

Construction of new Dobie center delayed

By James Bolen

Construction of the new learning center at Dobie High School has been delayed due to permitting issues involving the City of Houston.

"Every time we send the paperwork to the City of Houston, they send it back to us," said Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis.

The new center, set to open this fall, will primarily cater to would-be Dobie freshmen deemed not yet prepared for high school.

Originally dubbed the "8.5 Academy" by district officials, the facility is now called the Dobie Learning Center and will house students from Thompson and Beverly Hills intermediates who have not passed their Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests.

Roughly 150 students are expected to attend the new facility, according to Lewis.

In addition to incoming freshmen, students in ninth grade who did not meet the credit requirements to be classified as sophomores will also take classes at the learning center.

The facility is to be located on the Dobie grounds between the tennis courts and Moore Elementary, adjacent to an existing eight-class-

room quadrant of four temporary buildings.

"It will be a replica of what's out there now," Lewis said.

A new cafeteria will separate the two groups of buildings.

Lewis said a fence will also be erected to serve as a barrier from neighboring Moore.

Regardless of the city permit complications, Lewis said the center will open as scheduled with the would-be sophomores occupying the existing quadrant of buildings, while the incoming freshmen will be temporarily housed at Beverly Hills Intermediate until the new facility is completed.

"We're just waiting," Lewis said. "Once the permits are secured, KBR (the company contracted to build the new center) will start work the next day."

A common concern is overcrowding at the school, as Dobie already has a far higher enrollment than the other four high schools in the district.

As of last March, Dobie had 3,289 students, whereas Pasadena had 2,220, South Houston had 2,315, Sam Rayburn had 2,528 and Pasadena Memorial had 2,756.

Parking should be relatively unaffected, Lew-

is said, as most of the students are not of driving age. An additional 15 teachers, however, will be added to the school's staff.

To alleviate traffic congestion on the already-crowded Blackhawk, the new center will have a

later start time than Dobie and Moore.

Students currently attending Dobie begin their school day at 7:15 a.m., while Moore students have a 7:50 a.m. start time. Students at the new facility will go from 8:20 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

PISD to begin registration

The Pasadena Independent School District has scheduled registration for students for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year.

Registration for PISD's pre-kindergarten program will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 10, at each elementary school offering the program.

Times for registration may vary at some campuses, so school officials suggest calling the campuses for specific information.

This program is open to 4-year-old students who are either limited in English proficiency or from low-income families or the child of active military personnel.

Low-income requirements are based on eligibility in the district's free/reduced lunch pro-

gram. Enrollment at each campus is offered on a first come, first serve basis.

School boundary guidelines do not apply to the pre-kindergarten program, so if the elementary school the student is zoned to does not offer pre-kindergarten then he or she may attend another elementary offering the program.

South Belt elementary schools offering pre-kindergarten include Burnett, Frazier, Genoa, Jessup, Meador, Moore (bilingual pre-k) and Stuchbery.

Registration for students in kindergarten through 12th grade will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 11 and 12 at all schools.

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Clear Creek ISD rated as Exemplary by state

The Clear Creek Independent School District has achieved the state's highest rating of Exemplary.

CCISD is the second largest school district to reach this level since Texas implemented its current accountability system. This milestone has been years in the making, and according to Greg Smith, superintendent of schools, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) rating reflects the district's commitment to continuous improvement for all students.

"If you look at our achievement gains over the past six years, you will see we were well on our way to Exemplary," Smith said. "We have always known Clear Creek ISD is an exceptional place to learn and work, and this rating simply affirms what we practice every day. As I shared with our team, reaching Exemplary was not a

destination point but rather a road sign indicating we are heading in the right direction to prepare students for the 21st century. However, we will take time over the next few months to celebrate this outstanding achievement with our students, staff and community."

Of the district's 41 campuses, 32 schools are Exemplary, eight schools are Recognized, and one campus is Academically Acceptable.

Clear View Education Center, which serves at-risk students in the district, is an Exemplary Campus.

All CCISD high schools and elementary schools are rated Exemplary or Recognized.

CCISD went from one Exemplary intermediate school in 2009 to seven in 2010.

The state accountability ratings are based on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills

(TAKS) test results, dropout rate, and high school completion rate.

The Texas Education Agency issues a campus and district rating of Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable or Academically Unacceptable based on the lowest performing student group. To achieve an exemplary rating a campus or district must achieve a 90 percent or higher passing rate in all student population groups.

The past academic year, 97 percent of all students passed TAKS in reading; 97 percent of all students passed TAKS in writing; 98 percent of all students passed TAKS in social studies; 93 percent of all students passed TAKS in mathematics; 94 percent of all students passed TAKS in science; 97 percent of students completed high school; and the district holds a 0.6 percent drop-

out rate. The TAKS passing percentages listed above do not include the use of the Texas Projected Measurement (TPM).

TPM is a formula developed by the TEA and approved by the US Department of Education in 2009. The formula tracks individual student achievement on state tests from one year to the next, giving schools credit for student improvement over time.

If a student does not meet passing standards on state tests but demonstrates, within the state's algorithm, the ability to pass in a subsequent year, the campus and school district are given credit.

The district's overall rating of Exemplary includes the use of TPM in six of the 35 indicators.

85% of PISD schools rated Recognized or Exemplary

More than 85 percent of the Pasadena Independent School District's ratable campuses received Exemplary or Recognized ratings from the Texas Education Agency.

According to accountability ratings, 18 PISD campuses earned Exemplary ratings and an additional 32 schools achieved Recognized status for their performance on the 2009-2010 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test and other performance measures.

"These results are very exciting and are the reflection of a lot of hard work among all of our teachers, principals and students," said Dr. Kirk Lewis, PISD superintendent. "We still have some areas where we need to focus attention, but I am confident we will be successful. As our teachers

and staff have shown time and again, they are committed to making great things happen when it comes to educating our students."

Overall, the district received an Academically Acceptable rating. The results reflect a significant increase over last year's results when the district had 18 Recognized and 17 Exemplary schools.

Of particular note is that this year's ratings showed that Memorial High School reached Recognized status, and 32 of the district's 34 elementary schools achieved either Exemplary or Recognized ratings.

In addition, all 10 of PISD's intermediate schools earned Recognized ratings, while seven of the eight middle school campuses received

Recognized status.

Lewis credits the Expectation Graduation initiative for the continued academic achievement.

The initiative is ongoing effort to reform the educational program in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

The program has led to significant improvement on TAKS over the past six years and the decrease in high school failure rates.

Campuses earning Exemplary status, all elementary, include Atkinson, Burnett, Bush, Frazier, Garfield, Mae Smythe, Matthys, McMasters, Morales, Pearl Hall, Red Bluff, Richey, South Houston, South Shaver, Teague, Turner and Young.

Campuses earning Recognized status include

Bailey Elementary, Fisher Elementary, Freeman Elementary, Gardens Elementary, Genoa Elementary, Kruse Elementary, L.F. Smith Elementary, Meador Elementary, Moore Elementary, Parks Elementary, South Belt Elementary, Sparks Elementary, Stuchbery Elementary, Williams Elementary, De Zavala Middle School, Keller Middle School, Lomax Middle School, Melillo Middle School, Milstead Middle School, Morris Middle School, Shaw Middle School, Beverly Hills Intermediate, Bondy Intermediate, Jackson Intermediate, Miller Intermediate, Park View Intermediate, Queens Intermediate, San Jacinto Intermediate, South Houston Intermediate, Southmore Intermediate, Thompson Intermediate and Memorial High School.



Shaulis speeds ahead

Sageameadow resident Justin Penton Shaulis won a championship trophy Friday, July 23, in the Pro Jr. Dragster division at the American Drag Racing League competition held in Baytown. Shaulis, 16, has overcome many obstacles in the past few years to reach this point. In September 2006, the racer was diagnosed with bone cancer. While he is now in remission, he has undergone multiple surgeries, and his condition requires ongoing medical treatment. Shaulis will be a junior at Dobie this fall. He is the son of Daryl and Angela Shaulis.

Photo by James Bolen

Shaulis takes home trophy

South Belt resident Justin Penton Shaulis took home a championship trophy Friday, July 23, in the Pro Jr. Dragster division at the American Drag Racing League competition held in Baytown.

Shaulis' journey to the winner's circle, however, has not been without its challenges.

In September 2006, Shaulis was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, or bone cancer. While he has been in remission since June 2007, his condition still requires extensive medical procedures.

The up-and-coming drag racer has undergone multiple medical procedures, including a biopsy, central line, limb salvage prosthesis and length modification. He was confined to a wheel chair from the time of diagnosis until his limb salvage surgery. Shaulis underwent nearly a year of chemotherapy, lab work, X-rays, scans and hospital stays. He also requires surgery every six months to maintain the length of his left leg.

At times, Shaulis' own siblings were not allowed to be near him, due to his low blood count.

Shaulis attended Thompson Intermediate un-

til his seventh-grade year when his condition required him to be homeschooled. He returned to Thompson for his eighth-grade year and is preparing to be a freshman at Dobie this next fall.

Prior to his diagnosis, Shaulis was active in sports, playing in the Sageamont-Beverly Hills Little League and earning all-star status in the City of Pasadena's basketball program.

In 2008, Shaulis was treated to an electronics shopping spree from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. His original wish of racing a junior dragster was deemed too dangerous by the charitable organization.

Family friend Ray Garcia, however, stepped up to the plate to make Shaulis' dream a reality. An owner of multiple race cars and dragsters, Garcia asked Shaulis to drive for him.

In his third race, Shaulis took home the runner-up prize.

Building on his recent success, Shaulis is currently seeking a sponsor.

Shaulis is the son of Sageameadow residents Daryl and Angela Shaulis.

Resident warns of speaker scam

An alert member of the community recently notified the *Leader* of a scam taking place in the neighborhood that deals with the selling of home audio speakers.

The concerned citizen said he had been approached Wednesday, Aug. 3, in a retail parking lot at Sabo Road and Beltway 8 by an individual claiming to have accidentally been given surplus speakers by his employer that he was looking to quickly unload at greatly reduced prices.

The confidence man produced documents showing that the system had an exorbitant manufacturer's suggested retail price and then began the haggling process.

Suspicious, the tipster looked up the speakers online and found there were numerous alerts warning people to steer clear of these cheap products, as they are often used in "white van

scams."

According to Wikipedia.com, the brand name of the speakers is often confusingly similar to a well-regarded speaker manufacturer.

For example, the reputations of manufacturers such as Klipsch, Polk Audio, Paradigm, Dahlquist, and Wharfedale are used to sell low-quality speakers with fake brand names like Kirsch, Volk Audio, Paradyne, Dahlton and Grafdale. Another brand called Millennium Theater Systems or MTS, is similar to MTX, and a brand called Paramax Audio has been claimed to be jointly owned by Paramount Studios and the IMAX Corporation.

While white vans are reportedly often used in these scams, the vehicle in this case is described as being a late-model charcoal or black Ford Explorer with Florida license plates.

JFD tickets available

Season pass tickets for J. Frank Dobie varsity football are available at Roy Shiflett Realtors. For additional information, see Page 1B.

Stuchbery has supplies

Stuchbery Elementary P.T.O. will have clear backpacks for \$10 each, pre-packaged school supplies for \$25-\$40, (depending on grade level), and school T-shirts for \$10 each available for purchase during registration on Aug. 10 through 12 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cash only.

CBC MUD offices close

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed on Wednesday, Aug. 11, until 8:30 a.m. for an employee safety meeting. For convenience, payments may be left in the drop slot.

Sageamont CC to meet

Sageamont Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair. The public is invited. Visit sageamontcivicclub.org.

Early registrations set

Atkinson Elementary

Atkinson Elementary will hold new student early registration on Wednesday, Aug. 11, and Thursday, Aug. 12, from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Items required at the time of registration include a lease/mortgage and utility bill to establish proof of residency, and a birth certificate, Social Security card, a previous report card and up-to-date shot records for each student. For information, call 713-740-0520.

Meador Elementary

Meador Elementary will hold registration for pre-kindergarten only Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pre-K students must be present to test for the bilingual/ESL program.

Early registration for students in grades pre-kindergarten through fourth grade will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 11, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 12, from 2 to 6 p.m., and Thursday, Aug. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon. Bring a copy of lease/mortgage, utility bill, student's birth certificate, Social Security card, previous report card, and current and up-to-date immunization record.

Moore Elementary

Moore Elementary will hold pre-kindergarten registration Tuesday, Aug. 10. This program is for students who are not proficient in English. Registration for all other grade levels will be Aug. 11 and 12. Time for all registration is from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Parents will need to provide shot records, Social Security card and birth certificate for each student, as well as proof of residence and one utility bill.

Dobie High School

Dobie High School will hold new student early registration as follows:

Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 11 and 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 14, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and Wednesday, Aug. 18, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the school at 713-740-0370.

Dobie project grad to meet

A Dobie Project Graduation meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. Senior parents interested in helping with fundraising and planning the event are invited to attend. For more information or to volunteer, call Carolyn Garza at 832-283-3912.

Galaxy Cheer registers

Registration and car wash

Galaxy Cheer will hold registration and a car wash on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the H-E-B parking lot on the corner of Blackhawk and Beltway 8. Presale tickets are \$7 and available from any Galaxy member or by calling 832-230-6237. Galaxy Cheer is a recreational cheer and dance program that will begin in September at the Beverly Hills Activity Center. For information, contact Imelda Martinez at galaxycheerhouston@gmail.com or call 832-230-6237.

Family night set at Morris

Morris Middle School will hold family visitation night to welcome students on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the school.

Lions Camp Aug. 19

Thompson Intermediate will hold Thompson Lions Camp for new seventh-grade students Thursday, Aug. 19, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Students in need of transportation can meet at the following locations: Burnett at 8:30 a.m., Frazier at 8:40 a.m., and Melillo at 8:45 a.m.

Library events scheduled

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale:

Aug. 7, an ESL tutor and training session will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 7, is Vietnamese storytime Reading Club at 9 a.m. followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

Teens can play Rock Band 2 starting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Game day is Thursday, Aug. 12, at 2:30 p.m. for ages 5 and up and their families. The library will provide games, but participants are welcome to bring their own. Preschool storytime is 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Toddler storytime is Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Astronaut Wilcutt to visit SJCS

Astronaut Terrence Wilcutt will visit with high school students during the last day of Math-Ready camp at San Jacinto College South from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6, in the ILC Building, Room 11105, at the South campus at 13735 Beamer Road.

A veteran of four space flights, which included the Endeavour in 1994, Wilcutt has logged more than 1,007 hours in space.

He currently serves as director of Safety and Mission Assurance at NASA-Johnson Space Center.

Wilcutt's visit is part of the Math-Ready camp curriculum, created by SJC faculty, NASA and Texas Tech University. The camp is designed to prepare high school students for their upcoming math curriculum throughout their academic years.

Readers' Opinions

Hodge devastated over loss of "Honey"

They say a bond between a person and a dog is "Man's best friend," for my dog Honey and me it was much more than that. I loved her unconditionally and to me she was my child, my friend, and my life.

Honey was a stray that we took into our home about a year ago, she was always so energetic and full of life. She loved to run and play with our other dogs and especially loved when I gave her belly rubs, she'd get so whiny just so I'd pet her some more!

What Honey loved to do more than that though was to lay in bed with me at night, her head on my arm, just looking at me and peppering my face with kisses.

On July 31st my Honey was hit by a car, on the corner of Hughes and Sageburrow, that person just drove off without ever looking to see if she was ok and on that same day she died. When I saw her for the last time, right before I was forced to make the decision to euthanize her, she was no longer my vibrant extraordinary dog, she was laying there with the life draining from her and

panting with every breath she took. With her passing not only has it made the entire family saddened by the loss, but it has also managed to shatter my heart.

I want whoever did this to know how utterly devastated I am by my loss, my sorrow can not be contained and I am sick with grief. For them it was just a dog, but for me it was my baby that died. I don't know if the person that did this is a part of our community or just passing through, but no decent human being should just be able to hit a someone's pet then take off and if it is a person of this community that did this I hope they read this and know how much pain they've caused for my family and me. Now all I have left are memories of us and the memory of what she looked like trying to fight for her life.

Honey was 1 year and 10 months old, she is survived by her "Grandparents" Adam and Alicia Gonzales, "Uncle" AJ Gonzales, "Aunt" Martena Hodge, "Cousins" Skylyn and Maverick Carlton, and me her "Mommy" Catrena Hodge.

I would also like to thank the neighbors who saw what happened and tried to help the best they could with her, that is what a true community is.

Catrena Hodge

PISD registration set Aug. 10 - 12

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To enroll a child in school, the district requires the following information to present to school personnel:

- A birth certificate or certified copy of a birth certificate (mandatory if the child has never been enrolled in a Texas public school before); and,
- A record of immunizations (demonstrating that shots are up-to-date).
- A Social Security card or document; and,
- School records (such as a withdrawal sheet or final report card), along with the address and phone number of the previous school.
- A deed, a mortgage, a mortgage payment book, or an apartment lease, and a current utility bill (present or previous month) to establish residence within the school district.

If the student or student's family is living with another family and using their address as his/her residence, the student and the owner or leaseholder

must sign a legal affidavit of residence at the school.

The affidavit is a formal, sworn statement made by both parties, notarized at school, in the presence of school personnel, before residency status can be accepted.

If an individual is not the parent listed on the birth certificate of the student, that individual cannot register the child in school without an enrollment certificate.

Certificates are issued only by campus personnel. Court documents, placement papers, CPS orders or agreements, or other legal documentation that establishes guardianship must be presented at the time of registration.

If a campus principal suspects that false or misleading information was provided in order to register a child/children, the principal may request a residency check.

For more information, contact the individual campuses.

Road closing announced

On Friday afternoon, Aug. 6, the contractor is scheduled to close Brookside Road at Cullen Parkway in Pearland, weather permitting, to all traffic on Brookside Road only.

Access along Brookside Road will remain open for residents and businesses only.

This two-week closure will allow improvements at this intersection to be completed. All other Brookside traffic will be diverted through the designated detour of Stone Road, Hughes Ranch Road and Cullen Parkway.

The city encourages the public to obey the work zone speed limits, use patience and caution as the area is a construction zone.

St. Luke's registration set

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church will register children and youth for the upcoming faith formation year on Aug. 15 after the 9:15 and 11:15 a.m., and 1 p.m. Masses. Other registration opportunities will be Monday, Aug. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in English, and Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Spanish.

The church will also be collecting school supplies such as notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils and other school materials for Operation Backpack. This program assists children whose parents cannot afford their classroom needs for the upcoming public school year.

The faith formation process is designed to assist parents in sharing the faith with their children. Faith formation sessions begin on Sunday, Sept. 19. Class space is limited, so register early.

For further information, call St. Luke's faith formation office at 281-481-4251.

Deaths

Jason Franklin Geers



Jason Franklin Geers, 32, of South Belt, died Friday, July 30, 2010. He was born Oct. 15, 1977.

Geers graduated from Dobie High School in 1997. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed participating in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Barbeque Cook-offs. He valued spending time with his friends, loved two-stepping to country western music, and enjoyed car shows.

Geers is survived by his parents, Barbara Geers and Charles Nelson of Houston; his brother, Richard Geers and fiancée Christi Jones of Dickinson; niece Laila Geers of Paris, France; cousin Chris Roesch and husband Brian of Hollywood, Fla.; aunt Debra Thomas of Pasadena; numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

A memorial service celebrating Geers' life will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, 2010, at Niday Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Cole officiating.

Lee O'Dell Dye Sr.



Lee O'Dell Dye Sr., 72, died on Thursday, July 22, 2010, in Livingston, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Marie Dye, and parents, Charles and Carrie Revels.

Dye is survived by his daughter, Diana Poole and husband Darrell; son Lee Dye Jr. and wife Nina of Riverstone Ranch; grandchildren Bradley Poole, Derrick Poole, Kayleigh Poole, Brooke Farias, Chris Dye and Paige Dye; brothers Huie Dye and Jody Barnes; and numerous family members and friends.

Online memorial tributes may be placed at www.grandviewfunerals.com.

Tammy Knapp



Tammy Knapp, 48, of Rosharon, Texas, died on Thursday, July 29, 2010.

She is preceded in death by her father, Joseph Hallam. She grew up in the South Belt area, and she and various relatives attended J. Frank Dobie High School.

Knapp is survived by her husband of 17 years, Keith Knapp; daughter Shana Wright; mother Bonnie Gossett; sister Brandy Sullivan; brothers Barry Hallam, Kerry Griggs and Terry Griggs; stepdaughters Trista Knapp and Keidra Husky; grandchildren Teig, Tyler, Noah, Kraig, Jerry and Shelby; and her dogs, Princess, Dutchess and Sophie.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, at SouthPark Funeral Home Chapel with burial following at SouthPark Cemetery.

To sign the guest book, visit www.southparkfunerals.com.

Board celebrates chancellor's 1st year



The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees recognized Dr. Brenda Hellyer at a recent meeting, celebrating her first year as chancellor of the college. Pictured prior to the meeting are (seated in front) Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor; (standing, left to right) John Moon Jr.; Larry

Wilson, assistant secretary; Dan Mims, vice chair; Marie Flickinger, chair; Dr. Ruede Wheeler; Ben Meador, secretary; and Wayne Slovacsek.

Photo by Amanda L. Booren, San Jacinto College

A look back at SJC's Chancellor's 1st year

The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees recognized Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer at a recent meeting celebrating her first-year tenure as chancellor.

"We are so pleased to have Brenda Hellyer as the chancellor of San Jacinto College," said SJC Board Chair Marie Flickinger. "She works diligently each and every day to ensure that the citizens in our district receive an affordable and quality education, and her focus on student success is what makes San Jacinto College a leader in education."

The first year in review

- Hired 63 new full-time faculty to manage enrollment growth and commitment to excellence.
- Reached record enrollment in fall 2009, college-wide and individually at each of the three campuses.
- Developed college vision and mission statements focusing on student success.
- Broke ground on two projects included in the \$295 million bond referendum passed by voters in the San Jacinto College District in May 2008.
- Developed and implemented a strategic plan and annual priorities for the college. The plan is guided by the college's eight core values and four strategic goals (student success, P-16 pipeline, work force and economic development, and people).
- Held the first College Community Day - A one-day planning and input retreat for all full-time employees to create a shared understanding of challenges and opportunities, and to develop strategies for moving forward.
- Recognized as the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Industry of the Year.
- Worked to connect with local communities, independent school districts, universities, industry partners, and elected officials.
- Built a greater awareness of San Jacinto College at the regional, state, and national levels.
- Partnered with the Houston Symphony for a private showing of *The Planets - An HD Odyssey* in February, raising more than \$110,000 toward arts and sciences scholarships.
- Worked with the San Jacinto College Foundation Board of Directors to formulate strategies and focus efforts on fundraising goals.
- Raised more than \$20 million in new grant funding since September 2009 across a broad spectrum of disciplines to train local workers

- half of which is a collaborative effort with community, industry, and education partners.

Completed the implementation of a performance management program for faculty, staff, and administrators.

Moving forward

Hellyer began her tenure as chancellor in May 2009. As with other state agencies and schools, she moves into her second year as chancellor facing a difficult economy.

San Jacinto College is particularly challenged due to record enrollment, along with state appropriation reductions and declining property tax assessments, all of which led to an increased need for resources while dealing with an overall decline in resources.

"The recently announced reduction in state revenues will amount to a \$3,824,364 budget reduction for the current biennium for the college, with greater cuts anticipated for the next biennium," commented Hellyer. "Our focus in moving forward will be on how to continue to meet the needs of our increasing number of students, while ensuring student success during these difficult times. We want our students to finish what they start - no matter what that may be, a class or a semester - but ultimately we know that certifications and degrees change lives."

Although the college faces a budget reduction from the state, a tax increase is not anticipated. Rather, the college leadership under Hellyer's guidance, has taken a very conservative approach to bud-

geting and has been preparing for this potential scenario.

"We have been looking at ways to streamline our operations, repurposing operations dollars and positions, if necessary, to make sure that we are properly resourcing all areas of the college," noted Hellyer. "This means taking a hard look at how we are doing business and making sure we are optimizing every dollar spent."

As the state legislature continues to look at the budget, San Jacinto College leadership is preparing for even deeper cuts from the state appropriations. San Jac will continue to look for ways to streamline and manage what looks to be a few difficult years ahead.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, San Jacinto College will also begin planning its 50th anniversary. The college first opened its doors in fall 1961, welcoming 876 students to its first classes after voters in the Channelview, Deer Park, Galena Park, La Porte, and Pasadena school

districts approved the creation of the college in May 1960.

Fiftieth anniversary activities will take place throughout the year, beginning in fall 2011, in commemoration of this milestone event.

"I'm excited about the direction that San Jacinto College is headed," added Hellyer. "Our greatest success is our people, and that success is based on teamwork, collaboration, and focus. It takes all of us focusing on our students and the communities that we serve, and that is what makes this college so special."

San Jacinto College serves a diverse population of more than 27,000 students in over 140 degrees and certificates in university transfer and technical programs. The college also serves the community through workforce training. Students come with various goals and aspirations and it is committed to their success.

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

Cokebury's Galactic Blast VBS Reunion

Friday, August 13th • 6:30-8:30 pm

All cadets and their families are invited back to Cokebury for a VBS reunion. Revisit a scene from one of the stories told during Vacation Bible School, sing your favorite Galactic Blast song, play some games, and much more. An update on our Heifer Internation mission will be presented as well as drawings for door prizes. Refreshments are provided and it is FREE of charge. Do not forget to wear your Galactic Blast VBS T-shirt.

City secretary validates ReNew Houston petition

The ReNew Houston Campaign recently announced it has met state requirements for qualified signatures from registered Houston voters to call for a charter amendment to create a dedicated funding source to improve and renew Houston's decaying streets and drainage system. In other words, ReNew Houston is certified!

City Secretary Anna Russell has checked and validated 21,197 signatures, which is more than the 20,000 required by the state for a petition to call for a city charter amendment.

In a letter July 30, 2010, to Mayor Annise Parker and members of City Council, Russell said, "A sufficient

number of valid signatures were checked without the necessity of checking the balance of the submitted signatures." City Council must now approve placement of the ReNew Houston charter amendment on the November 2, 2010, ballot for consideration by Houston voters.

During the next three months, ReNew Houston will continue efforts to educate Houston voters and gain their support for the charter amendment, which provides a responsible solution to pay for fixing Houston's crumbling streets and drainage system.

Most Houstonians understand that drainage and street problems contribute to costly flooding which threat-

ens our homes and property. Most Houstonians don't want to wait decades to solve this problem, while city streets and drainage systems continue to deteriorate and lessen the value of Houston's neighborhoods.

Funding for the dedicated drainage and street renewal fund would come from development impact fees, a new drainage fee, conversion of current street and drainage bond expenditures to a pay-as-you-go system, and the use of third party revenues that are committed to drainage, streets and mobility improvement project purposes.

For more information on ReNew Houston, go to www.renewhouston.org.

Hutchison introduces Patients' Freedom to Choose legislation

Recently, Texas' U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison introduced the Patients' Freedom to Choose Act, a bill that would repeal two provisions in the new health care law that limit a patient's choice in how to use his consumer-directed health savings plans.

In 2011, the health care bill will prohibit individuals from using funds from either Health Savings Accounts or Flexible Spending Accounts to purchase over-the-counter medication unless they have a prescription from their doctor. Starting in 2013, the law institutes a federal cap for all FSAs of \$2,500. Over 80 percent of all large employers that offer an FSA to their employees include a limit that is over this \$2,500 threshold.

Hutchison's legislation repeals the arbitrary cap on FSAs by striking the \$2,500 restriction. It also repeals the provision that requires pa-

tients using HSAs or FSAs to have a prescription from their doctor before they purchase over-the-counter medication.

"Allowing individuals the flexibility and freedom to use health benefit accounts without contribution caps or the additional expense of an office visit to their physician have helped make these accounts so popular," Hutchison said. "Patients were promised more choices and flexibility when the health care bill passed, but these provisions stifle both. My bill puts patients back in charge of how and when they'll use the HSA or FSA benefits, and it prevents the federal government from imposing caps that raise patients' health care costs."

HSAs and FSAs accounts allow individuals to set aside money each year on a pre-tax basis in order to pay health care expenses. Since employee contribu-

tions are made before they are taxed, this is another way to ease Americans' growing tax burden. America's Health Insurance Plans released a report that shows more than 10 million Americans now are enrolled in HSAs.

In addition, over 35 million people have FSAs, and 85 percent of all large employers (those with more than 500 employees) offer them as a benefit to their employees.

Before the health care law was enacted, there was no federal cap that an employer had to comply with in order to offer an FSA to its employees. Consequently, the median limit on FSA benefits offered by employers is \$4,500.

Federal employees can contribute up to \$5,000 to their FSAs, and state employees in 46 states, including Texas, have FSA contribution limits set at \$3,000 or more.



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Dobie grad Nance – from MLB player to baseball coach

The tight-knit community that is the South Belt-Ellington area is unlike any other community in Houston. Neighbors know each other, kids go to school together and grow up playing sports or in the same clubs.

It really is a community where one can hardly go anywhere and not run into someone who is known.

The students who attend the area high schools have been preceded by many graduates, but unfortunately, friends and neighbors lose touch after moving on from secondary education.

It is for this reason that the Leader is presenting a series of profile pieces spotlighting the achievements that have come to graduates and attendees of high schools in the South Belt area.

By Matt Griesmyer
“The area is getting older, but overall it is still very nice,” said Shane Nance, Dobie class of '96. “A lot of people I went to school with are still in the area, and their parents are still around.”

A lot is the same with the community, and the area has grown, but a lot has not changed.”

While students who have played under the direction of him know Nance as “Coach,” followers of the Milwaukee Brewers, Brooklyn Dodgers and Arizona Diamondbacks baseball teams know Nance as a big-league baseball player.

Nance's career currently lies in Lake Jackson, but it started with his education and residence in South Belt.

Nance lived first in the South Houston area before moving to South Belt when he was 11. He first attended Beverly Hills Intermediate and then Dobie.

“I played both football and baseball at Dobie,” Nance said. “In football, I was defensive back and running back, and in baseball, I was left-handed pitcher and outfielder. The memories I have from Dobie are all about playing sports and playing varsity football.”

Nance went on to explain that he remembers the team that he was on was only one game away

from going to state.

After graduating from Dobie, Nance started attending school at the University of Houston.

“I knew I was going to UH to play baseball and pursue a degree in business,” Nance said. “I ended up finishing in the summer of 2008 because baseball got in the way.”

Nance took a break from college to play baseball from 2000 to 2005. He played for the Dodgers from 2000 to the end of the 2002 season.

After the Dodgers, he was traded to the Brewers, then to the Diamondbacks in 2003, which he played with until he retired from baseball in 2005.

After playing the field, Nance went on to do orthotics sales for a few years.

Upon returning to Houston, he went back to school and finished his degree, graduating with a business degree in marketing.

Since graduating from U of H, Nance has returned to the world of education, but this time in the role of educator and coach. Currently he serves as athletic director and baseball coach at Brazosport Christian School in Lake Jackson, Texas.

While one might think that the transition of player to coach would be difficult, Nance remarks that his team remains grounded and understands his position.

“To them I am just coach,” Nance said. “They do know what I have done, though, but I am just a normal guy who likes to play. Right away, I got them to work pretty hard, but to them, I am just another high school coach with experience.”

As with everyone, the path to where he is right now has been difficult. The hardest times of his life revolve around the fact that he started his family when he was 18.

Nance and his wife, Amy, live in Pearland, but they have known each other since the summer between their eighth- and ninth-grade years.

“We both went to (the same school),” Shane said. “We met in the summer between eighth and ninth grade when we were taking health in summer school at South Houston (high school).”

Amy serves as both practice manager for Advanced Dermatology in Pearland and as mother to two daughters, Katelyn, 14, and Kylie, 6.

Shane may have left the South Belt area to play for the big leagues and then teach in Lake Jackson, but his ties to the area do re-

main through his mother, who still lives in the same house as in Shane's high school years.

Shane's mother, Kim, and husband Herbert

Cummins currently reside in Sagement. His father, Joe, and wife Donna live in Pearland.

As far as the future is concerned, Shane's plans

are simple and reflect the education and experiences he received from the South Belt area.

“I am staying put in Pearland,” Shane said. “I

want to continue to coach; I really enjoy coaching high school. I like being an influence on kids and making a difference in things in the lives of young men.”



Shane Nance and his family pose for a group photograph on Dec. 25, 2009. Pictured are, left to right, Kylie, 6, Shane, Katelyn, 14 and Amy Nance. Photo submitted

PISD area teachers use summer to graduate from space camp

By Carol Waters

Thompson Intermediate
Four Pasadena Independent School District teachers graduated from Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., on July 17, 2010.

The 2010 Boeing Educators to Space Camp program trained 105 teachers from 13 countries. The focus for this program is to train teachers to teach and motivate students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) courses and careers.

Upon arrival, participants are put into seven different groups based on parts of the ISS (International Space Station).

Participants then follow a rigorous schedule jam packed with activities to benefit their students when they return. During space camp, teachers attend presentations by former astronauts and Boeing/NASA engineers as well as short courses on rocketry, toys in space, designing lunar landers and DNA extracting.

Two of the most memorable activities for the PISD teachers were completing the two mission simulations and climbing the Pamper Pole.

During the mission simulations, participants were assigned specific roles depending on whether they were in

Mission Control, ISS or Columbia/Discovery orbiters.

Pamper Pole was a 30-foot telephone pole with “staples” leading to the top. A circular piece of wood that was no wider than 12 inches was at the top of the pole. Once participants climbed up the pole, they stood on top of it and then turned around

and jumped off trying to hit the white rope dangling in front of them. While one participant climbed, eight team members held them with ropes and pulleys. Both activities built a remarkable trust between team members and strengthened the relationships among members.

The space camp graduates

are Carol Waters of Thompson Intermediate, Julie Archer of Park View Intermediate, Paul Martinez of Bondy Intermediate and Don Becker of San Jacinto Intermediate.

These teachers are eager to incorporate their experiences to encourage students to do their best in the STEM courses and be successful.



Pictured graduating from space camp are PISD teachers, left to right, Carol Waters of Thompson Intermediate, Julie Archer of Park View Intermediate, Paul Martinez of Bondy Intermediate and Don Becker of San Jacinto Intermediate. Photo submitted by Carol Waters

Workshop helps raise awareness for teachers

Local educators and community members are invited to raise their awareness about the challenges facing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students in the school setting when University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Educational Programs offers *LGBT Students: What Educators Need to Know* on Friday, Aug. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in UHCL's Arbor Building, Room 1510, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The workshop focuses on sexual orientation, gender identity and the coming out process and how teachers, counselors and administrators can assist students in coping with other students and friends. This event includes featured speakers from

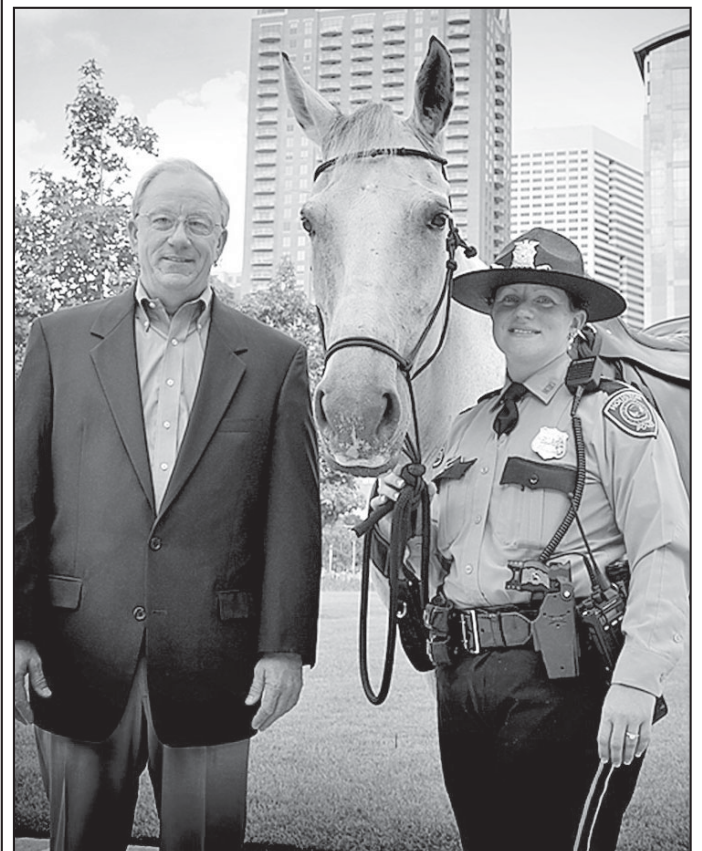
UHCL and area community organizations. Course fee is \$19 for students and \$29 for all others.

For more information or to register, visit <http://soe.uhcl.edu/BackToTheU/>, call Center for Educational Programs representative Joyce Young at 281-283-3530, or e-mail youngj@uhcl.edu.

Lions Club meets Aug. 10

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

Sullivan congratulates officers



Three officers recently joined the Houston Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit and received specialized pins. The pins are “crossed sabers” and are the traditional insignia of the U.S. Cavalry. Councilmember Mike Sullivan attended the ceremony and congratulated each officer. Sullivan is shown with HPD Officer Rebecca Gunderson, who is now assigned to the Mounted Patrol Unit at 5005 Little York. The stables are open to the public, and horses can be fed carrots, apples or peppermint candy. To arrange a visit to the stables or to schedule a demonstration of the unit, call 832-394-0394. Photo courtesy of HPD Sr. Officer Mike McCoy

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TODD!
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Todd Whistler** on Friday, Aug. 6, from wife **Lori**, daughters **Erica** and **Erin**, grandson **Kade Alan** and son-in-law **Jack Skufca**. They all send love and a huge thank you to Todd for all that he has done for them.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 5 through Aug. 11.

Burnett Elementary
Celebrating a birthday Aug. 5 is **Isabel Palacios**. On Aug. 11, **Geneva Refuge** enjoys a birthday.

Meador Elementary
Michelle Whitely marks a birthday Aug. 8. Aug. 10 is the day for a birthday cake for **Molly Savala**.

Moore Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Brenda Rodriguez** Aug. 11.

Stuchbery Elementary
The day for a double-layer cake for **Rosa Alencastro** and **Sandy Smith** is Aug. 5. **Dianne Pasquali** and **Tina Willhoite** share a birthday Aug. 8. Special birthday greetings are sent to **Shirleene Lipsey** Aug. 9. Birthday wishes go out to **Relaine Pitts** Aug. 11.

Morris Middle School
Blow out the birthday candles for **Cheryl Patrick** Aug. 6. Marking a birthday Aug. 7 is **Patricia Alejandro**. On Aug. 10, **Brandy Fitz** enjoys a birthday.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Carmen Ordenez has a birthday Aug. 7. Birthday greetings are sent to **Sherrie Orr**

Aug. 11.
Thompson Intermediate
The day to send a birthday greeting to **Dan Hoppie** is Aug. 5.
Challenger
Blow out the birthday candles for **Fran Michetich** Aug. 5. The day for a cake for **Travis Teichelman** is Aug. 11.
Dobie High
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Shaun Stanton** Aug. 5. On Aug. 6, a triple birthday is celebrated by **Eileen O'Connor**, **Anne Regier** and **Brianna Vorhis**. Sharing a birthday Aug. 10 are **Yvette Girón**, **Donna Rinehart** and **Richard Wulf**. **Elida Mercado** is sent birthday wishes Aug. 11.

DOBIE TRAILMIXER NEWS
The Dobie Trailmixers recently met at Luby's for their monthly meeting. Topics included:
Early registration for Dobie's 2010-2011 school year begins Aug. 11.
Jim Phillips, the new football head coach, starts practice Aug. 9.
Time files! **Jerry Speer** is serving as PISD board president; he's already served 10 years on the board, and is going strong.
Dobie students who enjoyed membership in the choir program during **Debbie Tidwell's** years of directorship (1982-2000) are planning a reunion. They are looking for interested participants and are asked to e-mail DobieChoirReunion@yahoo.com for more information.
The community newspaper, a source of unity for years, is currently featuring stories on South Belt area folks who grew up in the neighborhood. A recently featured former

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Students attend camp to program computer games

Approximately 20 local high school students are learning how to design and program computer games this week at a San Jacinto College South gaming camp, sponsored by the computer information technology department.

This is the department's first year to host the camp, which involves computer activities that introduce participants to the process of how games are created.

Guest speakers Michael Gafron and Nick Davis from Tietronix Software visited the camp recently to share their experiences as a programmer and graphic designer.

This event is funded by the Texas Workforce Commission Youth in Technology Grant: Careers in Technology Impact Program.

One of the program's goals is to educate and inform high school students about potential careers within science, technology, engineering and math (STEM fields).

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

Final weekend of Shakespeare at CCCT

A *Midsummer Night's Dream*'s final weekend at Clear Creek Community Theatre will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, Aug. 5, 6 and 7, and a final performance on Sunday, Aug. 8, at 2:30 p.m.

Clear Creek Community Theatre is located at 18091 Upper Bay Road in Nassau

Bay. For information, visit the Web site at www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.org.

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students, and \$10 for groups of 10 or more. For reservations, call 281-335-5228.

Clear Horizons Early College High School sophomore Zain Hussain (left) and Clear Brook High School sophomore Mahad Khaleeq work on a programming activity at the San Jacinto College South gaming camp.

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Remember When

30 years ago (1980)
A hazardous waste disposal site was being proposed adjacent to Ellington Air Force Base by Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority. GCWDA officials announced they had made permit application for the 200-acre site bounded by Ellington, State Highway 3, and the proposed Beltway 8 near Genoa-Red Bluff Road. The facility was expected to cost approximately \$67 million and would incorporate the use of a rotary kiln and, at that time, a relatively new process of detoxification known as Stablex.

25 years ago (1985)
Petitions requesting flashing lights at local school zones and improvements to Hall Road from Kingspoint to Telephone were to be given to El Franco Lee, county commissioner for Precinct 1, at a meeting of the South Belt Civic Coalition. More than 2,000 signatures were secured on the petitions.

15 years ago (1995)
Dobie's Jennifer Richardson, 15, won the Glamour Girl Model Search Contest (teen division) hosted by Page Parkes Center of Modeling and Glamour Shots of Houston.

10 years ago (2000)
Heather Ogilvie, a 1996 Dobie graduate and Sageglen resident, relinquished her crown after serving one year as Miss Texas. During her reign, Ogilvie represented Texas at the national level at the Miss USA Pageant, placing 12th.

1 year ago (2009)
Former South Belt resident James Daigle was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for his service in the U.S. Army. Daigle, a 1983 Dobie graduate, was honored by having one of his Purple Hearts pinned on by former President George W. Bush at a ceremony in Dallas. He was awarded one Purple Heart for taking a bullet in his leg and the other for injury sustained while the vehicle he was in ran over an improvised explosive device (IED). He received the Bronze Star for his valor as a medic on many dangerous missions.

5 years ago (2005)
Both PISD and CCISD had their "recognized" statuses reduced to "acceptable" after students took the more rigorous Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills tests.

1 year ago (2009)
The 147th Texas Air National Guard received orders to deploy to Iraq in support of the war on terror.

1 year ago (2009)
A fatality traffic accident occurred on the Gulf Freeway at the Scarsdale exit. The driver of a late-model Mustang took the exit at the last minute then spun out of control. A 25-year-old male passenger in the car was killed instantly.

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Romero, Robinson marry at Golfcrest

Adriana Romero and Corey Robinson were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony on Sunday, July 4, 2010, at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland, with Dr. Jon Redmond officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father. A reception followed.

The bride is the daughter of Anita Lopez and Eli Anzaldúa of Kirkwood South and Ernie and Elvia Romero of Denton, Texas.

The groom is the son of Mark and Rhonda Stauffer and Jerry Robinson, all of Pasadena.

Serving as maid of honor was Jenny Horodyski, and the groom's brother, Jeremy Robinson, stood as best man.

Bridesmaids were Diana Lopez and Sherri Gonzalez, cousins of the bride; Blair Stauffer, sister of the groom; Ashley Acord; Vanessa Munoz; and Betiana Falcao.

Flower girl was Sydney Stauffer, sister of the groom.

Groomsmen were Jon Box, Travis Golden, Ale-

jandro Morales, Cody Collier, Andrew Patrick and Matthew Easter, all of Pasadena and childhood friends of the groom.

Ringbearer was Gavin Romero, nephew of the bride.

The bride attended Atkinson Elementary and Beverly Hills Intermediate and is a 2005 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School. In December 2009, she received a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

She will be teaching this fall at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

The groom graduated from Deer Park High School in 2006.

He is currently employed with Orion Construction.

Lucketts celebrate 25th anniversary



Will Lockett Jr. and Brenda L. Green-Lockett of South Belt celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a We Do Again, ceremony and reception on June 19, 2010, held in the Grand Ballroom at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer Road. The couple were married June 19, 1985. The Rev. L.L. Atkins officiated the ceremony. Brenda's mother, Alma Youman Roy of Port Arthur, was present for the festivities. The We Do Again ceremony party attendees were the Rev. Sidney and Joella Lockett of Houston, Steward and Pamela Norman, and Norma A. and Derrick Thomas, all of Beau-

mont; Adam Troy and Trina Denise Thomas; Brianna Alexandria Thomas was flower girl, Gregory Thomas was ring bearer, and Gary Brice II was usher, all of Spring. Other attendants included hostesses Char-nisha Sharelle Allison of Port Arthur and Melanie Lockett, and Jeremery Lockett of Prairie View was an usher. A mixture of 300 family, friends and neighbors attended the event. Will is a retired yardmaster from the Albermarle Cooperation. Brenda is employed by Fort Bend Independent School District.

Photos submitted



Mr. and Mrs. Corey Robinson

Dobie choir alumni plan reunion

Former J. Frank Dobie choir students who were taught under the direction of Debbie Tidwell are putting together a reunion.

The purpose is to celebrate the memories and good times that were had during Tidwell's term. Tidwell served from

1982 to 2000, and students who enjoyed membership in Dobie's choir program during those years are encouraged to participate in the reunion.

For all those interested in participating, contact Do bieChoirReunion@yahoo.com for more information.

The Bridge hosts annual luncheon

The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc., a nonprofit agency dedicated to assisting victims of domestic violence, recently held its 12th annual Woman of Distinction Award fundraiser luncheon at the Hobby Hilton.

The event was emceed by television celebrity Deborah Duncan.

Honorees were Rene G. Arnold, executive director of operations at The Fountain of Praise; Michelle Lyn, M.D., director of child protection section of emergency medicine at Texas Children's Hospital and medical director of the Children's Assessment Center; Pamela Hodson, one of the founders of The Gathering Place, an Alzheimer's Care Team; and Judge Holly Williamson, Harris County Precinct 8



South Belt residents Lt. Chris (left) and Dawn McDonald (right) are shown with Dr. Jennifer Arnold (center) of TLC's *The Little Couple*. Photo submitted

Position 1 Justice of the Peace.

Dr. Jennifer Arnold was

keynote speaker. She is an assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of

Medicine and well-known for her reality show on TLC, *The Little Couple*.

Free childhood immunizations offered at HFD fire stations

The Houston Fire Department and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Care Van will team up again to offer free childhood immunizations at area HFD fire stations.

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Bring the child and a copy of his or her immunization records to one of the following clinics between 4 and 7 p.m. on the dates listed below. Parents or guardians must accompany their children.

Locations include:

Thursday, Aug. 5, at Station 29, 4831 Galveston Road (77017); Thursday, Aug. 19, at Station 59, 13925 S. Post Oak (77045); Thursday, Sept. 2, Station 5, 2020 Hollister (77080); Thursday, Sept. 16, Station 51, 6902 Bellaire (77074); Thursday, Oct. 7, Station 27, 6515 Lyons (77020); Thursday, Oct. 21, Station 15, 5306 N. Main (77009); Thursday, Nov. 4, Station 35, 5535 Van Fleet (77033); Thursday, Nov. 18, Station 58, 10413

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For additional information, visit the Care Van Web site at www.carevan.org, call the HFD Public Affairs office at 713-495-7900, or e-mail paul.box@houstontx.gov for assistance in locating the nearest station/clinic.

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Martinez, Ramirez families take road trip



Edgar and Denise Ramirez of Sageglen, along with Denise's parents, Daniel and Diane Martinez, recently vacationed with their children and other family members. Above, the group braves the rapids in Durango, Colo. Shown are, left to right, Aaron, Dominic, Daniel, Denise, Deana, Alex, Edgar and their guide.

At left: (front row) Dominic, Aracely, Alex, (middle row) Deana, Aaron, (back row) Daniel, Diane, Denise and Edgar pose in front of the welcome sign as they enter Colorado. Bottom left: In front of the New Mexico border sign are Deana, Alex, Aracely, Dominic and Aaron.

Below: (front row) Aracely, Dominic, (back row) Deana, Aaron and Alex stand on a bridge at a Colorado resort.



Rodriguezes travel on family vacation



Top left: Victoria, Benny and Ana Rodriguez in Roswell, N.M., visit with an alien. Middle left: Benny poses in front of the bat cave at Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico where an estimated half a million bats come out at sundown. Bottom left: Victoria, Ana and Benny pose in front of Old Faithful about to erupt at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Top right: Benny, Ana and Victoria on Rendezvous Mountain in Jackson, Wyo., 10,000+ ft above sea level. Bottom right: Victoria, Benny and Ana in front of Mount Rushmore in Keystone, S.D.




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Visited Vegas, met Pawn Stars



Adam and Alicia Gonzales traveled with Alicia's sister and friend, Marcello Gusman, to Las Vegas where they visited Lake Mead and saw the stars of the History Channel show, *Pawn Stars*, and Paul Rodriguez. Pictured at left are Alicia, Rodriguez and Adam. Below are Adam and Alicia; Adam and Chumlee. The couple have lived in the Sagemont area for approximately 15 years and are active in the community. Their three daughters all graduated from Dobie High School, and their son will attend Thompson Intermediate.





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Sports news, notes

Dobie FB ticket sets offered

Dobie High School varsity football fans may now purchase Longhorns' season tickets for Dobie games at Newcomb Field at a discounted rate through Aug. 20. The Longhorns, who open the 2010 season at home against Alief Taylor Aug. 27, will play six home games at Newcomb Field. Fans may now purchase a season ticket plan for \$24, which will include one parking pass per order good for Dobie games only. The price represents a \$12 savings, given the \$5 ticket price per game at the gate as well as the \$1 parking fee at Newcomb Field. Tickets for Dobie High School may be purchased locally at Roy Shiflett Realtors, 11559 Beamer Road (Beamer and Beltway 8 next to the South Belt-Ellington Leader) as well as the PISD ticket office.

BAFL season opens Aug. 14

The Bay Area Football League season will open Saturday, Aug. 14, at various locations across the southeast Houston area. The Ellington Rams will host the East End Eagles at South Houston High School. The Sagemont Cowboys will play at Santa Fe at Braves Field, and the Southbelt Dolphins will host the League City '49ers at Blackhawk Park. All of the action begins with the pee wee game at 8 a.m., followed by senior, junior, sophomore and freshman play. The Rams will scrimmage Saturday, Aug. 7, against Pasadena at Wilson Park and then host a scrimmage against Hitchcock Wednesday, Aug. 10. The Cowboys will host Hitchcock in a scrimmage Saturday, Aug. 7. For times, see Page 2B.

High school volleyball season is here! Clear Brook, Dobie start play Aug. 10

High school volleyball workouts are under way as teams across the state prepare for the start of the regular season.

Locally, the Clear Brook Lady Wolverines and Dobie's Lady Long-

horns are working out twice daily in preparation for opening night, which comes Tuesday, Aug. 10, for both teams.

Clear Brook will serve up its regular season Aug. 10 at home against St. Ag-

nes. The varsity match is set to start at 6:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, Dobie will travel to Manvel for a tri-match that will also include Alvin. The varsity action will begin at 6 p.m.

After the openers, Clear

Brook and Dobie will play in tournaments Aug. 12-14.

For the second straight year, Dobie will play in the Alamo Heights event in San Antonio, while the

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A strong junior season on the outside has Clear Brook's Anita Permenter ready for a strong finish to her career. Along the way, she hopes to help guide the Lady Wolverines deep into the playoffs again.



Katherine Finney, Dobie's top returning hitter from 2009, can add leadership to her list of responsibilities this season as she paves the way for a revamped Lady Longhorns' varsity roster.

Beverly Hills Intermediate athletes set Food, Fun and Football Sept. 4

The Beverly Hills Intermediate coaching staff has announced plans for the third annual Fun, Food and Football event at the school Saturday, Sept. 4.

The festivities will include a variety of food vendors, raffles for prizes and a series of football scrimmages matching each of the Battlin' Bears' teams.

Bears' head football coach Ben Portis and his staff developed the idea prior to the 2008 season as a way to raise funds to help support the schools' athletic programs.

The 2008 debut was a success, and 2009 was even better. So far, Portis predicts the 2010 Fun, Food and Football will be the best yet.

"A lot of the parents have really stepped up to help us get food vendors, donations and so forth, and the students have also taken pride in doing their part to help make the event a success," Portis said.

"It's all for the young men and young women we have in the Beverly Hills Intermediate athletic systems. We believe the 2010-2011 school year is going to be another great one for our athletes."

In what is considered the fall portion of the intermediate school athletics schedule, Beverly Hills will kick off its football season, Tuesday, Sept. 7. The

Bears' eighth-grade teams will take on Cunningham Intermediate in the Galena Park Independent School District.

Beverly Hills' seventh-grade football teams will start the season Aug. 7 against Jackson.

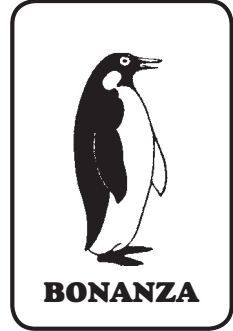
The Lady Bears' volleyball program will take part in scrimmages Sept. 1-2 and then serve up the regular season Thursday, Sept. 9 at home against the Miller Falcons.

Parent Velia Gutierrez is one of the volunteers who is leading the efforts to get things in order for the big event.

Gutierrez said the event already has quite a few food vendors in place, ready to

serve the usual hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks and more.

Organizers, however, are still seeking prize donations for the raffles. To donate, call Gutierrez at 832-640-0042.



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Aug. 9 kickoff can't come fast enough; Wolverines, Horns' footballers ready

High school football preseason workouts will begin at Clear Brook and Dobie Monday, Aug. 9, and the teams' respective head coaches admit the first day can't get here soon enough.

Both varsity teams will be looking to get back to the playoffs after missing out in 2009, but there's plenty of preparation to be done before that time comes. At least, both the players and coaches know, the waiting game is over.

Dobie's Phillips pumped First-year Dobie head coach Jim Phillips and his wife, Diane, got into the spirit of football with a little side trip to see the Baltimore Ravens open training camp at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md.

The Phillipses were there to watch their son, Jason, participate in preseason workouts as a second-year linebacker drafted out of Texas Christian University in 2009.

Already eager to prove his talents as the Longhorns' new leader, coach Phillips has returned to Houston brimming with excitement.

"I'm ready," he said, plenty of enthusiasm flowing with the short phrase. "It's time to get started. We've all been waiting for this time to come, and Aug. 9 is just about here."

Lanier, Brook set Putting back-to-back losses to end the 2009 season behind them, the Clear Brook Wolverines are ready

to begin the trek back to the playoffs. Clear Brook players at all levels are required to report Monday, Aug. 9, for a team meeting at 8

a.m. "We're always ready to get the guys in here and start working toward the

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Dobie's team speed on the offensive side of the football should be on display immediately during the first week of preseason workouts, which open Monday, Aug. 9. The Longhorns' duo of Davion Hurst (25) and Andrew Robinson (22) both possess big-play potential.

Brook-ex Gafford perseveres

Thomas Gafford, a graduate of Clear Brook High School, has begun his third season in the National Football League as a member of the Kansas City Chiefs. The team's deep snapper, Gafford's job is to make sure snaps are true to both the kickers and punters in game situations. Things are going well for Gafford these days, but his story is one of perseverance and one that young athletes today can take to heart. For more on Gafford's journey to professional football, see Page 2B.



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Preseason football workouts Aug. 9; countdown to Aug. 27 openers begins

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 season. Clear Brook has a lot of pride, and we have a lot of goals that we want to reach this year.”

It all starts with pre-season drills Aug. 9 for programs such as Dobie and Clear Brook that did take part in spring drills.

The Longhorns and Wolverines aren't the only ones excited about the start of the season, but it's hard to imagine any coach being more ready to take the field than

Dobie's Phillips. Watching his son Jason take part in pre-season drills in the National Football League got Phillips fired up.

Now, he's anxious to see the Longhorns on the field with the regular season in sight.

Since being officially named Dobie's head coach earlier this year, Phillips has had nothing but time to take care of all of the off-field issues. He's kept a close eye on the offseason program,

has devised fundraisers, ordered equipment, hired a few assistant coaches and watched a few summer 7-on-7 drills.

Now, it's time to get down to action. Despite taking over a football program that has delivered marginal success at the varsity level over a four-year period, Phillips is of the belief the Longhorns can respond with an immediate comeback.

Judging by what he has seen in the offseason, Phillips wants to see just how quickly things can come together.

“The bottom line is these are good kids,” Phillips said. “They're excited about football, they want to do the things needed to be successful, and they want to win.”

“Coming into a new program that hasn't had a lot of recent success, you never know just how big the job is. So far, my job has been easy.”

“The assistant coaches who were here and the ones we've added have had a great impact on things so far.”

“The kids are the focus. In the offseason we probably had anywhere from 75 to 90 percent of them up here working out the majority of the summer. Whether it was strength and conditioning, 7-on-7 or individual workouts in the weight room on their own, we have had great attendance. That's always a start.”

But Phillips knows pre-season enthusiasm doesn't always equal a big swing in the win and loss categories.

Offensively, the unit will have the responsibility of getting as efficient in the option offense as possible. The group has plenty of weapons at the skill positions, but several first-time players along the offensive front will also play a key role in the overall success of the group.

Defensively, there are some top returning players in the mix, but defensive coordinator Carey Sink has the task of rebuilding much of the team's front seven after heavy graduation losses.

And then there is special teams. Several individual performers have done well over the past several years, but it's no secret to Longhorns' fans that special teams has been a weakness.

In fact, Phillips said his top priority early in camp is to decide on a kicker and punter. Chris Lopez appears to have gained the upper hand at the deep snapper spot. But last year's kicker, Irving Garza, and the team's punter, Cy Fondal, have both graduated.

“I'm an offensive guy, so I will let coach Sink and his assistants handle the de-

fense,” Phillips said. “The big thing for us as a group is to just be able to get as much of the system in during the first week as possible. And we have to take care of the special teams questions as quick as possible so that group can get as many repetitions as possible. There's always a lot of work to do and not enough time to do it.”

Brook to reload at spots

Entering his fourth season as Clear Brook's head coach, Paul Lanier doesn't have some of the same concerns as Phillips from Dobie. Simply put, he knows his personnel a little better from having seen them in action previously.

But that doesn't mean the Wolverines don't have plenty of work to do heading into the regular season opener.

For starters, how about finding a player who can come close to delivering the output of fullback Brandon Ellison, who put up back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons before graduating and then signing to play at the Air Force Academy?

Simply replacing Ellison won't instantly turn the Wolverines into winners, but it will be a good start.

The health of senior

quarterback Michael Donovan might also be on the minds of Wolverine fans.

A great presence in the option offense, Donovan has excelled at times but has also missed time due to injury in both his sophomore and junior seasons.

And then there's the defense. Clear Brook's offense certainly scored enough points and gained enough yardage to win more than three games last season, but the defense could not hold its own for the most part.

Clear Brook's offense scored 298 points over 10 games, but the defense gave up 30.

The Wolverines lost five games by eight points or less, including three defeats by less than a field goal. Clear Brook was blown out just once, losing 30-9 to Dickinson.

So as important as replacing Ellison and some of his offensive teammates will be, the Wolverines must also find some answers on the defensive side.

The great thing? There is less and less time to stew over the issues in the coaching office.

It's just about time to take the field and let the players make a name for themselves.

Brook High School		
2010 Fr. Black football schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	Houston Lamar (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Conroe	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Elkins (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Bye week	-----
Sept. 23	*Alvin (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	*at Clear Creek (campus)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	*at Clear Springs (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Brazoswood (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	*at Clear Lake (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	*Pearland (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	*at Dickinson	4:30 p.m.
*District 24-5A games		

Brook High School		
2010 sophomore football schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	at Houston Lamar	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Conroe (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Elkins (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Bye week	-----
Sept. 23	*at Alvin (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	*Clear Creek (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	*Clear Springs	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*at Brazoswood	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	*Clear Lake (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	*at Pearland	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	*Dickinson (campus)	4:30 p.m.
*District 24-5A games		

JFD football key dates

Aug. 9: Preseason workouts begin. Incoming seniors, juniors and sophomores report at 4:30 p.m. Incoming freshmen start at 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 14: Meet the Longhorns scrimmages at Newcomb Field.

Aug. 20: Dobie scrimmage at El Campo.

Aug. 27: Dobie varsity hosts season opener vs. Alief Taylor, Newcomb Field.

Brook football key dates

Aug. 9: Preseason workouts begin. Incoming seniors, juniors and sophomores report at 8 a.m. for team meeting.

Aug. 14: Photo day on campus 8 a.m.

Aug. 16: Meet the Wolverines Night in school cafeteria, starting at 6 p.m.

Aug. 20: Home scrimmage vs. Santa Fe.

Aug. 27: Brook varsity hosts season opener vs. Houston Lamar, Veteran's Memorial Stadium in League City.

Sports Calendar

VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Aug. 6
 Brook hosts scrimmage, TBA
 Dobie at Pearland scrimmage, all levels, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 7
 Clear Brook all levels at Pearland scrimmage, 9 a.m.
 Dobie varsity at Clear Creek scrimmage, 8 a.m.
 Dobie JV at Clear Creek scrimmage, 8 a.m.
 Dobie freshman A and B host scrimmage, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 10
 Brook varsity hosts St. Agnes, 6:30
 Dobie varsity at Manvel tri-match, 6:00
 Brook JV hosts St. Agnes, 5:30
 Brook freshman A hosts St. Agnes, 4:30
 Brook freshman B hosts St. Agnes, 4:30
 Dobie freshman A at Manvel tri-match, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B at Manvel tri-match, 4:00

Thursday, Aug. 12
 Brook varsity at Austin Westwood tourn., TBA
 Dobie varsity at Alamo Heights tourn., TBA

Friday, Aug. 13
 Brook varsity at Austin Westwood tourn., TBA
 Dobie varsity at Alamo Heights tourn., TBA

Saturday, Aug. 14
 Brook varsity at Austin Westwood tourn., TBA
 Dobie varsity at Alamo Heights tourn., TBA

TENNIS
Saturday, Aug. 14
 Dobie hosts exes matches, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 18
 Dobie varsity hosts Cy-Woods, 3:00

Thursday, Aug. 19
 Dobie varsity at Dawson, 3:00

Friday, Aug. 20
 Dobie varsity at Baytown Sterling, 9 a.m.
 Dobie varsity hosts Pearland, 3:00

FOOTBALL
Monday, Aug. 9
 Dobie football opens workouts, varsity, 4:30
 Dobie football opens workouts, subvarsity, 5:30
 Clear Brook football opens workouts, all levels, 8 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 14
 Clear Brook photo day, campus, 8 a.m.
 Dobie team scrimmages, Newcomb, 6:00
 Ellington Rams host East End, South Houston, 8 a.m.
 Sagemont Cowboys at Santa Fe, 8 a.m.
 Southbelt Dolphins host League City '49ers, 8 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 16
 Clear Brook Meet the Wolverines Night, 6:00

Friday, Aug. 20
 Clear Brook hosts scrimmage series vs. Santa Fe, 6:00
 Dobie scrimmage series at El Campo, TBA

Thursday, Aug. 26 (regular season openers)
 Dobie JV at Alief Taylor, Taylor H.S., 6:15
 Brook JV at Houston Lamar, 6:30
 Dobie sophomores at Alief Taylor, Taylor H.S., 4:30
 Brook sophomores at Houston Lamar, 4:30
 Dobie freshman Orange hosts Alief Taylor, 4:30
 Dobie freshman White hosts Alief Taylor, 4:30
 Brook freshman Silver hosts Houston Lamar, 4:30
 Brook freshman Black hosts Houston Lamar, 4:30

Friday, Aug. 27 (regular season openers)
 Dobie hosts Alief Taylor, Newcomb Field, 7:00
 Brook varsity hosts Houston Lamar, Memorial, 7:00



At Dobie, defensive coordinator Carey Sink has the task of putting together the team's defense after 2010 graduation took away much of the front seven.

Gafford forced to be patient, but now relishes NFL stay

Clear Brook High School graduate Thomas Gafford is one of many local athletes preparing for the upcoming football season.

For Gafford, though, the stakes are much higher. Entering the 2010 season, he's again battling to maintain his career in the National Football League. Along the way, he's relishing every moment after a bumpy ride to Kansas City.

For Gafford, life as a pro athlete in the NFL is not about the riches or the fame and fortune. He simply doesn't have much of that at the moment.

It's not about the fancy five-star hotels or the specially arranged team flights from city to city. And he doesn't feel a sense of entitlement after having reached the big time.

Instead, Gafford's current spot in the NFL has brought him a sense of pride, knowing that the perseverance, dedication and focus shown by not only himself but family and other loved ones during the journey, has paid off.

Gafford isn't a star quarterback, running back or defensive lineman blessed with a multimillion dollar guaranteed contract.

If nothing else, Gafford has instead learned that a signed contract isn't really worth much more than the paper it's printed on.

He's a deep snapper, a vital member of the Kansas City Chiefs' special teams unit. But while the star skill position players are coveted

leaguewide, kickers, punters and, oftentimes, deep snappers, are seemingly tossed about like yesterday's socks.

According to a popular professional sports Web site, Gafford is slated to make \$385,000 this season. It's a good bit of money for sure, but it comes with no promises. This, Gafford has learned the hard way.

A member of the Sagemont Cowboys' youth football organization as a child, Gafford eventually attended and played football at Clear Brook High School.

Admittedly, Gafford was not the fastest, strongest or biggest athlete in the program, but he found a way to fit in.

Taking up deep snapping, that is hiking the ball to the punter on fourth down or firing the ball to the holder on an extra point or field goal, Gafford found his niche.

He walked on at the University of Houston, eventually earned a scholarship and was the Cougars' special teams most valuable player after the 2004 season.

Based much on pre-draft rumblings, Gafford figured he had a good chance to be selected by a team in the 2005 NFL Draft. He wasn't.

Instead of taking his ball and going home, Gafford pushed on with the belief that he had not only deserved a shot at the pros, but also that he had earned it.

There were teams that appreciated his services, pri-

marily Green Bay. A handful of other teams brought him in for workouts.

Still, the 2007 season passed without a job. In 2008, just about the time Gafford was to begin the process of becoming a peace officer, Gafford caught a break.

He deep snapped for the final nine games of the 2008 season in Kansas City but then was released in June, 2008. Re-signed two months later, Gafford started the entire 2009 season for the Chiefs. This offseason, team officials stuck with Gafford.

Finally, at least for now, Gafford has a home in the NFL.

“It's certainly been an up and down road,” he said. “But now I feel like I have found a good spot, a good role with a great bunch of teammates.”

“I have developed a great relationship with our punter, Dustin Colquitt, and our kicker Ryan Succop. We're a team, and the rest of the guys are terrific.”

Now 27, Gafford admits that life is good, life is great. But he isn't about to stop and smell the roses.

“It's an awesome feeling to get to play in packed NFL stadiums each Sunday, but it's also a job. It can be here today and gone tomorrow. I don't sit here and think about what I have. Instead, I keep my nose down and keep working hard to stay prepared every day. I take things one play at a time.”

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Dobie High School		
2010 JV football schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	at Alief Taylor	6:15 p.m.
Sept. 2	Alvin (Auxiliary)	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Humble (Auxiliary)	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Channelview (Newcomb)	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Open	-----
Oct. 7	*Pasadena (Auxiliary)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Memorial (Newcomb)	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	*at Sam Rayburn (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	*South Houston (Auxiliary)	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	*Deer Park (Auxiliary)	6:30 p.m.
*District 22-5A games		

Dobie High School		
2010 Fr. Orange football schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	Alief Taylor (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Alvin	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Dickinson (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Humble	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Channelview	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Open	-----
Oct. 7	*Pasadena (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*at Memorial (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	*Sam Rayburn (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	*South Houston (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	*Deer Park (Abshire)	6:30 p.m.
*District 22-5A games		

Dobie High School		
2010 sophomore football schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	at Alief Taylor	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Alvin (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Dickinson	5 p.m.
Sept. 16	Humble (Auxiliary)	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Barbers Hill (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Open	-----
Oct. 7	*Pasadena (Auxiliary)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Memorial (Newcomb)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	*at Sam Rayburn (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Memorial (Newcomb)	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	*Deer Park (campus)	4:30 p.m.
*District 22-5A games		

Dobie High School		
2010 Fr. White football schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	at Alief Taylor (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Alvin	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Dickinson (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Humble	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Channelview	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Open	-----
Oct. 7	*Pasadena (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*at Memorial (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	*Sam Rayburn (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	*South Houston (campus)	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	*Deer Park (Abshire)	4:30 p.m.
*District 22-5A games		

Eclipse 9-U wins Summer Classic baseball



The Texas Eclipse a 9-under select baseball team from the South Belt area, took first place at the Nations Summer Classic at Big League Dreams, beating the Lamar Rage 12-0 in the final to take top honors. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Raul Sanchez, Alan Lopez, Daniel Garza, Hasan

Khan, Hector Martinez, Joey Cortez, (middle row) Gavin Machado, Fernando Perez, Jonathan Moreno, Jonathan Acosta, Adriel Lopez, Andrew Cabello, (back row) coaches Brian Garcia, Roger Moreno, Danny Garza and Jeff Acosta.

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Brook ex Juengel tears up California Collegiate League

Texas A&M junior-to-be wins batting crown

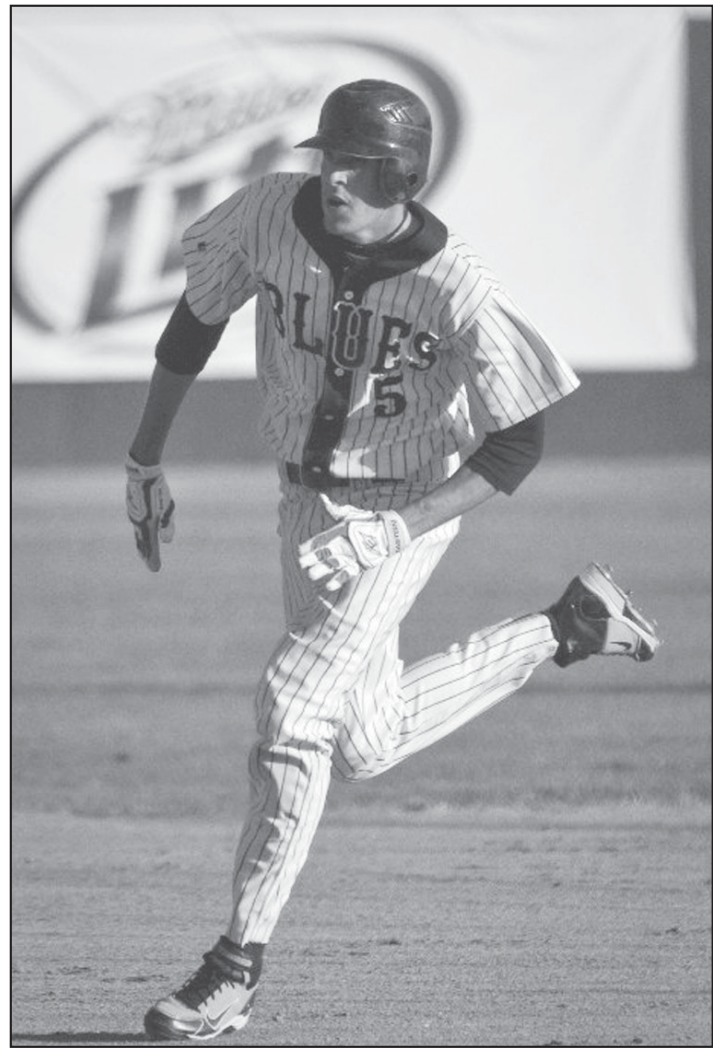
By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Since graduating from Clear Brook in 2008, Matt Juengel has developed into one of the college game's top hitters in his bid to reach his dream of playing professional baseball. No matter the level of competition or whether the games are played using aluminum or wooden bats, Juengel has been on his game. It's a little too early to tell, but Juengel just may find himself on the radar as professional scouts begin assessing players for the 2011 first-year pro draft. Maybe Juengel's string of success is surprising to some high school fans in the area, but it shouldn't be. The District 24-5A Newcomer of the Year as a sophomore in 2006, Juengel was one of the Wolverines' top players both as a sophomore and junior.

slowed Juengel as a senior and perhaps hampered him in his efforts to draw heavy recruitment by big-name colleges, but little of that seems to matter now. Once Juengel accepted an invitation to play for the Panola College Ponies in Carthage, Texas, he began swinging his bat with a vengeance and hasn't looked back. **One year at Panola** During his freshman season at Panola, Juengel led the Ponies to a 39-16 record. He led the team in four major offensive categories, including batting average (.404), home runs (16), runs batted in (57) and hits (80). The Ponies slumped at the always-tough Region XIV tournament and missed out on a chance to go to nationals, but Juengel had made his presence felt. He had also turned the heads of the right people in the right places. A third team All-America selection for his play at Panola, Juengel was now ready for the next step. Texas A&M assistant coach Matt Deggs had scouted Panola while watching another player, Corey Rogers. But it was Juengel who made an impression on Deggs. Despite having grown fond of the University of Texas baseball program, Juengel knew the chance to play major division one baseball for the Aggies was something he couldn't pass on. Taking a visit to Texas A&M after last season, Juengel eventually accepted head coach Rob Childress' offer to join the Aggies. So far, so good for all parties involved. **Aggies land hitter** After signing with A&M, Juengel spent last summer playing for the East Texas

Pump Jacks in the Texas Collegiate League. Adjusting to wooden bats for the first extended period in his baseball life, Juengel did well. Last fall, Juengel headed for College Station to continue his education in business administration. He was also eager to see where he fit among some of the nation's top collegiate players. An illness and another incident involving a collision at first base against Baylor slowed him for a bit, but Juengel just kept swinging the bat. Both the Aggies team and Juengel as an individual player improved as the season progressed. The Aggies finished at 43-21, winning a spot at regionals in the Coral Gables Regional. Although the team lost to Miami, there were plenty of players who drew praise. Juengel certainly was one of them. Among full-time players, Juengel batted .359 for the season, which was second on the roster. In Big XII action, Juengel got even hotter, leading the Aggies at .380. For the season, Juengel slugged 10 doubles and 11 home runs while driving in 39 runs. His slugging percentage stood at .629. **Another summer gig** Just a week after finishing the season at Texas A&M, Juengel packed his bags and headed for the California Collegiate League. Juengel missed the first nine games of the season as

his San Luis Abispo Blues went 4-5. Juengel's arrival lifted the team from that point on as the Blues were 32-17 overall, including 24-12 in league play. As for Juengel, he was one of the league's top players. Although his power numbers slipped a bit as he continued to work on his all-field game using the wooden bats, his average remained high. In 26 league games, Juengel hit .411 to tie for the league lead. Overall, he hit .378 over 35 games played. A bonus? Juengel stole 22 bases in 24 attempts. "I've always had some quickness, but hitting in the middle of the order a lot of times coaches don't want you to run because you take the bat out of the hands of the No. 4 or No. 5 hitter if you get caught," Juengel said. "This summer, I had the green light. The coaches told me to run if the opportunity was there." In the big picture, Juengel isn't likely to become a huge base stealer as his career progresses, but at least he has shown scouts an ability to run the bases smartly and to take advantage of stolen base chances. The best thing about Juengel's game where it relates to one day becoming a pro player is his comfort with the wooden bat in his hands. Aluminum bats, though toned down quite a bit from the lightning rods of the 1980s and 1990s, still provide hitters with a distinct advantage. "In college, it's a lot easier to swing hard, get the head of the bat out and try to pull everything," Juengel said. "The sweet spot is much bigger and you don't always have to hit a ball squarely to make it go a long way." But professional players use only the wooden bat varieties from the moment they are signed to a contract and shipped to the nearest Class A town. Some players make the transition well, and some players simply don't. Juengel doesn't have a large body of evidence with which to prove his skills with the wooden bats, but he's well on his way to doing so. "Actually, I think I've become a better hitter, learning to hit the ball where it's pitched," he said. "The sweet spot is not very big on the wood bats, and if you don't hit the ball on the spot you're going to break a lot of bats. That's not a good thing." Juengel admits to being a little frustrated at not being drafted after his solid season at Panola. Now in the Division I ranks, Juengel must wait until the completion of his junior season, or 2011, before being eligible. For now, he's simply playing baseball, focusing on his education and letting the chips fall. "All I can do is go out there and play my game," Juengel said. "I've been fortunate to be able to post some pretty good offensive numbers. We'll see what all that adds up to for me."



Not normally known as a threat on the bases, Matt Juengel showed his overall quickness and ability to steal bases while with the San Luis Abispo Blues. Over 40 games played, Juengel stole 22 bases and scored 37 runs to go along with his terrific offensive numbers at the plate. Photos courtesy San Luis Abispo Blues



During his summer action for San Luis Abispo in the California Collegiate League, Matt Juengel moved to his familiar defensive spot at third base, a position he is expected to occupy when he begins his junior year at Texas A&M University in workouts later this fall.



San Luis Abispo Blues base runner Matt Juengel (left) slides into home plate as the opposing catcher bobbles the throw from the outfield in a California Collegiate League game this summer. Juengel, a former standout at Clear Brook High School and now a junior at Texas A&M University, tore through the CCL pitching to the tune of a .378 average over 35 games. He has played both corner infield positions during his college career but is projected by professional scouts to be an outfielder if he is one day drafted and signed to play professionally.

Dobie tennis must overcome inexperience



Senior Shelly Tran is expected to take over the No. 1 girls' singles role for the Lady Longhorns as the varsity group reloads. The 2009 team, which went 4-3 in district play, lost roughly 15 players to graduation.

There will be plenty of opportunities for young players seeking to make a name for themselves as the Dobie Longhorns prepare for the 2010 fall team tennis schedule. Seniors Jonathan Taylor and Shelly Tran are expected to head the boys' and girls' singles draws heading into the Aug. 14 exes matches, but beyond those players there is mostly a mix of youth and inexperience. Head coach Manuel Moreno Jr., now entering his 12th season, has overseen a renaissance of sorts in Dobie tennis. During this decade, the varsity team has qualified for the Region III tournament four times, including a run to the final eight in 2008. But, alas, the task of getting back to regionals figures to be a much stiffer challenge this season despite the University Intercollegiate League's realignment that has jettisoned 2009 champion La Porte as well as Pearland. This season, at least on paper, Deer Park figures to make a strong push at the crown, and Memorial is also expected to play well along with Dobie. But coming off a 4-3 season in 2009, Moreno knows the Longhorns may have to get career seasons out of several players. "Our expectations are still very high," Moreno said. "All of the players who have played here before have put too much work in getting this program back to prominence for us to just give it back. Our current

principal Steve Jamail and our administration have all gotten used to us being in the mix. "It will be tougher this season. We just don't have the depth of experience on either the boys' or girls' side. But we are going to battle each team match to get that 10th win." In 2009, Dobie started the regular season with a slew of losses before things turned around. The team then got off to a slow start in District 22-5A play and finished at 4-3. That record resulted in a semifinal matchup against La Porte in the 22-5A tournament, and the Bulldogs simply had more talent, particularly among the boys' draw. Some nine months later, it's time to re-start the journey. As for the boys, Taylor will play No. 1 singles fresh off a stopover at the John Newcomb Tennis Ranch this summer. Jack Nguyen, originally slated for the No. 2 singles position, has moved to the Pearland attendance zone, creating a chance for others to advance. So sophomore Phillip Nguyen has emerged at No. 2, with junior Tony Tieu third. Senior Jimmy Ly is currently fourth with sophomore Travis Dao fifth. Senior Jacob Al-Asmar has dibs on the sixth slot at the moment, and Moreno listed juniors Andy Van and Shaun Bui along with seniors Lee Nguyen and Richard Rivera as players who might move up the singles ladder or figure into the doubles combinations. Continued on Page 6B

Matt Juengel's career numbers

- 2009 at Panola:** As a freshman, led the Ponies in four offensive categories, including batting average (.404), home runs (16), runs driven in (57) and hits (80).
- 2010 at Texas A&M:** Joining the Aggies as a sophomore, Juengel got off to a slow start after an injury but got better and better as the season progressed. Ranked second among all regulars in batting average at .359 and also had 10 doubles, 11 homers and 39 RBIs. In Big XII Conference action, Juengel hit .380 to pace the Aggies.
- 2010 summer:** Played in 35 total games in the California Collegiate League (wooden bats used) for the San Luis Abispo Blues, hitting .411 in league games to tie for the lead. Overall, hit .378 and also showed his ability to steal bases with 22 thefts in 24 tries. Was a league all-star.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUG. 5
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
Noon
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. For information, call 281-487-8787.
6:30 p.m.
Diabetes Support Group - A support group for young adults with diabetes. All subjects are open for discussion: new technologies, research advances, fears, phobias, dating and other personal matters. Meets the first Thursday of each month at 1315 St. Joseph Parkway #1705, Medical Place One. Contact Dan Steiner, CDE, at 713-756-8536 for more information.
7 p.m.
The Bay Area Writers League - Meets the first Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble at Bay Area Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway. Newcomers are welcome.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, AUG. 6
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

10 a.m.
Free Line Dance Class - The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program offers free line dancing classes. The class is held at the activity building, located at 416 Morningside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. Previous experience not required. For more information, call 281-482-8441.
Noon
Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.
SATURDAY, AUG. 7
6 p.m.
Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.
SUNDAY, AUG. 8
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
MONDAY, AUG. 9
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

9 a.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.
6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles Club - The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West Nasa Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information.
Civil Air Patrol Meeting - Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.
7 p.m.
Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair Dr.
Grief Support Group - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.
TUESDAY, AUG. 10
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

10 a.m.
American Begonia Society - Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Pasadena Town Square Community Room. For more information, call 713-946-4237 or 713-941-7158.
10:30 a.m.
Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month except June and July at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland. A luncheon is available. To make reservations, call 281-484-8083.
1 p.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.
1:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6:30 p.m.
Green Thumb Series - The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 offers free evening gardening lectures the second Tuesday of each month at the Bass Pro Shops, Hwy. 288 @ the Sam Houston Tollway. Programs will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Visit the Web site for a list of topics and location at www.hcmgpa2.tamu.edu or call 281-991-8437.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Meets at Sagemont Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.



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9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Club - Meets the second and fourth week of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Gainey at 713-991-3517 for more information.

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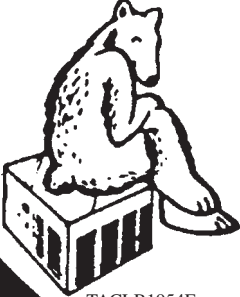
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Volleyball tournaments begin Aug. 12-14 across state

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Lady Wolverines will travel to the Austin Westwood tournament, a 28-team event that will feature several of the state's top-rated programs.

Nondistrict and tournament play is simply the first phase of the season that will then include district competition and then finally the

race to make the playoffs. Given Dobie's inexperience and Clear Brook's veteran leadership, it might be an easier road for the Lady Wolverines.

Both programs have long histories of playoff success, and it's time to start the journey. For the respective teams, the Aug. 10 openers can't come fast enough.

Fall tennis season Youth movement coming at Dobie

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On the girls' side, Shelly Tran is the likely No. 1 singles player.

She will be followed by senior Hongnhung Ho, junior Chloe Escobar, sophomore Kamilie Harris, senior Eun Lee and junior Melanie Thompson.

Other players who will certainly be given a chance to show their skills at the varsity level include senior Samantha Simmons and juniors Thuy Cao, Van Le, May Hoang and Shannon Veal.

In an attempt to best prepare his team for the District 22-5A schedule, Moreno has scheduled more than a dozen matches and a tournament stop prior to the league opener against Pasadena.

"We are going to need some experience at the varsity level, and I'm hoping these matches do it," Moreno said.

"Once district starts, we play Pasadena and then get Memorial and Deer Park back to back. The road back to the regional tournament will be tougher, but we can do it."

Athletic success in any team sport generally runs in cycles. Moreno has witnessed a very successful swing earlier this decade.

Last season did not include a regional berth, but perhaps 2010 will bring another. Maybe it won't, but either way Moreno and his players will not give in.

"Our kids know what the challenge entails," Moreno said. "They know we don't have the talent or the experience that we have had with some of the other teams."

"They also know those factors don't mean we can't have a very good year. In fact, we still expect it."

Moreno said the 22-5A regular season champion will draw an automatic regional berth. After that, the four other seeds will compete for a finals spot.

Exes can play Aug. 14
Moreno welcomes all former Dobie players to come out for the annual fall exes matches Saturday, Aug. 14. Play will begin around 9 a.m. Players seeking to notify Moreno of their interest may send him an e-mail at mmoreno@pasadenaisd.org.

Preseason workouts
Dobie varsity tennis players will be required to start practice Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Longhorn courts.

The Aug. 11 and Aug. 12 sessions will be from 6 to 8 p.m., and the team will then have a noon workout Friday, Aug. 13, in order to acclimate players to the heat.

The Longhorns will then open the regular season Aug. 14 with the exes matches.

Dobie's season against other schools begins Wednesday, Aug. 18, against Cy-Woods. Those matches will be held at Dobie beginning at 3 p.m.



Clear Brook figures to possess plenty of offense, but they will count on returning all-district player Trysta Dionne to keep the ball off the floor as a defensive specialist.

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At right, Clear Brook outside hitter Crystal Young will look to do her part in adding to an offensive attack that has become one of the area's best in recent years.



South Belter Gafford thankful for NFL role

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Special teams players such as the kicker, punter and snapper do spend a portion of time in pre-season workouts and in-season practices working with the other linemen on offense (field goal) or tacklers on defense (punting situations).

But for the most part, like right now, snappers such as Gafford are holed up on a side field with the kickers and punters. They aren't often rushed or hit during the sessions, but are no less expected to perform precisely.

"We work on repetitions in practice quite a bit," Gafford said. "While we have individual roles, we have to operate as one unit. My snaps to the punter or the holder need to be in rhythm and on target, and the punter and kicker has to get off a great kick. That's the goal in every situation."

Since the Chiefs did not bring in another deep snapper to challenge for Gafford's role this pre-season, he is likely to spend the entire regular season with the Chiefs. Perhaps even, he will now get to enjoy a long career with Kansas City after being jettisoned around the country in search of

permanent employment. Whatever the case may be, Gafford is taking things snap by snap.

"We are now in our second season with our head coach (Todd Haley), and you can see that guys have bought into what we are doing and moving forward as a group."

"From what I have seen, we are light years ahead of where we were at this time last year. I think we have a lot of good times coming. Obviously, it would be great to stay here and be a part of everything, but at the same time every player understands the business side of things."

Because deep snappers don't take a lot of punishment on the field, it's not uncommon for players to remain in the league well into their 30s. At 27, Gafford isn't counting anything for sure.

"I know my family (including parents Pat and David Gafford) and faith have helped me pull through, and that's what I will continue to draw upon," Gafford said.

"All I ever wanted was a chance to show what I can do, and that chance has been granted. It's not entirely up to me, but I will do everything I can to take full advantage."

Dobie High School Varsity tennis fall schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 14	Dobie exes	9 a.m.
Aug. 18	Cypress Woods	3 p.m.
Aug. 19	at Pearland Dawson	3 p.m.
Aug. 20	at Baytown Sterling	9 a.m.
Aug. 20	Pearland	3 p.m.
Aug. 26	Galveston Ball	3:30 p.m.
Aug. 27	Clear Springs	2:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	Clear Brook	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	Clear Creek	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 10-11	at Little State tourn.	TBA
Sept. 14	*Pasadena	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Copperas Cove	3 p.m.
Sept. 18	Friendswood	9 a.m.
Sept. 20	Copperas Cove	2 p.m.
Sept. 22	*at Memorial (Strawberry)	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	Clear Falls	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	*Sam Rayburn	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	*South Houston	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	*at Deer Park	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	22-5A tournament	TBA
Oct. 22-23	22-5A tournament (con't)	TBA
Oct. 29-30	Region III tourn.	TBA

*District 22-5A matches

Dobie High School JV/Freshman tennis fall schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 2	at Clear Falls	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Galveston Ball	4 p.m.
Sept. 16	*at Pasadena (Strawberry)	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	*Memorial	3:15 p.m.
Sept. 30	*at Rayburn (Strawberry)	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	*at South Houston	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	*Deer Park	4 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Friendswood	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Clear Creek	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Clear Brook	3:15 p.m.
Nov. 10	Houston Memorial fresh.	3 p.m.
Nov. 11	Houston Memorial JV	3 p.m.
Nov. 17	at Clear Springs	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	at Pasadena ISD tourn.	TBA
Nov. 30	at Pearland	3:15 p.m.
Dec. 10	at District 22-5A tourn.	TBA

*District 22-5A matches

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