

KSCC holds egg hunt

Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, will hold its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 23. There will be crafts and refreshments from 10 to 11 a.m. and the Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. For more information, call 281-481-0004.

Junk waste pickup set

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, April 21, for city of Houston (77089) residents living north of Beltway 8.

Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, April 28. For information, call 3-1-1.

Dobie band hosts car show

The Dobie Longhorn Band will host a car show, sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts, on Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dobie. A \$25 car registration fee is asked for those interested in showing a car, with registration from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and awards at 3:30 p.m.

Vendor slots are still available. Food and fun will be available for the entire family. For information, e-mail tinaeagle@sbcglobal.net or tjfrancis76@sbcglobal.net.

JROTC car wash April 30

The Dobie High School Air Force JROTC unit will host a car wash on Saturday, April 30, at the Food Town located at the intersection of Beamer and Scarsdale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A \$5 minimum donation is asked. Funds will be used for cadets to attend summer leadership school at Prairie View A&M.

Swimming lessons offered

Swimming lessons will be offered for three sessions (Tuesday through Friday) in June and July: June 7-17, June 21-July 1, and July 5-15.

Registration will be held Tuesday, April 26 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to noon, at Sageglen Pool, 11610 Sageyork. For more information, call 281-660-6669 after May 1.

Kirkwood South to meet

Kirkwood South Committee's annual meeting will be held Thursday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at El Franco Lee Community Center, 9500 Hall Road.

Kindergarten Roundup set

South Belt Elementary will hold Kindergarten Roundup on May 6, at 9 a.m. This will be an informational session for parents and an open house for prospective kindergarteners.

Parents will receive enrollment requirements while students visit the current kindergarten classrooms for a book and a snack. Bring a current copy of each child's shot record, if available.

For additional information, call 713-740-5276.

Lariaettes set spring show

The Dobie Lariaettes will present their annual spring show, *I Love the Nightlife*, on May 5, 6 and 7 at 7 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium.

Admission is \$10, under 2 (seated in a lap), free. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Matt Woods at 281-485-7830 or e-mail waymar00@aol.com.

Dobie band parents meet

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will meet Monday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All band parents are urged to attend.

Softball banquet/dance set

The South Belt Girls Softball Association will hold an End of the Season Banquet/Dance on Friday, May 6, at The Gardens at Beamer and Hughes. Closing ceremonies begin at 7 p.m., finger foods will be served from 8 to 9:30 p.m., and the dance is from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

Players, coaches (three per team) and team moms will receive a free ticket. Parents and siblings may purchase a ticket in advance — \$10 for adults (12 years and up), and \$5 for children (11 and under). At-the-door prices are \$15 for adults (12 and up) and \$10 for children (11 and under).

All money must be turned in (cash only) by Monday, April 25. Although tickets can be purchased at the door, participants are encouraged to purchase them in advance for a more accurate head count.

For more information, visit the website at www.eteamz.com/southbeltgirls.

Final dance ticket sales

The last day to purchase Thompson Eighth-Grade Dance tickets will be Monday, April 25, so that the final headcount can be given to the hotel and for the dance committee to complete final dance details.

There will be someone at the school on Thursday, April 21, and Monday, April 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Anna Flores at 281-221-5602, Deadra Lozano at 281-702-4517 or Stephanie Johnson at 281-726-4058.

South Belt cookoff set for May 13-14

Activities are starting to shape up for the 15th annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, set to take place at El Franco Lee Park Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14.

While Friday will be geared more for adults, Saturday's festivities will be tailored more for children and families.

Friday's entertainment will start at 4 p.m. with open karaoke hosted by Michael Brown. The Blue Note Brothers Band, known for modern country, southern rock and funky blues, will play from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday's events will begin at 10 a.m. with the opening of a children's play area. There will be a large inflatable moonwalk, slides, obstacle course, a Jacob's Ladder and a rock climb.

The San Jacinto College Cosmetology Club will be doing hair braiding, face painting and henna art for a nominal charge.

The Sagemont Church Clown Ministry has been invited to interact with the kids from noon until 4 p.m.

An age-graded karaoke competition will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. for contestants 8 years and older. Entry is \$10 and open to the first 10 persons to sign up in each level (8-12, 13-17, and 18+). To sign up for the competition, e-mail name, age, song choice and phone number to entertainment committee chair Chris McDonald at chrismcd@wans.net.

Saturday evening's events will begin at 6 p.m. with an awards presentation to the winners of the

barbecue cookoff and karaoke competition. A benefit auction will be held also.

At 8 p.m., Rene Hinojosa and the Texas Heat band will perform their style of country, rock, blues and Tejano music for the crowd.

Drinks and barbecue will be sold by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department throughout the event.

Parking will be available at Dobie High School with a shuttle service running both days from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The committee is still seeking donations of items to the auction (business services and new fire/police department related toys are welcome). Advertising sponsorship opportunities are available to local businesses, churches, and individuals as follows: three-day sign on golf cart, \$100; 10-foot fence space for banner, prime real estate \$200, secondary real estate \$150, all others \$100. Sponsorship of large inflatables is avail-

able for \$400 and includes placement of sign at inflatable, \$100 banner space and 10 tickets. For more information, contact coordinator John Layton at jlayton@live.com.

Organizers are still seeking volunteers to serve as food judges and to supervise the children's games. To volunteer, contact the *Leader* at mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Unlike previous cookoffs, this year's event will have a \$5 admission fee. Advance tickets are buy five, get one free and can be purchased from State Farm Agent Thuy Epperson, 10904 Scarsdale Blvd # 226; South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale; *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, 11555 Beamer; and Central Ace Hardware, 11676 Beamer. For information, e-mail John Layton at jlayton@live.com. All proceeds will go to fund the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks show.

No outside alcohol will be allowed.

Chamber's Casino Night April 29

Prizes are accumulating for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual Casino Night to take place Friday, April 29, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Current prizes include a round trip for two to Las Vegas including a stay at Caesars Palace, a round of golf for four from Golfcrest Country Club, a family fun pack to the Kemah Boardwalk, a GPS tracking device, a shredder and office chair, a deluxe Sprint smart phone, a handmade jewelry set from Southwestern Angels, a

massage and facial from Reflections Medical Spa and patio items.

The event allows attendees to use fake money to gamble in Las Vegas-style games, such as blackjack, Let it Ride, roulette, baccarat, craps and poker, including Texas Hold 'em.

Winners will receive raffle tickets rather than cash, with drawings for prizes being held throughout the night. The event will also feature music, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

For information, call 281-481-5516.

Sabo construction under way



Traffic has been diverted as road work starts on Sabo Road, just north of Fuqua. The project has been recently started by SER Construction and involves repaving Sabo up to Kingspoint Road, and Kingspoint between Sabo and Kleckley Drive. The company received the clearance to proceed with their contract on April 1, 2011, with a term of 360 days, which sets the estimated completion date to March 26, 2012. The project is part of the Capital Improvement Plan and is costing \$3.3 million.

Photo by Matt Griesmyer

Charter school to open in South Belt fall 2012

A new charter school is set to open in the South Belt community the fall of 2012.

To be located on Riverstone Ranch Drive at Kirksage Drive, the yet-to-be-named campus run by Houston Gateway Academy will cater specifically to college preparatory students. The school will serve PK3 (prekindergarten for 3-year-olds) through grade 12.

The school recently purchased the land to build the future campus from Holcombe Properties, and the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District has approved its water and sewer facilities.

Enrollment will be open and not limited to just children from the South Belt area. While the school is not yet accepting applications for

enrollment, the campus will offer free tuition on a first-come, first-served basis. Each class will allow 60 students.

While the school's emphasis will be placed on academics rather than athletics, it will also offer swimming and soccer.

Houston Gateway Academy's two existing campuses have received the state's highest ranking of Exemplary. A third campus is currently under construction in southeast Houston at Bowie and Coral. School rules mandate that all students, as well as staff, are subject to random drug tests.

Charter schools are similar to other public schools in that they both receive state funding, but are unique in that they provide specialized

training and are not subject to the same regulations, given they meet a set level of performance.

First Christian Academy on Beamer is also in the process of applying to the state to become a charter school.

See related map on this page.

County holds Easter egg hunt



Harris County officials held their annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 16. Sponsored by County Commissioner El Franco Lee, Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado and Constable Gary Freeman, the event has been held for roughly 20 years. In addition to the egg hunt, children were treated to free hot dogs and snow cones. Shown with Lee and Delgado (Freeman was unable to attend due to an illness in his family) are, left to right, Itzayanna Torres, 10, of the South Belt area; Michael Arambul, 6, of Sagemont who attends Stuchbery; Persephone Williams, 5, of the South Belt area; and Yzaiah Yzaguirre, 3, of the Beverly Hills subdivision. Each child found the special egg in his or her category, earning an Easter basket. See additional photo on Page 2A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger



Joe Roach

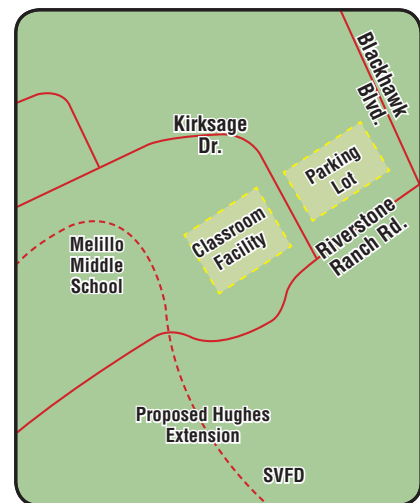
Former councilman dies

Former Houston City Councilmember Joe Roach died Monday, April 18, in a local hospital, following a month-long bout with an undisclosed illness.

Roach, 49, was on Council from 1994 to 1999, serving one term as South Belt's District E councilman before winning two terms in an at-large seat. A graduate of Southern Methodist University's law school, Roach also worked as a criminal attorney and spent seven years as a prosecutor with the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

While serving the South Belt, Roach was active in numerous community activities.

Roach is survived by his wife and three children.



Set to open the fall of 2012, the new charter school will be located on Riverstone Ranch at Kirksage, just northeast of the Hughes Road/Barry Rose expansion.

Readers' Opinions

Board: Non-residents spread wrong info

We are the volunteer Wood Meadow II CIA Board of Directors. We are all residents and we have each lived in this community for over 20+ years.

There is a group of disgruntled non-residents who claim they are going to save money by addressing some of the following issues:

1. Solicit the MUD (water company) to pay to mow the esplanades. The esplanades and roadways are owned by Harris County. If the homeowner's do not maintain these areas, they will not be taken care of. The current landscaper spends approximately 35 to 40 percent of his time mowing these esplanades. This amounts to about \$1.05 per household per month for maintenance costs.

2. Compel the water company (MUD) to take over the street lights to save money. If the water company takes over paying for the street lights, they will pass the cost on to you just like the HOA does. Nothing is free.

3. This effort is being fueled by our previously fired management company – Haywood Management. Our new management company is saving us \$3,000 a year in basic management fees. Haywood Management was fired for, but not limited to, the following reasons:

A. Mismanaging residents' money.
B. Submitting incorrect receipts for repayment.

C. Not reproducing signed contracts and approved budgets.

D. Submitting inaccurate financial records.

E. Not submitting reports due bi-monthly. Haywood Management illegally diverted the HOA's bills so the street lights, landscaper, etc. could not be paid, illegally held Wood Meadows' records hostage for a month after they were terminated and helped the disgruntled non-residents freeze your HOA bank accounts.

Haywood Management has stated that these disgruntled non-residents plan to pay the \$10,000.00+ cancellation fee to switch back management to them. This is NOT beneficial to the residents of this community.

Interesting facts concerning those who want to take over control of your money.

1. Danyu Malveaux – has not lived in the community since 2002. Was part of the lawsuit that cost HOA thousands in legal fees. Froze HOA bank accounts (your money) so street lights could not be paid.

2. David Criswell – Was part of the lawsuit that cost HOA thousands in legal fees.

3. German Canizales – Has not lived in the community since 2000.

4. Harry G. Richey – Attended 1 HOA meeting.

5. Anthony Dial – Has not lived in the community since 1993.

In the last 5 years, there have been approximately 55 monthly homeowner meetings. These people have attended only 1 or 2 meetings each.

We have had a vacant director spot open for years. The board has solicited volunteers from the community. No qualified resident has come forward.

Wood Meadow II, your "Homeowners Association" will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011. The election's sole purpose is to elect officers to the Board of Directors. The meeting will be held at Judge JoAnn Delgado's courtroom, 10851 Scarsdale at 7 p.m. Your time is valuable but we encourage you to attend this important meeting. If you have any questions or want to submit a proxy, call Cecelia, 281-450-1670. You live and raise your family here so this meeting touches your life.

This is your vote!!! We ask that you please make this a priority and attend this very important meeting!

Your Community Association Board
**Cecelia Ganje, Robert Burkhardt,
David Hall and Tina Thomas**

Keener: Isn't democracy grand?

Thanks for your letters to the *Leader*, Messrs. Gorman and Martin. It's nice to see differing opinions and responses for a change. I was beginning to think that Mr. Valtasaros was the *Leader's* new columnist, and if that were the case, I would have to take my advice to others and skip the Readers' Opinions section altogether... Isn't democracy grand? **Brenda Keener**

Martinez upset over loose dogs

I live on Waxwood Dr., which is the short cut street from Scarsdale, intersected by Poplarwood Dr. and Iriswood, to Grapewood Dr. to Sageglen.

Today before I could arrive at church for service, I received a phone call from my backyard neighbor asking if my younger gray kitty was inside or outside. Not being home at the time of the call, my husband being the last one home, I didn't know. I then left immediately for home, w/my heart palpating rapidly within my chest, even though my husband tried to reassure me he had left our younger cat inside our home. Here is why...

I was told a cat who fit my cat's description was killed by two pitt bull dogs on Grapewood Dr. Correction, the cat was reported by neighbors as having been mutilated.

I am beside myself at the lack of care to have some kind of restrictions, or lack of implementing what may be in place to prevent this type of atrocity.

As it turned out, our younger cat was home, but our older cat is still not home! He slipped out this morning and now I'm very concerned. While he does not entirely fit that description he did have a red collar, which the victim cat had.

Even so, my heart reaches out to the pet owner who has lost their pet. Marie, what can be done to stop this from happening again in our community. It was enough that it was a helpless cat, but we must realize it could have been the loss of a child. What can we in our community do? Please advise.

Diane D. Martinez Publisher's response: Sorry, Diane, it is going to be very difficult to get something done. Many people need to get involved and fight this fight to get something done.

Volper: Rebuttal of James J. Gorman

Mr. Gorman what you might want to understand freedom and history before your next missive to the SBL. Mr Gorman has failed to see what is taking place in this country. Mr Gorman, I would prefer to live life that is governed by a oligarchy of Tea Party members. You don't seem to understand what freedom is.

What was once considered a democracy is turning into a Marxist totalitarian democracy because the elite Marxist oligarchy has figured out how to corrupt the democratic process. Marxists "buy" votes by providing social services to the non-disabled, but they do it at the expense of the middle class worker.

Marxist "democrats" form a giant unconstitutional, gun-clinging government Robin Hood to rob Peter and pay Paul, thereby gaining the permanent vote of Paul. The United States is already deeply into Marxism; when will people wake up and realize Federal Marxist totalitarian democracy can only live by violating the 10th amendment - part of our Bill of Rights.

Our American Marxists also have their sights set on revoking the first and second amendments in our Bill of Rights, they don't want us speaking out against the "legal" theft of our property through excessive taxation; nor do they want us to have the ability to physically defend our God-given right to speak out or to physically defend our lives.

This country was conceived in and founded upon the ideas which sprang from the crucible of free men's minds. The man who happens to be fortunate enough to occupy the White House is increasingly marginalized and neither realizes nor appreciates the concept of freedom. He and other liberals seeks to rule.

Mr. Gorman, history shows us that a totalitarian democracy cannot exist for an extended period of time. The concept of this type of rule has been in Obama's mindset since his days while in college. It exists right now because we are in transition from democracy to totalitarianism. We have elected leaders who are becoming totalitarians. As long as we still have the right to vote, we can either keep these people in office or vote them out.

When there comes a time when we can no longer vote, or can only vote one way, two will have ceased to be a democracy and will become a totalitarian state nor will we be a Republic, sir.

A.C. Volper

PW Library seeking book donations

The Friends of Parker Williams Library would like to remind everyone of the Friends Book Fair the last Saturday of each month at the library. These books for sale are made possible thanks to the generous donations from you, the South Belt community.

Perhaps due to the current economic climate, and busy times in general, but book donations have fallen off and this limits the selections available at the sales. Therefore we're asking you – our friends and neighbors – to look on your bookshelf, in your garage and closet, to see if there are some gently used books you can spare.

All the funds raised through the Friends' book sales stays within the library to provide for extra activities and facilities for the library patrons. These activities may be as varied as the summer reading program for youth to assisting the library with extra cleaning and maintenance when county funds aren't available.

The library serves this community as a learning center for all ages, as a research source, a quiet safe study place for students, a meeting area for small groups, as well as an information center for help on many diverse subjects. And it is also a nice quiet cool place just to sit, relax, and read on a hot Houston afternoon.

Again, thanks to everyone for all your past support and we're looking forward to more of the same in the future.

Ed Jackson, President

The Friends of Parker Williams Library

Julius C. "Buzz" Schwab

Julius C. "Buzz" Schwab, 72, of Katy, former longtime South Belt resident, died Wednesday, April 13, 2011. He was born Sept. 27, 1938, in Palestine to Vernon and Jo-Hanna Langenegger Schwab.

Schwab was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Judith Schwab, of Katy; daughters, Rebecca Copeland and husband Aaron, and Tiffany Matio and husband Carll, all of Katy; son Eric Schwab and wife Julie of Centerville; sister Mary Alice Pridgen; brother Andre Schwab; and four grandchildren.

Schwab was an expeditor for Brown & Root and a member of St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church. He loved bird watching, fishing and hunting.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 16, 2011, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Msgr. Zach officiating. Burial followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Pridgen, Russell Pridgen, Matthew Pridgen, Jake Schwab, Donald Seale, Dickey Seale, John Barry Schwab and Gary Rainey.

To view online, leave condolences or sign the guest book, visit www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com

Alan Lane O'Quinn

Alan Lane O'Quinn, 50, of South Belt, died on Monday, April 12, 2011. He was born Jan. 7, 1961. He was the oldest of three boys born to

Alton and Paula O'Quinn.

He is preceded in death by his father.

O'Quinn is survived by his mother; two brothers, Tim and Dwane; four children, Lisa, Adam, Ashley and Savannah; and eight grandchildren.



He was a freelance construction worker by trade and was considered a jack-of-all-trades.

A service celebrating O'Quinn's life was held Saturday, April 16, 2011, at Niday Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jim Courville officiating.

Ken Smith

Ken Smith, 70, died on Sunday, April 17, 2011, in Friendswood. He was born May 10, 1940, in Omaha, Neb. The Smiths were previous longtime South Belt residents.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Emilie Smith; children, Debbie, Karen and Mike; six grandchildren: Melissa, Ashley, Joel, Michael, Keegan and Emma; two great-grandchildren: Colton and Luke.

Smith attended the University Of Nebraska-Omaha and was a member of the Na-

CBC MUD holiday hours

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Friday, April 22, in observance of the Easter holiday. They will re-open on Monday, April 25, at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through window side of the building.

Project Grad seeks volunteers

Dobie Project Graduation, Class of 2011 Senior Picnic, needs donations for the drawings to be held on June 2 from 1 to 6 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park. The Project Committee needs help with donations of food, items and funds, to sponsor a successful event for Dobie's Class of 2011. They are in dire need of senior parent volunteers to assist with all the activities planned for that afternoon, including the Powder Puff football game for the senior girls, with coaching assistance by the senior boys. Contact Christine Duensing at 281-974-0867 or Sharon Finney at 281-793-5918 to volunteer. Details will be posted on the Dobie Project Grad Facebook.

Dobie sets 10-year reunion

Dobie Class of 2001 will hold its 10-year reunion on July 9, 2011, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland. The cost, April 15 through June 1, is \$50; June 2 through July 2, \$60 (the last day to pre-order tickets); and July 9, \$75 (cash only at the door). For more information, visit <http://www.dobie2001.webs.com/>.

PW Library sets events

The following events are scheduled for the week of April 21 through April 27 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Movie Madness is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, at 4 p.m. Call the library at 281-484-0326 or come by to find out the exact title of the family-friendly film.

A workshop, *How to Help Your Child Learn Vietnamese Effectively*, will be Saturday, April 23, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

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

GAT dance meeting scheduled

The Thompson Eighth-Grade Dance Committee will meet May 3 and May 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. For more information, call Anna Flores at 281-221-5602.

SJC cheer clinic, tryouts set

The San Jacinto College cheerleading team will host cheerleading and mascot clinics in April for upcoming tryouts in May. Students interested in trying out for the team may attend the clinic on April 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Anders Gymnasium at the Central campus at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Tryouts will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. May 2 and 4 in the same location. Clinics and tryouts are open to men and women. Participants are encouraged to dress in athletic attire and bring water. Tryout material will be assigned on the first day and judged on the second day. For more information, visit www.sanjacsports.com or call coach Levis Francis at 281-476-1501, ext. 1426.

Deaths



tional Association Of Intercollegiate Athletics.

A celebration of Smith's life will be conducted on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 1717 Hunters Trail in Friendswood.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either the National Cancer Association or the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Association.

Harold Wayne Ginn



Harold Wayne Ginn, 56, died on April 13, 2011, at his home in Houston. He was born in Sealy, Texas, on Nov. 17, 1954, and spent the vast majority of his life in Houston with his friends and family. He was born to Norman and Alma Ginn.

Ginn iss survived by his brothers, Julius and Norman, and his sister, Linda. He is

also survived by his children, Vance Ginn, Tiffany Martinez, and son-in-law David Martinez; and his ex-wife and close friend, Melody Landers. He was known as "PiPaw" to his two grandchildren, Hailey Tapia, who attends Melillo Middle School, and Jordyn Lopez, who attends Stuchbery Elementary.

Ginn graduated from Royal High School in Brookshire, Texas, and was designated "Most Likely to Succeed" and "Friendliest," and was the Honor Society president. At the age of 18, his life was dramatically altered by a car accident, where he was seriously injured, but this ultimately taught him to live his life every day to the fullest.

At the time of his death, Ginn was looking forward to welcoming his third grandchild, Masen, and his future daughter-in-law, Emily.

Services, officiated by Ron-nie Smith, were held on Monday April 18, 2011, at South Park Funeral Home in Pearland.

Internment followed.

Dolores Mary Walker



Dolores Mary Walker, 65, of South Belt, died on Friday, April 15, 2011. She was born on Aug. 30, 1945, in Detroit, Mich., to Bichara and Victoria Trablus.

Walker is survived by her husband, Bruce C. Blifford, two children: Nina Abrego

and John Boridy; and sister Helene Hourani. She had five grandchildren: Alexis, Andrew and Olivia Abrego and Julia and Jacob Boridy; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Walker moved to Houston in 1969. She was a well-known actress who appeared in many local theatrical productions and was a former member of the board of directors of the Pasadena Little Theatre. She was a member of the Catholic Community of St. Luke.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests all donations be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Association.

The funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Sara Oddo

Longtime Sagemont resident Sara R. Oddo, 84, wife of Jack Oddo, died on Saturday, April 16, 2011.

She also leaves four sons, Joe and wife Paula, Vincent, Steve and wife Moriah, and Jimmy and wife Kathryn.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren, Paul, Christopher, Alex, Jack, Jason, Philip, Thalia and Abigail, and many nieces and nephews and other family.

A vigil service with rosary was held Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at SouthPark Funeral Home in Pearland. Visit the SouthPark website for further information.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 21 at SouthPark Funeral Home.

Easter egg hunt held



The Highland Meadow Homeowners Association Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, April 16, at the Highland Meadow Park. More than 1,000 Easter eggs filled with candy were hidden in the park. Golden Egg winners pictured are, front row, 1-3 age group: Tadeo Hernandez; back row, Natalia Elahie, 4-7 age group; and Martin Hernandez, 8 and up age group. Door Prize winners were Sandy Bonilla and Mya Coleman (not pictured). Each Golden Egg winner received a bunny, and door prize winners received a kite. Guests attending were Sgt. Zerick Guinn and Deputy Parnelli Jones.

Photo by Rudy Alaja

APRIL IS NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

When it comes to digging safely, you make the call. Whether you're working on a large excavation or simply planting a tree in your yard, natural gas and utility line safety should always be job one – and that starts with calling 8-1-1 to have your utility lines marked. By doing so, you can be certain where your electric, gas, water and other important lines are located as well as avoid causing serious injuries, service interruptions or possibly costly fines for damaged infrastructure. Make the call. It's easy, and free. Respect the lines. Dig with care. After all, safety is in your hands... but always on our mind.

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Lutheran South Academy presents The Pajama Game

Cast members in *The Pajama Game* include, left to right, Mariette Peltier, Alex Urbanowich, Matthew Roth, Anna Van Buskirk, Adam Fechter and Scott Korzep. Photo submitted



Lutheran South High School, 12555 Ryewater, will present *The Pajama Game* April 29 through May 1.

In this favorite '50s romantic comedy, the dangers of a workplace romance are explored to hysterical effect.

Come enjoy the show and hear many special songs like *Steam Heat and Hernando's Hideaway*.

Performances are Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 1, at 2:30 p.m. at Lutheran South Academy.

Tickets available at the door are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. Special senior seating is available.

For more information, call 281-464-8299.

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Community garage sales set
Ashley Pointe
Ashley Pointe HOA will hold a community garage sale Saturday, April 30.

Sageglen
Sageglen will hold its second annual community garage sale Saturday, April 30.

SJC South theater to present *Rumors*

San Jacinto College South Theatre Department will present *Rumors*, a farce by Neil Simon, April 29-30 and May 5-7.

In this "light, frothy and fun" comedy, the deputy mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though only a flesh wound, four couples are about to experience a severe attack of farce. Gathering for their 10th wedding anniversary, the host lies bleeding in the other room, and his wife is nowhere in sight. His lawyer, Ken, and wife Chris must get the story straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

Ralph Ehntholt has returned to San Jac South to direct the cast that includes Samantha Agnew, Daniel Bourque, Amanda Castaneda, Alejandro Chavez, Emily Early, Stacey Greaber, Christopher Huynh, Mariska Pope, Andy Powell and Jacob

House Bill 125 by Legler passes the Texas House

House Bill 125 by Rep. Ken Legler, R-Pasadena, passed the Texas House on Friday, April 8.

House Bill 125 will provide transparency and disclosure by requiring that Texas Commission on Environmental Quality perform a regulatory analysis that identifies the costs and environmental effects of a proposed regulation.

House Bill 125 will be an effective tool that the TCEQ can use when evaluating proposed environmental rules.

"I am very pleased that my fellow House members understand how important a transparent regulatory analysis is to the continued economic success of Texas," stated Legler. "Texas continues to have a strong business economy by continuing to provide a consistent regulatory climate. This bill will contribute to the continuation of this climate by giving a clear three-step analysis for all proposed environmental rules. Unlike the folks in Washington who

Sanchez.

Artistic design and production company includes Sibonay Barrera, Josh Eales, Elizabeth Evans, Chris Fender, Alexis Garcia, Liz Lacy, Randy Ishikawa, Ashley Johnson, Mariano Lampazzi, Savannah Martens, Daniel Partida, Mark B. Robbins, Adam Thornton, Behr Tabor and Elle Stuehrk.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

The show will run for two weekends. Curtain times are 8 p.m. April 29-30 and May 5-7, with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1. Doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain.

This production is located in the studio theater of the Marie Flickinger Fine Arts Building. Due to the intimate size of the space, late seating will not be allowed. To ensure tickets, e-mail mark.robbs@sjcd.edu or call 281-922-3497 on weekdays between 2 and 5 p.m.

pick and choose what loosey-goosey facts and figures to use when passing rules that directly affect each and every one of us, TCEQ will have the information to continue to improve our state's air and water."

House Bill 125 streamlines the minimally required analysis to three concrete steps and clarifies that the anticipated environmental effect must include a reasonable and quantifiable estimate of the projected numeric reduction of pollutants affecting air, water, and soil and the reduction in associated health and ecological risks.

Like fiscal transparency, HB 125 is regulatory transparency by requiring disclosure of anticipated costs and environmental effects of a proposed regulation.

House Bill 125 now moves to the Texas Senate to await passage. If passed by the Senate and signed by Gov. Rick Perry, House Bill 125 will take effect on Sept. 1, 2011.

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Over The Back Fence

by Jan

RELAX & ENJOY, KENNETH
Happy birthday wishes are extended to **Kenneth Griffin** on his special day, Sunday, April 24. His wife, **Bobby**, family and friends wish him a very relaxing, wonderful birthday.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 21 through April 27.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Jhanet Diehl** April 22.

Laura Bush Elementary
On April 21, birthday wishes are sent to **Nneka Obialo**. **Brenda Hernandez** is wished a happy birthday on April 27.

Moore Elementary
Thomas Sewell enjoys a birthday April

21. Blow out the birthday candles for **Demetria Pitts** on April 25.

South Belt Elementary
April 21 is the day for a party for **Grace Garcia**. Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Robin Sanders** April 22.

Melillo Middle School

Andrea Beard has a birthday April 21. Double birthday wishes are sent on April 23 to **Blanca Lopez** and **Courtney Tekell**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Jacqueline Carmona** on April 27.

Morris Middle School

Enjoying a birthday April 21 is **Melody Mexicano**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

April 21 is the day for a party for **Bill Anders**. Birthday greetings are sent to **Cecilia Diaz** April 23. On April 24, **Maria Gomez** marks a birthday.

Thompson Intermediate
The day for a cake for **Rebecca De La Garza** is April 22. Enjoying a birthday April 23 is **Bianca Hunter**. Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Maria DeLuna** April 26.

Dobie High

On April 21, blow out the birthday candles for **Jason Ashley**. April 24 is the day for a double birthday surprise for **Lynn Capell** and **Anita Lopez**. **Sharon Klass-Glumac** is wished a happy birthday April 25. The day for a party for **Amber Allan** and **Diane Dexter** is April 27.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

E-mail birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Cernik earns multiple science honors

Clear Horizons Early College High School freshman **Marina Cernik** won multiple honors at the Science Engineering Fair of Houston held April 9. Cernik won Best in Division, first place in Chemistry, the Merit in Chemistry Plaque from the American Chemical Society Greater Houston Section, cash from the American Society of Quality Greater Houston Section, and a plaque from the Krishen Foundation for Arts and Sciences. Cernik (left) is shown with her parents, Chris and Randy Cernik, during an interview with a judge after the fair.

Photo submitted



Morris MS names rolls for third 9-weeks

Morris Middle School recently announced its honor rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period.

Students earning honor roll status are:

Honor roll
Fifth grade
Grace Aguirre, Pedro Alba, Baile Mckenna Ankenbruck, Garrett Raul Barrientos, Kimberly Nhu Bui, Yelena Antonia Cleckley, Enrique Cordova, Cuauhtemoc Cornejo, Celeste Marie Covarrubias, Maria Rousseanne Devera and Clarissa Diaz.

Morgan Leeanna Dugas, Miguel Anjel Elizarraras, Alfredo Estrada, Jacob Duane Ferrell, Maria Jose Figueroa, Madeline Marie Flores, Michelle Fuentes, Brandy Danielle Garcia, Gustavo Arturo Garcia and Diana Carolina Guerrero.

Cassandra America Guevara, Robert Anthony Gue-

vara, Alice Gia Ho, Lynn Tuyet Ho, Travis Thien Ho, Nareen Islam, Elizabeth Britney Jasso, Douglas Joseph Jones, Issac James Kamasz-Santos, Josiah Michael Knight and Kevin W. Lara.

Jasmine Azaria Lewis, Jerianne Kenniya Limont, Natalie Rebecca Longoria, Alexis Liselda Lopez, Brittney Marisela Mejia, Samantha Nicole Merrill, Emily Marie Mesa, Clarence Anthony Mitchell, Mallerim Morales and Krystal Moreno.

Andrew Ngoc Nguyen, Angela Quynh Tram-Anh Nguyen, Jenny Ngoc Nguyen, Justin Hoang Nguyen, Nam The Nguyen, Trinh Nguyen, Ayanna Lysette Nguyen-eccheverry, Relencia Neccole Owens, Jacquelyn Pena and Victor Alejandro Perez.

John Tran Phan, Tam Thanh Phan, Uyen Tran Phan, Michelle Monique Pozo,

Kyrar Allise Prince, Brittany Janell Puente, Fabiola Quezada, Anthony Nelson Ramirez, Alexis Grace Rangel, Maria Evelyn Rangel and Jessica Whitney Richardson.

Gardenia Esmeralda Rivas, Jose Alejandro Rodriguez, Malorie Jolynn Rosas, Erika Rubio, Jason Matthew Napoles Sabal, Stephanie Saldivar, Victoria Ta, Michelle Kim Tran, Tony Duc Tran, Donald Trinh and Marcelly Jean Tsikis.

Veronica A. Arcalas Unica, Maria Fernanda Valdes Beltran, Leilani Isabel Vargas, Fernando Vega, Joel Velazquez, Earnest Lee Webb, Karyn G. Williams, Andy Yanez, Sami Lin Yu, Aleena Maher Zaid, Hannah Cheri Zucha and Perla Zuniga.

Sixth grade

Veronica Alarcon, Antonio Armenta, Mayra N. Avila, Carlos Daniel Azahar, Jennifer Banda, Sean Michael Bayne, Nanci Carrera, Delana Nicole Carrillo, Nyomi Marie Carrington and Miranda Marie Carrizales.

Ashali Rena Carter, Joseph Adam Castaneda, Andrea Chapa, Jarely Florel Claros, Helena Cosme, Erick Omar Covarrubias, Nathan Andrew Covarrubias, Alia Nichelle Crawford, Elissa Garza Cruz and Jimmy Tuan Dang.

Jeremy Gerard Davis, Miranda Nicole Dehoyos, An Gia Duong, America Celeste Eguia, Javier Raul Flores, Randy Alexander Fuentes, Carlos E. Garcia, Hayley R. Garcia, Kayla Nichole Garcia and Raquel Alicia Garza.

Crystal Renee Glover, Jose Anthony Guerrero, Edna Fernandez Herrera, Chelsea Christine Hickman, Grace Kelly Huckabay, Hristo S. Infante, Brianna Lara, Steven Khang Ly, Marcus Lee Miller and

McDonald earns rank, badges



Luke McDonald was recently awarded the rank of second class in Boy Scout Troop #692. He also holds the position of librarian and earned the Computers and Path-finding merit badges. The Pathfinding Merit Badge was one that could only be earned in 2010 to celebrate Boy Scouts 100 Years of Scouting. McDonald is the son of Chris and Dawn McDonald of Sageglen, and he is in the eighth grade at Thompson Intermediate School.

To Kill a Mockingbird auditions at PLT

Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road in Pasadena will hold auditions for *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a drama by Christopher Sergel based on the book by Harper Lee.

Auditions are Sunday, May 1, and Monday, May 2, at 7 p.m. Resumes are required, head shots are appreciated but not required.

This is a large cast with many opportunities for experience for people wanting to break into theater.

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Remember When

30 years ago (1981)
Pasadena school trustees awarded a contract for construction of five portable buildings at Thompson Intermediate. The low bid of \$188,005 was awarded to Rogers Bros. Construction, Inc.

The San Jacinto College Board of Regents purchased equipment for the South campus drafting and rental technology programs and started proceedings to annex a section of land at the intersection of Beamer Road and Scarsdale Boulevard.

25 years ago (1986)
The Brio site, which was expected to undergo the second phase of a cleanup study, would be dismantled of abandoned equipment if legal matters weren't involved.

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation once again delayed the writing of contracts for improvements to the Fuqua and Scarsdale interchanges at I-45 which had been pulled from an overall I-45 improvements plan for more expedient completion.

20 years ago (1991)
The first step in a projected \$2.8 million capital improvement began with Houston City Council's approval of a contract for the planning and design of the extension of Blackhawk from Fuqua to Almeda

Genoa.

Under a new state public school finance bill, PISD stood to gain state aid per student, while CCISD expected to lose \$20 million over four years.

15 years ago (1996)
The Dobie Academic Decathlon won the national title in Atlanta competition. Sagemont subdivision went on the city's curbside recycling program.

10 years ago (2001)
The Thompson academic team's win of 42-38 over Snowcrest Junior High, Weber County, qualified the team for the final four of the National Academic tournament.

San Jacinto College honored more than 100 employees from South, Central, North and District for their years of service at the college.

Southeast Volunteer Fire Department attended training at the Harris County Fire Fighters Association field day held in College Station.

5 years ago (2006)
Cpl. Raymond Lomello of Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office was credited with a traffic stop that resulted in the seizure of approximately 683 pounds of marijuana. The approximate street value was more than \$819,000.

Alyta Harrell was named the new principal at Beverly Hills Intermediate School.

Harrell officially began her new duties in July and replaced Stephanie Wright, who retired after 30 years with PISD.

Pearland City Council approved an agreement with the developers of Riverstone Ranch which opened the door for future development of a new residential area between the subdivision of Riverstone Ranch and Pearland Parkway.

1 year ago (2010)
The Bracewell branch of the Houston Library System reduced its hours and began to close on Saturdays, despite great opposition from community members. The move was part of a citywide effort to save money. The system had roughly \$2.2 million less in its budget than it anticipated at the start

of the 2010 fiscal year. Most of the city's 42 branches reduced from being open 71 hours a week to 51 hours – a 28 percent decrease. The Harris County Parker Williams Library branch was unaffected by the change.

South Belt Elementary School was officially dedicated. Located in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision, the campus opened at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. Speaking at the event were Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Kirk Lewis, PISD Board President Fred Roberts, *South Belt-Ellington Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger and South Belt Elementary principal Candy Howard. A tour of the school followed the ceremony.

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Laura Bush Elementary announces third 9-weeks rolls

Laura Bush Elementary recently released its honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls for the third nine-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

- Kindergarten**
Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Vanessa Garcia
Andrew Arias, David Bocanegra and Alan Guerrero.
Erica Garza
Landry Bowlin, Mirna Castillo, Ella Daley, Dago-berto Garza, Paul Gonzalez, Shakty Juarez, Ashley La-vergne, Steven Maldonado, Abraham Rodriguez and Jay-lene Rojas.
Katie Harrell
Tiffany Gutierrez, Wil-liam Ho, Julissa Melengano, Huynoang Nguyen, Hanson Vo and Derrick Woodley.
Carol Landolt
Hillary Do, Evbu Edigin, Cassidy Idele, Trey Medlock and Douglas Melendez.
Marie Marler
Celene Diaz, Tristan Fu-entes, Melanie Hernandez, Anthony Johnson, Megan Ly, Daniella Maldonado and Ja-nae Tucker.
Melissa Medina
Kevin Rodriquez and Ulis-es Sanchez.
Erica Meske
Houda Ben Achour.
Diane Phillips
Daniel Charles, Torik Ou-grah and Mia Sanchez.
Cecilia Yarbrough
Nathanael Chapa, Juan Leon, Max Munoz, Alissa Ramirez, Ethan Shaw and Kylie Toyloy.
First grade
Crista Bearden
Honor roll
Michael DeLaGarza, Sar-rionna Hobbs, Kiera Jackson, Tommy Phan and Hailey Vu.
Merit roll
Aiden Kainer.
Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Michael DeLaGarza, Vy Doan, Miguel Gutierrez, Bry-
- son Hicks, Sarrionna Hobbs, Aiden Kainer, Phuong Nguy-en, Tommy Phan and Hailey Vu.

Jackie Burquez
Honor roll
Emily Alvarez, Abigail Gonzalez, Ivan Gonzalez, Paloma Leal, Sofia Martinez and Kaylan Toyloy.
Merit roll
Alan Anthony, Jesus Gon-zalez, Hailey Ortega and Jose Torres.
Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Donovan Chavis, Aleyna Garza, Natalia Garza, Abigail Gonzalez, Paloma Leal, Hai-ley Ortega, Jose Torres and Kaylah Toyloy.
Derenda DeHoyos
Honor roll
Fredis Alvarez, Emily Amezcua and Kenny Duong.
Merit roll
Celine Garcia and Pilar Martinez.
Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Kyle Broussard, Celeste Diaz, Brendonn Williams and Drew Williams.
Melisa Evans
Honor roll
Zaid Abdellatif, Vincent Nguyen and Ashley Pham.
Merit roll
Jalyine Jefferey, John Reyna, Santos Sanchez and Jazmine Segovia.
Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Zaid Abdellatif, Christian Bradshaw, Anyah Butler, Ja-lyine Jefferey, Vincent Nguy-en, Ashley Pham and Alaiza Quintanilla.
Mariana Meneses
Honor roll
Martshaidy Cuevas, Trent Daley, Analara Elizarraras, Sednazitally Juarez, Sandy Llanes Chavez, Angela Mar-ler and Mikayla Saperstein.
Merit roll
Yariana Nunez Banuelos, Ahmed Roubi, Ilianna San-chez and Athan Silva Rincon.
Perfect/Punctual

- Attendance**
Larry Bogany, Martshaidy Cuevas, Sednazitally Juarez, Sandy Llanes Chavez, Ili Morales and Miranda Resen-dez.

Alexis Olson
Honor roll
Mariah Guerrero, Natalie Jarmillo, Alex Luna, Eliza-beth Mullins, Natalie Parrish, Eric Tran, Kathleen Vu and Haley Wright.
Merit roll
Kevin Dinh and David Tran.

Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Mandh Guerrero, Andrew Ingram, Alex Luna, Vincent Maldonado, Anana Negrete, Gilbert Salazar, Jackie Silva, Brianna Solares, David Tran, Eric Tran and Kathleen Vu.
Luis Pasos
Honor roll
Kate Duenez, Leslie Flores and Melanie Govea.
Merit roll
Kevet Iraheta and Alexia Lozano.

Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Daileen Adame, Ashley Duarte, Kevet Iraheta, Alexia Lozano, Sergio Ochoa, Luis Ortiz, Alan Perez and Brianna Torres.

Isida Quintero
Honor roll
Eduardo Lima and Roselin Serrano.

Merit roll
Emmy Brito, Isamar Elizalde, Christopher Reyes and Diana Vallejo.

Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Jasmine Cazares, Jocy-elyn Flores, Dayanara Garcia, Eduardo Lima, Levit Pereira, Ronaldo Rodriguez, Brissa Torres, Kevin Turcios, Diana Vallejo and Roselin Serrano.

Melanie Resendez
Honor roll
Christopher Laygo, Tracey Le, Lilly Nguyen and Jahir Reyes.

Merit roll
Naydelin Almaguer and Jacob Estrada.

Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Naydelin Almaguer, Trac-ey Le, Jahnel Morgan, Jahir Reyes, Steven Tran and Tracy Tran.

Christina Shaw
Honor roll
Kyra Jackson, Victoria Nguyen, Marilee Quiroga and Vanessa Tran.

Merit roll
Alani Forouzan, Johny Nguyen, Eduardo Perez and Ian Recio.

Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Alondra Dupre, Johny Nguyen and Victoria Nguy-en.

Second grade
Christal Blakeway
Honor roll
Alyssa Gomez, Elias Mon-tez, Kaleighe Sommerfelt and Alyssa Sosa.

Merit roll
Mia Mora, Victor Nguyen, Cidnee Ojeda and Deangel Trihn.

Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Mia Mora, Elias Montez, Juan Ramos, Kaxandra Ro-driquez, Hudson Vo and Tony Vo.

Susan Escobar
Honor roll
Andre Duenez and Mar-celo Merced.

Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Jason Aleman, Lizbeth Flores, Briana Jamaica, Yahir Serna and Daniel Serrano.

Nicole Holguin
Honor roll
Tony Pham and Emily Tran.

Merit roll
Celene Duong.

Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Tony Bui, Quan Dinh, Jeannette Gomez, Nayeli Hernandez, Tony Pham, Em-ily Tran and Lili Tran.

Nely Maicher
Honor roll
Brianna Carabajal, Jocelyn Leon and Leyna Pham.

Merit roll
Cynthia Britton.

- Attendance**
Alejandra Abascal, Oscar Anoruo, Joseph Arias, Travon Charlton, Osayi Edigin, Mia Lopez, Kiandra Porter, Schae Sneed and Collin Woodard.

Andrew Duron
Honor roll
Melissa Arredondo, Gabri-elle Hollingsworth and Josse-lyn Vale.

Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Melissa Arredondo, Ale-jandro Duenez, Kyune Jef-fery, Oscar Montes, Marissa Ramirez, Andrew Saenz and Kyerra Wallace.

Susan Everett
Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Abigael Aguilar, Yair Al-maguer, Jesse Anguiano, Marcos Bocanegra, Bruce Lewis, Madison McClelland, Leena Mohamad, Bianca Ontiveros, Emily Reyes and Keaira Wells.

Ana Gonzalez
Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Eduardo Angel, Katherine Coreas, Andrea Garibay and Janie Gonzalez.

Tami Metts
Honor roll
Jacob McKenzie, Jasalynn Quintanilla and Michela Re-sendez.

Merit roll
Blasé Anoruo, Jason Brooks, Kennedy Ho and Breniesha Williams.

Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Jason Brooks, Jasalynn Quintanilla, Amber Scott and Gabriel Serrano.

Raquel Ortega
Honor roll
Daniela Fraga, Eily Re-inoso and Jose Sanchez.

Merit roll
Viktorie Garcia, Cindy Nguyen and Zaria Ross.

Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Azucena Estrada, Dan-iel Fraga, Raylene Martinez, Cindy Nguyen, Carlos Ro-driguez, Zaria Ross and Jose Sanchez.

Katie Williams
Honor roll
Jessica Ibe, Elizabeth Men-doza and Johnny Nguyen.

Merit roll
Idalis Elizondo and Elina Nguyen.

Perfect/Punctual Attendance
Marshall Bradley, Jes-sica Ibe, Elizabeth Mendoza, Johnny Nguyen, James Var-gas.

Fourth grade
Rebecca Aronson
Honor roll
Shea Alfonso, Josiah Aren-as, Kevin Corral and Domi-nic Trihn.

Perfect/Punctual

SJC visual communication students hold first art exhibit

The visual communica-tions department at San Jacinto College South held the opening of its first stu-dent art exhibit, *Viscom One*. Work presented includes digital imaging, typography, animation, digital video and digital photography.

"I've always been inter-ested in cartoon animation since I can remember," said animation student Autumn Rojas, whose animation sequence is on display. "My selection is based on an ori-ginal character from a story I'm working on. Taking the intro animation class really got me more focused on pur-suing it more."

Professor and lead faculty for visual communications, Christina Potts, was encour-aged by the turnout. "This is the first event we've had, and I'm glad so many stu-dents have come out to see what the program offers," said Potts. "A lot of students are familiar with our fine arts degree program, but not too many realize we also have a visual communica-tions program. Events like this really show the different areas of classes available and gives students an idea of what job opportunities are out there with their visual communications degree or certificate."

The *Viscom One* exhibit will be on display through April 29 in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Build-ing, Room 12114, on the South campus located at 13735 Beamer Road.

The college offers an Associate of Applied Science and a Certificate of Technology in Visual Communications.

For more information, call SJC at 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.



Students Natasha Dewar (front) and Sarah Bates look at a few of the art selections in the Viscom One student art exhibit at the San Jacinto College South campus. The exhibit is on display April 5 through April 29 in the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building. Photo by Andrea Vasquez

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The event will be held Wednesday, April 27, at 6 p.m., at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Blvd., board room, first floor, in League City. To register, call 713-448-7827.

AARP Chapter 199 meets

AARP Chapter 199 will meet Friday, April 29, at 10 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook. The featured program will be presented by the Assistance League of the Bay Area, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for at-risk-populations through community-based philanthropic programs. The public is welcome to attend this free program. Refreshments will be served. For information about the Bay Area Community Center or about what AARP Chapter 199 has to offer, call 281-326-2955 or e-mail President Carol Ledergerber, AARP Chapter 199, at clleder@hotmail.com.

Lions Club meeting set

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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Student Caleb Conerly gets his face painted by art teacher Courtney Tekell.



The snow cone queens sport their personally styled aprons for the big event. Shown are, left to right, sixth-grade teachers Michelle Wheeler, Sheila Hughes, Sheri Richardson and Sue Haase.

Melillo holds spring carnival

Melillo Middle School held its third annual spring carnival on March 25. Attractions included a rock wall, bungee run, dunking booth, concessions, various booths including hairspray painting, face painting, a cake walk and more. The carnival brought in more than \$6,000 which will be used to enhance the school's outdoor play areas and provide other needed resources for students.

SJC welcomes baby training mannequin

There's a new arrival at San Jacinto College. Weighing in at 7 pounds, and measuring 21 inches long, little baby Sim NewB has joined the college's family of simulated mannequins — sophisticated, life-like equipment used by nursing students to learn critical nursing procedures.

The college's nursing programs, located at each of the three campuses, now have a complete collection of training mannequins consisting of adult men, adult women, child-size, and infant-size mannequins. The different size mannequins enable nursing students to learn specific simulated medical procedures pertinent to different sized people. The new small Sim NewB enables students to learn infant procedures, such as assessment of congenital anomalies, airway management, management of seizure activity, umbilical catheterization, various levels of newborn resuscitation, and scoring activity, pulse, grimace, appearance and respiration.

The cost of the training mannequins (including accessories, trainings, and warranties) ranges from \$4,000 to \$98,000 each, depending on the sophistication. The mannequins are funded through grants, and through the San Jacinto College Foundation's Innovative Initiatives program, which raises funds for

student success initiatives including classroom resources and equipment.

The training mannequins provide many advantages for SJC nursing students, according to Karen Malloy, the Central campus clinical simulation lab coordinator.

"The mannequins allow for simulated real-life situations with a low risk environment (no harm to patients)," Malloy commented. "They enable students to practice critical thinking, clinical decision making, communicating, and delegating."

Some of the procedures the mannequins can simulate include airway management, intraosseous (bone) infusions, post-operative management, management of various pediatric tumors and deformities, seizure activity, pulmonary/respiratory/cardiovascular status, muscle tone, drawing blood from umbilical cords, bathing, dressing, grooming, maternal/child education techniques, nasal/oral gastric gavage/lavage, pulmonary suctioning, endotracheal intubation, and neurological assessments.

The mannequins in use at SJC are considered the most advanced currently available for training, and students such as Kristi Kendzior are glad to have access to such helpful equipment.

"These mannequins are greatly appreciated because they help us nursing students

learn important procedures, and make mistakes, without actually harming anyone," she remarked.

Kendzior attended Channelview High School and now lives in Deer Park. She plans to earn an associate degree in nursing from SJC in May 2012 and then to transfer to the University of Texas,

with a plan to ultimately be a school nurse. She says the nursing program at SJC is helping her to achieve her goals. "It's a great opportunity for me, close to home and affordable," she said.

The "hottest" allied health job market in the Houston area is registered nursing. According to a recent Gulf Coast

Workforce Region report on high-skill, high-growth jobs, registered nursing is number two on the list, with a predicted growth of 47.3 percent by 2016. "The upper Gulf Coast area will need 17,000-plus nurses before 2016. We need nurses," remarked Edna Robinson, SJC's interim dean of health sciences.



San Jacinto College nursing student Kristi Kendzior holds little Sim NewB, the newest member of the college's family of simulated training mannequins, which includes Nursing Anne, the adult-sized mannequin in the background.

Photo by Rob Vanya, San Jacinto College

MHSH to participate in Donate Life Texas Registry Challenge

In an effort to increase awareness about the Donate Life Texas Registry, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital will participate in LifeGift's first-ever Donate Life Texas Registry Challenge in April, which is National Donate Life Month.

The hospital, located at 11800 Astoria Blvd., will hold a registry drive April 26, 27 and 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the main lobby in front of the cafeteria.

"By nature of being in the health care field, our hospital personnel are

Adopt-A-Beach cleanup set

The 25th annual Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup will take place Saturday, April 30, at 30 sites along the Texas coast.

"Bring the family and let's go clean the beach," said Jerry Patterson, commissioner of the Texas General Land Office. "The Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup is a great time for a great cause and has been since 1986."

The Adopt-A-Beach program is one of the most successful all-volunteer efforts in the nation. In the past 25 years, 406,000 Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up more than 7,900 tons of trash from the Texas Gulf Coast. And thanks to a generous \$50,000 donation by Shell Oil Company and Motiva Enterprises LLC, Adopt-A-Beach will celebrate its 25th anniversary by reaching out to even more beach lovers.

Volunteers may register online for the spring cleanup at www.TexasAdoptABeach.org or at one of the 29 check-in sites beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30.

Each volunteer will be given data cards, gloves, pencils and trash bags. All volunteers are advised to wear closed-toe shoes, bring sunscreen and plenty of drinking water.

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Cleanups are held rain or shine.

Texans who are not able to attend the cleanup can help keep their beaches clean by making a tax-deductible donation online at www.TexasAdoptABeach.org.

There are several different Adopt-A-Beach sponsorship levels ranging from \$25 to \$25,000, allowing both individuals and corporations to contribute to this major cleanup effort.

Statewide coastal cleanups are held every spring and fall.

To learn how to participate, or for additional information on the Adopt-A-Beach Program, visit www.TexasAdoptABeach.org or contact the GLO at 1-877-892-6278. Those interested may also become a fan of the program at www.facebook.com/texasadoptabeach where event details and results will also be posted.

some of LifeGift's greatest advocates," said Erin Asprey, CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. "Our sphere of influence is great, and we have the ability to drive our local communities to take action. The need for transplantable organs greatly outnumbers the

availability and, sadly, 18 people die each day in the United States due to organ failure."

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Terry crowned



Carly Terry, daughter of Courtney and Jacob Terry of South Belt, recently competed in the Strawberry Festival Pageant in Pasadena where she received second place out of 13 infants from ages 3 to 9 months. She was crowned empress and received a sash and a trophy. According to her parents, both 2007 Dobie High School graduates, this was her first, but not last, competition. Mom Courtney had also participated in the event when she was a child.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Longhorn boys capture 22-5A track and field championship

Dobie girls second in mix; qualifiers headed to III

District 22-5A champion Dobie will ride a huge wave of momentum on the way to the Region III track and field meet after coming through in a big way at the district level.

The Longhorns won top honors in seven different events, collecting 182 team points to hold off second-place Deer Park, which had 159.

In the girls' division, the Lady Longhorns scored 141 points to grab second place, a good distance away from champion Deer Park's 275 points.

Sophomore Essence Gilbert carried the gold medal torch for the Lady Longhorns, winning the 100-meter dash at 12.81 seconds for the team's lone victory.

The top three finishers in each of the individual events and the relays now advance to the Region III meet, which is set for May 2-3 at Turner Stadium in Humble.

JFD boys rule

Dobie's boys' team simply went out and delivered a knockout blow from start to finish.

Junior Andrew Robinson was one of the meet's overall stars. During the field events, he was crowned champion of both the long jump (21 feet, 7 1/2 inches) and the triple jump (43-4 1/2).

Later in the meet, Robinson was part of the Longhorns' winning 4x100-meter relay team at 42.90 as he was joined by DeMarcus

Boyd, DeVonte Boyd and Davion Hurst.

Along the way, the Longhorns had many other heroes.

Senior Zach Fondal did his work in the shot put as he captured the 22-5A title with a throw of 50-7.

In the discus, Dobie went 1-2 as Jeff Campbell won the event with a heave of 141-11. Teammate Kerry Henderson was second at 139-6.

Jemarcus Shelvin posted 16 points for his team in the hurdles. At the 300-meter distance, Shelvin captured first place with a time of 39.05.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Shelvin's time of 15.43 gained him a regional berth as he was third.

Reggie Wilson also came through with a big win in the 400-meter run, clocking in at 50.58 for the first-place honor.

Other Dobie boys' athletes who are headed to regionals include DeVonte

Boyd, who was third in the 100-meter dash (11.23) and third in the high jump (5-10); Chris Stockman, third in the 200-meter dash (22.93); Andre Timmons, third in the long jump (20-11), and Shawn Butler, second in the triple jump (43-4 1/2).

Dobie will also be in the mix in both the 4x200- and 4x400-meter relays at regionals after taking second place at district.

In the 4x200, Shawn Butler, Dashawn Butler, Robinson and Stockman went second at 1:32.88.

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At right, Dobie's Reggie Wilson (left) races toward the finish line en route to winning the boys' 400-meter event at the District 22-5A varsity boys' track and field championships April 14 at Auxiliary Stadium. Wilson's win helped lead the Longhorn boys to the team title. Also in the photo is Deer Park's Alex Bonuz (center) and Sam Rayburn's Chris Sosa.

Lady Horn softball goes for perfection Romero jersey retirement, senior night April 22 at 6:15 p.m.

Heading into the final game of the regular season on the varsity softball field there is plenty at stake for the respective Dobie and Clear Brook teams.

The top story just may be playing out on the Dobie softball field, where the Lady Longhorns will go for perfection Friday, April 22, against the Deer Park Deer at the Pasadena ISD sports complex.

Having swept through their first nine opponents in 22-5A play, the Lady Longhorns are one win away

from going undefeated and seizing the top seed in he district heading to the playoffs.

Before the big game, though, the Lady Longhorns have a special pregame event set to begin at 6:15 p.m.

First up, the team and coaching staff will officially retire jersey No. 4, which belonged to Gabby Romero during her playing career at the school.

Romero, who was a member of the class of 2011, died of renal cell cancer in October 2009. Her family, including parents Edna and Jesus Romero, will be on hand for the big event.

Dobie's other senior players will also be recognized prior to the game.

"It's going to be a great night to remember Gabby and what she meant to so many of us," Dobie head coach Robin Rackley said. Obviously, she meant so much to this program and to this community for so many years, so it's going to be a special night."

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Coleman sets mark



Central College sophomore Felicia Coleman, a former South Belt resident, was named the Iowa Conference track events performer of the week for women's track and field. Coleman broke a 27-year school record in the 200 meters, winning the event in a personal best and NCAA provisional qualifying time of 24.68 seconds. The previous record was 24.78 seconds, set by Nancy Cisar in 1984, won an individual NCAA title at the national meet. Coleman also ran on the winning 4x400 relay to run a season's best time of 3:51.92.

Sports news, notes

SJC men's hoops tryout

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will host tryouts for the 2011-2012 team on Saturday, April 30, at 11 a.m. Tryouts will take place at Anders Gym, located on the SJC Central campus at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. There is a \$20 processing fee for the tryouts, and participants should plan to arrive at 10:30 a.m. to register. Participants are required to sign a waiver before competing, and should dress appropriately. Questions about the open tryouts should be directed to the men's basketball office at 281-476-1847.

Dolphins' mascot openings

The Southbelt Dolphins mascot program is seeking girls 5 to 8 years old, as of September 1, 2011, to fill openings for the 2011 season. Those interested may call Cindy Munoz at 832-618-5696 or direct e-mail to southbeltdolphins@gmail.com. The Dolphins are part of the Bay Area Football League.

SJC softball tryouts

The San Jacinto College softball team will hold open tryouts for the 2012 season on Saturday, April 30, at the South campus softball field. Tryouts will be from 1 to 4 p.m. and are open to high school seniors, recent graduates, and other college transfers. All tryout participants are required to register at www.sanjacsports.com/softball-tryouts.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills notes

SBHLL Senior/Big League division coaches sought – The league has openings for the senior and big league divisions that will soon start play. Those interested may call Cindy Munoz at 832-618-3649.

SBHLL sets fundraisers – The league will host a series of fundraisers during the season to raise monies to build batting cages at the ballpark for league use. The first of those events is a poker tournament, set for Saturday, April 30, at the US Spring Training Batting Cages located at 10330 Blackhawk Blvd. For more information contact Kasie Fernandez at k.n.fernandez@hotmail.com. The tournament will begin at 8 p.m.

SBHLL 2011 Yearbook Fundraiser – League officials are creating a yearbook containing colorful memories from the current season. It will include pictures and thoughts from such events as opening ceremonies, parade, team pictures and action photos from the season. The yearbooks will sell for \$20 each for orders placed before May 1 and \$25 thereafter. Orders can be placed at the ballpark.

Sports Calendar

SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 21

Brook varsity at Clear Lake, 6:30
Brook JV at Clear Lake, 5:00

Friday, April 22

Dobie varsity hosts Deer Park, PISD, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts Deer Park, 5:00

Wednesday, April 27

San Jacinto College at Lamar State (2), 1:00/3:00

BASEBALL

Friday, April 22

Dobie varsity vs. Rayburn, Maguire, 4:00
Brook varsity hosts Pearland, 7:00
Dobie JV vs. Sam Rayburn, PISD, 7:00
Dobie sophomores at Sam Rayburn, campus, 4:30
Brook JV at Pearland, 4:30
Brook sophomores at Pearland, 7:00

Monday, April 25

Dobie varsity hosts South Houston, Dobie, 4:00
Dobie JV at South Houston, campus, 4:30
Dobie sophomores vs. South Houston, PISD, 4:30

Friday, April 29

Brook varsity hosts Dickinson, 7:00
Dobie varsity at Deer Park, 7:00
Brook JV at Dickinson, 4:30
Brook sophomores at Dickinson, 7:00

TRACK AND FIELD

Monday, May 2

Dobie varsity boys at Region III meet, Humble, TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Region III meet, Humble, TBA
Brook varsity boys at Region III meet, Humble, TBA
Brook varsity boys at Region III meet, Humble, TBA

Tuesday, May 3

Dobie varsity boys at Region III meet, Humble, TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Region III meet, Humble, TBA
Brook varsity boys at Region III meet, Humble, TBA
Brook varsity boys at Region III meet, Humble, TBA

Dobie boys' tracksters take District 22-5A crown

Many Lady Horns to regionals, too

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In the 4x400-meter relay, the Longhorns were also second in a time of 3:31.01 as Wilson joined Shelvin, Stockman and Robinson.

Art regionals, individuals and teams will first vie

to reach the final eight – the finals. From there, the top two finishers in each event will qualify for state.

Dobie girls second

The final team scores do indicate that Deer Park was the clear winner in the

varsity girls' division, but a young Dobie team was second.

Since the top three finishers in each event will head to regionals, the group representing Dobie will be rather large.

Charity Knight and Melissa Knight finished second and third, respectively, in the 200-meter dash.

Charity Knight, a junior, came to the line at 25.47 for second place, and Melissa Knight, a senior, had a time of 26.07 for third place. Both are headed to regionals.

Chelsea Williams, a

senior in the 800- and 1,600-meter runs, is also off to regionals as she was second in the event at 800 meters in a time of 2:30.34. Her time of 5:42.58 was also second in the 1,600-meter event.

Freshman Mikaela Guevara qualified for her first regional meet as she ran to the line second in the

3,200-meter run in a time of 13:01.05.

Dobie is on its way to regionals in each of the three relay events, having placed second in each at district.

In the 4x100-meter relay, Kyerra Simmons, Charity Knight, Derika Thomas and Gilbert teamed for a time of 49.52.

The same foursome took part in the 4x200-meter relay for second place at 1:49.06.

At the 4x400-meter distance, the Lady Longhorns were second at 4:11.66 as the two Knights were joined by LaShaye Cooper and Thomas.

Thomas, one of several Lady Longhorns to qualify for multiple events at regionals, also advanced in the high jump.

In that event, Thomas cleared 5-2 for second place in the event.

Charity Knight was sec-

ond in the long jump as she soared 17-7, and teammate Ariel Hebert was third with an effort of 17-0.

Both are going to regionals. Knight has also qualified for the triple jump after going 33-11 for third place at district.

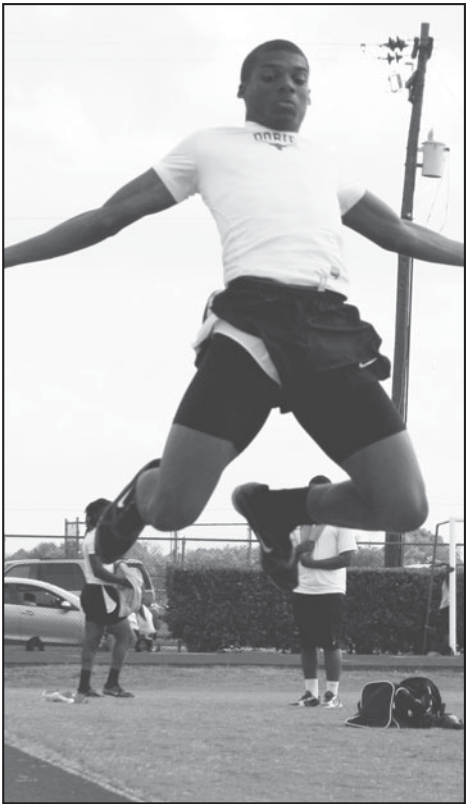
The Region III meet is annually the most talented of the state's four. If the weather conditions are ideal, the times will be fast and the distances cleared will be vast.

At this point, though, anything can happen. Make it to a final, and take your chances.

Brook excels in 24-5A

The Clear Brook Wolverines also performed well at the 24-5A meet.

For a review of how the boys' and girls' teams did, and which athletes and relays advanced to regionals, see the April 28 issue of the *Leader*.



Above, Dobie long jumper Andre Timmons cleared 20 feet, 11 inches in the event to take third place and the final Region III meet qualifying spot after his showing at the District 22-5A meet April 21. Timmons, a senior, will be joined by teammate and 22-5A champion Andrew Robinson, who won the event with a leap of 21-7 1/2.

Photo by Robert Timmons

At left, Dobie 800-meter runner Chelsea Williams (at left in photo) was second in the event in a time of 2 minutes, 30.34 seconds to take second place at the District 22-5A championships April 21 at Auxiliary Stadium. The finish sends Williams to the regional meet along with Memorial's Samantha Ali, who placed third in a time of 2:31.74.

Photo by John Bechtle

JFD's Thomas jumps way to regionals

At right, Dobie senior high jumper Derika Thomas cleared 5 feet, 2 inches at the 22-5A meet to take second place in the final standings behind Deer Park's Jessica Northam. Thomas will thus continue her high school athletic career at the Region III meet May 2-3 at Turner Stadium in Humble. The top two finishers in the field of 24 will qualify for the state meet later in May.

Photo by Robert Timmons



100-meters a fast race at district

At right, the varsity boys' 100-meter relay was hotly-contested during the District 22-5A championships April 21 at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena. South Houston's Kenneth Marshall (center) was the winner in a time of 11.04 seconds, and Deer Park's Justin James (left) was second in a time of 11.09. Dobie's DeVonte Boyd (right) was third at 11.23 as each of the three athletes qualified for the Region III meet May 2-3 in Humble.

Photo by John Bechtle



Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League Standings

As of April 20 on league website

Junior Division

Team	W	L	T
Phillies	9	1	0
Padres	8	2	0
Marlins	5	4	0
Reds	5	4	1
Astros	2	6	1
Mets	3	8	0
Red Sox	1	8	0

Major Division

Team	W	L	T
Astros	11	1	0
Braves	8	2	1
Diamondbacks	7	2	1
Cubs	6	5	0
Rangers	6	6	0
Orioles	4	7	0
Marlins	4	9	0
Cardinals	3	8	0
Phillies	2	11	0

AAA Division

Team	W	L	T
Orioles	8	1	0
Astros	6	2	0
Diamondbacks	2	5	0
Phillies	2	5	1
Rangers	2	7	1

AA Division

Team	W	L	T
Cardinals	8	2	0
Athletics	4	5	1
Astros	4	5	1
Cubs	3	7	0

A Division

Team	W	L	T
Mets	8	0	1
Mud Cats	5	1	1
Hooks	5	2	0
Express	4	3	0
River Dogs	4	2	1
Scrappers	3	3	0
Bulls	4	4	1
Muck Dogs	3	3	1
Owlz	3	4	1
Raptors	2	3	1
Blue Claws	1	6	1
Thunder	1	6	1
Storm	0	6	1

T-Ball Division

Team	W	L	T
Scrappers	6	0	1
Hooks	6	1	1
Thunder	5	1	2
Express	4	1	2
River Dogs	3	3	0
Storm	2	4	0
Rattlers	2	5	1
Red Wings	2	6	0
Raptors	1	4	0
Hot Rods	0	6	1

Pitts stops Memorial 4-2, Dobie moves to 9-3 in 22-5A

The ship symbolizing the season of the Dobie Longhorns' varsity baseball team has taken on water at times but is sailing calmly toward the dock that is the 22-5A finish line.

Since surrendering first place to Deer Park in the final game of the second round, the Longhorns have won two straight.

Zach Long handled a good bit of the pitching and the offense as the Longhorns defeated Pasadena 9-2 April 15 at Maguire Field.

Dobie then completed a season sweep of both Pasadena and Memorial, beating the Mavericks 4-2 April 19 behind Emmitt Pitts' great pitching performance.

With three games to go in the District 22-5A race, the Longhorns are on a roll at 9-3, a game off the pace set by Deer Park (10-2). South Houston is a distant third at 6-6.

Dobie still has a chance to snag a piece of the 22-5A title along with Deer Park, but the Deer are almost a lock to take the No. 1 seed in the playoffs after having controlled the tiebreaker edge.

But the Longhorns will secure second place with any combination of a victory or a loss by South Houston.

Miguel Torres, Dobie's head coach, said his team has returned to the basics with the regular season closing in.

"We can only control what we do, and we do that by going out and playing one game at a time," Torres said. "Xavier Johnson

res said. "It would be great to have a chance to go to Deer Park for that last game (April 29) with a chance to take the co-championship, but right now, the focus is on Sam Rayburn."

The Longhorns will close the regular season by facing Sam Rayburn April 22, at Maguire Field, at 4 p.m. On Monday, April 25, Dobie will host South Houston at 4 p.m., at Dobie High School. The regular season finale is April 29, at 7 p.m., at Deer Park.

"Zach came through with a big pitching effort against Pasadena, and then he scored three runs," Torres said. "Xavier Johnson

came in and pitched the last three innings. Against Memorial, Emmitt just did an outstanding job. He allowed five hits and one earned run. That's what we need from

our pitching."

With the postseason coming, preparation has begun to tighten the sails a bit.

"We know we're in the

playoffs, and we want one of those top two seeds," Torres said. "Our job is to play Dobie baseball, and over the last two games we have."

Vruggink, Brook rally past Lake

Brook senior right-handed pitcher Ryan Vruggink continued his dominant pitching down the stretch, and Brook's offense rallied for a pair of runs in the top of the seventh to down Clear Lake 2-1 April 19 at Clear Lake.

Vruggink fanned 11 Falcons in the game but was in line to take the loss before the Wolverines stepped to

the plate in the top of the seventh inning. Needing a win to stay in possession of fourth place, Brook came through with the win.

With two games to play, the Wolverines trail co-leaders Clear Springs and Brazoswood (9-3) but is just one game behind Alvin (8-4). At 7-5, the Wolverines are a game in front of Pearland.

Clear Brook will host Pearland April 22, at 7 p.m. before finishing the regular season against 0-12 Dickinson.

Pearland, meanwhile, closes its regular season against Alvin. A season ago, Brook used a similar late-season run to catapult all the way to the area round of the playoffs. Perhaps an encore is in store.

Emmitt Pitts lifted Dobie to 9-3 overall in District 22-5A play after pitching a gem against Memorial. He went the distance, allowing five hits and one earned run in the Longhorns' 4-2 win April 19.



Lady Cougars 8U win softball tourney



The South Belt Lady Cougars 8-under softball team went undefeated to take first place at the one-day South Belt Girls Softball Association "See What You Got" Tournament April 12, at El Franco Lee Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Emily Mauro, Chloe Flores, Karina Palos, Mickey

Reyes, Mya Scott (6-under player), Karisa Hernandez, (back row) Celeste Salazar, Josee Rivas, Ashley Garcia and Sirena Rodriguez. Not pictured are player Abby Duron, head coach Paul Mauro and assistant coaches James Flores, Rene Hernandez, Nick Garcia and Charlie Salazar.

11-under select Horns baseball wins Spring Break event



The South Belt Horns, an 11-under select baseball team from the South Belt area, won the championship at the Spring Break Classic at Baseball USA. In all, the Horns went 5-0 to take top honors. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Alex Perez, Seth Barber, Michael Villarreal, Jose Esparza, Leo

Martinez, Alex Arriaga, (middle row) Andrew Arriaga, Jonathan Saldana, Michael Avila, Alex Gonzalez, Gilbert Alejandro, Matthew Morales, (back row) coach Joe Saldana, manager Alex Arriaga and coach David Gonzalez.

Former San Jac hoops star Woodfox shines

Booker Woodfox is still making his mark on the court since his time with the San Jacinto College men's basketball team four years ago.

The Texas Legends guard won both the first-ever NBA D-League Showcase 3-Point Contest and the NBA D-League 3-Point Championship earlier this year.

It's sweet victory for Woodfox, who learned the value of hard work during his starting days at San Jac.

"College made me a better person; I learned a lot about life, more than just basketball," said Woodfox, who attended the college from 2005 to '07.

"I think all basketball players need to attend college (for four years). Coaches now look for school experience; they want to know if you're a well-rounded player."

During his time with San Jac, Woodfox averaged 18.3 points, 2.5 rebounds, and 2.6 assists per game as a sophomore, and shot 89.9 percent from the free-throw line to rank third nationally.

He was named to the All-Region honorable mention

team as a freshman, and the All-Region first-team as a sophomore.

Woodfox went on to play basketball at Creighton University, where he picked up seven Missouri Valley Conference awards, including the 2009 Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year.

He began playing with the Texas Legends in November 2010 after spending time traveling and playing basketball in Lebanon.

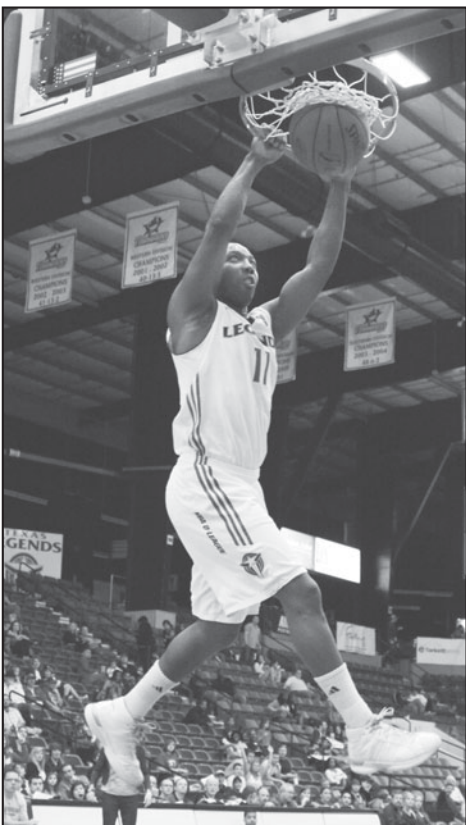
"This definitely validates Booker's ability," said Justin Sheinis, media relations director with the NBA Development League.

"Winning two contests in one year doesn't happen very often, if ever. He's definitely a key player on the team."

Woodfox said he plans to continue to train hard and work toward his overall goal of succeeding in the NBA.

"I prepared for these contests by hitting the gym and worked hard to showcase my skills," said Woodfox.

"I think I've done a pretty good job so far in my career. One day, I hope to play with the NBA. That'll be my dream, and I'll go on from there."



SB Horns 10-under select baseball second at tourney



The South Belt Horns, a 10-under select team in the area, captured second place at the Springfest Tournament at Baseball USA. The locals advanced to the title game using great pitching and defense but then came up short in the final. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Chris Rodriguez, Jo-

siah Arenas, Junior Espinoza, Diego Gonzales, Jan Lara, (back row) coach David Chicas, Michael Gibson, Damien Lopez, David Chicas, Mario Rodriguez, David Perez, Sergio Hernandez and coach Jesus Arenas. Not pictured is Jonathan Moreno.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

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 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.

5:30 p.m.

Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter – A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.

6:30 p.m.

St. Luke's Catholic Church – St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

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, APRIL 22

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

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, APRIL 23

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, APRIL 24 – EASTER SUNDAY

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, APRIL 25

7 a.m.

AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

9 a.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6 p.m.

Scrabble Club #511 – Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua

from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.

6:30 p.m.

New Directions Singles Club – New Directions Singles support meetings are held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For further information, call Susan at 832-494-5098 or Carolyn at 281-340-2354.

Civil Air Patrol Meeting – Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.

7 p.m.

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, APRIL 26

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 fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxum Bank in League City. For more information, call 281-946-4237 or 281-471-5048.

11 a.m.

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital – In an effort to increase awareness about the Donate Life Texas Registry, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital will participate in LifeGift's first-ever Donate Life Texas Registry Challenge in April, which is National Donate Life Month. The hospital, located at 11800 Astoria Blvd., will hold a registry drive April 26, 27 and 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the main lobby in front of the cafeteria. The Donate Life Texas Registry is the official state database of those individuals who con-

sent to being organ and tissue donors upon their deaths.

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. For information, call 713-472-0565.

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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.

2 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – TOPS #1530 meets at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint, from 2 to 4 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

6:30 p.m.

Clear Lake Toastmasters Club – Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.

7 p.m.

St. Luke's Catholic Church – St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

Houston Space City Lions Club – Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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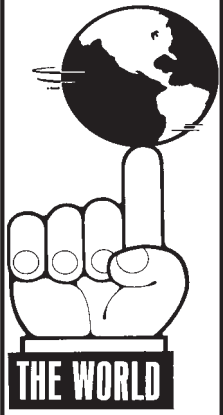
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9:30 a.m.
Young at Heart Club – Meets the second and fourth week of each month at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Nellie Gainey at 713-991-3517 for more information.

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4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6 p.m.
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital – MSHS will present a free seminar on weight loss surgery at 6 p.m. at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Boulevard, Board Room, First Floor, in League City. Losing weight can be a life-changing process with the potential to improve one's health and decrease the risk for serious conditions like stroke and heart disease. Dr. Audencio Alanis, a bariatric surgeon affiliated with Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, will guide attendees through an easy-to-follow seminar and explains surgical options, recovery time and what makes a good candidate. Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. To register, call 713-448-7827.

6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center – Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.

7 p.m.
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7 p.m.
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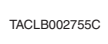


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Dobie doubles player Hongnhunh Ho smashes a shot back to her Cy-Fair opponents during first-round play at the Region III varsity tennis tournament at Deer Park High School. Ho and her partner, Eun Lee, were defeated in the opening round.

Photos by John Bechtle

Dobie varsity tennis trio slips at regional tourney

The end of the line came a bit quickly for three Dobie High School tennis players at the Region III tournament, but that didn't make the journey to the event any

less exciting.

Longhorn boys' singles player Jonathan Taylor and the girls' doubles team of Hongnhunh Ho and Eun Lee were beaten in the opening round April 19 at Deer Park High School.

Taylor, taking the court for an 8:30 a.m. match, fell 6-2, 6-1 to Cypress Ridge's Anuj Singh. Ho and Lee made their way onto the court just after lunch, eventually going down 6-3, 6-3 to Cypress Fairbanks' Katie Barnett and Ann Janssen.

The trio, each a senior and Dobie tennis team captain, saw their high school careers come to a close.

"At regionals, it's the luck of the draw," Dobie coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said.

"They all played well, but at this level the competition is extremely tough. A point here and a point there can decide the outcome. Even though they didn't advance, it doesn't take away from what they accomplished this season."

Taylor, Ho and Lee led a spring season charge that produced a first for the Dobie program in 12 seasons under Moreno.

They each won district championships, giving the Longhorns two titles in the same season.

"Jonathan, Eun and Hongnhunh have created their own little legacy within the program, and that's another reason I am proud to be their coach."

"It was another great year for Dobie High School tennis and our kids."

At left, Eun Lee, who competed in the Region III varsity tennis tournament along with partner Hongnhunh Ho, serves to open the match against Cy-Fair. The Dobie pair eventually lost in straight sets in the opening round.



Lady Horns eye Deer Park, sweep versus 22-5A foes

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Dobie has the upper hand in the race at the moment, having knocked off the Deer in the first round. Both teams have dispatched the rest of the competition in the district with little trouble.

The Lady Longhorns downed Sam Rayburn 11-0 and then South Houston 11-7 to remain unbeaten at 9-0. Deer Park is at 8-1.

"Our team has worked hard to get to this point in the season, and the only thing we are looking at right now is beating Deer Park," Rackley said.

"Our players have dealt

with a lot prior to and during the season, and they have answered the bell every time. It's going to be a big night, and our focus is to beat Deer Park and win the district title."

As for the playoffs that will begin April 29, Rackley said she has briefly glimpsed the bracket, careful to pay it little mind at the moment.

Brook will play at Clear Lake Thursday, April 21, at

ful to pay it little mind at the moment.

"(Bracket watching) is coach (Chris) Swinnen's job," Rackley said. "He follows all of that."

"Right now, it's all about playing our game. We have done a good job of that to this point, and we have to keep doing it."

Brook girls in the hunt

Despite sitting at 5-8 in District 24-5A action, the Clear Brook Lady Wolverines are one win away from the playoffs.

6:30 p.m. The winner advances to the postseason as the No. 4 seed in the 24-5A standings.

Brazoswood, Pearland and Alvin have already qualified.

Nguyen wins again

At right, Amanda Nguyen, a freshman softball player at Army, was named the Rookie of the Week in the Patriot League for the third time this season. Nguyen, a 2010 Dobie High School graduate, collected hits in all five of her team's games, with three multiple-hit efforts. She finished the week going 11-for-16 (.688) at the plate with four RBIs, five runs scored and a pair of walks. Nguyen has hit safely in each of Army's last six Patriot League contests and in 10 of the 12 games this season.



Dobie's Roberts picks St. Edwards University softball



Dobie High School softball player Faith Roberts (seated center) will continue her education and playing career at St. Edwards University in Austin after signing a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (front row) Amie Gallant (best friend and Dobie softball teammate), Peter Dailey (father), P.J. Dailey (brother), Christine Duensing (mother), Mary Giuffre (great aunt), (middle row) Carmela Swinnen (Dobie junior varsity softball coach), Alex Ramirez (Lethal Weapon Gold club assistant coach), Kristin Gomez (Lethal Weapon Gold club assistant coach), Nikki Bush (Le-

thal Weapon Gold club assistant coach), Pug Bush (Lethal Weapon Gold club coach), Albert Ramirez (Lethal Weapon Gold club head coach), Lori Plopper Chambers (aunt), Kim Staton (family friend), Robin Rackley (Dobie varsity head softball coach), (back row) Chris Swinnen (Dobie varsity softball assistant coach), Carlos Morgan (youth Bulldogs softball coach), Chad Staton (youth Blitz softball coach), Dustin Brown (Hardball Academy hitting coach), Raymond Gomez (Lethal Weapon Gold club coach), Dennis Giuffre (great uncle) and Steve Jamail (Dobie principal).

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SJC's Andrade player of week in softball

San Jacinto College sophomore Nicole Andrade has been named the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIV softball player of the week.

This is the third conference player of the week honor for San Jacinto College softball this season.

The outfielder from Dobie High School hit .700 for the week, going seven for 10 with two doubles, three home runs, and 10 RBIs, while scoring six runs.

On the season, Andrade is hitting .406 behind 54 hits including 11 doubles, one triple, and seven home runs.

San Jacinto (37-17) closes out the 2011 season on the road with games at Blinn April 20 after press time, and at Lamar State-Port Arthur on Wednesday, April 27, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.