



## Colorful concrete canvas



Courtesy Photo

Susan Moore, PJC instructor of Visual Arts/Fine Arts, and former PJC student, Johnny Meredith, help art students, Mitsy Flanery, Maria Rosas, and Isabel Torres paint art graffiti under the overpass of Trail de Paris. It still remains unfinished, because of rainy weather.

### Artists get hands on with art graffiti Trail de Paris project

**KOLBIE CARLOW**  
Staff Writer

Most students who have walked the Trail de Paris may have noticed the art graffiti under the overpass on Old Clarksville Road off Loop 286.

Susan Moore, instructor of Visual Arts/Fine Arts at PJC, designed the colorful Eiffel Tower

artwork. The process of preparing it has been going on since spring, but the students never really got started on painting until summer.

During the spring, Moore and Johnny Meredith, a former PJC student, went to the Trail de Paris and began to clean up the area, putting the base down, and drawing the outline. However, with the rainy fall, they have not been able to finish the painting.

Moore and Meredith and students Mitsy Flanery, Maria Rosas and Isabel Torres, used art supplies from Sherwin-Williams

(provided by private donation) for the project.

The Rails to Trails Committee, after receiving permission from the Texas Department of Transportation, contacted Moore to paint the overpass to discourage people from putting up inappropriate graffiti. The art graffiti was also put there for people to enjoy as they walk or bike ride.

Moore still worries about vandalizing being done to it, but said, "If anything is done to it, we'll just go over and fix it."

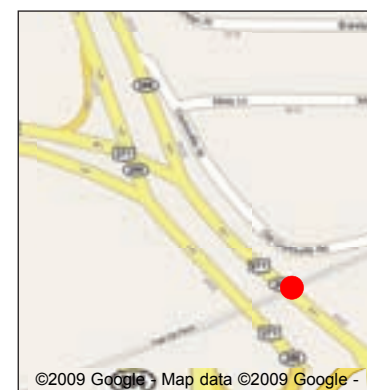
Moore sees it as a community

art project to give the students experience and to make PJC proud.

Now, they are concerned about reaching their deadline of Nov. 14, which is Trail to Paris Appreciation Day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sports Complex Pavilion. With all the rain Paris has been having lately, it makes it difficult to finish the artwork.

As it rains, a "lake" forms around the painting making it hard to keep the area clean to paint.

There is much more to be added to the painting, and less than a month until the deadline," said Moore.



The red dot represents where the overpass graffiti art is located.

# Opinion/News

## New roommate, new friend, new experience: think positive

**STEPHANIE NORMAN**  
Editor

I moved out of my parents' house this past August and got an apartment. I thought I was on top of the world and nothing could stop me (at least not my parents) anymore. I was ready to be on my own and get a taste of what the real world is like.

Upon the day of moving out, I found out I was assigned a roommate (because it's PJC campus housing). I originally didn't want a roommate for a handful of reasons. For one, I didn't get to pick who it was. Second, I didn't know if she was going to be trustworthy. Third, I wanted the place all to myself!!!

Well... quickly, I came to my senses and realized in the real world, we don't always get what we want. So, I took it with a grain of salt and tried to think positively.

Meeting my new roommate, Sarah, was like giving a speech in front of Mr. Mays speech class; I was so nervous and I didn't want to screw up! First impressions are always the most important.

"Hi, you must be my new roommate," I said to this random girl standing in my new

living room.

"Yeah! Hi, I'm Sarah," she responded in an eager voice.

I introduced myself and we instantly began chatting it up about all those "need to know" facts when you first meet someone. You know, like, where we came from, our ages, and of course our last names. The conversation didn't last too long before we realized how much we had in common.

The first few weeks, we discussed the way we typically go about our daily routines, such as what our school schedule would be like, our work hours and when we would be in and out of the apartment. It sure didn't take long before we were running our apartment like any other functioning home. After all, this was our new home.

One thing I've learned about having a roommate is we both have to be willing to compromise. Sarah has introduced me to new music and a new way of looking at life.



Roommates Sarah Walker and Stephanie Norman both attend PJC and live on campus. They both plan on returning next semester.

She is set on what she wants to do with the next handful of years of her life and she is determined not to let anything stop her from getting to where she wants to go. Sarah has taught me to be strong and think about doing something for myself sometimes instead of making decisions based on what other people think.

We have been living together for about three months now. We do a lot together, things that friends do. As a matter of fact, Sarah and I have built not only a functioning home, but a friendship as well.

Okay, so maybe a roommate isn't so bad after all. I think she's a keeper!

## Dragon



## Puffs

### Spring 2010 Registration

Early and online registration for the Spring semester begins Monday, Nov. 16.

### Hispanic Club blanket drive

The PJC-Greenville Center Hispanic Club is having a blanket drive to benefit the Salvation Army and the PJC-Sulphur Springs Center Hispanic Club is having a school supply donation drive to benefit a local school.

The Hispanic Club and Phi Theta Kappa of both campuses will jointly sponsor a canned food drive to benefit Hunt and Hopkins Counties.

Boxes for all donations will be available on both campuses from November 2 to 19 and from November 30 to December 10.

### PTK Punkin' Chunkin'

Phi Theta Kappa at PJC-Greenville Center will host the first Punkin' Chunkin' contest from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 in the field behind the building to raise money for the Greenville FISH ministries and Women in Need.

Contestants can make any type of punkin' chunkin' thrower, as long as it does not contain gunpowder, flammable liquids, or any other items prohibited on school grounds. Entry donation is one dollar per pumpkin.

As part of the fundraising drive, tickets will be available to a Nov. 8 NASCAR race for a donation of \$3 per ticket or two for \$5.

### 'Private Lives' set

Noel Coward's "Private Lives" will be performed by the PJC theatre department Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Ray Karrer Theatre.

Tickets are \$5 for the general public and free to PJC students with ID.

"Private Lives" is a 1930s comedy of manners about a divorced couple who discover they are honeymooning with their new spouses in the same hotel.

## Homecoming events set for next week

**KOLBIE CARLOW**  
Staff Writer

PJC kicks off its 85<sup>th</sup> year of homecoming, starting Thursday, Nov. 5, with a pep rally beginning at 12:15 p.m. in the PJC cafeteria.

Later that day, at 4 p.m., the homecoming parade will start at the Hunt Center. The parade will turn on Clarksville Street, go to the square, around the plaza, and then back to the college.

On Friday, Nov. 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. is the President's Reception in the PJC cafeteria. Following the reception, the theater production, "Private Lives," by Noel Coward is to begin at 7 p.m. in the Ray Karrer Theater.

The next day, at noon Saturday, Nov. 7, there will be a Distinguished Alumni Luncheon in the PJC cafeteria, and at 2 p.m. is



Homecoming king and queen nominees include, from the left: (front) Logan Anglin, Hillary Baugh, Tess Williams, Morganne Fikes, Yliana Castro, (back) Desmond King, Luke Krogman, Harrison Murphy, Chris Bonner and LaTay Darden.

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### The Bat

The Paris Junior College student newspaper

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# News / Sports

## Ballroom dancing at PJC



Marta Goerte/The Bat

Craig and Mindy Maxwell are instructed by Dr. Sandy Kimbrough, right, of Texas A&M-Commerce Tuesday, Oct. 20, during the last night of the Continuing Education ballroom dance class. There are multiple classes offered through PJC Continuing Education program. For more information contact Rita Pringle at (903) 782-0476.

### HOMEcoming FROM PAGE 2

the 1959 NJCAA Baseball team reunion at Hub Hollis field.

Later that afternoon, PJC basketball games will begin at 4 p.m. for the women, and 6 p.m. for the men against Murray State. Homecoming king and queen will be announced during halftime of the men's game. Again that night at 7 p.m., the theater will have another

performance of Private Lives.

There is also a homecoming dance scheduled for 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, in the Ballroom of the McLemore Student Center.

For more information regarding homecoming, contact Director of Institutional Advancement and Alumni affairs Derald Bulls at (903) 782-0276.

### PJC Book Club Reminder

Book: The Lovely Bones  
 Author: Alice Sebold  
 When: 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18  
 Where: PJC Library

## Volleyball team plays to win

Five teams playing and only four will compete in the tournament

**QUENTIN CARPENTER**  
 Sports Editor

The Lady Dragon volleyball team's conference tournament livelihood is dependent on the result of tonight's match up between Blinn, nationally ranked number two, as well as Tyler Junior College.

There are five teams competing for the four spots in the tournament. Blinn, Navarro, Panola, PJC and Tyler are all seeking one of those four spots.

If Blinn wins tonight, the Lady Dragons are in. If Tyler wins, there will be a play off between PJC and Tyler for the last spot in the tournament.

The Lady Dragons are currently on a four match losing streak, which started with a 2-3 game loss against Tyler on Thursday, Oct. 15.

On the injury front, the Lady Dragons have been without sophomore Morgan Fikes since the Oct. 22 match up against Blinn. Freshman Amy Gunter from Carrollton is playing her spot.

## Library Trivia

Who was the first Texas woman to serve in U.S. Congress in the 20<sup>th</sup> century?

Any PJC student can use print resources from the library to find the answer to this question. Turn your answer into one of the school librarians to receive a prize no later than Monday, Nov. 2.

## 2009/2010 men's basketball schedule

Bold denotes a conference game

DATE	OPPONENT <i>Link: Comments</i>	PLACE	TIME
11/3	Eastern Oklahoma	Paris, TX	7:30 p.m.
11/5	OK Baptist JV	Paris, TX	7 p.m.
11/7	Murray State	Paris, TX	6 p.m.
11/9	Eastern Oklahoma	Wilburton, OK	7:30 p.m.
11/11	Bacone College JV	Paris, TX	7 p.m.
11/13	Coffeyville	Coffeyville, KS	7 p.m.
11/14	NEOSHO	Coffeyville, KS	5 p.m.
11/16	Murray State	Tishomingo, OK	7 p.m.
11/21	<b>Bossier Parish</b>	Paris, TX	4 p.m.
11/24	<b>Tyler JC</b>	Tyler, TX	7:30 p.m.
11/29	Texas Wesleyan JV	Fort Worth, TX	10 a.m.
12/2	<b>Trinity Valley</b>	Paris, TX	7 p.m.
12/5	Arkansas Baptist	Little Rock, AR	4 p.m.
1/2	Hill College	Paris, TX	4 p.m.
1/6	<b>Panola College</b>	Carthage, TX	7:30 p.m.
1/9	<b>Navarro College</b>	Paris, TX	2 p.m.
1/13	<b>Kilgore College</b>	Kilgore, TX	7:30 p.m.
1/16	<b>Blinn College</b>	Paris, TX	4 p.m.
1/20	<b>Angelina College</b>	Lufkin, TX	7:30 p.m.
1/23	<b>San Jacinto</b>	Paris, TX	4 p.m.
1/27	<b>Lon Morris</b>	Jacksonville, TX	7:30 p.m.
1/30	<b>Lee College</b>	Baytown, TX	2 p.m.
2/3	<b>Lamar</b>	Paris, TX	7:30 p.m.
2/6	<b>Bossier Parish</b>	Bossier City, LA	4 p.m.
2/10	<b>Tyler JC</b>	Paris, TX	7:30 p.m.
2/13	<b>Trinity Valley</b>	Athens, TX	4 p.m.
2/17	<b>Jacksonville</b>	Jacksonville, TX	7:30 p.m.
2/20	<b>Panola College</b>	Paris, TX	4 p.m.
2/24	<b>Navarro College</b>	Corsicana, TX	7:30 p.m.
2/27	<b>Kilgore College</b>	Paris, TX	4 p.m.
3/4-8	Region XIV Tourney	UT Tyler	
	NJCAA Nationals	Hutchinson, KS	

## Jessica, Class of 2010

I transferred to A&M-Commerce when I realized **I could get more hands-on experience** at a smaller, more affordable university. Now I'm managing editor of the newspaper, vice president of National Broadcast Society and co-host of two local programs.



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