

#### Operation Kidsafe event set

Operation Kidsafe Safety and Wellness Day, hosted by Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the fire station, 10510 Scarsdale Blvd. The event will include wellness booths, free digital fingerprint and photo safety program for children, and much more. Don't miss this opportunity to get a Free Child Safety Kit, including digital fingerprints and photograph. Operation Kidsafe Safety Cards will be printed onsite for parents. No database or records of children are maintained. The only record of the visit will go home with the parent. All children 1 year and older and special needs adults are encouraged to attend. Chick-fil-A will be giving free sandwich cards. Steve Sipes, State Farm agent, has been the organizer and underwriter for the program. For more information, call 832-619-1397.

#### Moore seeks vendors

Moore Elementary is currently seeking vendors for Friday, Oct. 23, to display goods during the annual Hawk Fest. Interested parties should contact Silvia Luna at 713-740-0656 or email [SiLuna@Pasadenaisd.org](mailto:SiLuna@Pasadenaisd.org).

#### DHS homecoming dance set

The Dobie homecoming dance will be held in the Dobie cafeteria on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets will go on sale Monday, Oct. 5, through Friday, Oct. 9, at lunch for \$15. No tickets will be sold at the door. Pick up paperwork for outside the school guest in the front office starting Oct. 1.

#### DHS Orchestra concert set

The Dobie Orchestra will hold its Honor Orchestra Recording Concert on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

#### Jewelry sale at hospital

The Memorial Hermann Southeast Volunteer Auxiliary will hold its Masquerade \$5 Jewelry and Accessories Sale on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 8 and Oct. 9, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Everest Room (fourth floor) at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. All proceeds will benefit the auxiliary.

#### Stuchbery collects box tops

Stuchbery Elementary is having a box top contest through Oct. 16. Box Tops for Education labels are on participating boxed products. The school's Box Tops coordinator will collect all the box tops and send them in for cash for the school.

If students collect 10,000 of the box tops, Assistant Principal Kris Wallis will dress up as Kid Kindness for the day, and if they collect 11,000 Principal Carolyn Waller will dress up as Captain Courageous for the day. The home-room in each grade level that collects the most box tops will also win an ice cream party.

#### JFD seeks nominations

J. Frank Dobie High School is accepting nominations for the 2016 Hall of Honor through Oct. 16. Individuals may be nominated in the following categories: alumni, community volunteer, faculty/staff/administrator, and fallen hero. Nominations can be submitted online at [dobie.pasadenaisd.org/campus\\_information/hall\\_of\\_honor](http://dobie.pasadenaisd.org/campus_information/hall_of_honor). Forms are also available at the high school in the front office. The event will take place Feb. 26.

#### College clinic at St. Lukes

Attention students who plan to go to college next fall. St. Luke's Young Adults will host their annual college clinic for high school juniors and seniors on Saturday, Oct. 17, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Cenacle, 1750 Riverstone Ranch Drive. This is a free event with lunch, door prizes and presentations on applying for scholarships, financial aid, vocations, essay editing and college tips. RSVP to Jennifer.Naaden@stlukesatholic.com.

#### Community garage sale set

Riverstone Ranch will hold its annual community garage sale Saturday, Oct. 17, and Sunday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (See ad Page 4B.) All Riverstone residents who want to participate will hold a garage sale at their home.

A great way to get organized and make money is to participate in the community garage sale! Your unused items could be someone else's treasure.

Garage sales are allowed in the community only twice a year on dates specified by the HOA generally in the spring and fall.

#### Highland Meadow meets

The monthly meeting of the Highland Meadow HOA will be held Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Homeowners are encouraged to attend as the 2016 budget is being prepared.

Questions prior to the meeting may be directed to Deniece Reyes with C.I.A. Services Inc. She may be reached at 713-981-9000 or at [customer@ciaservices.com](mailto:customer@ciaservices.com)

## South Houston to unveil Hall of History

By James Bolen

Emotions ran deep Thursday, Oct. 1, when the newly constructed Hall of History at South Houston High School was unveiled to its primary donor, alumnus and star athlete Bob Allen.

A 1965 graduate, Allen was the first All-State football player from the area school. Following graduation, Allen was offered 16 scholarships, ultimately choosing to play at Texas Tech University, where he would make All-American. Allen went on to play professionally for the Philadelphia Eagles before opening several successful businesses, primarily in the concrete industry.

"I come back here to give back," Allen said. "And that's what I want to do to these young people here. I want to give back what I got out of it."

Two years in the making, the Hall of History is an 800 square-foot museum located on campus that preserves the school's past, from its opening

in 1957 through 2010.

"The Hall of History is the final phase of our heritage preservation project here at South Houston," said Pasadena Independent School District alumni coordinator and 1970 South Houston graduate Al Carter, who spearheaded the effort. "Our first goal was to honor our most esteemed graduates in the Hall of Honor and then do the same for our most esteemed teachers. The task then was to present the story of South Houston in a very visual form. This is our Smithsonian."

The hall is designed in a timeline format that allows visitors to view it in chronological order. A banner across the top of the museum shows historical and cultural milestones, as they correspond with local events and school activities depicted below.

More than 500 items are on display, most of which were donated by alumni. Display items include class rings, sports memorabilia, letter

jackets, cheer outfits and an assortment of classic eight-track tapes, 45-RPM records and concert tickets. A flat-screen TV positioned in the corner showed video clips of Allen's glory days on the football field.

The museum also features three computer research stations, where visitors can further research the school's history in a digital format. A complete set of Palladium yearbooks and hundreds of student newspapers are also available to view and scan.

"It's more than just a place to come and see some eye candy from the past; it's also a research center," Carter said. "We've had a lot of people come in already who said 'I can only stay a few minutes,' and they end up staying an hour. You could easily do that."

It cost roughly \$35,000 to transform a former work room into the new facility. In addition to Allen's generous donation, the remaining \$22,000 was raised entirely by alumni, with more than 240 former students donating to the cause.

While the museum walls might bear his name, Allen credits Carter for the hall's construction.

"It may have my name on the wall, but it's this gentleman standing to my left (Carter) who

did this," Allen said. "That's who you should be clapping for."

South Houston Principal Steve Fullen is hopeful the hall will serve as an inspiration for current and future students.

"The Hall of History is already a great source of pride for our students and faculty," Fullen said. "This is the place where our school's past meets its future. This is where our heritage is preserved, where our legacy for preparing students for success can be fully demonstrated."

Carter said the museum may be expanded at a later date to include classes beyond 2010, adding that other PISD campuses may follow suit and build similar museums to celebrate their own histories, with Pasadena High School being the first.

The Hall of History will be officially unveiled Friday, Oct. 16, as part of the school's 57th homecoming celebration. A VIP ribbon-cutting will take place at 9:15 a.m., to be followed by a public unveiling at 10:30 a.m. Other events taking place that day include a noon reception for new Hall of Honor inductees and the school's homecoming game against the Pasadena Eagles later that night.



### Allen views museum

Al Carter, PISD alumni coordinator and 1970 South Houston graduate, (right) is shown to the left giving a tour of South Houston High School's new Hall of History to Bob Allen, the school's first All-State football and primary donor to the new facility. A 1965 graduate, Allen went on to play for the Texas Tech Red Raiders and the Philadelphia Eagles before becoming a successful businessman. The Hall of History will be officially unveiled to the public at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, as part of the school's 57th homecoming celebration.

Photo by James Bolen

## Evening of Cuisine approaches

South Belt residents are urged to save their appetites for the 18th annual Evening of Cuisine, set to take place Thursday, Oct. 15, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 6 to 9 p.m. (Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for VIPs.)

Sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, the all-you-can-eat event allows attendees to sample food from a wide variety of local vendors. Free drinks are also provided with ticket purchase.

Confirmed food vendors include Savannah Café & Bakery, Barcenas Mexican Restaurant, Rice and Pho, Randy's BBQ, The Egg & I, San Jacinto College Culinary Department, Chick-fil-A Pearland, Celeste's Cakes N More Silver Eagle Distributors, Andy's Hawg Wild Bar B Que, H-E-B Blackhawk, Papagayos Mexican Cantina, Time Out Sports Bar, Las Haciendas Mexican Bar & Grill, Sicily Pizza and Southern Komfort Kitchen.

The event will also feature live and silent auctions, as well as door prizes.

Auction items include a one-week Hawaiian vacation (donated by Chuck and Donna Tylka), a one-hour hot air balloon ride complete with champagne (donated by Meador Staffing), a stargazing party and dinner for 10 at San Jacinto College, a chance to name two area streets, a ride on a ship simulator at San Jacinto College, 10 Houston Astros tickets (two sets), a grill with steaks, a bicycle, wine baskets and a Christmas basket.

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.

For more information, call chamber Executive Director Sherry Trainer at 281-481-5516.

## Overtaken RV causes traffic delay

A stretch of South Belt road already known for its bad rush hour traffic was affected even more Wednesday, Sept. 30, when a recreational vehicle overturned, causing extensive delays.

The accident took place around 2 p.m. on the southbound lanes of the Gulf Freeway at Dixie Farm Road. All lanes were blocked as a result.

Drivers on the freeway were forced to park their vehicles for several hours. Many got out of their cars and chatted with other drivers to kill the time.

The accident also caused extensive traffic delays on other area thoroughfares, as drivers were attempting to go around the crash. Affected streets included Beltway 8, Beamer, Sabo, Genoa Red Bluff, Highway 3 and Highway 35. The northbound lanes of the Gulf Freeway were also affected, as many drivers slowed to view the accident.

The crash was finally cleared around 6:45 p.m.

No injuries were reported.

## Wings Over Houston takes flight

The annual Wings Over Houston Airshow is set to take place Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18, at Ellington Airport.

Now in its 31st year, the event is one of the largest of its kind in the nation.

After a five-year hiatus, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will once again be the featured performance. Also headlining the event is Europe's Breitling Jet Team, the world's largest professional civilian flight team that performs in seven L-39C Albatros jet aircraft, on its first U.S. tour.

Other performances include the VFA-122 Super Hornet Demonstration Team, the Tora! Tora! Tora! Pearl Harbor re-enactment, David Martin, Kevin Coleman, the WW II Airpower Demo, U.S. Coast Guard Helicopter Dolphin MH65D, Debbie Rihn-Harvey, Rob Reider and Ralph Royce.

Other highlights include static displays of vintage and modern military aircraft, as well as numerous exhibits and activities, including Heroes and Legends Tent, NASA Driven to Explore Exhibit, Commemorative Air Force Hangar 57, Experimental Aircraft Association, National USA Forces Museum, The 6th Cavalry Historical Association, Kid's Carnival, motion simulator rides and more.

Visit the airshow's website, [www.wingsoverhouston.com](http://www.wingsoverhouston.com), for show updates and to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 888-4-FLYSHOW. Purchase early for best pricing as ticket prices go up as the event nears and to secure reserved seating. Tickets can be purchased at the gate on show days, but premium reserved seats sell out early. General admission tickets are also available at area Kroger stores.

## Early voting to begin Oct. 19

Early voting for the Nov. 3 general election will begin Monday, Oct. 19, and continue through Friday, Oct. 30.

City of Houston, Harris County and State of Texas items will all appear on the ballot.

In addition to the mayoral race, Houston voters will decide who will fill several City Council seats, as well as the position of city controller.

While both City Council members who represent the South Belt community are running unopposed, local voters will still be able to vote for several at-large positions.

Houston voters will also weigh in on two propositions.

Proposition 1 is the controversial Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO), which aims to ban discrimination based on sex, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, religion, disability, pregnancy and genetic information, as well as family, marital or military status.

Proposition 2 involves a proposed amendment to the City Charter, which, if passed, would reduce the number of terms of elective offices to no more than two terms in the same office and limit the length for all terms of elective office to four years.

Four separate bond votes will be on the Harris County ballot.

Proposition 1 relates to the issuance of \$700 million in road improvement bonds, \$60 million of which will be for subdivision street replacement.

Proposition 2 involves the issuance of \$60 million in bonds for county parks.

Proposition 3 seeks the issuance of \$24 million of bonds for a new animal shelter and adoption center.

Proposition 4 relates to the issuance of \$64 million in bonds for the Harris County Flood Control District.

Seven proposed amendments to the Texas state constitution will appear on the ballot.

Proposition 1 reads: "The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, autho-

rizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property."

Proposition 2 reads: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect."

Proposition 3 reads: "The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital."

Proposition 4 reads: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles."

Proposition 5 reads: "The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance."

Proposition 6 reads: "The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation."

Proposition 7 reads: "The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt."

Also appearing on the ballot is a \$425 million bond proposal for San Jacinto College. If approved, the funds would provide workforce training, make renovations and improve infrastructure.

Proposed projects include state-of-the-art facilities to train students and workers in the petrochemical, energy, engineering, computers, and technology sectors; a new welcome center providing a "one-stop shop" for student support services such as admission, financial aid and counseling; new culinary and cosmetology facilities; and additional classroom facilities across the

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## Dobie homecoming court named



Dobie's 2015 homecoming court was recently named. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Macalyn Castro-Cardenas, Nyeema Aponte, Raegan Saxton, Alaina Sitka, (back row) Tyler Giron, Jaylon Bolden, Dedrick Simpson and Rigoberto Fuentes. The king and queen will be crowned at the homecoming game Friday, Oct. 9, as the Longhorns take on the South Houston Trojans.

Photo submitted

# In My Opinion

## Postal problems plaguing patrons

It appears that there is another problem with mail service. One day last week I had mail from four of my neighbors delivered to my home.

Those four do not even live on the same street. I live on Sagegate and they live on Sagelink.

Yesterday I had mail for my next door neighbor left in my box.

Today a neighbor brought us some mail left at their house that was for my house. What can we do about this?

Complaining to the postal service does not do any good. I could be an isolated case but than again I may be one of many.

**Donald Watson**

## Lela advises reality check on orientation

The movement to add "sexual orientation" and "gender identification" to the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance simply cannot be logically justified. Contrary to "politically correct" propaganda, it is pretty obvious that male minds in female bodies, female minds in male bodies, and homosexual minds in heterosexual bodies, are all sure signs that something went wrong somewhere (in nature and/or nurture), are all clearly mind/body mismatches--in other words, are all disor-

ders (a commonsense position taken by the American Psychiatric Association for years before it became infected with political correctness).

And what is the rational thing to do with physical and psychological disorders? We try to fix them, if possible. But even if we can't fix certain disorders (e.g., we may not have enough knowledge yet) rational people do not deny reality and maintain they are not disorders, which is exactly what pro-homosexual and pro-transgender people are doing. The whole movement to normalize the abnormal, to define deviancy down, is a real threat to the psychological well-being of our nation.

You may not be aware, but some colleges like Harvard now fund student groups devoted to promoting the acceptance of BDSM--bondage, discipline, sadism, and masochism. That's right. If you are a, for example, psychologically disturbed student who gets sexual thrills from hurting people, some colleges like Harvard now have groups for you! That's the slippery slope the "logic" of the politically correct is taking us down.

Reality check for the left: normalizing sickness does not make a society less sick, and normalizing disorders does not make a society less disordered. The movement to add "sexual orientation" and "gender identification" to the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance is misguided, irrational. It should be opposed.

**Wayne Lela**

## San Jac trustees lowers tax rate

The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees approved the 2015 ad valorem property tax rates for the College District during its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Oct. 5, 2015.

The rate approved by the Board is 17.5783 cents per \$100 valuation of taxable property located within the San Jacinto Community College District. This rate is nearly one cent lower than the rate that was adopted in each of the last three years.

The tax rate is comprised of an assessment for maintenance and operations (12.9194 cents) and a separate assessment for principal and interest due (4.6589 cents) during the coming year on outstanding general obligation bonds. The proposed debt service rate of 4.6589 cents is lower than last year's rate of 5.8557 cents, due to the increase in certified values as compared to last year.

Based on certified proper-

ty tax values for 2015 from the Harris County Appraisal District's (HCAD) on Aug. 28, 2015, the adopted operating rate is expected to result in current year tax collections of \$58.02 million for maintenance and operations, which represents approximately 36.7 percent of the College's unrestricted operating budget. San Jacinto College, like all Texas community colleges, is funded based on three major revenue sources: taxes, state appropriations, and tuition and fees.

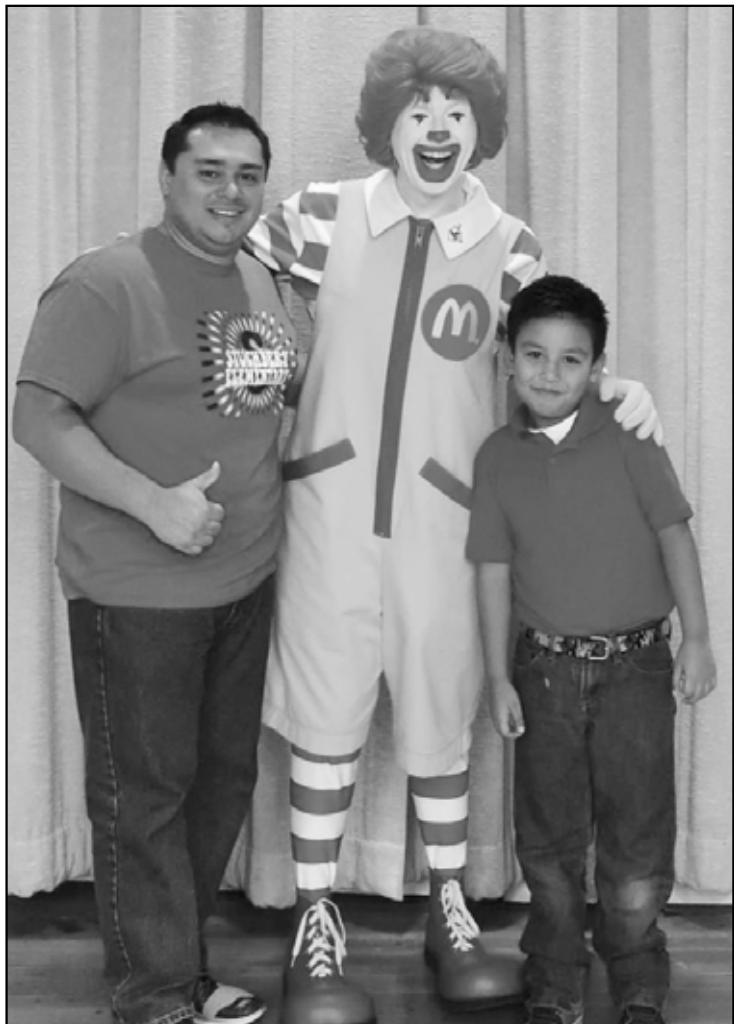
The total taxes imposed on a residence homestead at the current year's average appraised value of \$118,805 (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) at the proposed rate will be \$200.05. In 2014, the average homestead appraised value was \$109,265, and the 2014 property taxes on that value were \$193.52. A taxpayer owning a homestead

residence and claiming the over 65 or older or disabled exemption would incur no taxes (\$0.00) to San Jacinto College on a residence taxed at the current year's average market value.

"The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees remains committed to providing an affordable and quality education for residents and taxpayers in our community," said Dan Mims, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Chairman. "As taxpayers ourselves, we are careful about the impact that each decision we make has on our students and community. The value of a certificate or associate degree is real and tangible, leading to higher earning potential, and we are committed to helping students take their education to the next level."

For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150, visit sanjac.edu, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

## Ronald McDonald at Stuchbery



Ronald McDonald recently visited Stuchbery Elementary for a student presentation on bullying. Pictured are, left to right, Johnny Tsikis, Ronald McDonald and Raul Gutierrez. Photo submitted

## Jessup holds festival Oct. 23

On Friday, Oct. 23, from 5 to 8 p.m., Jessup Elementary will host its annual fall festival. Everyone is invited.

All proceeds will go toward Jessup Elementary activities funding for field trips and other student events. Anyone interested in having a booth should contact Val Noland, school counselor and parent coordinator, at 713-740-0616.

## Lions Club meeting set

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway.

For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

## AARP 199 meets Oct. 16

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet Friday, Oct. 16, at 10 a.m. at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Every month, the group has different speakers to discuss various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch.

The speaker for Friday, October 16, will be Eva Williams on Medicare Options for 2016. Williams spoke to the AARP chapter last year and was asked to speak again this year. The Medicare open enrollment period is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, 2015, for the 2016 year.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on Wednesday, Jan. 6, to the Cockrell Butterfly Center at the Houston Museum of Natural Science and the Life Flight Command Center at the Houston Medical Center with lunch at Luby's Cafeteria or Fuddrucker's.

For those who are interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter.

For more information, contact Quin Sheppard at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

## Care Partners meet Oct. 16

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. (near Alameda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game.

Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend. All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program.

The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, Oct. 16. For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

## TRIAD meets Oct. 19

The next TRIAD meeting is set for Monday, Oct. 19, at 10:30 a.m. at Madison Jobe Senior Citizens Center in Pasadena. The speaker will be Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor of San Jacinto College South. Two DVD short films from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service will be shown. Learn how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, and elder abuse.

Free refreshments will be provided by Paramount Senior Care Centers of Pasadena and Parsons House Assisted Living Facility in La Porte. Important handouts will also be distributed. For more information, call 713-477-0175.

## Tax-Aide volunteers sought

Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, Houston-area AARP Tax-Aide volunteers help about 50,000 low-income taxpayers and those who are age 60 and over. For the 2016 tax season, volunteers are needed now for two weekly four-hour shifts as a Tax-Aide tax counselor, greeter, technology coordinator or administrator. Training will be provided in January at local Clear Lake-area churches. Speakers of Spanish and English are especially needed. Learn more and sign up at www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8 (English only).

## Local library events set

### Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Thursday, Oct. 8 at 3 p.m. will be box craft. There will be fabric, paper, and paint. Some extra boxes may be available, but participants may bring their own. The boxes will be changed into colorful storage containers, gift boxes, or decorative items to display. Recommended for adults, teens, and children 10 years and older.

Thursday, Oct. 8 at 4:30 p.m. is computer kids, a program to help give children some exposure to using computer programs they will encounter throughout their school years. Friday, Oct. 9, at 4 p.m. is CyberPatriot Final Sign-Up. CyberPatriot is the leading nationwide cybersecurity education and competition hosted by Northrop Grumman and the Air Force Association. Learn about the exciting opportunity to join and compete with teams all across the U.S. for national recognition and scholarships.

Saturday, Oct. 10, at 11 a.m. is Gulf Coast Reads Event. Galveston's 1900 Storm presented by Linda MacDonald is the event. Fourth generation Galvestonian MacDonald tells the stories that her grandfather and others told her about the 1900 storm. McDonald has spoken to audiences on PBS shows, the History and Weather Channel, and to many groups and gives a very visual and emotional description of this devastating storm. Followed by a discussion of *The Promise* by Ann Weisgarber, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Thursday, Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Vietnamese Storytime. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on these programs, phone the library at 281-484-2036

### Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for October at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint Road.

Every Tuesday 10:30 a.m.: Family Storytime, followed by a Storytime-themed Craft and Playtime at 11 a.m.

Every Wednesday 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Storytime, followed by Toddler Playtime at 11 a.m. 2 pm: Computer Basics 3:15 p.m.: Internet Basics 4:30 p.m.: Intro to MS PowerPoint For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

# Deaths

## Barbara Trncak



The Steve Trncak family announces the death of their wife, mother, and sister, Barbara, on Oct. 4, 2015, following a 10-year battle with cancer. She had a zest for life, and a vibrant smile. Those who knew her were moved by her positive outlook. She was deeply interested, genuinely cared and was enriched by other's lives and families.

Barbara's foundation was anchored in family, friends, her church family of 30 years, and serving as a SWA flight attendant for 38 years.

Barbara had a true passion for spending time with her family, cooking, traveling, and sunsets in the Hill Country.

Her family and friends will deeply miss her kindness, her friendship, and her laughter.

Barbara is survived by her husband Stephen, daughter Taylor, son Todd and fiancé Katy, and brothers Robert Johannesen Jr. and Terry Johannesen.

Stephen is the vice chancellor of Human Resources for San Jacinto College. Barbara was preceded in

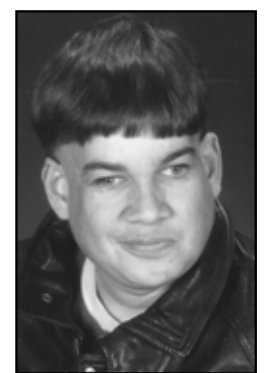
death by her father and mother, Robert F. and Margaret Johannesen of Arlington, Texas.

Celebratory funeral services will be Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, at First Baptist Church, 7500 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. The services will begin with a family visitation from noon to 1 p.m., with the memorial service beginning at 1 p.m., followed by a graveside service at 2 p.m.

Barbara loved flowers as well as her doctors and staff at MD Anderson. Those wishing to may send flowers or donate with the information provided below.

MD Anderson, in memory of Barbara Lynn Trncak [https://gifts.mdanderson.org/mdanderson/main.php/micro\\_sites/showpage?id=28](https://gifts.mdanderson.org/mdanderson/main.php/micro_sites/showpage?id=28)

## Jeffrey Lawrence



Jeffrey "Jeff" Harrison Lawrence, 53, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015. He was a South

Belt resident and is preceded in death by his father, Ronald Lawrence. Lawrence is survived by his mother and caretaker, Iris Lawrence, his sister, Wendy Lawrence of Sitka, Alaska, his niece Shannon Johnson of Bryan, Texas, and nephew Connor Johnson of Anchorage, Alaska. Surviving aunts, uncles, and cousins include: Ken and Willie Meyers, Robert Lauck, Tammy O'Neil, Teresa Schwab, Mike Meyers, Ken Meyers.

Lawrence's life touched many people near and far, despite physical challenges presented at birth. He was an example of triumph over challenges. He had a keen wit and impeccable memory and made it a priority to help others in need. Lawrence was a man of great strength, determination and compassion and will be remembered for his love of his family. His life-legacy has been inspiring others to be more patient and compassionate in their daily lives, and in particular when dealing with special needs individuals.

Lawrence's memorial service will be Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015, at 10 a.m. at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 5515 West Broadway, Pearland, Texas 77581, 281-485-7833, with the Rev. Dr. Jon Salminen officiating. In lieu of flower donations, the family suggests a monetary donation in support of the church body that supported Lawrence and his family. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.claytonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.claytonfuneralhomes.com).

## Leader Obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the Leader are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the Leader style.

## Food drive at St. Luke's

Social Services at St. Luke Catholic Church is preparing for the food drive to serve the needy in the community during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, 2015. Donations of nonperishable food can be brought to the church at 11011 Hall Road before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays in October through Nov. 22. Grocery gift cards are also needed and can be brought to the church office during the week.

The public is urged to pick up an extra food item for needy families while grocery shopping. St. Luke's parish has always come to the aid of those in need.

## Stuchbery collects Box Tops for Education



Stuchbery Elementary students Alyssa Hernandez in Ella Escalona's first-grade class and Erick De La Rosa in Kayla Ogden's fourth-grade class display their first day of collecting for Box Tops for Education during the school's contest that runs through Oct. 16. The homeroom in each grade level that collects the most box tops will win an ice cream party. (See related sidebar item on Page 1A.) Photo submitted

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## Constable officials, sheriff's officers working



The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office teamed up with the Drug Enforcement Administration Saturday, Sept. 26, to take back expired and unneeded prescription and non-prescription medications. The event coincided with the Harris County Sheriff's Office's document shredding event. Shown above at the event are, left to right, HCSO Deputy Louis Urrabazo, Precinct 2 Chief Clerk Kim Bellotte and Precinct 2 Deputy Gary Bonds. Photo submitted

## Meador names Chess Club members



Meador Elementary recently announced its 2015-2016 Chess Club members. Chess Club is a group of third- and fourth-graders who meet twice a week to improve chess skills and gear up for the Pasadena Independent School District Chess exhibitions in November and February. Meador chess members are, left to right, (front row) Dominic Alejandro, Diego Flores, (second row) Mario Lara, Brenden Foxx, Mia Riascos, Amaru Campbell, Arturo Vega, Daniel Esquivel, Mollie O'Rourke, Jayle Hernandez, (third row) Ian Ayala, Anyscia Hagler, Jesus Moreno, Itzel Torres, John Salazar, Arianna Borrego, Kassandra Romero, Alejandro Lopez, Justin Walker, (back row) chess coaches Connie Daumas, Heather Cline and Melisa Hinojosa. Photo submitted

# Studies show college degrees lead to higher earnings

Many well-paying jobs require only a community college credential

Most people realize that university degrees lead to higher earnings, a fact substantiated by a Georgetown University report. But according to a more recent report by CareerCast, there are also 15 well-paying, high-demand jobs available that require only a one-year, or two-year college credential, such as registered nurses, or personal trainers.

San Jacinto College provides training for 11 of the 15 career fields listed in the CareerCast report, which was based on nationwide Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data. The following are those 11 career fields, followed by the annual BLS median salary figures, and then by Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) average annual salary figures for the Gulf Coast region.

- Bookkeeper (Accounting) – \$35,170 (BLS); \$38,615 (TWC)
- Computer Service Technician (Computer Information Technology) – \$48,900 (BLS); \$45,324 (TWC)
- Electrician – \$49,840 (BLS); \$47,065 (TWC)
- Medical Records Technician (Health Information Management) – \$34,160 (BLS); \$40,578 (TWC)
- Multimedia Artist (Graphic Designer) – \$34,160 (BLS); \$43,730 (TWC)
- Paralegal – \$46,990 (BLS); \$59,743 (TWC)
- Personal Trainer – \$31,720 (BLS); \$36,609 (TWC)
- Registered Nurse – \$65,470 (BLS); \$62,400 (TWC)
- Respiratory Therapist – \$55,870 (BLS); \$56,863 (TWC)
- Web Developer – \$35,330 (BLS); \$33,918 (TWC)

\$62,500 (BLS); \$65,592 (TWC)

The Computer Information Technology (CIT) industry is a career field in particular that is currently experiencing high demand due to a retiring workforce. CIT positions offer excellent pay and relatively high job security, according to Tracy Hopper, who earned an associate degree in data processing from San Jacinto College in 1990, and works as application development assistant director for the Harris County District Clerk's office. San Jacinto College CIT students can get valuable hands-on training through an internship program at the Harris County District Clerk's office, and Hopper said the internships sometimes lead to full-time CIT programming positions.

San Jacinto College also provides training in many skilled craft trades that were

not included in the CareerCast list, such as welding, pipefitting, process technology, construction management, and automotive technology. Wages and demand are consistently high for skilled craft workers in the greater Houston area, and many entry-level skilled craft positions require only a one-year occupational or technical certificate, or a two-year associate degree from a community college.

Additionally, San Jacinto College offers academic and technical transfer partnerships with many universities, which enable students to complete the first two years of college at low costs, and then seamlessly transition to baccalaureate and master degree programs.

Dr. Laurel Williamson, San Jacinto College president and deputy chancellor, says it is not surprising that studies show college degrees lead to higher earnings. "College education provides a tremendous return on investment and attending college need not be cost-prohibitive," she commented. "For over 50 years, San Jacinto College has provided quality education and training at low cost to students. Outstanding faculty, small classes, and the supportive staff and environment of San Jacinto College help people of varying backgrounds and experience to

be successful and reach their goals of better careers, or transfer to universities. Our students are successful in the workplace and at the university, and they are productive citizens who give back to their communities."

The success story of San Jacinto College graduate Jim Hodges exemplifies how college education leads to higher earnings. Hodges earned an associate degree in construction management from San Jacinto College in 2005 and now holds the position of vice president of J.V. Driver Industrial Services, where he manages a wide range of industrial construction projects. He says his college training was the key to his rapid career advancement. "I look at education as an accelerator and a steppingstone to greater success and fulfillment," Hodges commented. "My time at San Jacinto College enabled me to gain technical knowledge at a much faster pace. I was able to quickly become proficient in multiple areas of the construction trade, things like scheduling, blueprint reading, handling finances, etc. The college made me more professional and more well-rounded. Not only did I gain valuable technical knowledge of the industry, I also learned valuable leadership skills, as well as time management, social, and communication skills."

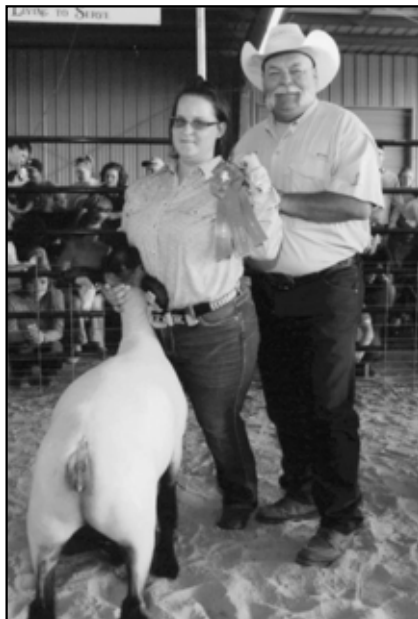
# Local Target donates school supplies



The local Target (store manager Bryan O'Grady) donated much needed school supplies for students at Moore Elementary School. Assistant Store Manager Chansy Diles and store employees Alfredo Garcia and Tony Givens delivered several boxes of supplies to the school. Supplies will be used for any students who need them and as incentives. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) third-graders Cameron Mathews, Cruz Torres, Addyson Guzman, Caitlyn Tran, Julian Ruiz, (back row) Principal Jill Lacamu, Diles, Garcia and Givens. Photo submitted

## Shelley earns ribbons at PLS&R

Dobie sophomore Elizabeth Shelley recently earned ribbons at the Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo. She is the daughter of Charles and Laura Shelley and the granddaughter of C.J. and Lera Leslie and Johnny and Marjorie Shelley.



At right, Shelley's lamb, Spotlight, took fourth place in the medium heavy class. She is shown accepting her ribbon on Sept. 13 from Jack Whitman, president of the rodeo association. Photos submitted



Shelley's steer, Mic Check, placed fifth at the Pasadena Livestock Show on Sept. 15. Doug Watson (right), vice president of the rodeo association, presented her ribbon.

## Bill King renews his call for TIRZ reform, reaffirms opposition to Post Oak bus project

With the Houston City Council prepared to vote on TIRZ budgets, businessman Bill King yesterday reissued his pledge from June 12 to re-evaluate and reform the system of 20 Tax Incremental Reinvestment Zones across the city. Below is King's statement on the issue at the Hobby Center of Public Policy Mayoral Debate at the Wortham Center.

"They're not transparent. They issue debt without the voters approving. But the biggest problem is they exacerbate the disparity between the way we treat neighborhoods in Houston. These (TIRZs) are supposed to be for blighted areas. Well, about half the TIRZ money goes to Memorial, Uptown and Upper Kirby.

Those don't really seem like blighted areas to me. You've got Uptown now wanting to do a transit project and spending \$120 million of property tax money on a transit project which, by the way, nobody in the neighborhood wants. It seems like to me we're trying to justify the continuing existence. So one thing we need to do: TIRZ need to go out of existence at some point. Because the reality is, everybody else in the city is supporting those

TIRZs by letting them keep their own tax money when everybody in the city doesn't get to do that. We've got 9,000 abandoned houses in the city that need to be torn down right now – cost about \$50 million to do that. Neighborhoods are begging for the city to do that. For what Uptown is going to spend on that bus lane, we could tear every abandoned house down two times over."

King added, "Many of the TIRZs do very good work, but Uptown is clearly out of control – and I will absolutely fix that as mayor."

**More background from King's June 12 policy statement**

The city has about 20 TIRZs that receive property tax money. Last year the total property tax revenue diverted to those TIRZs was \$132 million. That is about 15 percent of the total property taxes collected by the city last year.

As of the most recent audits, the TIRZs collectively owe \$458 million. And that number will jump significantly if the Uptown TIRZ goes ahead with the BRT project it has planned for Post Oak.

What is troubling about this debt beyond the sheer amount, is that the TIRZs are effectively encumbering

future tax revenue without a vote of the taxpayers. In most cases, Texas law requires any bonds which rely on property taxes be approved in a bond election.

Also of concern is the overall financial condition of some of the TIRZs. Eight have a negative net worth according to the audits, totaling \$77 million. The Uptown TIRZ makes up nearly half of this deficit.

There is no question that some of the TIRZs have done some great projects in their areas. In many instances, they seem much more capable than the city when it comes to actually getting something done by being able to avoid some of the city hall bureaucratic maze and inertia.

However, several things about this growing reliance on TIRZs are of concern:

- They have increasingly become a tool to avoid the revenue cap that voters imposed on the city in 2004. Property taxes paid to the TIRZ do not count against that revenue cap.
- There is a lack of transparency with respect to the TIRZs finances. I was able to only find one of the TIRZs that posted its annual audit online. There is some summary infor-

mation about the TIRZs in the city's audit, but their finances are not consolidated with the city's. They are truly an "off balance sheet" activity.

- I have found in a number of cases that the neighborhoods around the TIRZs are upset and either oppose their plans or feel they are not prioritizing the right projects. Something is fundamentally wrong when the very neighborhoods the TIRZs are supposed to be serving do not support their work.
- Some TIRZs have strayed from their original purpose. The city's website says that area covered by a TIRZ must be "a menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare in its present condition."
- It goes on to describe such conditions as the presence of "substandard or deteriorating structures, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, conditions that endanger life or property," etc. I find it hard to square this description with neighborhoods like Uptown, Upper Kirby or Memorial which, combined, collect 40 percent of the tax increment and have issued over 40 percent of the total bonds owed by TIRZs.
- TIRZs were not established to foster and fund more development in areas that are already highly developed. They were established to help neighborhoods and business districts that are depressed.
- By allocating property taxes to projects like the Post Oak BRT, we are in essence saying that relieving traffic on Houston's "Rodeo Drive" (if in fact it even accomplishes that) is more important than building sidewalks, fixing our streets, completing drainage projects to relieve flooding or tearing down the abandoned houses in lower-income neighborhoods. That is a proposition I suspect most Houstonians would have a hard time accepting.

## Houston adopts its first ever general plan, Plan Houston

The City of Houston adopted Plan Houston, a tool for more effective governance.

### Networking at UHCL

An Alumni Coffee Table will be held Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Bayou Building, Atrium II, UHCL, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

UH-Clear Lake's Office of Alumni and Community Relations invites the public out to mingle with its graduates and discuss life after graduation, share their ex-

perience at UHCL and network at the Alumni Coffee Table.

Join students, faculty and staff as they enjoy snacks and coffee and speak with UHCL alumni.

For more information, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/alumni> or call the Office of University Advancement at 281-283-2021.

### Annual celebration honors UHCL alumni

University of Houston-Clear Lake Alumni Association, along with University President William A. Staples, invite the community to celebrate the accomplishments of UHCL's distinguished alumni and professors at the 2015 Alumni Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Parkway in Houston.

The university will present the 2015 winners of the Distinguished Alumni,

Marilyn S. Sims Leadership Service and Outstanding Professor Awards during the festivities. Recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award is Anita Fogtman, while Ashish Chandra, professor of healthcare administration, will receive the Outstanding Professor Award.

Those honored with the Early Achievement Award include Marla Davis Chandler, Katherine L. Becker and Kanjana Weerasinghe.

This black-tie optional event is open to the public, and tickets are available for \$65 through the UHCL Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

### San Jac holds dance concert

The San Jacinto College Performing Arts Company will host Artists for Hope, a fundraising dance concert benefiting cancer research and awareness organizations on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center.

Artists for Hope was developed as a way for artists to help in the fight for the cure of cancer.

Houston-based choreographers and professional dance companies will present a variety of dance works featuring various dance styles including modern, contemporary, and ballet. Artwork from San Jacinto College faculty, students, and guest artists will also be shown and sold.

Participating artists include Randall Flinn, Ad Deum Dance Company; Amy Elizabeth, Amed Dance; Lydia Hance, Frame Dance; Fuzion Contemporary Dance; Jane Weiner, Hope Stone; JDF Elite Competitive Dance Company; Annie Arnoult, Open Dance Project; San Jacinto College Performing Arts Company; Beth Gulleddge Brown, Uptown Dance; and Kelly Ann Vitacca, Vitacca Dance Productions.

Tickets are \$17 general admission pre-sale only and can be purchased by visiting: [www.eventbrite.com/e/artists-for-hope-tickets-18422134099](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/artists-for-hope-tickets-18422134099). All proceeds from ticket and artwork sales will be gifted to cancer research and awareness organizations.

and help the city prepare for anticipated growth. This effort will improve coordination between city departments and government agencies and ensure efforts of the city and its partners are as effective as possible. Plan Houston makes the city's operations more proactive, efficient and transparent. The plan can be found online at [planhouston.org/](http://planhouston.org/).

"With the adoption of Plan Houston, we have ushered in a new and more coordinated era of planning," said Mayor Annise Parker. "This plan can be a powerful tool to proactively address challenges we know the city will face in the coming years."

At its core, Plan Houston is a framework for sound

planning and policy making. It provides consensus on broad principles that can guide city efforts. It includes vision and goals for the entire community – generated by Houstonians themselves.

Plan Houston includes 12 core strategies, each with its own set of more specific actions. These actions are the starting point for implementing the plan. They will inform future initiatives to be taken by the city to improve coordination and effectiveness.

The plan also includes supplemental information in the form of performance indicators and an online planning coordination tool. The indicators will track the community's progress toward achieving the vision and goals

and will inform future policy making. The planning coordination tool identifies the planning efforts of many Houston-area agencies on a map. The tool allows the public to better understand and benefit from planning activities in their area.

As part of the plan's im-

plementation, the Planning and Development Department will begin facilitating a process to develop the fiscal year 2017 annual work plan. The annual work plan is a list of policy and planning projects for all departments of the city to pursue in upcoming fiscal years.

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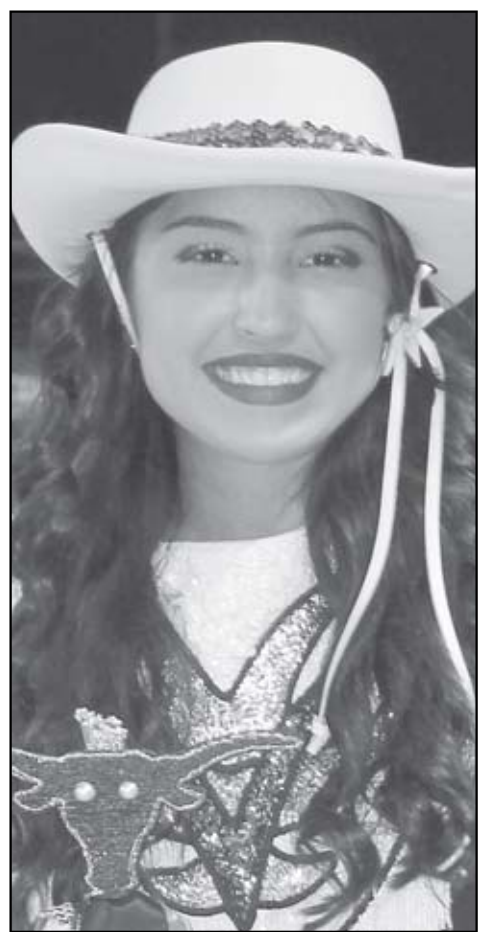
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## Lariaette of the Week



The Dobie High School Lariaette of the Week for Sept. 28 through Oct. 2 is junior Karena Gutierrez. Karena is a two-year line member and the daughter of Emma and Ruben Gutierrez.

## Haydn's Surprise Symphony at UH-Clear Lake Oct. 9

Join the Office of Student Life and Mercury – The Orchestra Redefined as they present Haydn's *Surprise Symphony*, which includes *Symphony No. 94 in G Major, Surprise*, and Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 21, K. 467*, in the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Bayou Theater, UHCL, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The concert will be performed on Friday, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are available online for \$8 or \$10 at the door. For more information, contact Andrew Reitberger, associate director of Student Life at 281-283-2560 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/culturalarts>.

## How to Improve Your Leader Communication Skills at UHCL

Communication between leaders and staff is one of the greatest factors to producing effective outcomes and results offered through University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Executive Education's session, *How to Improve Your Leader Communication Skills*. The session will be held on Fridays, Oct. 9 and 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at UH-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Attendees will learn ways

to improve verbal and non-verbal communication skills, discover how to be a more effective listener and find out techniques to skillfully address challenges in a positive and productive manner. Course fee is \$850 with discounts available for groups. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/camp>, call UHCL's Center for Executive Education at 281-283-3120, or email [cee@uhcl.edu](mailto:cee@uhcl.edu).

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 8 through Oct. 14.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Double birthday wishes are sent to Elizabeth Eckols and Stephanie Quintana Oct. 9. Blow out the birthday candles for Lena Ortiz Oct. 10. Light the birthday candles for Karen O'Connor Oct. 14.

**Burnett Elementary**  
On Oct. 13, Denise Ngo celebrates a birthday.

**Bush Elementary**  
Oct. 9 is the day for a cake for Yesenia Rivera. Sing a happy birthday song Oct. 12 to Jessica Roman.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Birthday greetings are sent to Marisha Randall Oct. 9.

**Meador Elementary**  
Oct. 9 is the day for a cake for Amanda Johns.

**Moore Elementary**  
A birthday greeting is sent to Ellen Gardner on Oct. 11.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Claudette Farley is wished a happy birthday Oct. 10. Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to Pamela Tyrer Oct. 13.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Celebrating a birthday Oct. 10 is Ana Henriquez.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Virginia Fernandez celebrates a birthday Oct. 8. Light the birthday candles Oct. 11 for Alicia Escalona. Sing a chorus of a birthday song Oct. 13 to Christina Sandoval. Oct. 14 is the day for a double birthday celebration for Ashlie Haas and Erika Frances.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Oct. 10 is the day for a double-layer birthday cake for Barbara Krohn and Sandra Shaffer. Danielle Tisdale is sent a birthday greeting Oct. 11.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Blow out the birthday candles for Erica Alvarez Oct. 10. Birthday greetings are sent to Laura SanMiguel Oct. 11.

**Dobie High**  
Oct. 9 is the day for a cake for Oscar Garcia and Alfonso Viera. Michael Norman enjoys a birthday Oct. 10. Orlando Flores celebrates a birthday Oct. 11. John Augillard is wished a happy birthday Oct. 14.

**FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:  
Thursday, Oct. 8: Courtney George, Lisa Stephens, Sheila Rowe, David Webb, Christi McAfee, Charles Young and Sandy Twyman; Friday Oct. 9: Robert Caballero, Brittney Hernandez, Crispina Holmes, Rob Dyess, Gwyn Sorensen, William Mayer, Ryan Schwerdtfeger, Connie Myers, Kim Hughston, Vicki Talton, Denny Wranich Jr., Elizabeth Eckols, Mario Rodriguez Jr., Mary Guerrero and Dolores Bordovsky; Saturday, Oct. 10: Patty Wheeler, Clayton Bichm, Cheryl Randall, Joel Miller, Jennifer Martinez, Nora Diaz, Aditya Kacker, Jesse Guerra, Claudette Farley, Angela Tomilson, Manny Carrillo and Gloria Sanchez; Sunday, Oct. 11: Samantha Mendoza, Katina Decker, Larry Ehrlich, Roberta Tomkins and Michelle Manzanales; Monday, Oct. 12: Christy Chapman, Renee Joseph, Cory Pyle, Erma Coskey, Rocio Skinner, Richard Hicks, Jenni Sanislow, Vikki Kaufman and Laura Garcia; Tuesday, Oct. 13: Michael Johnson, Michelle Carpenter, DeWayne Catron, Cathy Rex and Mark Chassay; and Wednesday, Oct. 14: Ralph Romair, Kristy Hall, Karen O'Connor, Tammy Fort, Nick Kafarella, Michele Rodriguez, Jason Warren and Richard Flores.

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## Lariaette Escort of the Week



The Lariaette Escort of the Week for Sept. 28 through Oct. 2 is co-head escort Anthony Limas. He is a junior, and is the son of Angelita Negrete and Christian Limas.



## Dr. Merritt honored

The faculty and staff at Burnett Elementary would like to congratulate Janice Merritt, one of their faculty members for earning a doctoral degree in education from the Department of Language, Literacy, and Special Populations at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Her new title is Doctorate in Literacy Specialization Special Education. Now that she has completed her doctorate, she would like to continue working with the elementary special education students at Burnett Elementary. She would also like to teach some remedial reading and/or special education classes at the college level.

Photo submitted

## SJC bond election set

Continued from Page 1A district. Nine buildings will be renovated – most of which are more than 30 years old. The renovations will provide updated space for early college high school and dual credit programs, as well as more relevant, efficient and technically updated instructional space for employees and students. For more information about the San Jacinto College 2015 Bond proposal, see Page 5A or visit [www.sanjac.edu/bond](http://www.sanjac.edu/bond). Local early voting polling locations include the Harris County Courthouse Annex No. 25 at 7330 Spencer Highway and the Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane. While the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Hall on Allen Genoa has served as an early voting location in years past, it was not listed at press time. Polling hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Oct. 23; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 24; 1 to 6 p.m. on Oct. 25; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 26 through Oct. 30. For additional information or to see a complete list of polling locations, visit [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org).

## Singles Dance Oct. 17

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

## Israeli Folk Dancing classes for October-November

Israeli folk dances – the most fun way to exercise – are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. October dates are Oct. 12, 19 and 26. November dates are Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. The cost, \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, will cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group – even if never having attended before. Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston and is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at [csh.houston@gmail.com](mailto:csh.houston@gmail.com).

## CCART meets Oct. 13

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. There will be a short business meeting followed by a presentation from local representatives in the Texas State Legislature. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. for coffee with the business meeting beginning at 10 a.m. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$45.

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# Remember When

**30 years ago (1985)**  
The Pasadena Independent School District opened a school information line operating 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

**25 years ago (1990)**  
Three adult male suspects allegedly smashed glass doors at Dobie High School causing \$20,000 in damage. According to Principal Jerry Speer, the suspects used hammers and other objects to cause the damage.

**20 years ago (1995)**  
Kevin Douglas Rue, 25, died during surgery after threatening police with kitchen steak knives. Rue was shot once in the neck and once in the abdomen by police.

**10 years ago (2005)**  
Longtime community leader and volunteer Emory Gadd was named the PISD 2005 Distinguished Citizen.

**5 years ago (2010)**  
President Obama signed legislation that authorized \$58.4 billion in funding for NASA over the following three fiscal years. The move came roughly one week after Congress passed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2010 (S. 3729) and was welcomed by employees of the Johnson Space Center, as it would provide funding for an additional shuttle flight and the accelerated development of a new heavy-lift rocket for deep-space exploration. Obama's initial budget proposal had called for the phasing out of manned space flight, threatening as many as 7,000 local jobs.

The 2010 Dobie High School homecoming king and queen were named at the game against Pasadena High School. Noe Rodriguez was crowned king, while Demmi Garcia was crowned queen. The Longhorns easily defeated the Eagles 50-3.

The FBI Bank Robbery Task Force was asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect who robbed the Wells Fargo Bank located at 10225 Alameda Genoa. According to FBI officials, the man entered the bank and stood in line. When he was called up to the teller station, he presented a note which announced he was robbing the bank. The suspect then told the teller he had a gun and would hurt her. The teller proceeded to provide the robber with an undisclosed amount of cash. He was last seen walking away from the bank. No one was physically hurt during the robbery. No immediate arrests were made.

**1 year ago (2014)**  
A new novel loosely based on the Brio Superfund site sparked a renewed interest in the subject and garnered national attention. As its title suggests, René Steinke's *Friendswood: A Novel* is set in Friendswood, rather than the immediate South Belt. A New York resident, Steinke grew up in Friendswood. While she was not directly affected by the Brio crisis, she reportedly had friends who were.

Mike Perry, the son of Bobby Perry of Perry & Sons Market & Grille, died from injuries incurred during a traffic accident in the 10400 block of White Clover. Perry initially walked home after the accident but died from his injuries the following day.

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# The San Jacinto College 2015 Bond Proposal

Early Voting – Monday, October 19, 2015 through Friday, October 30, 2015

Election Day – Tuesday, November 3, 2015

## Message from the San Jac chancellor



Hello San Jacinto College Friends and Supporters,  
I have had the honor and privilege of serving as the chancellor of San Jacinto College for more than six years. I have to tell you that I have the best job in the world! I feel this way because of our people – our students, our employees, and our community – and because of the outstanding work taking place at San Jacinto College. We are changing lives, and I love being a part of it!  
This November, voters within the San Jacinto College District will have the opportunity to vote on the issuance of \$425 million in general obligation bonds needed to update infrastructure, security, and technology; renovate existing facilities; and construct new buildings on all of our campuses. These facilities and the upgrades are critical for our students to continue to learn in a quality environment with hands-on instructional experiences.  
These facilities will be used to prepare students to transfer to universities or find great careers right here in our community. At San Jacinto College, we recognize the need to provide well-trained workers, who receive top-notch, hands-on training, and graduate with the certificates or associate degrees they need to immediately enter the workforce. We also know our students transfer to four-year universities and have better success because of the quality educational foundation they receive at San Jacinto College. That's why looking ahead and planning for the future is critical to the combined success of our students and our community!

We are committed to keeping your taxes low while still providing an affordable, quality education for our communities. The impact of this bond referendum to the taxpayer is outlined on page 3 of this brochure. The maximum increase in taxes for debt service, when all the bonds are issued (probably 2019 or later), will not exceed 3 cents per \$100 of valuation. This means residents owning a home with an appraised value of \$100,000 will see their taxes increase a maximum of \$28.50 per year, or \$2.38 per month. Residents with a \$150,000 home value will pay an additional \$43.50 each year, or \$3.63 each month.  
Most senior citizens of age 65 or older will see no increase in their taxes; however, those seniors over 65 who own a house valued for taxes above \$132,500 will see a nominal increase.  
An itemized list of our proposed facility upgrades, new buildings, and infrastructure enhancements, along with the total financial impact of this bond package on you and me – the taxpayer – is included in this brochure, or go to our website at [www.sanjac.edu/bond](http://www.sanjac.edu/bond) for more details.  
Great things are happening at San Jacinto College, and I encourage you to visit one of our facilities for an event or tour to learn more.  
If you have questions about the information presented, feel free to contact me at (281) 998-6100.

Best,  
*Brenda Hellyer*  
Brenda Hellyer, Ed.D.  
Chancellor, San Jacinto College

## Message from the San Jac board chairman



Greetings Friends and Supporters of San Jacinto College,  
As a member of the community served by San Jacinto College, I assure you that the Board of Trustees of San Jacinto College weighs heavily every decision we make. As taxpayers, we are conservative and careful about the impact of our decisions on our community and our taxpayers.  
San Jacinto College has a 54-year history in our community and brings great value to our region. Even if you or a family member are not currently a student here, you benefit by having San Jacinto College in your backyard. San Jacinto College is at the heart of the industries that drive both the Gulf Coast and national economies. We aim to improve the community by helping students discover their educational pathways, and achieve their dreams and goals. We ultimately see this resulting in people having the skills to be employed in good-paying jobs and careers.  
Our philosophy is that if our students do not succeed, we do not succeed. Part of that success is ensuring that we have the right facilities and environment for teaching and learning. As we look toward the future, it is imperative that we update the College infrastructure. We are now 54 years old, technology has changed, and many of the systems are at life end and inefficient. We must upgrade our safety, access, and security systems for our students and employees. We also plan to build new facilities and update old ones, so that we have the "right" space, technology, and learning environment to help students succeed. We must provide up-to-date training spaces and replicate work environments that students will

experience after graduation.  
The Gulf Coast region is seeing industry growth and expansion, as well as a retiring workforce. This means that San Jacinto College must stay relevant to meet the changing needs of our industry partners and workforce demands. We must be committed to continuous improvement, and I assure you that we are. We continue to assess and analyze our operations and key performance indicators to identify areas for improvement, growth, expansion, or sunset; as well as review trends and data to determine our focus and needs for the future.  
The value of a certificate or associate degree is real and tangible, leading to a higher earning potential. It prepares students to accelerate their career goals and aspirations. A credential from San Jacinto College allows students to take their education and earning potential to the next level. This potential is why we do what we do at San Jacinto College.  
In each of the last three years, San Jacinto College awarded more than 5,000 certificates or associate degrees, more than doubling the number of graduates from eight years ago. This is no accident. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of my fellow Board members, the San Jacinto College administration, and our faculty and staff who are dedicated to seeing our students succeed.  
I'm excited about the future of San Jacinto College!  
Sincerely,  
*Dan Mims*  
Dan Mims  
Chairman, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees

## Frequently asked questions about the San Jac bond issue

**Q. What is a general obligation bond election?**  
A. A general obligation bond election is an opportunity for individuals to vote on paying for the construction of new facilities and the capital improvement or renovation of present facilities. Cost of these facilities will be borne by the sale of bonds, which will be paid off with tax revenues over time. Federal law requires that all public institutions that sell bonds that obligate taxpayers must first seek approval of those taxpayers.  
**Q. How can general obligation bond money be used?**  
A. General obligation bond money can be used only for the construction of new facilities, and the renovation and upkeep of existing facilities. Bond funds cannot be used for normal operating expenses.  
**Q. How will this bond issue affect my taxes?**  
A. The maximum increase in taxes for debt services will not exceed 3 cents. Residents owning a home with appraised value of \$100,000 will see their taxes increase approximately \$28.50 per year, or \$2.38 monthly. Residents with a \$150,000 home will pay an additional \$43.50 annually, or \$3.63 more per month, a nominal increase.  
Most senior citizens of age 65 or older will see no increase in their taxes. Senior citizens over age 65 owning a home with appraised value of \$132,500 will see no increase in their taxes. **San Jacinto College's practice has been to mitigate the tax impact on our senior citizens and disabled by increasing the tax exemption for these citizens. San Jacinto College intends to continue this practice.**  
**Q. When was the last time San Jacinto College held a bond election, and what were the results?**  
A. The most recent bond election was held in May 2008. The request was for \$295 million in general obligation bonds. With a commitment to not exceed a 4 cent tax increase, the College has stayed below that threshold. These bond funds were used to build state-of-the-art facilities in allied health, sci-

ence, and transportation; new Welcome Centers on the North and South Campuses; a new library on North Campus; and a new Maritime Campus along the Houston Ship Channel. Other needs addressed were library renovations for the South and Central Campuses, expansion of infrastructure, replacement of obsolete equipment and building systems that were beyond their useful life, and renovation of repurposed space. To see a list of projects completed in the 2008 bond, visit [www.sanjac.edu/bond](http://www.sanjac.edu/bond).  
**Q. Why does San Jacinto College need a bond issue at this time?**  
A. San Jacinto College opened its doors to the community more than 54 years ago. While the buildings throughout the College have serviced the community well, many of them have out-lived their useful life. It is imperative that San Jacinto College provide the "right" teaching and hands-on learning space to ensure our students are successful in meeting their educational and career goals. Those goals are multifaceted, including entering the region's workforce or transferring to four-year institutions.  
**Q. What impact will this bond issue have on the education of students, businesses and our community?**  
A. The facilities and technology resulting from construction proposed in this bond will provide students a state-of-the-art education in dozens of career fields, enhance the quality of their lives, improve the competitiveness of the workforce for local businesses and industry, and maintain a high state of living and quality of life for the entire region. Without improvements to its facilities, San Jacinto College jeopardizes its ability to provide the education needed for tomorrow's workforce.  
**Q. Where can I get more information about the Bond Proposal?**  
A. We encourage you to visit our website at [www.sanjac.edu/bond](http://www.sanjac.edu/bond) for more information, and join in the conversation on social media using the hashtag #SanJacTomorrow.

**Proposed New Construction / Renovations**

- A. Center for Engineering & Technology
- B. Cosmetology Center
- C. Expansion of Building 23 (Fire House)
- D. Jones Building
- E. Bruce Building
- F. Longenecker Administration Building
- 1. Science / Allied Health
- 6. Welcome Center
- 7. Administration Building / North
- 9. Administration Building / South
- 10. Library
- 12. Interactive Learning Center
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## After school program at Stuchbery



Several Stuchbery Elementary students participate in the school's C.A.S.E. after school program. These little ones all decided to color and visit with one another. Shown are, clockwise from bottom left, Aubrey Cao, Emily Aurelien, Madison De Santiago, Kerri Ward, Callie Sears, Anabel Constance, Angel Vo and Julian Moreno. *Photo submitted*

## Fun at Atkinson Fun Run



Atkinson Elementary recently held its School Day Stomp Fun Run. The physical education department hosts the monthly fun run to encourage families at Atkinson to stay fit. Each month, students who attend the school, along with their families, attend the fun run to jog or run, and the miles are tracked for the annual Fit Family Award. To be eligible for the award, families must attend all six fun runs. Left to right, Jazmynn Johnson, Aelisa Myles and Jaeda Johnson were in attendance at the first fun run.

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## Imagination Celebration at CCISD

Imaginations will soar on Saturday, Oct. 17, as elementary students get the chance to make their own works of art at more than a dozen Creation Stations at Imagination Celebration.

This special day, sponsored by the Clear Creek Independent School Dis-

trict Department of the Visual and Performing Arts, is filled with activities for elementary-aged children and their families. The Education Village Commons, which can be entered through the Clear Falls High School auditorium entrance, will come alive for one day with the sound of music and the arts.

"Please make plans to take advantage of this free opportunity to enrich your child's creative side," said Director Dean Muths. "Our art and music teachers strive to make this an event that will engage and inspire our students."

Imagination Celebration is set for Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Commons at Education Village, 4380 Village Way in League City. Park in front of Clear Falls High School's Performing Arts Center and use the entrance marked "Auditorium."

Don't miss the fifth-grade honor choir with students from every CCISD elementary campus. The group will perform at 1 p.m. in the auditorium at Clear Falls High School.

For more information and to view photos of past celebrations, visit [www.ccisd.net](http://www.ccisd.net).

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## San Jacinto soccer earns two big wins

The San Jacinto College men's soccer team has bounced back nicely after a tough loss to nationally ranked Tyler Sept. 25, although surrendering late goals continues to be an issue.

The Coyotes spread the wealth in both a 4-1 win over Jacksonville College and a 3-1 victory over Kansas City College.

However, the locals held a 2-1 lead over Division III No. 1 ranked Richland Oct. 4 before allowing a pair of second-half goals in an eventual 3-2 defeat.

San Jacinto is still largely unscathed on conference play, with four wins to go with just the one setback at Tyler.

The Coyotes will host Tyler at the end of the regular season in an attempt to better their regional tournament positioning.

Against Jacksonville Sept. 26, four different San Jac players netted

goals in a 4-1 win.

Luis Almedia, Alex Calderon, Juan David Agredo and Derick Gonzalez scored goals in the game as the locals built a 4-0 lead before a late goal.

In the same win, Agredo, Ricardo Ramos, Ivan Cruz and Jorge Callejas registered assists.

In the Oct. 2 win over Kansas City College, Miguel Canas netted the first score of the game off an assist by Roberto Diaz.

Agredo scored the second goal off a feed from Callejas, and Callejas later added an unassisted goal.

Taking on Richland at the Thunderducks' own tournament Oct. 4, Donald Benamna, San Jacinto College's leading scorer, pushed in a pair of first half goals on assists from Gonzalez before Richland rallied late to escape with the victory.

## Giron, Morris lead Dobie to first 2015 victory

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

All is well in the world for the Dobie varsity football program after a 44-20 victory over the Pasadena Eagles delivered the first win of the season.

Senior quarterback Tyler Giron threw for a pair of touchdowns and ran for two more, and freshman tailback Kris Morris gave the Longhorn faithful a glimpse of what the future just might hold on this night.

Pasadena, celebrating its annual homecoming weekend, trailed 44-0 before scoring three times against a host of backup Dobie defensive players in the fourth quarter.

Of note, the Eagles completed just two passes in the entire game, including one for a 39-yard score off the flea-flicker.

Make no mistake, a win over a Pasadena team that scored its first points in a game for the first time since Sept. 3 does not a playoff season make. But the Longhorns could be on their way.

Dobie faces South Houston in its 2015 homecoming game Friday, Oct. 9, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The action be-



The first dynamic play of Dobie freshman running back Kris Morris' young high school career came as he hurdled over Pasadena defensive back Edgar Trujillo (out of frame) and outraced the Eagles' Jesus Villareal (34) and others as part of a 72-yard touchdown burst late in the first half of the Longhorns' 44-20 victory Oct. 2, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Photo by David Flickinger

gins at 7 p.m.

Following a bye week in the schedule, Dobie returned to the field for the first time in 15 days with Morris lining up in the backfield as the starter for the first time this season.

An early interception notwithstanding, Giron was sharp throughout much of the game through the air despite the Longhorns playing without the services of three of their top receivers.

Dobie's second possession of the game produced little flash yet netted an early lead.

An eight-play 61-yard march included Giron's 19-yard completion to Breon Simmons as well as Morris' 12-yard run on a third-and-10 play.

Morris then capped the drive with a 3-yard scoring run. Sabino Lozano's first of five conversion kicks left the Longhorns up 7-0.

Simmons' 48-yard punt return late in the opening quarter helped lead to more points. Setting up shop at the Eagles' 14-yard-line, Dobie even-

tually took the ball into the end zone as Giron found Jeremiah Hernandez with a 1-yard scoring pass on the first play of the second quarter.

Xzavion Kelly's fumble recovery again gave the Longhorns a short field to navigate, and Giron made it 21-0 with a 4-yard run to end a 6-play, 24-yard drive.

Giron's terrific 36-yard scoring run midway through the second quarter

extended Dobie's lead to 28-0.

Morris then displayed some of the talent that has so many Longhorn fans excited about both 2015 and also beyond.

With 1:39 left in the first half and Dobie already up 28-0, it appeared the Longhorns were set to go to the locker room up four scores. Morris had other ideas.

Taking a handoff and

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## Dickinson Gators hold off Brook FB

There was more than one occasion when the state ranked Dickinson Gators felt just a bit more than threatened against the Clear Brook Wolverines in varsity football action Oct. 2, at Sam Vitanza Stadium in Dickinson.

Instead, the Wolverines suffered yet another tough loss in what is to this point an 0-5 midseason slate after a 1-9 record in 2014.

Dickinson, unbeaten at 5-0, held off the Wolverines for a 42-28 victory in front of a pro-Gator crowd.

The matchup seemed lopsided on paper, but the Wolverines, who have increasingly improved under first-year head coach Mike Allison, once again played tough to handle.

Dickinson, which entered the game at 4-0 with four convincing wins, watched as Clear Brook built a 21-20 halftime lead.

On the second play of the fourth quarter, Clear Brook's Jarrett Smith broke away for an 80-yard touchdown run that got Clear Brook within 34-28 with nearly a full quarter

of football remaining.

The Gators scored a late touchdown and added a 2-point conversion to sneak away with the win.

But a week after taking a 14-0 early lead against Clear Creek, the Wolverines again showed they are a group on the march.

Starting at quarterback, speedster Brandon Taylor threw for a pair of touchdowns and ran for a 49-yard score as part of a big night that included 129 yards rushing.

Smith, with the 80-yard touchdown run playing a big role, came away with 123 yards rushing.

In all, Clear Brook collected 400 yards in total offense as the Gators seemed to be on their heels for much of the evening.

It all worked out for the Gators, but with a very winnable game coming Oct. 9, against Clear Lake, the Wolverines very well could see their perseverance and determination pay off in the near future.

It simply has to come together for a team that has come

## Lady Longhorns see playoff hopes diminish; Clear Brook gets victory over Friendswood

Is it possible for two different seasons to play out in much the same fashion? Yes, it is.

There are still six regular season matches remaining for the Dobie varsity girls' volleyball team, but unless something changes quickly, the Lady Longhorns are destined to miss the playoffs for the second straight season.

The District 22-6A ranks will not be confused with the best of the Region III bracket has to offer, but there are some very good programs at the top.

Pearland, what with junior Brooke Botkin leading the way up front, is a viable contender for the Region III title.

Dawson has been very good in back-to-back seasons since joining the Class 6A ranks, and Alvin is also solid. Throw in a talented Manvel program, and it's simply difficult to make much headway on a given night.

Dobie went 8-8 last season, losing each of its eight matches against the aforementioned programs. While Pearland, Manvel, Dawson and Alvin advanced to the playoffs, Dobie stayed home.

A quick review of this season shows Dobie has lost twice to Pearland and Manvel now and once each to Dawson and Alvin.

Once again, those four non-Pasadena ISD programs hold down the top four playoff seeds with six remaining matches.

Simply put, Dobie will have to win at home against Dawson or on the road at Alvin to have a chance to advance.

That second loss to Pearland came Oct. 2 to kick off the second round of district play. Botkin and her teammates were on their game as Dobie lost 25-11, 25-10, 25-15 to the first-place Lady Oilers.

Moving ahead to Oct. 6 against Manvel, Dobie

found itself on the short end of a 25-13, 25-19, 25-16 score.

The Lady Longhorns have competed well this

season under the guidance of first-year head coach Dawn Gutierrez, and there is hope for the future with

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## JFD cross-country runs at Oil Patch

The Dobie varsity boys' and girls' cross-country teams reached the mid-season point with a solid showing at the Oil Patch Invitational at Pearland High School Oct. 1.

Dobie's boys were sixth as a team with four runners competing in the Division I bracket over the 5K course.

The Longhorns' Kevin Cortez led his team to the finish line in a time of 18 minutes, 47.46 seconds, which was good for 10th place overall.

Tyler Tran of Dobie was next at 18:52.71, giving him 12th place,

while John Williams' time of 19:04.29 was 17th overall. Ivan Diaz placed 19th with a time of 19:16.91.

The Lady Longhorns managed a ninth-place finish at the same meet.

Neida Soto paced the locals to the finish line as her time of 23:19.14 was 36th overall.

At 23:52.58, Dobie's Gisele Landa took 41st place, with teammate Aileen Mazariego 44th in a time of 24:24.55.

Diana Tutino ran well with a time of 26:42.55, and Andrea Perez came in at 27:40.17.

## Tiebreaker losses sink Dobie tennis

Three seasons. Three times pretty much the same outcome.

Dating back to 2013, the Dobie varsity tennis team has had a chance to control its own destiny inching toward the post-season.

Somehow things just haven't come together - yet.

In 2013, a regular season finale loss to Pearland pushed Dobie into second place.

A season ago, Dawson managed to edge the Longhorns 10-9 in a hotly contested match at Dobie.

This time? The same outcome against Dawson, which now stands at 6-0 in league play, just two wins away from a repeat district title.

All of the losses hurt, but this one may sting for a while. Dobie and Dawson engaged in a total of seven third set super tiebreakers. The Eagles came

away with wins in five of those seven matches, providing the road to an eventual 10-9 team win over the Longhorns.

Obviously, Dobie head

coach Manuel Moreno Jr. was disappointed the Longhorns could not come up with a key match win in at least one of those five tiebreaker losses.

Still, he admitted it was a thrill being part of a back-and-forth battle between two very good teams.

"It was a classic match-up really," Moreno said. "There was a lot of great tennis being played out there. We had a chance to be ahead 6-1 after the doubles and let one

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Wearing his pink Dobie tennis shirt in support of breast cancer awareness, Luis Cabreja serves against the Alvin Yellowjackets Oct. 6, at Longhorn Courts. Photo by John Bechtle

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### Rising Stars cross-country practices

The Rising Stars Track Club has begun cross-country practices at Dobie High School weeknights beginning at 5 p.m. The club invites youths to join the program to compete in meets or to maintain fitness during the fall months. Anyone interested in joining the program may call coach Donald Walker at 832-544-1650 or direct email to him at donaldwalker036@live.com.

## JFD subvarsity FBs win

Dobie's subvarsity football programs had plenty of success against the Pasadena Eagles Oct. 1, coming through with a handful of wins to continue what has been a strong season for each of the teams.

### JV Orange 42 Pasadena 0

The Dobie junior varsity Orange team came away with an easy 42-0 win over Pasadena, moving to 3-2 overall this season after a dazzling performance in all phases of the game.

Justyce Battles gave Dobie an early 7-0 lead as he rambled 12 yards for the first score of the game.

The first of two second-quarter touchdowns came as Andrew Logan covered 20 yards for a touchdown on the ground, leading to a 14-0 advan-

tage. Jacob Sulak called his own number on a quarterback keeper later in the quarter as Dobie led 21-0 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Battles went back to work on a 20-0 yard scoring dash as the rout was on.

Isaac Santos' 43-yard touchdown run put the game away in the third quarter, but Dobie was not done.

The defense got in on the scoring act in the fourth quarter as Nate Dominguez scooped up a fumble and went 30 yards for a touchdown.

Jordan Marcum, Jeremy Marcum, Brandon Ponce, Erick Hernandez, Mateo Cruz, Samuel Juarez, Joshua Gomez, Pedro Alba and Sharun Jones made it possible for

Dobie's offense to stay on the move for much of the game.

The defensive shut-out was led by the effort of Frankie Camacho, Mirodello Ashford, Nicolas Lewis, Miguel Valencia, D.J. Williams, Hector Quiroga, Dreze McCoy, Avery Ballard, Carlos Anaya and Zachary Fernandez.

### JV White 22 Manvel 12

Going against Manvel, Dobie's junior varsity White team used the air and ground games to secure a 22-12 victory over a solid Maverick squad.

Jamarus Smith, Sincere Crear and Adrian Velasquez scored touchdowns for a Dobie team that improved to 2-2-1 with the big win at Manvel.

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## South Belt football predictions



Troy Leland



John Bechtle



Eli Tanksley



Toni Muse



Emory Gadd



Debbie Vaughn

Dobie vs. South Houston	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Brook vs. Clear Lake	Brook	Brook	Brook	Brook	Brook	Brook
North Shore at Channelview	North Shore	Channelview	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Dawson at Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel
Beaumont West Brook at Deer Park	Deer Park	BWB	Deer Park	BWB	BWB	BWB
Clear Creek at Brazoswood	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek
Friendswood at Clear Springs	Springs	Springs	Springs	Friendswood	Springs	Friendswood
Galveston Ball at Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City
Rosenberg Terry at Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton
Oak Ridge at Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Oak Ridge
This week's record	7-3	9-1	8-2	8-2	9-1	7-3
Season record	34-16	38-12	38-12	32-18	33-17	40-10

## Sports Calendar

### FOOTBALL

#### Thursday, Oct. 8

Brook JV Black at Clear Lake, 6:30  
 Brook JV Red at Clear Lake, 4:30  
 Dobie JV Orange vs. S. Houston, Auxiliary, 6:30  
 Dobie JV White at Katy Taylor, 4:30  
 Brook fresh. Black hosts Clear Lake, 6:30  
 Brook fresh. Red hosts Clear Lake, 4:30  
 Dobie fresh. Orange hosts S. Houston, Dobie, 4:30

#### Friday, Oct. 9

Dobie varsity hosts South Houston, Veterans, 7:00  
 Brook varsity vs. Clear Lake, Vet. Memorial, L.C., 7:00

#### Saturday, Oct. 10

Sagemont Cowboys host Texans, El Franco Lee, 8 a.m.  
 Ellington Rams host Panthers, Dobie, 8 a.m.  
 Southbelt Dolphins host Stingrays, Blackhawk, 8 a.m.

#### Monday, Oct. 12

Thompson 8A at Miller, 5:00  
 Thompson 8B hosts Miller, 6:15  
 Beverly Hills 8A at San Jacinto, 5:00  
 Beverly Hills 8B hosts San Jacinto, 6:15

#### Tuesday, Oct. 13

Thompson 7A at Miller, 5:00  
 Thompson 7B hosts Miller, 6:15  
 Beverly Hills 7A at San Jacinto, 5:00  
 Beverly Hills 7B hosts San Jacinto, 6:15

#### Thursday, Oct. 15

Brook JV Black at Clear Springs, 6:30  
 Brook JV Red at Clear Springs, 4:30  
 Dobie JV Orange hosts Dawson, Auxiliary, 6:30  
 Dobie JV White hosts Dawson, Dobie, 4:30  
 Brook fresh. Black hosts Clear Springs, 6:30  
 Brook fresh. Red hosts Clear Springs, 4:30  
 Dobie fresh. Orange at Dawson, 6:30  
 Dobie freshman White at Dawson, 4:30

#### Friday, Oct. 16

Dobie varsity at Dawson, The Rig, Pearland, 7:00  
 Brook varsity vs. Clear Springs, Veterans, L.C., 7:00

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Thursday, Oct. 8

Thompson 8 Dark hosts Jackson, 5:00  
 Thompson 8 Light hosts Jackson, 6:15  
 Thompson 7 Dark hosts Jackson, 5:00  
 Thompson 7 Light hosts Jackson, 6:15  
 Beverly Hills 8 Dark hosts South Houston, 5:00  
 Beverly Hills 8 Light hosts South Houston, 6:15  
 Beverly Hills 7 Dark hosts South Houston, 5:00  
 Beverly Hills 7 Light hosts South Houston, 6:15

#### Saturday, Oct. 10

Brook varsity hosts Dickinson, noon  
 Brook JV hosts Dickinson, 10:30  
 Brook freshman A hosts Dickinson, 9 a.m.  
 Brook freshman B hosts Dickinson, 9 a.m.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 13

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

#### Thursday, Oct. 15

Thompson 8 Dark vs. Beverly Hills, Dobie, 5:00  
 Thompson 8 Light vs. Beverly Hills, Dobie, 6:15  
 Thompson 7 Dark at Beverly Hills, 5:00  
 Thompson 7 Light at Beverly Hills, 6:15

### TENNIS

#### Friday, Oct. 9

Dobie varsity at S. Rayburn, Strawberry, 3:00

#### Tuesday, Oct. 13

Dobie varsity hosts Memorial, Dobie, 2:30

#### Friday, Oct. 16

Dobie varsity hosts G.C. Memorial, Dobie, 3:00

## Bay Area Football League playoff contenders emerge

With three games remaining in the Bay Area Football League regular season for the Sagemont Cowboys and Southbelt Dolphins, and four left for the Ellington Rams, the postseason picture is beginning to take shape.

The top four finishers in each division after the completion of the 10-game regular season will advance to the conference semifinal playoff round.

If the playoffs began now, the Sagemont Cowboys' junior and freshman division teams would finish fourth in their respective leagues and therefore head to the playoffs.

Likewise, the Southbelt Dolphins find themselves in pretty good position in a couple of the divisional races.

The Dolphins stand in solid position to make the postseason in both the senior and junior leagues.

With perhaps another win or two and maybe a little bit of luck, the Dolphins' freshman team also still has a decent shot at

advancing.

A season after winning the Super Bowl championship in the senior division, the Ellington Rams have had a tough run of things to this point in the season.

However, the Rams' sophomore team is 3-3 and

currently sitting in fourth place with four games to go in the regular season.

Of note, the Southbelt

Dolphins will host the Sagemont Cowboys on the final weekend of the regular season - Oct. 24.

The Pearland Hurricanes have controlled the action in BAFL this season, with each of the

program's four teams still in contention to capture the divisional championships down the stretch.

## BAFL Week Eight Scores

	Sr.	Jr.	Soph.	Fr.
Cowboys	28	26	20	41
Mustangs	6	0	13	0
Dolphins	40	42	0	33
Rams	27	8	42	29

## Week 9 games Saturday, Oct. 10

Southbelt Dolphins host Texas City Stingrays  
 Blackhawk Park

Sagemont Cowboys host Pearland Texans  
 El Franco Lee Park

Ellington Rams host Pasadena Panthers  
 Dobie High School

## 22-6A Volleyball

Team	W	L
Pearland	10	0
Dawson	9	1
Manvel	7	2
Alvin	5	4
Memorial	5	5
Dobie	4	6
Pasadena	2	8
S. Houston	2	8
S. Rayburn	0	10

## 24-6A Volleyball

Team	W	L
Clear Creek	8	0
Clear Springs	7	1
Clear Falls	5	3
Clear Lake	4	4
Friendswood	4	4
Clear Brook	3	5
Brazoswood	1	7
Dickinson	0	8

## VB races get interesting

Continued from Page 1B Taylor Pleasants playing well on the outside.

As for Clear Brook, the Lady Wolverines still have a decent shot at the fourth playoff seed but will need

a couple of big wins down the stretch.

The locals stayed in contention with a 21-25, 25-20, 25-23, 17-25, 15-10 win over Friendswood Oct. 2. However, Clear

Brook was on the short end of a 25-10, 25-15, 25-21 decision against first-place and unbeaten Clear Creek Oct. 6.

At 3-5, Clear Brook is in fifth place.



Dobie's varsity volleyball future looks very good with freshman outside hitter Taylor Pleasants (above) playing well, and a host of nonseniors set to return next season. However, the team will have to make a big late-season push to have a chance at the playoffs this time around.

## Bay Area Football League Standings

Senior Division American				Senior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Sharks	8	0	0	Hurricanes	7	0	0
Bulls	6	2	0	Stingrays	7	0	0
Patriots	5	2	0	Eagles	5	3	0
Cougars	4	3	0	Dolphins	4	3	0
Texans	3	3	0	Gators	1	5	0
Panthers	2	5	0	Mustangs	1	6	0
Cowboys	2	5	0	Rams	0	6	0
'49ers	1	6	0	Saints	0	7	0
Junior Division American				Junior Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
'49ers	6	0	1	Hurricanes	7	0	0
Patriots	6	1	0	Eagles	6	2	0
Texans	4	1	1	Dolphins	5	2	0
Cowboys	4	3	0	Saints	4	3	0
Cougars	3	4	0	Stingrays	3	4	0
Bulls	3	5	0	Rams	1	5	0
Panthers	1	6	0	Mustangs	1	6	0
Sharks	1	7	0	Gators	0	6	0
Sophomore Division American				Sophomore Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Bulls	8	0	0	Stingrays	7	0	0
Texans	6	0	0	Hurricanes	6	1	0
Patriots	5	2	0	Saints	4	3	0
'49ers	3	3	0	Rams	3	3	0
Panthers	3	4	0	Dolphins	2	5	0
Cougars	2	4	0	Mustangs	1	6	0
Cowboys	2	5	0	Eagles	1	7	0
Sharks	2	6	0	Gators	0	6	0
Freshman Division American				Freshman Division National			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Patriots	5	1	1	Hurricanes	7	0	0
'49ers	5	1	0	Eagles	6	2	0
Sharks	5	3	0	Stingrays	5	1	1
Cowboys	4	3	0	Saints	5	2	0
Texans	3	3	0	Dolphins	4	3	0
Bulls	3	5	0	Rams	0	6	0
Cougars	1	5	0	Gators	0	6	0
Panthers	1	6	0	Mustangs	0	7	0

# Dobie subvarsity football teams win

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Jacob Sims and Alan Zamora also stepped up big for the Longhorns offensively in the big victory.

On the defensive side of things, Andrew Rogers, Devin Tran and Mark Embrey drew praise from the Dobie coaching staff for fine play.

Sims passed for more than 200 yards in the game

while the Longhorns' running game also kept the Mavericks guessing.

The Longhorns went against Manvel because Pasadena does not have a second junior varsity program.

**Dobie frosh Orange 28 Pasadena 0**

Dobie's freshman Orange team got into the win column after a tough start to the season, getting past

the Pasadena Eagles 28-0.

Dobie scored single touchdowns in the first and third quarters, sandwiched around a pair of second-quarter scores.

Jace Young led the way in the running game, with Darius Jobe handling the duties under center at quarterback for the Longhorns.

Cervantis Pounds III was the Longhorns' lead-

ing tackler on defense as the Eagles got very little going.

**Dobie frosh White 48 Pasadena 0**

The Longhorns' freshman White team came up with a dominating performance against Pasadena in a 48-0 rout.

The locals are now 2-3 overall this season after Rolando Palacios and Francisco Camargo both

scored three touchdowns.

Montrey Gee also found the end zone, and quarterback Jonathan Moreno threw for three scores. D'Angelo Ramirez also came up with several big plays offensively.

The shutout on defense was led by Javian Castaneda, Ramirez, Ezequiel Mendez and Tristan Sanchez, and the rest of the unit also excelled.

## PISD offers intermediate soccer play

Having experienced a great deal of success in varsity boys' soccer over the past several years, the Pasadena ISD is about to up the ante.

Beginning in the spring 2015-2016 semester, the district will compete in boys' and girls' soccer in the seventh- and eighth-grade levels.

In short, there will be a seven-game regular season, plus one tournament, mirroring regular-season play in each of the existing team sports.

There's been talk of exploring soccer at the intermediate levels for a couple of years previous to now.

It's a reality at this point, and it should be nothing but a benefit to those players looking to eventually compete at the high school level within PISD.

## JFD baseball sets bingo game night

The Dobie Diamond Club, the official booster organization of the school's baseball program, has scheduled its fall bingo night to raise funds for costs associated with the baseball program.

The event will now be held Saturday, Dec. 5.

Tickets purchased for the original date (October) will be honored at the door, and \$25 tickets remain for sale through Dobie baseball players or booster club members.

Eight of the 10 games played during the evening will pay \$100 each to the winner. A ninth game will pay \$250 to the winner, and a final game will pay \$500 to the winner.

Refreshments will be available for purchase, and door prizes will be awarded between games.

Doors open at 5 p.m., and the bingo games will run from 6 to 10 p.m.

The event serves as one of the primary fundraisers to help cover costs associated with the Dobie baseball program throughout the school year, including equipment, tournament fees and travel costs.

For more information, direct email to [dobiediamond@gmail.com](mailto:dobiediamond@gmail.com).

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Through Sept. 29 games

8A Records	Zone			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
Beverly Hills	2	0	0	3	0	0
Park View	1	0	0	2	1	0
South Houston	0	1	0	1	2	0
San Jacinto	0	2	0	1	2	0
Southmore	1	1	0	1	2	0

### Game Scores

Beverly Hills 38, South Houston 0

Park View 34, Queens 0

Southmore 14, San Jacinto 6

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	2	0	0	3	0	0
Miller	2	0	0	3	0	0
Jackson	0	1	0	0	3	0
Queens	0	1	0	0	3	0
Bondy	0	2	0	1	2	0

### Game Scores

Thompson 38, Jackson 6

Miller 50, Bondy 42

7A Records	Zone			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
Beverly Hills	2	0	0	3	0	0
San Jacinto	1	0	1	2	0	1
South Houston	0	1	0	2	1	0
Southmore	0	1	1	0	2	1
Park View	0	1	0	0	3	0

### Game Scores

Beverly Hills 31, South Houston 13

San Jacinto 6, Southmore 6

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Bondy	1	0	1	2	0	1
Miller	1	0	1	1	1	1
Thompson	1	1	0	2	1	0
Jackson	0	1	0	0	3	0
Queens	0	1	0	1	2	0

### Game Scores

Bondy 6, Miller 6

Thompson 46, Jackson 0

Queens 35, Park View 0

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Football

Through Sept. 29 games

8B Records	Zone			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
Beverly Hills	2	0	0	3	0	0
Park View	1	0	0	1	2	0
Southmore	1	1	0	1	2	0
South Houston	0	1	0	1	2	0
San Jacinto	0	2	0	1	2	0

### Game Scores

Beverly Hills 27, South Houston 8

Southmore 13, San Jacinto 8

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Miller	2	0	0	3	0	0
Thompson	2	0	0	3	0	0
Jackson	0	1	0	0	3	0
Bondy	0	2	0	1	2	0
Queens	0	1	0	1	2	0

### Game Scores

Miller 16, Bondy 8

Thompson 46, Jackson 14

Queens 8, Park View 0

7B Records	Zone			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
Beverly Hills	2	0	0	3	0	0
San Jacinto	2	0	0	3	0	0
South Houston	0	1	0	2	1	0
Park View	0	1	0	0	3	0
Southmore	0	2	0	0	3	0

### Game Scores

Beverly Hills 16, South Houston 0

San Jacinto 20, Southmore 0

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	2	0	0	3	0	0
Miller	1	1	0	1	1	0
Bondy	1	1	0	1	1	0
Queens	0	1	0	1	2	0
Jackson	0	1	0	0	3	0

### Game Scores

Bondy 22, Miller 12

Thompson 38, Jackson 0

Queens 40, Jackson 12

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Volleyball

Through Oct. 1 matches

8L Records	Zone			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
Beverly Hills	1	0	0	2	1	0
San Jacinto	1	0	0	2	1	0
South Houston	0	0	0	1	2	0
Park View	0	1	0	1	2	0
Southmore	0	1	0	0	3	0

### Game Scores

Beverly Hills over Southmore 25-14, 22-25, 25-17

San Jacinto over Park View 25-14, 22-25, 25-22

South Houston over Jackson 25-13, 25-23

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Bondy	1	0	0	3	0	0
Miller	1	0	0	3	0	0
Jackson	0	0	0	0	3	0
Thompson	0	1	0	2	1	0
Queens	0	1	0	1	2	0

### Game Scores

Miller over Queens 25-17, 25-16

Bondy over Thompson 25-14, 25-20

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Volleyball

Through Oct. 1 matches

8D Records	Zone			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
San Jacinto	1	0	0	3	0	0
Southmore	1	0	0	2	1	0
South Houston	0	0	0	3	0	0
Beverly Hills	0	1	0	1	2	0
Park View	0	1	0	0	3	0

### Game Scores

San Jacinto over Park View 25-14, 25-18

Southmore over Beverly Hills 25-20, 25-14

South Houston over Jackson 25-21, 25-14

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Bondy	1	0	0	3	0	0
Jackson	0	0	0	1	2	0
Thompson	0	1	0	1	2	0
Queens	1	0	0	1	2	0
Miller	0	1	0	0	3	0

### Game Scores

Queens over Miller 25-23, 17-25, 25-16

Bondy over Thompson 25-15, 25-19

7L Records	Zone			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
Beverly Hills	1	0	0	2	1	0
Park View	1	0	0	3	0	0
South Houston	0	0	0	3	0	0
San Jacinto	0	1	0	1	2	0
Southmore	0	1	0	0	3	0

### Game Scores

South Houston over Jackson 25-13, 25-18

Park View over San Jacinto 25-15, 25-11

Beverly Hills over Southmore 25-14, 25-9

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

### Game Scores

Queens over Miller 25-20, 25-12

Bondy over Thompson 25-18, 25-21

7D Records	Zone			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
Park View	1	0	0	2	1	0
Beverly Hills	1	0	0	2	1	0
South Houston	0	0	0	2	1	0
Southmore	0	1	0	1	2	0
San Jacinto	0	1	0	0	3	0

### Game Scores

Park View over San Jacinto 25-17, 25-11

Beverly Hills over Southmore 25-17, 23-25, 15-4

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
Bondy	1	0	0	3	0	0
Queens	1	0	0	2	1	0
Jackson	0	0	0	1	2	0
Thompson	0	1	0	2	1	0
Miller	0	1	0	0	3	0

### Game Scores

Queens over Miller 25-22, 25-20

Bondy over Thompson 25-13, 25-15

Jackson over San Jacinto 26-24, 25-18

# CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

9:30 a.m.

**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** – Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.

10 a.m.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at [drglandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drglandorf@sbcglobal.net) or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-480-1911.

11:30 a.m.

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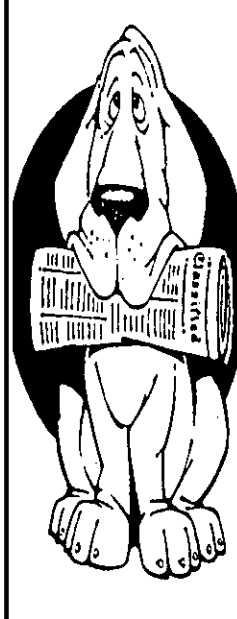
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### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611. 8 p.m.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481. 10 a.m.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

**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. 10 a.m.

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**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. Noon

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611. 3:30 p.m.

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered. 6 p.m.

**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for information. 6:30 p.m.

**Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group** - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart disease patients and their families, meets the second Monday of each month at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648. 6:30 p.m.

**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org). 7 p.m.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminister side. For information, call 713-856-1611. 7 p.m.

**Sagamont Civic Club** - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month, 7 p.m., Sagamont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road.

**Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group** - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033. 7 a.m.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" 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.

**CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday of each month, Sept. through May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 Nasa Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome to attend and join. Annual dues are \$35.

**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.

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**Tri-County Republican Women** - General meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Must have exact cash or make checks payable to Golfcrest Country Club. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083. Noon

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**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit [nailx@texascitizensbank.com](http://nailx@texascitizensbank.com). 1:30 p.m.

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**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - TOPS #1530 meets at the Sagamont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 1:30 p.m. For information, call

Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 6 p.m.

**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 6:30 p.m.

**Harris County Master Gardeners** - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening lectures the second Tuesday of each month at the Clear Lake meeting room (lakeside) at 5001 NASA Parkway. Programs will be held at 6:30 p.m. Visit the website for a list of topics and location at <https://hcmga.tamu.edu> or call 281-855-5600. 7 p.m.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminister side. For information, call 713-856-1611. **Houston Space City Lions Club** - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243. 8 p.m.

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**Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second and fourth week of each month (except November and December) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Galney at 713-991-3517 for information. 10 a.m.

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**American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter** - Now meets at Perry's Steakhouse & Grille, 487 Bay Area Blvd., on the second Wednesday of every month. For information or to RSVP, call Lorilyn Wynn at 281-388-5202. Noon

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**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. 7 p.m.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, meets at 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminister side. For more information, call 713-856-1611. **Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy. between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit [www.bayareaturningpoint.com](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.com) for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525. **Bay Area New Democrats** - Meet at the Clear Lake Court House at 1020 W. NASA Pkwy., Suite 204. For information, visit [www.bayareanewdemocrats.org](http://www.bayareanewdemocrats.org). 7 a.m.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15** 7 a.m.

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**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a list of all services. 6 p.m.

**Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter** - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information. 7 p.m.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminister side. For information, call 713-856-1611. **Al-Anon (English Speaking)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., 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 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 8:30 p.m.

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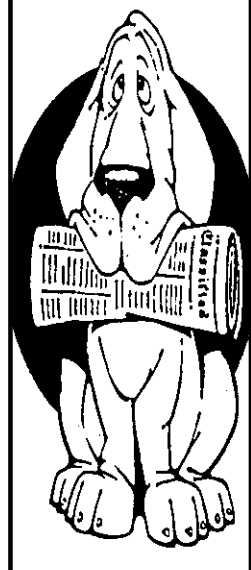


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## Dobie tennis squad drops hard-luck duel

**Continued from Page 1B** of those matches get away. You don't like to blame the loss of a team match on any one match or players.

"That's not the case here, either, but if we would have won those two after having leads, we would have been ahead 6-1 after the doubles instead of 4-3."

Dobie has built a solid tradition of gaining the early advantage in doubles play, thus needing to win fewer singles matches to get the necessary 10 wins in a team tennis match.

Even needing six to finish off Dawson, the Longhorns were oh so close in several and simply could not come away with the

At left, the Dobie doubles duo of David Ho (left) and Albert Luu celebrate winning a point against Alvin Oct. 6, at Dobie. The Longhorns won the match 17-2 to stay in second place in the standings. The Longhorns have remaining regular season matches against Sam Rayburn and Memorial before a trip to the area playoffs comes.

big points. "It was sort of a strange match," Moreno said. "But it turned into one of the classic battles that I've been a part of here at Dobie."

"We started out very slow in the doubles, and it looked like we were going to get our tails kicked. But all of the sudden the kids really stepped it up and we had a few chances to be up 6-1."

"We got a big effort in the mixed doubles. Tina Ha and Tommy Nguyen played well in a match that included Dawson's No. 1 girls' singles player."

"But we also lost five straight points in the super-tiebreaker in boys' No. 1 doubles, including a double fault on match point. It just wasn't our day."

Nonetheless, Moreno spoke of how proud he is of this "overachieving" team. He makes no bones about the fact he wasn't pleased with the lack of leadership and other things within the 2014-2015 team.

But this group is different. "There wasn't a dry eye in the bunch after the Dawson match," Moreno said. "That's how badly they wanted to win this match."

"Our senior leaders have led all season long, and that's a big reason why this group has played so well. We really needed everybody to play like a senior leader against Dawson, and they did. We didn't win, but I couldn't be any prouder of a team right now than I am of these kids."

Dawson will almost assuredly finish the season in district play unbeaten and advance to the 21/22 Area Championships as the top seed. Dobie has remaining matches against Memorial and Sam Rayburn, and will likely take the second seed.

That will put Dawson and Dobie in the area round against Deer Park and likely Baytown Sterling of District 21-6A.

In the previous two seasons, Dobie has had to face Deer Park in the same round, with little luck. Perhaps the third time is a charm.

"We'll give our best and see where that takes us," Moreno said.

"I'm sure Deer Park will win that district (21-6A), so we'll play them and leave it all out on the court like we did against Dawson."

## Beverly Hills volleyball dominates at Clute invitational



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh- and eighth-grade volleyball teams took first place at the Cougar Classic Invitational in Clute, coming through with big wins against stiff competition. Members of the Lady Bears' program include, left to right, (front row) Cassandra Hernandez, Bianca Cruz, Destiny Alvarez, Charisma Denoon, Marshay Thomas, Cadie

Masterson, (middle row) Raylene Martinez, Taiya Mitchell, Nayelie Soler-Berberena, Madison Garrett, Jessica Ibe, Breanna Boutte, Italy Bossett, Vanessa Villarreal, Esmeralda Calvillo, Jaqueline Arredondo, Mia Myers, Devin Richard, (back row) De Yona Gaston, Alaysia Foster, Lauren Robinson and Makayla Carker.

## Dawson 10, Dobie 9

**Note: Dawson took over sole possession of first place in District 22-6A with the win, using five superteibreaker victories to its advantage.**

### Boys' doubles

- 1) Pieter Cabato/Allen Zhang (DAW) def. Luis Cabreja/Ricky Perez 6-2, 5-7, 11-9.
- 2) Mikael Floyd/Patrick Larroza (DAW) def. David Ho/Albert Luu 6-3, 4-6, 10-6.
- 3) Brandon Chung/Justin Gee (D) def. Miles Hood/Zach Wallace 2-6, 6-0, 10-4.

### Girls' doubles

- 1) Lada Heng/Hai Ho (D) def. Rachael Hatchett/Tabitha Tran 7-5, 6-1.
- 2) Ashley Deveza/Karen Neira (D) def. Sarah Elsaime/Grace Liu 6-2, 6-4.
- 3) Hellen Le/Leilani Vargas (D) def. Kimberly Nguyen/D. Rhodes 6-4, 6-3.

### Mixed doubles

- 1) Kyler Powe/Kaleb Barnes (DAW) def. Tina Ha/Tommy Nguyen 6-1, 7-5.

### Boys' singles

- 1) Allen Zhang (DAW) def. Luis Cabreja 6-1, 6-1.
- 2) Pieter Cabato (DAW) def. Ricky Perez 6-2, 6-0.
- 3) Patrick Larroza (DAW) def. Albert Luu 6-3, 1-6, 10-7.
- 4) David Ho (D) def. Kaleb Barnes 6-4, 6-2.
- 5) Mikael Floyd (DAW) def. Justin Gee 6-1, 6-7 (8-6), 10-6.
- 6) Tommy Nguyen (D) def. Miles Hood 6-3, 6-2.

### Girls' singles

- 1) Kyler Powe (DAW) def. Hai Ho 6-1, 6-0.
- 2) Tabitha Tran (DAW) def. Leilani Vargas 6-1, 6-4.
- 3) Rachael Hatchett (DAW) def. Lada Heng 4-6, 6-4, 10-6.
- 4) Karen Neira (D) def. Grace Liu 6-7 (7-4), 6-4, 10-7.
- 5) Hellen Le (D) def. Sarah Elsaime 6-3, 6-4.
- 6) Ashley Deveza (D) def. Kimberly Nguyen 6-4, 6-2.

## Longhorn swimming team gets 2015-2016 underway

With the standout career of Kevin Nguyen now safely tucked away in the record books, it's time for the Dobie Longhorns to look to the future.

That future certainly starts this 2015-2016 season as Tin Nguyen on the boys' side and Vanessa Gonzalez and Summer Nasser lead the way this time around.

The Longhorns may eventually fight an uphill battle in trying to unseat Pearl and Dawson for supremacy within the district, but Dobie head coach Brad Nguyen likes what he has seen in the preseason.

"We really took a step forward on the boys' side last season and grabbed third place at district," Nguyen said.

"We had an unfortunate disqualification on the girls' side or else we would have been right

there for this place, too. Losing double points for a relay placing was costly, so we'll have to see what happens for this season."

The Longhorns don't possess the deepest talent pool around.

While there are certainly a half dozen solid competitors on both sides, competition for those other spots in both relays and individual events will be an ongoing theme.

Thus, building up a slew of points against a top-flight opponent might prove challenging, but the Longhorns will give it their all.

With Kevin Nguyen gone, senior Tin Nguyen, himself a difference maker since he arrived on campus as a freshman, figures to be a big contributor.

Josh Woernley and Sam Parker, who both came through in a big way as freshmen in 2014-2015,

will also be counted on heavily to produce points both in individual and relay competitions.

In addition to Gonzalez and Nasser for the Lady Longhorns, there's Madison Caballero, Rebecca Schafer, Lisa Luna and Francesca Arelano.

Dobie opened the regular season against Pearl Oct. 6, at the Pearl and Natatorium.

The Longhorns are also slated to host several of their meets at Pasadena ISD's Dennis Shippey Aquatics Center during the regular season.

Above all, Brad Nguyen knows the Longhorns will bring at least one thing to the pool every night.

"We will compete and compete hard, and I love that about these kids," he said. "I feel like we have a chance to push for a good finish, again."

## Dobie High School 2015-16 Varsity Swimming Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 24	Deer Park Invitational	All day
Oct. 27	Dawson (Pearland Nat.)	6 p.m.
Nov. 3	Clear Springs (Shippey)	6 p.m.
Nov. 7	La Porte Invitational	All day
Nov. 10	North Shore (Shippey)	6 p.m.
Nov. 20	TISCA Qualifiers (Corpus)	TBA
Dec. 5	Jingle Bells Inv. (Brook)	All day
Dec. 10	La Porte (Shippey)	6 p.m.
Dec. 12	Reindeer Classic (Pearland)	All day
Jan. 9	Sterling Classic (Baytown)	All day
Jan. 16	Alvin Invitational (Manvel)	All day
Jan. 29	22-6A champs. (Pearland)	All day
Feb. 5	Regional champs (Pearland)	All day

# Longhorns hope Pasadena win signals a playoff push is on the way

**Continued from Page 1B** breaking toward the left sideline, Morris hurdled Pasadena defensive back Edgar Trujillo still on his side of the 50, then outraced the defense down the sideline for a 72-yard touchdown run.

It was just one play, but it showed everyone in the stands just why Morris was placed on the varsity team from the moment he stepped on the Dobie campus after a brilliant career at Thompson Intermediate.

Dobie's Anthony Owens, who wound up with 75 yards rushing on 12 carries against Pasadena, was the starter for the Longhorns' first four games.

There's little doubt Owens will still get plenty of opportunities. It's also likely tailback Joseph Castaneda will get his share of attempts.

But while there are

times Morris still resembles a freshman running back playing at the varsity level, there's no question of his ability to change a game in an instant.

This much is true. As of right now, Morris represents the future at the running back position at Dobie. His continued development will be a focal point.

"It's been a process with Kris all along," Dobie head coach Mike Norman said. "We brought him along a little at a time over the first four games, and the plan has been to get him more touches."

"Kris got 12 carries this week and caught a pass. I think it's reasonable that he would get that much or more against South Houston."

With the Longhorns set to take on South Houston, the outlook is good for the Dobie offense moving forward.

Norman was pleased with Giron's performance at quarterback, a player who he said has been the team's most consistent performer all season.

Changes were made along the offensive line during the bye week, and the payoff was seen. And the team could be getting starting center Elijah Pearson back for the South Houston game.

Defensively, the Longhorns also appear to be making a few positive adjustments.

Defensive tackle Chandler Tisby was a force inside against the Eagles, and Kelly had the fumble recovery.

Looking ahead, Dobie's playoff hopes will almost assuredly rest on whether the locals can take down either Dawson or Alvin in games seven and eight. It's simply that easy to predict.

After that, the Long-

horns close the regular season with games against Sam Rayburn and Pasadena Memorial.

For now, though, the Longhorns will focus on taking down a South Houston team that has gone 1-5 through its first six games.

Norman prefers to place his attention on Dobie. Yes, the opponent matters, but again, it's more about

the Longhorns doing what they do and executing the game plan.

Top receiver Jaylon Bolden missed the Pasadena game while attending an academic competition, and he will be back in the lineup against the Trojans.

It still might be a bit for some of the other injured Longhorns to return, but it won't likely take long

for the team to be back to close to full strength for the stretch run.

The same scenario played out well last season as a big win over Dawson and a come-from-behind rally on the road at Alvin led to a playoff berth.

As for this season, if the Longhorns do qualify for the postseason, there is almost assuredly a fifth consecutive postsea-

son game coming against North Shore. Or perhaps Beaumont West Brook or Deer Park could enter the picture.

Based on student enrollment figures, Dobie and Pearl are the two largest schools in the District 22-6A alignment, meaning the Oilers and

Longhorns would head to the Division I bracket, with the Oilers likely holding the top seed by virtue of a better district record and/or a head-to-head win over Dobie.

But all of that playoff stuff will take care of itself sooner or later.

Right now, the Long-

horns still have work to do to get back into the playoff picture.

If nothing else, the Longhorns have shown what is possible when things come together.

Yes, Pasadena scored 20 points in the end, but Dobie posted a 44-0 lead, bringing back memories.



Dobie linebacker Justin Rodriguez (38) pressures Pasadena quarterback Valor Ojeda into a poor throw during the first half of the Longhorns' 44-20 victory Oct. 2, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. While the Eagles did score their first offensive points since Sept. 3, Ojeda completed just one pass.

Photo by David Fickinger

## 22-6A Varsity Football Standings

Team	Overall			District		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Pearland	6	0	0	4	0	0
Manvel	5	1	0	3	0	0
Dawson	4	2	0	3	1	0
Alvin	4	1	0	2	1	0
Memorial	2	4	0	2	2	0
Dobie	1	4	0	1	2	0
South Houston	1	5	0	1	3	0
Sam Rayburn	0	5	0	0	3	0
Pasadena	2	4	0	0	4	0

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