont Civic Club President Julius Schindler at 832-545-4054 or Vice President Sandra Robb at 281-481-2838.

For more information on the city's Keep Houston Beautiful Day, visit www.houstonbeautiful.org.

Police investigate Kirkwood shooting



City of Houston and Pearland police are shown investigating the shooting of a Kirkwood resident Wednesday morning on Kirkmeadow Street. The shooting ended at the home of the suspect after a chase which started in Liverpool, outside of Pearland. See related story Page 1A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Medicare workshop Oct. 2

Christian Temple Assembly of God Church, 9701 Alameda-Genoa Road, will host a Medicare workshop on Thursday, Oct. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. The educational program will be presented by Toni King, Medicare advocate, author and speaker. To RSVP, call 832-800-4674.

In My Opinion

Muecke on Houston city water problems

Last evening on Channel 13 news they had a story of a fellow receiving a very high water bill. His normal cost is around \$40.00 and two bills came in at near or around \$547.00. He reported this to the water dept and got the run around. He contacted Channel 13 and they got involved. Interesting, when issues like this comes up as we sometimes see on TV, is to get a water dept problem resolved you have to go to the news media. The water dept can't get it done. Anyway, an inspector was sent out and the report back was that there was no problem with the meter.

The home owner knew the meter was

not checked as grass had grown over the box and it was not visible. So the Channel 13 cameras showed him tearing the grass away and exposing the box. The Water dept answer was this was a new employee (always a good excuse), been used on me. Anyway, the water dept reread the meter and that reading was below what the bill showed. So an adjustment was made.

The water dept has a problem that they will just not face up to. The citizens are on the short end paying high bills, covering the cost of water leaks on the city side and what have you. Water meter boxes in the middle of a sidewalk with a missing lid, a possible broken leg. Again, I hope the water dept and 311 get their act together so someone else does not go through the 6 year frustration that I did. Just my 2 cents.

James E. Muecke

Tax-Aide volunteers sought

Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, Houston-area AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help about 50,000 low-income and over-60 taxpayers. For the 2015 tax season, volunteers are needed now for two four-hour shifts weekly as a Tax-Aide tax counselor, greeter, technology coordinator or administrator. Training will be provided in January at Clear Lake-area churches. Speakers of Spanish and English are especially needed. Learn more and sign up at www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8 (English only).

Catholic Daughters meet Oct. 14

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the social hall of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community. A light supper will be served at 6:45 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7:15 p.m. Any Catholic woman in the area is invited to come and experience love in action. One does not need to be a member of St. Luke's to attend. For more information, call 281-484-4170.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Oct. 2 through Oct. 8.

Children's craft time is set for Thursday, Oct. 2, at 4 p.m. Come and make a painted paper Costa Rican ox cart.

Adult craft time will be held Friday, Oct. 3, at 3 p.m. Adults will make calla lilies out of crepe paper.

Preschool storytime is held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, and toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays.

Movie Madness is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 10, at 4 p.m. Phone the library at 281-484-2036 for movie details.

Vietnamese storytime is every Saturday - Level 2 at 10 a.m., Level 1 at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 at 2:30 p.m. For more information on Vietnamese programs, speak with Loc Bui. A class on Internet security essentials will be presented on Oct. 15 at 3 p.m.

For information on programs, call the Parker Williams Library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Neighborhood Library, 9002 Kingspoint, recently listed its programs for Oct. 2 through Oct. 8.

Thursdays - Computer Basics at 2 p.m.; Internet Basics at 3:30 p.m.; Basic PowerPoint at 5 p.m.; and Spanish Computer Basics I at 6:15 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, Manga/Anime Club is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. The group will discuss participants' favorite manga series, share artwork and information about upcoming anime events, and view a sampling of anime series and movies.

Tuesdays - Family Storytime at 10:30 a.m., followed by a storytime-themed craft at 11 a.m., and a children's craft at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays - Baby/Toddler Storytime is at 10:30 a.m. followed by Baby/Toddler Playtime at 11 a.m.; Computer Basics at 3:15 p.m.; and Internet Basics at 4:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 4:15 p.m. Wii Gaming will be held. Play games on the Nintendo Wii battling in mini-games, trivia challenges and skills competitions.

For more information on events, call the Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

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Dobie siblings join U.S. military, follow in family’s footsteps



Siblings, left to right, Abel Simon and Brittany Esparza are members of the United States military. Simon is in the U.S. Army stationed in South Korea, and Esparza is in the U.S. Navy in Norfolk, Va. Both are Dobie High School graduates. They also attended Meador Elementary and Beverly Hills Intermediate. The proud mother of the two is Sandra Esparza. The siblings are following in their uncles’ footsteps, Paul Simon (retired Navy) and Nicholas Simon (retired Army), who are also Dobie graduates. Paul Simon, far right,

graduated from Dobie in 1984, retired from the Navy in 2004 and still currently resides in the South Belt area with his family. Brother Nicholas Simon graduated from Dobie in 1985 and retired from the Army in 2000 (he was in the front line in Desert Storm 1989/1990). He is currently an attorney in the South Belt area. He lives in the Friendswood area but still owns a home in the South Belt area.

Photos submitted

If IRS calls, it’s not IRS

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do:

- If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue, if there really is such an issue.
- If you know you don’t owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you’ve never received a bill, or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the treasury inspector general for tax administration at 1-800-366-4484.

- You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant; choose “Other” and then “Imposter Scams.” If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS, include the words “IRS Telephone Scam” in the notes.
- Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.
- The IRS encourages taxpayers to be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure. The IRS does not initiate contact with

taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels.

The IRS also does not ask for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the email to phishing@irs.gov.

More information on how to report phishing scams involving the IRS is available on the genuine IRS website, IRS.gov.

Study ranks PISD Education Foundation 47th nationally

The Pasadena ISD Education Foundation was recently named number 47 in a national Stepping Up study conducted by Dewey and Associates.

This year’s Stepping Up study opened up the competition to education foundations in the 100 largest school districts by population for the first time, expanding from the previous study’s top 50 largest school districts in 2012.

Each foundation was evaluated on eight key performance categories to determine the rankings; annual revenues, revenues per student, total assets, assets per student, investment income, total program expenses, expenses per student, and volunteers.

Pasadena ISD did well in these categories and landed in the top 50.

“Pasadena ISD is blessed with teachers that think beyond the everyday curriculum. They come to us asking for financial assistance to test new concepts,” Education Foundation President Randy Drake said. “Our funding helps those teachers incubate and refine better ways of teaching. This award just val-

idates the work we do every day.”

The goal of the study is to raise awareness of the importance of education foundations.

“Most parents have never heard of their local K-12 education foundation, yet nearly all children are impacted by the foundation’s work,” said Dewey Caruthers, president of Dewey & Associates and

author of the study. “Education foundations enhance public education in many vital ways, for instance, with scholarships that send low-income students to college, arts and music programs that open children’s minds to more than a high stakes test and dropout prevention efforts that keep students from quitting, just to name a few.”

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San Jac semester of STEM increases interest from elementary to college

STEM education through hands-on activities and events is off to a strong start at San Jacinto College this fall.

From helping fourth graders make slime and shrinky dinks, to a fossil dig in Bryan, Texas, San Jacinto College students will become involved this year in every aspect of coordinating and participating in activities for educational awareness of science, technology, engineering, and math, or more commonly referred to as the STEM fields. Careers that rely on STEM education and skills will represent almost all of the fastest-growing occupations in the next decade, and half of all STEM jobs available require less than a bachelor’s degree to make a lucrative starting salary, according to Change the Equation.

This is why San Jacinto College offers a wide variety of STEM-related events, supported by the STEM Council, for students and the surrounding community each year. The council strives to increase awareness of education and career opportunities related to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. The council sponsors STEM activities throughout the college and the region, as Houston ranks among the top ten cities for STEM careers. The council works with community members to promote the STEM fields, while forging strong partnerships with universities and industries for further education and workforce training.

The following is a list of STEM events scheduled for this fall at San Jacinto College:

- Stewart Elementary takes a trip to San Jacinto College science and health science labs – San Jacinto College South campus, science and allied health building, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Forensic analysis of bones presentation led by San Jacinto College for Sheldon Early College High School students – San Jacinto College North campus, allied health and science building, Oct. 10, time TBA
- Students to participate in geoscience activities, including a San Jacinto College robotics demonstration – Houston Museum of Natural Science, Oct. 11,

time TBA. For more information, email sharon.choens@sjcd.edu.

- M.D. Anderson recruiting event – San Jacinto College South campus, S-15 Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.
- San Jacinto College students to participate in Energy Day – downtown Houston, Sam Houston Park, Oct. 18, throughout the day. For more information, email sharon.choens@sjcd.edu.
- Finding fossils field trip Whiskey Bridge in Bryan, Texas – Oct. 19, from noon to 3 p.m. For more information, email sharon.choens@sjcd.edu.

- Guest speaker, Mark Kramer, to present the history of Armand Bayou Nature Center – San Jacinto College Central campus, C-19, Oct. 22, at 10 a.m.

- Genoa Elementary fourth-graders to visit San Jacinto College for hands-on science fun – San Jacinto College Central campus, C-19, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. For more information, email ann.cartwright@sjcd.edu.

- FIRST Tech Challenge robotics qualifier hosted by San Jacinto College – Young Women’s College Prep Academy, Nov. 1, opening ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. For more information, email cheryl.mott@sjcd.edu or sharon.sledge@sjcd.edu.

- Engineering Day, featuring visits from universities and industry representatives – San Jacinto College Central campus, C-19, Nov. 13, afternoon, time TBA. For more information, email ryan.martinetts@sjcd.edu.

- STREAM event, sponsored by LyondellBasell: Will include sessions focusing on science, math, robotics, and reading. Students will tour the nursing Sim lab. San Jacinto College North campus, Nov. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- San Jacinto College hosts the 2YC3 National Conference, chemistry – San Jacinto College Central campus, Nov. 14 and Nov. 15, time TBA. For more information, email dolores.aquino@sjcd.edu.

- San Jacinto College students to volunteer at Armand Bayou Nature Center – Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd. in Pasadena, Dec. 5, morning time TBA. For more information, email barbara.schumacher@sjcd.edu.

Coming up for spring 2015:

- FIRST Tech Challenge robotics qualifier hosted by San Jacinto College – Hamshire-Fannett High School, Jan. 18, opening ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. For more information, email cheryl.mott@sjcd.edu or sharon.sledge@sjcd.edu.

- Summer Medical and Dental Education Program speaker from the University of Texas – San Jacinto College North campus, N17.3062, Jan. 30, at 12:30 p.m.

- FIRST Tech Challenge robotics qualifier – San Jacinto College Central campus, Anders Gymnasium Jan. 31, opening ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. For more information, email cheryl.mott@sjcd.edu or sharon.sledge@sjcd.edu.

- San Jacinto College hosts Regional Secondary Science Fair for Pasadena Independent School District

2014 Property Tax Rates in San Jacinto Community College District

This notice concerns the 2014 property tax rates for San Jacinto Community College District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$53,117,115
Last year's debt taxes	\$25,462,853
Last year's total taxes	\$78,579,968
Last year's tax base	\$42,337,888,600
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.185602/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$78,531,034
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$41,826,739,181
=This year's effective tax rate	\$0.187753/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$53,067,497
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$41,826,739,181
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.126875/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.137025/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.058557/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.195582/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If San Jacinto Community College District adopts a 2014 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.187753 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2013 taxes by \$2,035,551.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

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

Type of Property Tax Fund
Interest and Sinking Fund

Balance
5,000,000

Schedule B - 2014 Debt Service

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

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
2004 Series GO Bonds	420,000	7,875	0	427,875
2007 Series GO Bonds	1,085,000	663,519	0	1,748,519
2008 Refunding GO Bonds	140,000	545,531	0	685,531
2008A Series GO Bonds	1,035,000	2,826,371	0	3,861,371
2009 Series GO Bonds	5,810,000	9,505,273	0	15,315,273
2011 Series GO Bonds	2,165,988	2,165,988	0	2,165,988
2012 Series GO Bonds	255,000	507,068	0	762,068
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2014 debt service			\$24,966,625	
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
- Excess collections last year			\$0	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2014			\$24,966,625	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 99.30% of its taxes in 2014			\$175,998	
= Total debt levy			\$25,142,623	

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

Name of person preparing this notice: Kenneth D. Lynn, CPA
Title: Vice Chancellor
Date Prepared: 09/25/2014

Lariaette of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Sept. 15 through Sept. 19 is senior Helle Zuniga. She is a three-year line member and the daughter of Gerardo and Maria Zuniga.



Over The Back Fence by Alexis

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR STACEY

Stacey (Hayes) Flowers celebrates a birthday Monday, Oct. 6. Wishes for a wonderful day are sent from husband Stephen, daughters Kennedy and Evie, and son Owen; parents and longtime South Belt residents Jannie and Robert Scarberry; sister Jenny Moreno, husband Benny and children Brayden, Baylee and Olivia; brother Joey; brother Austin and daughter Jade; and brother Tyler. Stacey is a Dobie High School graduate.

BELETED BIRTHDAY WISHES

Special belated birthday wishes are sent to Swazi Gurnell who turned 9 years old Aug. 20, and his brother Menelik Gurnell, who celebrated his 7th birthday Sept. 27.

BEST WISHES TO STEVE

Steve Buckman is in Methodist Hospital and scheduled for a heart pump implant. No visitors or flowers are allowed at this time, but cards may be mailed to: Steve Buckman, c/o Methodist Hospital, ICU-3rd Floor, 6560 Fannin St., Houston, TX. 77030.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 2 through Oct. 8.

Burnett Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for Van Caroselli Oct. 2. Denise Stallings celebrates a birthday Oct. 5.

Bush Elementary

Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to Stephanie Tellez Oct. 7.

Frazier Elementary

Liz Taylor has a birthday Oct. 2. Light the

birthday candles for Chris Baldauf Oct. 3.

Meador Elementary

Oct. 4 is the day for a cake for Nora Gonzalez. Sing a happy birthday song Oct. 5 to Shirley Hawley.

Moore Elementary

A birthday greeting is sent to Christina Le-Tran on Oct. 6.

South Belt Elementary

Judy Britt celebrates a birthday Oct. 5.

Stuchbery Elementary

Jennifer Dowell is wished a happy birthday Oct. 2. Laura Bryan and Lourdes Guenard celebrate a birthday Oct. 4.

Melillo Middle School

Shannon Martinez is sent a birthday greeting Oct. 2. Blow out the candles on a double-layer cake for Jennifer Basinski and Tyler McKinney Oct. 5. Celebrating a birthday Oct. 8 is Virginia Fernandez.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Special birthday greetings are sent to Maria Ferreira Oct. 6.

Thompson Intermediate

On Oct. 2, Cathy Broussard and Alicia Burge are wished a happy birthday.

Dobie High

Birthday greetings are sent to Rayanne Gillespie Oct. 2. Oct. 4 is the day for a cake for Bobby Blackwell and Francisca Gonzalez. Blow out the birthday candles for Nora Coronado and Elba Trinidad Oct. 6. The day for a party for Kenneth Foster, Justo Manrique, and Jim Sawyer is Oct. 7.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

The Leader sends happy birthday wishes

es to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday Oct. 2: Racquel Rojas, Amanda Kirkpatrick, Brian Seiffert, Phillip Lock, Stephanie Crouch, Jessie Horton, Tomeka Anderson, Susan Pruet, Tino Chapa, Jennifer Dowell, Rhonda Frachiseur, Diana Holbrook, Paula Smith and Lori Pytko; Friday, Oct. 3: Amanda Gonzales, Thomas Chapa, Lindsay Holloway, Zachary Cripps, Emerson Wilks, Daren Henry, Laura Cornman, Cynthia Vela, Tricia Gill, Roberto Trevino and Yvonne Moor; Saturday, Oct. 4: Malcomb Chambers, Karen Crouch, Tanesha McKinley, Audry Williamson and Michelle Almaguer-Saenz; Sunday, Oct. 5: Stacy Moreno, Deborah Helm, Tara Manolescu, Michael Landin, Dan Randolph, Nicole Nalepa, and Robin McDaniel; Monday, Oct. 6: Jennifer Garcia, Stacy Flowers, Jessica Silva, Brian Hoover, Theresa Theroux, Rick Wright and Marta Nelson; Tuesday, Oct. 7: Jeanette Allen, Lorenzo Cuellar, Paul Grizzle and Marcus Lerma; and Wednesday, Oct. 8: Courtney George, Lisa Stephens, Sheila Rowe, David Webb, Christi McAfee, Charles Young and Sandy Twyman.

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.

Dobie cheerleader escorts announced



The J. Frank Dobie Cheerleaders are introducing their escorts for the 2014-2015 season. Front row left to right: Christian Cano, Ryan Sosa, Back, Jonathan Diaz, Travores Gilbert, Deonte "Sonny" Ledet. Not pictured is Cody Murray. The escorts watch out for the varsity cheerleaders on the field and protect them. They run flags when Dobie makes touchdowns and scores. The escorts are interviewed and chosen by the cheerleaders and cheer sponsor. Photo submitted

Kirkwood parking . . .

Continued from Page 1A

officer, or if the application must consist of five bordering or contiguous blocks), and all residents will receive a letter with information regarding the request. After the letters are distributed, the residents will be given a 20-day period in which they have the opportunity to send a letter to the city in protest.

In the case of a protest, a hearing officer will be assigned to the application, and information regarding the hearing will be mailed to all protesters and applicants 15 days prior to the hearing.

The hearing officer can make the final decision to deny the application request, approve it or postpone it at the end of the hearing. If the request is approved by the

never received any protests, it will be sent to City Council for final consideration.

If the request is denied by the hearing officer or by City Council, the neighborhood would not be able to refile a request for up to six months after the initial date of denial.

However, if a neighborhood's request is approved, it would be recorded with Harris County and would be enforced by law. Violation of the ordinance could result in a misdemeanor fine not to exceed \$150 per day.

McCrutcheon and the Kirkwood Civic Club are looking forward to hearing back from the city and are ready to get the ball rolling to finish the process.

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Remember When

35 years ago (1979)

An eighth-grader at Thompson Intermediate School was suspended after pulling a gun on his classmates during a math class.

Frank Mancuso filed for his 10th term on the City Council for Houston.

30 years ago (1984)

The defunct Brio Refinery at 2501 Choate at Beamer was named one of four toxic waste sites in Houston by a New Jersey congressman who successfully sponsored legislation which would enlarge the superfund to \$10.2 billion from taxes on petrochemical products and crude oil.

20 years ago (1994)

The first-ever dinner for

the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce was held.

25 years ago (1989)

Three Dobie High School Future Farmers of America students, Justin Rascoe, Brian Berkley and Sheila Robbins, won grand championship honors for their entries at the Pasadena Livestock Show.

Running its record to 3-0, the Clear Brook High School Wolverines' junior varsity football team won its district opener over C.E. King with a 28-19 victory.

10 years ago (2004)

The Pasadena Independent School District board voted unanimously to uphold the reassignment of former Thompson Intermediate School math teacher Sarah Young.

Clear Brook High School students Aren Cambre, Mary Crouch, Sydney Devaty, Jimmy Duong, Emily Le, Marcy Moore and Niall Shanbhag were named commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

15 years ago (1999)

A main water pipe in the ceiling of Thompson Intermediate School burst, filling the orchestra pit with approximately 3 feet of water.

Thomas Quinoes pleaded guilty to the carjack killing of Joel Esparza. He received a life sentence.

10 years ago (2004)

The South Belt Security Alliance would no longer patrol areas within the city. Through a contract with the city, off-duty Houston police officers patrolled Sagement and Kirkwood subdivisions.

Constable Gray Freeman's office would continue to patrol subdivisions in the Clear Brook City, Sage-meadow and Kirkmont municipal utility districts.

State Rep. Robert Talton

announced the formation of

Parents and Taxpayers for Accountability to oppose the \$299.88 million bond election proposed by PISD.

Former Dobie coach Mike Stephens was presented a plaque by current head coach Tommy Kaiser at a game which honored Stephens as a "Lifetime Longhorn."

Houston Mayor Bill White lauded District E Council Member Addie Wiseman for her leadership in passing a whistle blower policy.

The policy set a time

frame which required department directors to be responsive to employees' claims if they believed they had been retaliated against.

5 years ago (2009)

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Southeast Volunteer Fire Department station, located at 10510 Scarsdale Blvd., took place.

SVFD Chief Chuck Tylka hoped construction would be complete by July 4, 2010.

1 year ago (2013)

Houston Mayor Annise Parker joined representatives from Southwest Airlines for a groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the beginning of construction on a new \$156 million international terminal at William P. Hobby Airport (HOU).

Once completed, the five-gate facility would accommodate regional international flights for Southwest Airlines, with service reaching destinations in the Caribbean, Mexico and the northern cities of South America.

Nichelle Cowgirl of the week



Nichelle Rodriguez, age 6, who attends Meador Elementary, was named the Sagement Cowgirl of the week. Nichelle's parents are Kendra Rivera and Alex Gordon. Photo submitted

San Jac hosts courses for electricians exam

San Jacinto College will offer a series of courses for electricians who are planning to take the state electrical exam.

Electricians may take one or all three of the courses to properly prepare for their state exam. Each course will be held on Saturdays between Oct. 2014 and April 2015, and will include 36 hours of instruction.

The Electrical Exam Preparation course starts on Oct. 4 and is designed for an apprentice, maintenance, and journeyman preparing for the state exam. The course covers the electrical theory, code calculations, and interpretations applicable to becoming a maintenance, residential, and journeyman electrician.

Each course is \$185 and is available through the San Jacinto College Continuing and Professional Development division.

To register, visit www.sanjac.edu.

For additional information, contact Dr. J.D. Taliaferro at 281-478-3687 or email jd.taliaferro@sjcd.edu.

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Cano Dobie mascot



Louie the Longhorn is Christian Cano this year. He is a freshman, coming to Dobie from Beverly Hills Intermediate. Cano is also a member of the orchestra and a cheerleader escort. He is the son of Luis and Rachael Cano. (See related photo Page 4A.) *Photo submitted*

SJC fall courses still available

Students who missed the start of the 16-week semester at San Jacinto College can still enroll for fall classes that begin Monday, Oct. 20. Courses available as part of the second eight-week term are those that will help students finish the “basics.” Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Students interested in attending San Jacinto College should first apply to by visiting sanjac.edu/apply. To view available second eight-week courses, visit sanjac.edu/coursefinder, and search for classes in the fall 2014 semester 8-week (second) part of term.

Quilt Guild meets Oct. 7

The Bay Area Quilt Guild will meet Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m., and the general meeting and program begins at 7 p.m. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. This month’s guest speaker is renowned quilter Cynthia Regone, and her program is titled *Scrap Quilts - Too Much Is Never Enough*. Join the group for a good time and a chance to see quilts. Guests are always welcome.

For more information, check out the website at <http://www.bayareaquiltguild.org> or call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757.

Scholarships offered for students pursuing careers in STEM

San Jac College offers scholarships to assist students who are pursuing education and career training in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.

These include the Houston-Louis Stokes Alliance For Minority Participation Scholars (LSAMP) Program; the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (T-STEM) Challenge Scholarship Program; and the SJC-STEM Scholarship Program. Gabriel Medrano applied for and received an LSAMP scholarship and participated in the program’s summer internship at San Jacinto College. Now at the University of Houston, he continues to benefit from the scholarship.

“I received my robotics internships at San Jacinto College because of the LSAMP scholarship, and that helped me to learn how to work great under pressure and manage my time,” said Medrano. “I also learned how to communicate effectively and teach kids how to program robots, which helped me to understand everything better.”

Over the years, more than 225 LSAMP scholarships have been awarded to San Jacinto College students. The program, funded through the National Science Foundation,

is designed to increase the number of minority students graduating with baccalaureate degrees in STEM and to better prepare them for graduate degrees. Students majoring in biology, chemistry, computer science, geology, Integrated Science and Technology (ISAT), mathematics, physics, and related areas and who meet the selection criteria are eligible to apply. Recipients are awarded \$700 per semester.

The T-STEM Challenge Scholarship Program follows a proven model of success and retention – financial, academic, and community support through scholarships in addition to tutorial assistance and mentorship programs with students, faculty, and industry leaders. The scholarship program is funded through grants provided by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The program supports qualified, high-achieving full-time students enrolled in courses or degree programs that lead to careers in STEM.

The college awards approximately 100 T-STEM scholarships per year, at amounts depending on the number of hours a student is taking. Maximum amount per year is \$2,500.

The SJC-STEM Scholar-

ship Program offers merit scholarships based on past and continued student performance in specific instructional programs. Students in their second year are encouraged to apply. Recipients selected will receive \$500 for full-time course load or \$250 per semester for part-time course load.

“We offer these scholarships to help students who not only need financial assistance for their STEM education, but who need experience in research and real-world application through our summer robotics internships,” said Sharon Sledge, mathematics professor at San Jacinto College who serves on the STEM Council. “Many of our scholarship recipients successfully transfer to universities to continue their studies in the STEM fields, and they’re able to receive even more scholarships when showing the work they’ve done here through either building our robotics website or assisting with science experiments during school visits to our labs or with our many FIRST Tech Challenge robotics competitions and camps.”

For more information about STEM scholarships at San Jacinto College, visit <https://sjcd.academicworks.com/opportunities>.

Backpacks donated



South Belt area and District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins gave back to the community by donating backpacks filled with school supplies to the back-to-school drive being held for the area’s youth. Boykins has made many visits to the South Belt area working with various aspects of the community. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

Shortage of middle skills workers a growing concern

Some call them “dirty jobs.” Others think the pay is not so great. But those who bring home the paychecks and work the jobs know better.

They were once called “blue-collar” employees – welders, electricians, pipefitters, machinists, auto mechanics, and other craft trades and manufacturing workers. The positions are now being referred to as “middle skills” jobs, so called because the jobs require more than a high school diploma, but less than a four-year college degree.

A recent survey of the Greater Houston Partnership’s (GHP) workforce development task force revealed that 62 percent believe that negative perceptions of middle skills jobs contribute to a growing labor shortfall. Moreover, 52 percent of young people between 13 and 17 have “little or no interest” in middle skills jobs, according to a survey by the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association (FMA), a 2,300-member national industry group. The FMA survey suggests that many parents and their children hold negative perceptions of such jobs because of meager pay and perceived dirty working environments.

Such negative perceptions are partly contributing to a looming shortage of middle skills workers in the Houston area that has the GHP concerned. Through 2017,

Houston will need more than 74,000 middle skills workers a year, according to GHP’s “Addressing Houston’s Middle Skills Jobs Challenge” report. “This shortage of workers will likely hamper the region’s ability to operate a safe work environment and even to expand,” the report states. “The lack of workers could also slow projects and even lead to their cancellation.”

To address the challenge, the partnership developed UpSkill Houston, a comprehensive, industry-led approach to bridge the workforce gap and fill jobs in middle-skills occupations. As a partner in the UpSkill Houston initiative, San Jacinto College has pledged to attract more people to middle skills career paths.

San Jacinto College graduate Julio Lopez personifies a “middle skills” employee who feels the good points of his job more than make up for any negatives. “The good pay, job security, and benefits, both from the satisfaction of a job well-done and medical benefits, far outweigh the few inconveniences, such as not always having air conditioning and sometimes getting your hands a little dirty,” commented Lopez, who earned a one-year certificate of technology from San Jacinto College’s diesel technology program and works as a diesel technician for Silver Eagle

Distributors.

Lopez chose his career path because he has always loved working on vehicles. “I started as a kid, changing oil and worked my way up to eventually building engines,” he said. “To take something that will not run and disassemble it, repair it, and rebuild it brings a feeling of real accomplishment and pride.”

Lopez points out that with diligence and determination, a technician can expect to make considerably good pay in a short amount of time. “Starting pay as an automotive technician is around \$10 an hour for a college student in an on-the-job training environment,” he explained. “Starting pay as a diesel tech is around \$18 an hour, and with a one-year certificate, the wage increases. Pay continues to increase with subsequent Automotive Service Excellence certifications and experience in the field. After three years in the diesel field, I was promoted to lead fleet technician 3, with an average pay of around mid- to upper-20s an hour, with certifications, and I have not yet reached the cap. I have the potential to make more and even be promoted to upper management with a higher salary.”

Lopez is bothered that trained technicians are labeled as “middle skills” workers. “The term ‘middle skills’ is degrading and insulting,” he remarked. “To perform the duties of a technician requires a lot of skill and ability. Would you consider our military middle skill because they can enter the military without college credit? I believe the answer is no. Yet, when they re-enter the civilian sector they are among the most skilled and qualified. I know people who are book-smart and can pass tests without studying, yet they can’t change the oil or change a flat tire.”

Lopez says automotive and diesel technician jobs are not as “dirty” as in the past. “It has become less ‘dirty’ due to electronics and on-board computers,” he commented. “The new technology has made it possible to diagnose and repair in less time. You will get dirty doing some parts of this work no matter what, but cleanup is easy with the hand cleaners available today.”

Another San Jacinto

College graduate, Emily Choate, also feels her welding career offers positives that outweigh the negatives. Choate earned a two-year associate degree in welding technology from San Jacinto College in 2004, and went “straight to the field” as a welder with Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway, and later to GE Oil and Gas as a welding inspector. In the field, she earned \$25 to \$35 an hour. After a few years, she accepted a position as a part-time welding instructor at San Jacinto College, and is now a full-time welding instructor at the college.

Choate sees welding as a unique blend of technology and art. “At heart I am an artist, and to me that is what welding is, an art,” she said. “It’s like painting, but my canvas is metal, my paint is a weld puddle, and my brush is an electrode. When I drop that hood and strike an arc, the whole world disappears, and it’s just me and that weld.”

But there are practical, real world benefits in her craft. “I earn enough money to support a family of four comfortably and have security, and every benefit one would need, from health insurance to life insurance,” she commented. “I am not a person who wants to work in a building sitting in a cubicle. I like that my job gives me different challenges.”

She says welding is not just a job; it is a career with endless possibilities. “It’s not limited to one location, it’s not a 9-to-5, Monday-to-Friday job,” she remarked. “You can work as much or as little as you want. You can work close to home, or travel the world. You can work for a large company, a small company, or be your own boss. The hours can be 50-plus a week sometimes, and seven days a week. There are days when you get off the job and your body lets you know you earned that paycheck. To me welding is like going to the gym. Yes it is work, but when you get done, you feel good about what you accomplished.”

For information about diesel, welding, and other technical training offered by San Jac, visit www.sanjac.edu/program/career-technical-education.

Visiting with candidate Dennis Paul



At a recent meeting in Clear Lake, Dennis Paul, District 129 Republican state representative candidate running to replace John Davis, who has opted not to seek reelection, in the upcoming election

discusses politics with colleagues pictured left to right, Dave Martin, South Belt’s Paula Pennington, Paul and Constable Phil Sandlin who was raised in the South Belt area. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

Liberty Bell Project donation



On Sept. 14, the American Legion Post 490 donated \$1,000 to U of H Clear Lake’s Liberty Bell Project, a project focused primarily on increasing students’ constitutional literacy. American Legion Post 490 Cmdr. Faith Federspiel (left) and American Legion Post 490 Chaplain Jack Leavell (right) presided at the dedication ceremonies.

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Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

SJC earns Star Award

Tom Shirreffs, a professional business advisor with the Small Business Development Center at San Jacinto College, earned the State Star award based on exceptional performance for the Texas Gulf Coast SBDC Network.

Shirreffs was presented the award at the annual America's SBDC conference, held recently in Grapevine, with more than 1,400 attendees from around the world. The SBDC presents State Star awards to advisors who achieve exceptional results in helping clients to start or expand businesses, create jobs, and raise capital.

In the past five years, clients of the San Jacinto College SBDC have started 107 new businesses. "Those businesses have created 1,020 new jobs and they have

raised \$39 million dollars in new capital," commented Richard Prets, director of the San Jac SBDC. "Tom Shirreffs is consistently one of the most productive advisors in the SBDC network. His business acumen is instrumental in turning clients into business success stories."

The SBDC at San Jac offers free, private advising to help entrepreneurs start new businesses. SBDC also helps small to mid-sized businesses expand, boost productivity, and maximize profitability. Services include assistance with loan applications, writing business plans, creating marketing strategies, developing budgets, and much more.

For information, visit www.sjcd.sbdcnetwork.net, or call 281-485-5214, extension 7.

Family spends time in the Ozarks

The Dailey family had a great time in August when they spent their family vacation at the Lake of the Ozarks close to Bagnell Dam. They spent an entire week on the water enjoying the views and sunsets. Lake of the Ozarks has many restaurants, entertainment on the water, and is known to have the top finalist wakeboard competitions. Lake of the Ozarks also is known for its Aquapalooza event in late July where hundreds of boats drop anchor, line up side by side, and family and friends gather to hear live bands on the water. Siblings PJ and Faith Ann spent their time on the water alternating between tubing and wakeboarding. The family had fun cliff jumping and fishing. They finished off their vacation at Paradise Resort in Hollister, Mo., at Table Rock Lake.



Faith Roberts wakeboards as Peter Dailey drives the boat



Faith Roberts and PJ Dailey riding a tube



PJ Dailey prepares to jump off a cliff



Faith Roberts, PJ Dailey, Peter Dailey and Christine Duensing Dailey take a family selfie



Faith Roberts pushing off the deck; PJ and Peter Dailey steering the boat



Faith Roberts and PJ Dailey riding a tube



Faith Roberts wakeboarding

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Dobie swimmers open Oct. 14

Led by a talented group of returnees who could ul-

imately challenge some school records, the Dobie swimming team is preparing to open the 2014-2015 season.

The Longhorns will make their first appearance at the Dennis L. Shippey Aquatic Center Tuesday, Oct. 14, taking on North Shore in a dual meet.

Dobie will then take on Dawson, also at the Shippey center, on Oct. 21.


After that, Dobie will take to the road for competitions at the Deer Park Invitational (Oct. 25) and the La Porte Invitational (Nov. 8).

Coach Brad Nguyen's team heads back to La Porte Nov. 13 to face the Bulldogs in a dual meet.

The bulk of the remainder of Dobie's schedule will take place on the road, including a trip for qualifiers to the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Association championships Nov. 20-22 in Corpus Christi.

The district championships are set to begin Jan. 30, 2015, at the Pearland ISD Natatorium.

Regional and state competition will follow thereafter.

South Belt football predictions						
	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
Dobie vs. Pasadena	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Dickinson at Clear Brook	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Atascocita at The Woodlands	Woodlands	Woodlands	Woodlands	Woodlands	Woodlands	Woodlands
Beaumont West Brook at Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview
Port Arthur Memorial at Deer Park	Deer Park	PAM	PAM	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
Alvin at Pasadena Memorial	Alvin	Alvin	Alvin	Alvin	Alvin	Alvin
Dawson vs. Pearland	Pearland	Dawson	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Friendswood at Brazoswood	Friendswood	Brazoswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
Hightower at Alief Elsik	Elsik	Elsik	Elsik	Elsik	Elsik	Elsik
La Porte at Baytown Sterling	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	Sterling
This week's record	9-1	8-2	9-1	8-2	8-2	8-2
Season record	33-17	37-13	33-17	34-16	30-20	39-11

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Volleyball

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

Game Scores						
Beverly Hills over Queens 19-25, 25-11, 25-20						
South Houston over Miller 25-9, 25-6						
Southmore over Thompson 25-10, 21-25, 25-23						
Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Bondy	0	0	0	2	0	0
Thompson	0	0	0	1	1	0
Jackson	0	0	0	1	1	0
Miller	0	0	0	0	2	0
Queens	0	0	0	0	2	0

Game Scores						
Bondy over Park View 25-7, 21-25, 25-9						
Jackson over San Jacinto 25-22, 25-21						

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

Game Scores						
Beverly Hills over Queens 25-18, 25-13						
San Jacinto over Jackson 25-21, 25-22						

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

Game Scores						
Bondy over Park View 20-25, 26-24, 25-14						
Miller over South Houston 23-25, 25-21, 25-23						
Thompson over Southmore 25-23, 23-25, 15-8						

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

Game Scores						
Beverly Hills over Queens 21-25, 25-17, 25-18						

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

Game Scores						
Bondy over Park View 25-15, 22-25, 25-19						
Thompson over Southmore 25-10, 25-19, 17-25						
Miller over South Houston 26-24, 25-22						
Jackson over San Jacinto 25-15, 18-25, 25-9						

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

Game Scores						
San Jacinto over Jackson 25-22, 25-21						

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

Game Scores						
Thompson over Southmore 25-23, 25-23, 15-8						
Bondy over Park View 20-25, 26-24, 25-14						
Miller over San Jacinto 23-25, 25-21, 25-23						
Beverly Hills over Queens 25-18, 25-13						

If the playoffs started today...

Fortunately, for several of the age group teams playing for the Ellington Rams, Sagemont Cowboys or the Southbelt Dolphins, the playoffs do not start today.

There is still a month remaining in the regular season for most programs, which means playoff possibilities are endless.

Looking for one playoff lock?

How about the Ellington Rams' senior team? At 6-0, the Rams have simply taken care of business and appear on the way to winning the division crown.

The Rams defeated the East End Eagles (6-

1) during third-week play and would have the tie-breaker edge should the two teams finish knotted for the top spot.

Over the final four weeks, the Rams will earn a forfeit win over the SouthBelt Dolphins Oct. 4 as the Dolphins do not have a team any longer in that division.

In its quest for a 10-0 season, the Rams will face the Pearland Hurricanes and the South Houston Steelers, both one loss teams.

There is also a matchup against the 3-4 Beaumont Bulls.

Other local playoff hopefuls? The Rams' freshman team, at 3-3 cur-

rently, occupy the fourth and final seed in the National Conference.

The Sagemont Cowboys' sophomore team is sitting pretty in the Amer-

ican Conference, currently third in the standings with a 3-1-2 record.

The Dolphins' junior team is 3-1-2 and very much in the mix for a

playoff berth.

At 3-3, the Dolphins' sophomore team is also looking to make a run down the stretch and ultimately reach the playoffs.

There's still time for Patriots in the American Conference and the Texas City Stingrays of the league's National Conference lead two different divisions.

Of note, the Pearland

BAFL

Week 8 games

Sat. Oct. 4

Cowboys host Beaumont Bulls
El Franco Lee Park

Dolphins host Ellington Rams
Blackhawk Park

Week 7 Scores				
	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.
Cowboys	12	0	0	0
Patriots	14	28	27	18
Dolphins	0	27	33	18
Panthers	1	0	0	26



A couple of conversion plays after touchdowns were the difference as the Pearland Patriots' senior team defeated the Sagemont Cowboys 14-12. On this play, the Cowboys' Tristan Soria (12) moves in for a tackle.

Photos by Jaime Hickman



Traylon Ansley (24) of the Cowboys' junior division team gets past a Pearland Patriot defensive player while looking for a receiver downfield in the Patriots' 28-0 victory over the Cowboys Sept. 27.

BAFL Week 7 Standings

Results through Sept. 27 games

Senior Division American				Senior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Sharks	6	1	0	Rams	6	0	0
Patriots	5	1	0	Eagles	6	1	0
Bulls	3	4	0	Steelers	4	1	0
Cougars	2	3	0	Hurricanes	4	1	0
Texans	2	3	0	Stingrays	4	3	0
'49ers	1	3	0	Saints	1	5	0
Cowboys	1	4	0	Gators	1	5	0
Panthers	2	5	0	Dolphins	0	6	0

Junior Division American				Junior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Patriots	5	1	0	Stingrays	6	0	0
Sharks	5	2	0	Hurricanes	5	1	1
'49ers	4	0	1	Saints	5	1	0
Texans	3	3	0	Dolphins	3	1	2
Cougars	2	3	0	Rams	3	3	0
Bulls	2	5	0	Eagles	2	3	2
Cowboys	1	5	0	Steelers	0	5	0
Panthers	1	6	0	Gators	0	6	0

Sophomore Division American				Sophomore Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Patriots	6	0	0	Eagles	6	0	1
Cougars	5	1	0	Hurricanes	5	0	0
Cowboys	3	1	2	Stingrays	4	3	0
Texans	3	2	1	Saints	3	3	0
'49ers	2	3	0	Dolphins	3	3	0
Sharks	2	5	0	Steelers	2	3	0
Bulls	1	6	0	Gators	2	4	0
Panthers	0	7	0	Rams	0	6	0

Freshman Division American				Freshman Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Texans	6	0	0	Stingrays	6	1	0
Bulls	6	0	1	Saints	5	1	0
Panthers	4	2	1	Hurricanes	4	1	0
Patriots	4	2	0	Rams	3	3	0
Cougars	3	3	0	Eagles	2	5	0
'49ers	2	3	0	Dolphins	1	5	0
Cowboys	1	5	0	Steelers	0	6	0
Sharks	1	6	0	Gators	0	6	0

South Belt area sports news, notes

SJC foundation golf Oct. 14

Now in its 19th year, the San Jacinto College Foundation Golf Tournament, featuring guest host Andy Pettitte, is moving to Golf Club of Houston, home of the Shell Houston Open. The big event will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Proceeds from the tournament and reception go directly to the Promise for Their Future scholarship fund, which helps San Jacinto College students attend college and gain the skills they need to further their education or enter the workforce. Pettitte, who is a former SJC student-athlete and longtime major league baseball pitcher for the New York Yankees and Houston Astros, has been involved since the beginning.

As for 2014, lunch and registration begin at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The format is a Florida scramble consisting of four-person teams, regardless of handicap. Two flights will be determined after all scores are submitted, and the average score will be the break point for the division of the two flights. After golf, an open reception begins at 6 p.m. and includes live and silent auctions, and dinner.

There are a variety of sponsorship packages available. For more information about the foundation tournament, to sign up or become a sponsor, visit www.sanjac.edu/foundation or call 281-998-6104.

Lady Longhorns' softball team sets golf outing

The Dobie High School softball program will host its annual golf tournament fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 11, at Country Place Golf Club in Pearland. Entry fee is \$85 per player, which includes golf, lunch, a door prize ticket and goodie bag. There will also be longest drive and closest-to-the-pin competitions. Registration deadline is Oct. 6.

The tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start, and lunch and awards session will be held thereafter. Proceeds from the event go toward annual costs associated with the softball program, led by longtime head coach Robin Rackley, including equipment purchases, tournament travel expenses, field maintenance and more. For more information, call Dobie booster club member Aaron Longoria at 713-478-0078. Emails are also accepted at dobiesoftball@yahoo.com.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Through Sept. 24 games

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

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 22, Southmore 16
South Houston 18, Jackson 12
San Jacinto 36, Park View 6

Zone B	W L T	W L T
<i>Thompson</i>	1 0 0	2 0 0
<i>Miller</i>	1 0 0	1 1 0
<i>Jackson</i>	0 0 0	1 1 0
<i>Bondy</i>	0 1 0	1 1 0
<i>Queens</i>	0 1 0	0 2 0

Game Scores

Miller 36, Queens 0
Thompson 19, Bondy 18

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

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 20, Southmore 7
San Jacinto 22, Park View 0
South Houston 25, Jackson 6

Zone B	W L T	W L T
<i>Thompson</i>	1 0 0	1 0 0
<i>Miller</i>	1 0 0	1 0 0
<i>Jackson</i>	0 0 0	0 1 0
<i>Bondy</i>	0 1 0	0 1 0
<i>Queens</i>	0 1 0	0 1 0

Game Scores

Miller 32, Queens 6
Thompson 20, Bondy 6

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Through Sept. 24 games

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

Game Scores

San Jacinto 40, Park View 0
Southmore 13, Beverly Hills 6
South Houston 38, Jackson 7

Zone B	W L T	W L T
<i>Thompson</i>	1 0 0	2 0 0
<i>Miller</i>	1 0 0	2 0 0
<i>Bondy</i>	0 0 0	1 1 0
<i>Jackson</i>	0 0 0	0 2 0
<i>Queens</i>	0 1 0	0 2 0

Game Scores

Miller 28, Queens 6
Thompson 18, Bondy 14

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

Game Scores

Park View 13, San Jacinto 0
Beverly Hills 27, Southmore 7
South Houston 8, Jackson 6

Zone B	W L T	W L T
<i>Thompson</i>	1 0 0	1 0 0
<i>Miller</i>	1 0 0	1 0 0
<i>Jackson</i>	0 0 0	0 1 0
<i>Bondy</i>	0 1 0	0 1 0
<i>Queens</i>	0 1 0	0 1 0

Game Scores

Miller 20, Queens 0
Thompson 28, Bondy 0

Defending champs hand Brook football huge loss

Courtesy of defending district champion Clear Creek, the Clear Brook Wolverines are still winless so far in the varsity football season.

The Wildcats, making the right calls seemingly at every turn, scored an easy 67-21 victory over the Wolverines Sept. 26 at Veterans Memorial Sta-

dium in League City.

Clear Brook quarterback D'Andre Jackson delivered a spark to open the game, going 70 yards for a touchdown on the game's second play.

From there, Clear Creek scored 27 straight points to lead 27-7.

Consecutive touchdowns by the Wolverines

made the score 27-21 late in the second quarter.

However, Creek scored for a 34-21 lead just before halftime and went on to post 40 unanswered points in the game.

Clear Creek starting quarterback Chase Hil-dreth was on a roll from start to finish, completing 18 of his 23 throws, in-

cluding five touchdowns.

The Wolverines were far from one dimensional, getting scores from three different players, but the Wildcats were able to keep the scoreboard on the move.

With Jackson going for 152 yards on the ground, Clear Brook produced more than 400 yards of of-

fense, yet losing two fumbles along the way did not help.

Things unfortunately won't get any easier for the Wolverines.

Dickinson, undefeated this season while outscoring four opponents by a combined 167-20 count, faces host Brook Saturday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m.

SJC duo earns Region XIV volleyball honors



Sophomore middle blocker Hannah McRee (above) and freshman setter Hannah Baker, earned National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIV volleyball Player of the Week honors for the week of Sept. 14-21, 2014. McRee, a transfer from Arkansas State University, played in 27 sets, posting 48 kills with a .284 hitting percentage. She also had 25 blocks and 17 digs, as San Jac went 2-4 on the week. Baker of Bellville High School recorded 150 assists in 27 sets, with three kills and 47 digs. "Hannah McRee had a phenomenal blocking weekend against ranked opponents, and Hannah Baker set a fast and consistent offense, stepping up and leading like she

had been captain all season," said 13th-year head coach Sharon Nelson. "Their solid play helped us build our lineup as we went through changes this weekend due to illness and injury. I am very proud of the entire team for stepping up in adversity." Twelfth-ranked San Jacinto College (12-8, 2-0) posted wins against conference foe Lee College (3-2), and against Polk State College at the Miami Dade College tournament in Miami, Fla. Losses came to No. 13 Miami Dade College (2-3), No. 6 Daytona State College (1-3) and eighth-ranked College of Central Florida (1-3). For a complete schedule, and more information about San Jac athletics, visit sanjac.sports.com.

San Jacinto College sets women's hoops slate

The 2014-2015 San Jacinto College women's basketball schedule features 14 home games at Nichols Gymnasium on the North campus.

This year's schedule includes the San Jac Classic on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, when San Jacinto College will welcome Cisco College, Southwest Christian College, LSU-Eunice and defending national champion Trinity Valley Community College.

On Saturday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will also be a free coaches clinic.

Coaches who are interested in attending are asked to send an email to Brenita Jackson at brenita.williams@sjcd.edu.

The SJC roster includes eight freshmen, five returning players, and three transfers. All games are free and open to the public.

Nichols Gymnasium is located at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.



San Jacinto College head coach Brenita Jackson

San Jacinto College

2014-2015 home games

Date	Opponent	Time
<i>Oct. 31-Nov. 1</i>	<i>San Jacinto Classic</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Nov. 4</i>	<i>McLennan C.C.</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Dec. 3</i>	<i>Trinity Valley</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Dec. 10</i>	<i>Blinn College</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Dec. 13</i>	<i>Tyler J.C.</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Jan. 10</i>	<i>Paris J.C.</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Jan. 17</i>	<i>Coastal Bend C.C.</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Jan. 31</i>	<i>Panola College</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Feb. 11</i>	<i>Jacksonville College</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Feb. 18</i>	<i>Bossier Parish C.C.</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Feb. 21</i>	<i>Kilgore College</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Feb. 28</i>	<i>Angelina College</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

7 a.m.

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

Noon

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

6:30 p.m.

Diabetes Support Group – A support group for young adults with diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month at 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-922-9677 for more information.

7 p.m.

Al-Anon (English Speaking) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alateen – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 212. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

The Bay Area Writers League – Meets the first Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble at Bay Area Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway. Newcomers are welcome.

8:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

7 a.m.

AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through

Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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.

6 p.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. in Room 215 at the First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

8 p.m.

Bay Area Harbour Playhouse – presents *Greater Tuna* which runs Oct. 3 through Oct. 26. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances are at 2:30 p.m. Director Bennie Nipper says, "This cast gets more laughs as they provide a glimpse into life in a small West Texas town. You have to like each one of these Texans and you might see yourself in one of them!" The play centers around Radio OKKK and its two eccentric radio announcers, played by veteran actors Bill Jones and Sean Chapman. Nick Zupon, a newcomer to the stage, plays seven roles. Kendall Chapman, Irene Tompkins, Nyah Taylor, Coleen Reyes, and Mary Peterson play the other 11. The theater is located at 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Call 281-337-7469 for reservations. Ticket discounts are available for seniors, students and military.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill" each Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

11 a.m.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For persons whose lives are affected by someone who is addicted.

Each Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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.

7:30 p.m.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting – Saturdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Open discussion. Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery PARC, 2245 N. Main St., Suite 2, Pearland 77581. (Located on Hwy 35, just north of Broadway). The group's primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive overeating and to carry the message of recovery to those who still suffer. Call 713-865-1611 for information, or just drop in.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

11 a.m.

First Christian Church of Pasadena (Disciples of Christ) has an innovative worship service Sundays 11a.m., Sept. 7 through Nov. 23. This service will combine contemporary and traditional worship with an interactive message and experiential prayers. All are welcome to join and participate

in this worship experience! 4848 Preston (between Beltway 8 and Crenshaw). Call 281-991-4585 for more information.

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.

2:30 p.m.

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5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program meets every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston at 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for more information or to RSVP for child care.

6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – For persons who are trying to overcome drug addiction. Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

7 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Candlelight Meeting Sunday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
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, OCTOBER 6
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.
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His
Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter
through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for
information, or just drop in.
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P
Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church.
Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.
2 p.m.
Genealogy Group – The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets
from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the
Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to
attend.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 – Meets every Monday at IHOP at 11222 Fuqua
at 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-
488-2923 for more information.
6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles – Group for ages 55 and up meets on the
first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Webster
Presbyterian Church, 201 W NASA Parkway in Webster. There are
many other activities throughout the month. For further information, call
Bambi at 281-795-4514 or Mary at 281-337-2589.
7 p.m.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group – The grief support
group "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday at Kindred
Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster.
Time is 7 - 8:15 p.m. in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has
lost a loved one is welcome to attend. The meetings are free. For
information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at
281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday at 7
a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont
Parkway, in the Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787 for
information, or just drop in.
11:30 a.m.
Local NARFE Meeting – The National Association of Retired Federal
Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday of each month in the
Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Parkway. A meal will
be available for \$6. For more information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-
333-2881.
Noon
Rotary Club of Pearland – Meets weekly on Tuesdays, noon to 1
p.m. at the Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pear-
land. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For more
information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com.
1 p.m.
Trailmixers – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Luby's
Cafeteria on Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie
High School are welcome for lunch and conversation.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum – Exhibits include dioramas,
an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Monday
through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 204 S. Main. For informa-
tion, call 713-472-0565.
1:30 p.m.
Ballroom Dance Practice – held every Tuesday afternoon at Home-
town Heroes Park in League City. Come and enjoy free ballroom
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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – TOPS #1530 meets at the
Sageport Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 1:30 p.m.
For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy
from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation
Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a
complete list of services offered.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) – Provides
support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. in Room 215 at the First United
Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-
8787, or just drop in.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Quilt Guild – Meets the first Tuesday of each month at
Mount Olive Lutheran Church located at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd, Hous-
ton. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting and pro-
gram begin at 7 p.m. October's guest speaker is the renowned quilter
Cynthia Regone and her program is *Scrap Quilts - Too Much Is Never
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8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held
Tuesday and Sunday from 8:30 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, OCTOBER 8
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday at 7
a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont
Parkway, in the Cornell Conference Room. 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 Pineloch in
Houston on the second Wednesday of every month. For more infor-
mation 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 for a complete list of services offered.
6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) – Provides sup-
port for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday
and Friday at 6 p.m. in Room 215 at the First United Methodist Church,
Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
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. BATP is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between
Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-
266-2525.
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
or visit www.bayareanewdemocrats.org.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday at 7
a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont
Parkway, in the Cornell Conference Room. 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 Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in
Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For
more information, call 281-910-1971.
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 mlynnnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the
Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.
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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 for a complete list of ser-
vices offered.
5 p.m.
Master Composter Program – Houston Area Debut Program for Mas-
ter Composters (MC) presented by the City of Houston Public Works
and Engineering Code Enforcement runs Oct. 9 through Oct. 12. Thurs-
day and Friday sessions are 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.;
and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a light meal provided each day. MC
training courses utilize reference texts and curriculum provided by its
community coordinator, the City of Houston Green Building Resource
Center, instructed by Steve Stelzer, program director. Certified Yard-
Wise Master Composters (MC) complete a 20-hour approved training
course and 20 hours of volunteer community service in public compost
education and awareness (within six months of course completion).
MC training courses provide a minimum of 16 hours of classroom time,
supplemented with 4 hours of hands-on training including a field trip,
assigned reading with follow-up presentation, meeting with local gov-
ernment officials, and discussion of fresh soil samples. Eight guest
speakers will provide the majority of the instruction to attendees. Cost
is \$40, payable by check to the City of Houston, at the first class. Class
is limited to 20 attendees. Green Building Resource Center, 1002
Washington Ave. For more information, including itinerary, visit <http://www.greenhoustontx.gov/gbrceducation-2014oct.pdf>. To register, call
Steve Stelzer at 832-394-9050 or email steve.stelzer@houstontx.gov.
7 p.m.
Al-Anon (English Speaking) – Provides support for family and
friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United
Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215.
Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
Alateen – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family
members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United
Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 212.
Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held
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Lady Bear 7s take second at Clute Cougar Classic



Beverly Hills Intermediate's seventh-grade volleyball squad reached the championship match at the Clute Cougar Classic in Clute before bringing home the runner-up trophy. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Cassandra Hernandez, Bianca Cruz, Jessica Ibe, (back row) Kiareliz Ramos, Breanna

Boutte, Italy Bossett, Raylene Martinez, coach Jodie Douglas, Madison Garrett and Nayelie Soler. The mix was made up of a combination of players from the Light and Dark teams. Beverly Hills' eighth-grade squad played in the same tournament, in a different division, but did not place.

Dobie to take on Dawson – 22-6A lead at stake

And then there were two. Unless something drastic happens, either Dobie or Dawson is going to win the District 22-6A varsity team tennis championship.

And it all will likely be decided when the Longhorns host the Eagles Friday, Oct. 3, at the Longhorn courts. Matches should start around 2:30 p.m. due to early dismissal in the Pasadena ISD.

Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. would love to see some Longhorns fans out in support, despite the early dismissal.

Whether or not that happens, he understands the task at hand...just win.

It's essentially a matchup of unknowns. Dawson is a former Class 4A program that only this school year ascended to the Class 6A ranks.

As in the other fall sports to this point, the Eagles have made a very successful transition to the big time. Both Dobie and Dawson will enter the big matchup with undefeated records within the league.

As for common opponents, it's still difficult to know what Dawson will offer.

For instance, Dobie defeated defending 22-5A champion Pearland 15-4. Dawson, meanwhile, got past Pearland by just an 11-8 count but also had to play without No. 1 boys' singles player and United States Tennis Association ranked player Kevin Zhu.

"It's one of those situations where you just don't know," Moreno said. "I've heard their girls' lineup is

talented and fairly balanced from one through six. The boys have Zhu at the top and some other tough players, so we'll just have to see."

Dobie defeated Pearland largely by winning six of the seven doubles matches to get a head start.

As for Dawson, the Eagles swept the boys' singles against Pearland, and the Dawson girls won four of the six singles.

It would seem the Longhorns will have an advantage in the doubles, but that's still difficult to confirm.

"We basically hang our hats on jumping ahead in the doubles," Moreno said. "That's been our M.O. for a lot of years. It just makes it much easier to get to 10 wins when you can get five or six in the doubles."

"It'll be a big advantage if we can do that against

Dawson. I expect it to be a tight match."

Dobie and Dawson have reached this point by handling their respective business in the other matches. Dawson won three straight 19-0 matches before its Pearland win, and the

Longhorns have now won three straight by the same tally.

"It always seems to come down to the last few matches, and I see that being the case again," Moreno said. "I want the kids to have fun and get a win."



Getting a win in the lower part of the boys' singles draw could be big for Dobie and Richard Nguyen as the Longhorns look to hand Dawson a loss in District 22-6A action.



Dobie's Hai Ho (left) and Lada Heng will play big roles against the Dawson Eagles in a big District 22-6A showdown Oct. 3, at Dobie. Heng is the team's No. 1 girls' singles player, with Ho at No. 2. The pair also combine to play No. 1 girls' doubles for the Lady Longhorns.

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