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## Graduation issue planned

The *Leader's* high school special edition will be published June 4. It will feature graduating class information for Dobie, Clear Brook and South Houston high schools, plus Lutheran South Academy. To honor a candidate with a personalized ad, call the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 or e-mail mynews@southbeltleader.com. Ad space must be reserved by June 1.

## PIP meeting May 19

The next Positive Interaction Program meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the first floor staff meeting room at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria. Guest speaker will be Officer Scott Simmons from the Houston Police Department Helicopter Division. The PIP program consists of police and citizens working together to make neighborhoods safer. For information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

## JFD summer classes set

J. Frank Dobie High School will hold summer school with two sessions, June 11 through July 2. Registration for initial credit and remedial classes is as follows:

Registration at Dobie will be from 2:45 to 4 p.m. May 18 for 11th- and 12th-graders, and May 19 for 10th-graders. Eighth- and ninth-graders will register May 20 from 2:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Late registration for all grade levels (eighth-11th) is scheduled for June 8-9 from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

The cost is \$60 per half credit (each session). Late registration is \$70. Cash, money order or cashier's check will be accepted - no personal checks.

**Summer Session I:** June 11 through 22, from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Classes will be held on Fridays.

**Summer Session II:** June 23 through July 2, from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Classes will be held on Fridays.

**Remedial Credit Courses:** Morning sessions will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m.; afternoon sessions from 12:15 to 3:45 p.m. Classes will be held on Fridays.

## Kindergarten Round-ups set

### Frazier Elementary

Frazier Elementary will host Kindergarten Round-Up on Tuesday, May 19, at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Families from Frazier and South Belt Elementary are invited to meet Frazier Principal Rhonda Parmer and South Belt Principal Candy Bernsen-Howard. Students will visit a classroom and complete an activity. Parents will learn ways to help prepare a child for kindergarten.

### Atkinson Elementary

Atkinson Elementary will hold its Kindergarten Round-up for the 2009-2010 school year on Wednesday, May 20, in the cafeteria from 4 to 7 p.m. To enroll a child, the parent/guardian must bring the following information: birth certificate, record of immunizations, Social Security and proof of residence. For information, call the office at 713-740-0520.

## Spring carnival at Melillo

The Melillo spring carnival will be held Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the school. Activities include several game booths, a rock climbing wall, a dunking booth, a 65-foot inflatable obstacle course, a bungee cord run and other fun activities.

## Church bazaar May 17

St. Frances Cabrini's 34th annual bazaar will be held Sunday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the church grounds at 10727 Hartsook Street in southeast Houston.

The bazaar will feature a barbecue dinner, Mexican food, a variety of beverages, arts and crafts, country store, trash and treasure, entertainment, kiddie land, bingo and other games, a raffle with a \$4,500 Visa gift certificate first prize, a lap-top computer second prize, 11 more prizes, and more. Admission is free.

The trash and treasure garage sale will open a week before the bazaar.

Proceeds from the bazaar go toward the mortgage on the new church, which was dedicated in January 2005. For more information, call 713-946-5768.

## Fun Bunch meets May 14

The Fun Bunch, senior members of South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, will meet May 14 at Sageglen Community Center, 11610 Sageglen. Guest speaker will be Steve Waldner from Sheltering Arms Senior Services. He will speak on services provided by this organization. All seniors are invited; bring a friend. For information, call LaRue Welch, program chair, at 713-941-0051.

## SBYSC fall registration set

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club will hold registration for the fall 2009 season on Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sage-meadow MUD building located at 10755 Hall Road, corner of Hall and Blackhawk. SBYSC is a nonprofit organization run by parents for the kids. For more information, visit the Web site at www.southbeltsoccer.org.

# San Jacinto South celebrates 30 years

San Jacinto College South celebrated its 30th anniversary Tuesday, May 12.

Jose Escobar was one of many students who

attended the new campus in its first year of operation. Escobar, the first in his family to go to college, went on to earn two associate degrees

from San Jacinto College, a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Houston and numerous occupational and technology certificates.

"Growing up, I always assumed that I would never go to college, because it was expensive and out of reach for me and my family," said Escobar, whose father was a sheet metal worker while his mother cared for their five children. "But when they opened the San Jacinto College South campus, I found out how affordable tuition was and decided to come here."

Escobar's journey on becoming the first in his family to earn a degree is what the South campus' construction was intended to do - give students in the South Belt-Ellington area of Houston a chance at a college career. Three decades later, some of the campus' first faculty members remember how it took a lot of creativity and determination to open those doors on the first day of school at San Jacinto College South.

"We had to roll up our sleeves and make it happen," said math professor Dr. Jerry Tate. "I remember the week before classes started, moving desks and furniture into the rooms."

During that first year, the South campus was composed of a two-story administration building, and physical education classes were held in a small classroom on the bottom floor.

"Without a gymnasium and very limited equipment, the physical education teachers had to get creative with walking, a little aerobics, and some stretching," said Tate, who joined San Jacinto College South in 1979 after teaching for some time at the Central campus.

That year, Dr. Parker Williams was vice president of administrative affairs for the college district and would later become the campus' first president.

Like Tate, psychology professor Dr. Marylou Robins said she remembers performing whatever duties were necessary to get the job done.

"Written job descriptions did not exist at that time," said Robins, who also taught Escobar. "We became whatever was needed. It was a new campus with many opportunities."

Government professor Dr. John Bolen and chemistry professor Dr. Ray Crawford also joined the faculty that same year and continue to teach at the South campus.

Tate said he and his colleagues would create and participate in their own recruitment efforts during those early years to bring attention to the new campus, and they eventually paid off. Enrollment increased rapidly as people realized that San Jacinto College had an additional campus in their neighborhood, he said.

"We went out into the community, to civic clubs, talked to our neighbors, high schools, wherever we could think of to let people know about this new campus," he said. "San Jacinto College South became an integral part of this community as a provider of its education and local events and activities."

Approximately 1,200 students attended classes at the South campus during the first semester.

Escobar has since returned to his alma mater as a technical support analyst. He attributes much of his academic and career success to his

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A reception was held Tuesday, May 12, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the San Jacinto College South campus. Four of the school's original professors continue to teach at the campus. Shown above at the event are, left to right, math professor Dr. Jerry Tate, psychology professor Dr. Marylou Robins, government professor Dr. John Bolen and chemistry professor Dr. Ray Crawford.

Photo by James Bolen

## Weber Elementary vandalized

The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office is investigating a vandalism incident that occurred at Weber Elementary Thursday, May 7, between 3 and 4 a.m.

Two male suspects were captured on the school's video surveillance systems throwing Molotov cocktails containing gasoline at the backside of the building, scorching its brick walls. The men also set a bicycle on fire on the school grounds.

The suspects attempted to break into the school through its windows, but were unsuccessful at gaining entry.

The constable's office is being assisted in the investigation by the Galveston County Sheriff's Office, which serves as the police liaison for the Clear Creek Independent School District. The fire marshal's office is also aiding in the investigation and has reviewed additional surveillance footage taken in the area.

The suspects are described as being white males between 16 and 18 years old. Investigators are working closely with local high schools and have checked attendance rolls to see which students were absent the day of the incident.

Anyone with information on this case is urged

to call the constable's office at 713-477-2766 or the Galveston County Sheriff's Office at 866-248-8477.

### Burglary suspect sought

Constable deputies are also seeking the public's help in locating suspect Brandon Fonville. Fonville, 21, was identified by a resident on Sagebrook, who said the suspect had taken food out of a freezer in the homeowner's garage. A felony warrant has been filed on Fonville for burglary of a habitation.

Just a month prior, Fonville, whose mother also resides on Sagebrook, was charged with felony theft for reportedly taking four Yorkshire Terrier puppies from another residence on the area street.

Anyone with information on Fonville's whereabouts is urged to call the constable's office at 713-477-2766.

### Speeding on Blackhawk

The constable's office has received numerous complaints in recent weeks of drivers speeding on Blackhawk between Scarsdale and Hughes Road. As a result, deputies will be stepping up their speed enforcement on the area street over the next several weeks.

## High school students graduate with degrees



San Jacinto College South has expanded greatly over the last 30 years. One major innovation is the addition of the Clear Creek Independent School District's Clear Horizons Early College High School. The satellite campus allows eligible CCISD students to earn high school diplomas and associate degrees simultaneously. This year marked the first graduating class. Participating students shown above are, left to right, Dana Lizik, Meredith Candler, Michelle Fryberger and Brendan Dalpe. See related story on Page 3A.

Photo by Jeannie Peng-Armao

## Local May 9 school board election results tallied

By James Bolen

The results are in from the local May 9 board elections.

In the race to fill the Pasadena Independent School District Position 2 seat formerly held by Carmen Orozco, McDonald's franchise owner Mariselle Quijano-Lerma was victorious over Neel McGovern, receiving 60.5 percent of the vote to McGovern's 39.5 percent.

Quijano-Lerma received 1,296 total votes, while McGovern received 846.

Incumbent Nelda Sullivan held on to her Position 3 seat, defeating Terry Robinson and Randy Smith. Sullivan received 57.1 percent of the vote, with 1,247 total votes. Robinson took 30 percent

of the vote with 655 casting in his favor. Smith received 12.9 percent of the vote with 282 total votes.

Incumbent Fred Roberts ran unopposed for his Position 1 seat.

In the race to fill the Clear Creek Independent School District At-Large A seat vacated by Ralph Parr, Charles Pond was victorious with 44.58 percent of the vote (756 total votes).

Andrea Wilson received 27.4 percent of the vote with 465 total votes. Uma Montravadi received 12.1 percent of the vote with 205 total votes. Trent Martin received 9.2 percent of the vote with 156 total votes. Wanda Roubleau received 3.8 percent of the vote with 65 total votes.

Walt Champion received 2.9 percent of the vote with 49 total votes.

Incumbents Stuart Stromeyer and Dee Scott both ran unopposed and maintained their respective District 4 and District 5 seats.

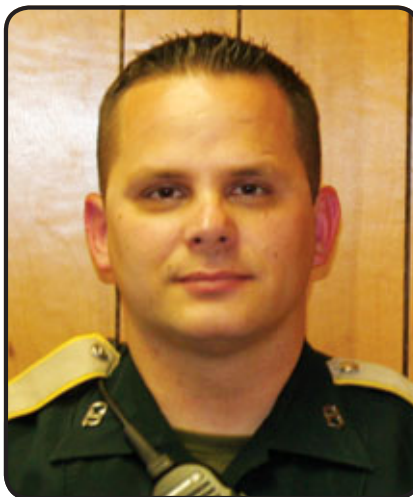
In the hotly contested race to fill the Position 5 seat on the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees, community banker John Moon Jr. defeated Corey McKay, receiving 51.8 percent of the vote to McKay's 48.2 percent.

Moon received 2,376 total votes, while McKay received 2,208.

"I am looking forward to serving the San Jacinto College community," Moon said. "I thank the voters for their support, and I hope to help make San Jacinto College even better than it is today."

Current board members Ben Meador, Dan Mims and Wayne Slovacek ran unopposed. Meador will fill the Position 1 seat vacated last year by J.D. Bruce, who retired after 27 years of service. Mims (Position 6) and Slovacek (Position 7) were re-elected to their current positions. Moon will fill Meador's former Position 5 seat.

## 100 Club to honor Pacifico



Dwayne Pacifico

Deputy Dwayne Pacifico from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office will be honored by the Houston 100 Club Thursday, May 14, with a life-saving award.

Pacifico is responsible for saving the life of Precinct 2 Chief Deputy James Biehunko.

Last November, a victory party was held in celebration of Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's re-election. While at the party, Biehunko choked on a piece of barbecue. Pacifico was quick to react and administered the Heimlich maneuver, saving the chief deputy's life.

Originally from Carthage in East Texas, Pacifico served six years in the U.S. Army and is an Iraq war veteran. July will mark his fourth year with the constable's office.

Police work runs in Pacifico's family, as his father, James Pacifico, was a longtime deputy for the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

## Possible government aid available to flood victims

With the recent rash of flooding in the South Belt community, many residents are curious regarding possible governmental relief.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has three separate programs that may provide assistance to affected residents. These include FEMA's Repetitive Loss Program, its Severe Repetitive Loss Program and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program that works jointly with the state and local governments.

A Repetitive Loss (RL) property is any insurable building for which two or more claims of more than \$1,000 were paid by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) within any rolling 10-year period since 1978.

Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) properties are divided into two categories. The first is defined as a residential property that is covered under an NFIP flood insurance policy and has at least four NFIP claim payments (including building and contents) more than \$5,000 each, and the cumulative amount of such claims payments exceeds \$20,000. The second is a property for which at least two separate claims payments (building payments only) have been made with the cumulative

amount of the building portion of such claims exceeding the market value of the building.

In both cases, at least two of the referenced claims must have occurred within any 10-year period and must be greater than 10 days apart.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration.

Through the program, grants are provided to eligible applicant states that, in turn, provide subgrants to local governments. The applicant state selects and prioritizes applications submitted to them by local jurisdictions to submit to FEMA for grant funds.

Residents wanting to know the flood history of their homes should call their insurance provider. Potential homebuyers are also urged to do this prior to making a purchase.

For more information on these programs, visit www.fema.gov or call FEMA's regional office at 940-898-5399. For more information on the HMGP specifically, call the Texas Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management at 512-424-2429.

# Readers' Opinions

## Hannan states: Enough is enough

NOTE: (this letter was written just after the April 18th "rain event" but applies to the subsequent April 24th event as well).  
It was another tough Saturday in the "Sagemont Soup Bowl". With a total of over 7.4 inches of rain in two days the inadequately designed A119-09-00 "linear detention system" did its usual flooding trick and flowed over Sabo Road and the surrounding streets, incidentally, knocking out power, flooding garages, drowning cars and terrorizing people who did not know where they were going.  
The city of Houston has tried to do its part, with diverting flows on Fuqua, spending over two million dollars to increase the under street storage capacity of the Sabo Road Drainage system, with

much effort on the part of the "Leader", Marie Flickinger, former Superneighborhood, council members Addie Wiseman and Mike Sullivan and concerned citizens. Once again the county designed, and maintained linear detention system has failed and negatively affected the community in spite of repeated pleas for help.  
Watching peoples' garages in my townhome community being flooded and damaging cars and destroying and washing away possessions was amplified by a couple with a young boy from out of town, who drove into our driveway while the water was rising, thinking it was a parking lot, not being able to see the road, and then having the car flood out and the wife and child climbing on top of the car. This kind of brought home the human toll.  
Commissioner El Franco Lee, Harris County Flood Control Director Mike Tal-

bot you have known for years this system is inadequate, certainly starting with the 1999 Dannenbaum Study. You have had studies done since and seem to be unable to come up with a solution. I know that most of the available new detention space is taken and water does not flow uphill on its own, but you need to admit that you have an accountability to solve this problem and take the responsibility and do it. It has had an impact on too many people for too long.  
To add insult to injury, the HCAD has

raised the market value of my townhome with its flooding garage and wave damaged garage door by \$4,000.  
I did find two 30-inch alligator gar near the drainage grate in our driveway as the water was going down.  
I returned them to A119-09-00 and they swam away. I understand they are considered game fish by the state. Maybe Texas Parks and Wildlife could better manage this disaster causing ditch.  
**Jack Hannan**  
Sagemont Park Townhouses

## Guys and Dolls at PLT



David Hamm (sitting), standing left to right, George Blystone, Tim Raeke, Mignon Bryant and Katie Reed want to save your soul in *Guys and Dolls* by Loesser, Swerling and Burrows at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. This musical continues weekends through May 24 with showtimes at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. Reservations can be made online at [pasadenalittletheatre.org](http://pasadenalittletheatre.org) or by calling 713-941-1758. Reed and Bryant are South Belt area residents. Submitted photo

## Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club meets Wednesday, May 20, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45.  
For more information, e-mail [HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com](mailto:HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com).

## Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

## SJC celebrates Week of the Young Child

The San Jacinto College South Children's Center celebrated Week of the Young Child, a national observance held with a parade for some of the youngest persons on campus.  
The event featured visits from Memorial Hermann mascot Topper the giraffe, H-E-Buddy from H-E-B, and the All Star Youth Banjo Band.

Grand Marshals were the South campus' Dr. Kathy Roosa, academic dean; Pam Campbell, dual credit director; Kathy Beesley, student development office manager; and Hilda Boyce, director of auxiliary service.

Week of the Young Child is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children with the purpose of promoting awareness of the needs of young children and their families.  
The San Jacinto College

South Children's Center is a program accredited by the association that cares for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years and serves students, faculty, staff and community. San Jacinto College South is located on Beamer.



Houston Phillips and his mother, Audrey Aguirre of Houston, wave to H-E-Buddy at the children's parade hosted by San Jacinto College South Children's Center in celebration of Week of the Young Child, a national observance held April 19-25. Also pictured are, left to right, Gage Phillips, Kevin Phillips (father), Francisco Rios, Debbie Benoist (SJCS music instructor), and students Ivan Acuna and Heather Collins on the drums.

## Taxes to be talk topic

Protesting the value placed on land, residences or buildings for property tax purposes can be a daunting task. On May 7, Cheryl Johnson, Galveston County tax assessor/collector, will address this topic and share important information during a Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs *Visions in our Midst* evening lecture presentation titled *How to Effectively Protest Your Property Values for Taxes*.  
Johnson was first elected Galveston County tax assessor/collector in November 2004. Her professional experience includes working in real estate, government, tax and legislative areas.  
*Visions in our Midst* takes place in the University of Houston-Clear Lake Bayou Building's Garden Room 1510, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The series is open to the community and is free of charge. For more information, call 281-283-2021.

## Spanish students excel on exam



Four Dobie High School students placed first, second, fourth and fifth on the National Spanish Exam-Level 3 held recently. Those students pictured are, left to right, Miguel Morales, Angela Montes, Ana Castaneda and Karla Gomez. Castaneda's score of 100 will make her eligible for the national competition and prizes. Montes placed second with a 95. Fourth- and fifth-place honors go to Gomez and Morales, respectively. They are in Jackie Hardwick's Spanish 3 pre-AP class.

## SJCC to host KidSpot camp

San Jacinto College Central will present its third annual KidSpot's summer camp, a summer experience formatted into a fun-filled, one-week camp.  
The camp will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Camp schedule**  
Session 1 - \$150 (a few \$30 scholarships are available); from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; June 15-19, 2009.

Friday, June 26. Participants are asked to bring a lunch and snack. Maximum of 50 students in each session, ages 5 and up.

Each day includes three workshops and one rehearsal. Theater faculty and college theater students will conduct workshops. The camp will culminate with a performance of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Performance is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19.  
Session 2 - \$150 (repeat of first session); from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 22-26. Performance is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 26.

SJCC Department of Theatre and Film has a history of working with area students. Its faculty has experience teaching at colleges and universities throughout the state and frequently includes young area performers.

Dr. Jerry Ivins, the director, will supervise the camp in conjunction with technical director Curt Meyer.  
For more information on scheduling and activities, call 281-542-2039.

## PISD's music programs named among nation's best

For the fourth consecutive year, Pasadena Independent School District's music programs were named among the nation's best in the NAMM Foundation's Best Communities for Music Education survey.  
"I am so excited and proud about this honor," said Linda Fletcher, PISD's director of fine arts. "It is a true reflection of the hard work of our teachers and our students."  
The survey included 110 school districts across the United States. The programs exemplify community commitment to include music education as part of a quality education for all children.  
This year's roster of musical schools represents 29 states with New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania,

Texas and Virginia representing the most districts. Hundreds of teachers, school and district administrators, school board members, parents and community leaders, representing communities in all 50 states, participated in the Web-based survey.  
The districts were measured across a variety of program support, curricular and programmatic criteria. Furthermore, the results were measured proportionally, so that communities of different sizes were compared equally.  
Participants in the survey answered detailed questions about funding, enrollment, student/teacher ratios, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, private music lesson participation, and other relevant factors in their communities music education programs.

The responses were verified with district officials, and the sponsoring organizations reviewed the data.  
"We commend these school districts for their commitment to assuring that music is part of a complete education for children," said Mary Luehrsen, executive director, NAMM Foundation. "It takes the commitment of an entire community to assure that music is part of the core curriculum. Children engaged in music will be the innovation leaders of tomorrow, and there is no better way to build lifelong participation in music than with a solid base of music education."

## PREKINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP IN CLEAR CREEK ISD

Registration for 2009-2010 prekindergarten in the Clear Creek Independent School District has begun. To be eligible to enroll in prekindergarten, students must be four years old by September 1, 2009 and meet one of the following guidelines:

- Limited English Proficient (LEP);
- Eligible to participate in the national free and reduced lunch program;
- Homeless;
- Child of active duty members of the military;
- Child of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was injured or killed while serving on active duty.
- Foster Child

Most campuses will have morning and afternoon sessions. The morning sessions are from 8:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. The afternoon sessions are from 12:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Clear Lake City, McWhirter, Stewart and League City Elementary schools will be piloting an extended day program. Students on these campuses will attend from 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

For more information please call the pre-kindergarten office at (281) 284-0114.

## MATRICULA PARA EL PREKINDERGARTEN EN CLEAR CREEK ISD

La matrícula para el pre-kindergarten del 2009-2010 en el Distrito escolar independiente de Clear Creek ha empezado. Para ser elegible para matricularse en el pre-kindergarten, los estudiantes deben tener al menos cuatro años de edad antes del 1 de septiembre del 2009 y seguir las siguientes directrices:

- Dominio limitado del inglés (LEP);
- Elegible para participar en el programa nacional de almuerzo gratis o reducido;
- Sin hogar;
- Hijos de miembros activos del ejército;
- Hijos de un miembro de las fuerzas armadas de los Estados Unidos que haya sido herido o muerto cuando estaba sirviendo en servicio activo.
- Niño al cuidado de padres adoptivos temporales

La mayoría de las escuelas tienen sesiones de mañana y de tarde. Las sesiones de mañana son de 8:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Las sesiones de tarde son de 12:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. La escuela primaria Clear Lake City, League City, Stewart y la escuela primaria McWhirter estarán pilotando el programa del día extendido. Los estudiantes de estas escuelas asistirán de 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Para más información por favor llame a la oficina de pre-kindergarten al (281) 284-0114.

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## Thompson students earn foreign language requirement



Geo. A. Thompson Lion eighth-graders excelled at the Spanish 2 Credit by Exam Test on May 7. These Thompson students have met their foreign language requirement for graduation, a huge accomplishment. Pictured are, left to right, Yuritey Santibanez, Niza Delvillar, Jovanny Delgado, Paula Valbuena and Loana Solis. Not pictured are Orlando Bustos and Gabriel Martinez.

Photo submitted

## Early college high school students to receive SJC associate degrees

High school graduation for many students means beginning a rigorous job search or spending the next two to four years working toward a degree in college. But for four local seniors, graduation signifies two years until a bachelor's degree with an associate degree from San Jacinto College already in hand.

Meredith Candler, Brendan Dalpe, Dana Lizik and Michelle Fryberger will walk in two graduations this semester as the first Clear Horizons Early College High School (ECHS) class to receive both high school diplomas and associate degrees.

"I have a great deal of admiration for these kids in completing both their high school requirements and associate degree within two years," said Pam Campbell, director of the dual credit program at the South campus and the college liaison to Clear Horizons ECHS. "It has been a delight to see them evolve in college. They have found excitement in education."

Adjusting to the college life straight out of their sophomore year of high school took some getting used to. "I was terrified at first," said Fryberger. "My mom encouraged me to sign up for it, and I'm so glad I did. The adjustment was smooth, and the college courses were much better than high school for me. All of the classroom busy work was cut out."

The students also blended in with the San Jacinto College student population, said Dalpe, even though each of them were about two years shy of the average college freshman age.

"A lot of professors I introduced myself to were surprised to know I was also

in high school," said Dalpe, adding that preparing for both high school and college courses simultaneously required a lot of self-discipline.

The students were admitted to Clear Horizons ECHS as juniors in the fall of 2007, based on their academic achievement.

They chose to attend summer classes to meet both schools' graduation requirements within a two-year period.

They have also held down jobs and community service projects to complement their college curricula.

Candler, a psychology student, works as a babysitter; Fryberger, a life science student, volunteers at an elementary school, tutors and walks dogs for extra income.

Lizik, a journalism student, writes for the *San Jacinto Times* and *South Belt-Ellington Leader* and teaches dance at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts.

Dalpe, a computer science student and Eagle Scout, spends his time volunteering with his church as a sound engineer. As part of their program, the students have also interned with major local companies and organizations like Lockheed Martin, the Bay Area Houston Ballet & Theatre, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"Throughout their time here, we have kept an eye on their high school requirements, on their associate degree courses and the schools they intend to transfer to," Campbell said. "The college professors were told to expect from these students exactly what they would expect from a regular college student."

After receiving their degrees and diplomas, Dalpe

will attend the University of Tulsa to study computer science, Candler will attend the University of Texas at Austin for neurobiology, Lizik will move to Chicago to attend Columbia College for journalism and Fryberger will study biology and genetics at Baylor University.

Campbell said she looks forward to the future when more Clear Horizons students cycle through to the full four-year graduating class of 2011. Clear Horizons Early College High School opened its doors in the fall of 2007, and currently has 275 students enrolled.

The school is a part of the Clear Creek Independent School District.

"One of the things we know about high school is that, in many cases, the senior year has become a time to coast," Campbell said, adding that the ECHS attendance rate is 98 percent. "In an early college high school experience, you're a full-time college student during your senior year - there is no time

to coast." Candler, Dalpe, Lizik and Fryberger graduated as the first class of Clear Horizons Early College High School

on May 9 to receive their San Jacinto College associate degrees.

They will graduate on June 6 to receive their high

school diplomas.

For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150 or visit [www.sanjac.edu](http://www.sanjac.edu).

## Thompson names fifth six-weeks rolls

Thompson Intermediate recently announced its honor rolls for the fifth six-weeks grading period. Students named are as follows:

### Honor roll

**Seventh grade**  
Jannessa Renee Ackman, Maha Salma Awan Ali, Zavi Awan Ali, Amarilis Macrina Alvarado, Taylor Nichol Ard, Erika Thalia Ascencio, Daniel Jacob Barrientes, Amanda Catherine Bates, Rachel Nicole Bates, Duc Anh Bui and Alexis Marie Caballero.

Kevin Ruiz Caballero, Silvia Guadalupe Cabrera, Jennifer Keren Calderon, Stephanie Nicole Campos,

Nicholas Dale Cessna, Darien Anthony Childs, Devin Renae Cooper, Lynsi Lashay Crawford, Jason Asarel Cruz and Isabel Abigail Curiel.

David Aaron De La Garza, Jaclynn Monica Deleon, Hoang Kim Dinh, Nicholas Paul Engle, Angelica Vanessa Enriquez, Maria Fernanda Flores, Jaelyn Breon Fox, Victoria Chaise Gagneux, Anthony Kyle Gee and Eryqa Gemela Glenn.

Bryson Payne Hamilton, Frank Hunter Hicks, Megan Jagdeo, Greissy Carolina Jerezano, Amari Brianna Lavergne, Wilson Lee, Karina Guadalupe Lopez, Tony Ly,

Aimee Celeste Mar, Madelyn Nicole Maxwell and Joshua Andrew Mendiola-Garcia.

Joslyn Lourdes Mendoza, Priciliano Mendoza, Carmen Nering, Billy Nguyen, Vivian Oanhhoang Nguyen, Ariadna Abigail Pedroza, Jenna Renae Perez, Burgandy Rose Petri, Lauren Ashley Pettey, Alan Phan, Tuan Manh Phan and Clarisa Renee Ramon.

Ayeshum Rasool, Zachary Dale Reyes, Allison Rose Ritchie, Mauricio Alexander Rivera, Octavio Alexander Rodriguez, Fernando Rojas, Jocelyn Rubi Rubio, De Andre Imari Russell and

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## Seniors help seniors improve homes May 28

Pasadena Independent School District high school seniors will be scraping and painting to help seniors (citizens, that is) improve their homes.

On May 28, the Pasadena Independent School District, in collaboration with Rebuilding Together Houston, a nonprofit organization, will host the first annual Seniors Helping Seniors Volunteerism Day. As a result of this collaboration, high school seniors, teachers and staff from the district's five high schools will roll up their sleeves to scrape, paint, conduct minor repairs and clean yards in 34 area homes.

These homes belong to pre-selected senior citizens who have no means or ability to complete these tasks.

It will be a day in which

more than 2,000 students have the opportunity to give back to the community in which they have grown up.

This will be the largest Rebuilding Together project ever conducted.

It speaks highly of PISD schools, community and students.

Rebuilding Together Houston will provide the building materials and paint. The district must provide the manpower, paint brushes, scrapers, etc.

Those who would like to be a part of the day by making a financial contribution of any size (total cost is approx-

imately \$5,000) to buy these

items, send donations to: Jayne McFarland at the L.P. Card Career & Technical Center, 4320 Crenshaw, Pasadena, TX 77504.

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## Clear Brook hosts Reading Rumble

Clear Creek Independent School District will host its very first Reading Rumble on Saturday, May 16, at Clear Brook High School. Students from seven elementary schools and every intermediate school will compete.

Reading Rumble is a competition for students in grades 3-8. The rumble centers around a booklist of 30 titles the students have been reading throughout the school year.

Campuses held tryouts and created teams of six students who answered the most questions correctly. The seven elementary schools that have fielded teams for their division are Bauerschlag, Brookwood, Clear Lake City, Gilmore, Ward, Weber and Whitcomb.

Intermediate schools are Brookside, Westbrook, Space

Center, Seabrook, League City, Victory Lakes, Clear Lake and Creekside.

Author Andrea White will speak at CCISD's Reading Rumble. White is the author of three books for children and young adults: *Surviving Antarctica*, *Window Boy*, and *Radiant Girl*. She is also the wife of Houston Mayor Bill White.

Books will be available for purchase, and White will sign them after her presentation and the Reading Rumble awards ceremony.

Campus competitions will begin at 9 a.m., and White will speak once both divisional competitions are finished.

Representatives from the area libraries will be on hand with information regarding children and young adult summer programs at their libraries.

## Evans wins poetry contest



The Friends of Pasadena Public Library honored the winners of the 44th annual poetry contest Sunday, April 26, at the Pasadena Central Library. Beverly Hills student Destinee Evans, was recognized for her winning entry, *Grandfather*. The winners read their poems in front of family, friends and teachers. They were presented ribbons and a booklet which contains all of the winning poems. A reception was held for the honorees immediately afterward at the Pasadena Public Central Library.



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# Krustchinsky earns platinum



Marissa Krustchinsky, fourth-grade honor student at Moore Elementary, placed platinum in the Show Stoppers Regional Dance Competition held recently. In July, she will move on to the Show Stoppers National Competition where she will compete against children all over the country. Krustchinsky has been dancing since she was 3 years old and attends classes at Dance Productions in Pearland.

# Over The Back Fence by Jan

**BEST WISHES TO JACLYN**  
Best wishes are sent to former *Leader* staff member **Jaclyn Ramirez** on her birthday, Wednesday, May 20, from her friends, family and the *Leader* staff. They all wish her good luck on her new endeavor.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personal and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 14 through May 20.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Melissa Gutierrez** May 15. On May 19, **Irma Garza** celebrates a birthday.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Jessica DeLaCruz** on May 18.

**Bush Elementary**  
May 16 is the day a happy birthday wish is sent to **Tara McGrew**. Marking a birthday May 17 is **Crista Bearden**.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Connie Groves** May 18. **Susan Blue** enjoys a birthday May 18. Celebrating a birthday May 20 is **Heather Parr**.

**Jessup Elementary**  
**Diana Pooley-Jacques** is sent birthday greetings on May 18. A birthday is enjoyed by **Maria Garza** May 19.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Shirley Young** May 17.

**Morris Middle School**  
The day for a birthday party for **Kimberly Arrant** is May 18. On May 20, a birthday greeting is sent to **Karen Green**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
**Veronica Bernabe** has a birthday May 17. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Daniel Jacobs** May 19.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Sandy Castoreno** May 14. May 20 is the day for a birthday cake for **Cherrise Lindsley**.

**Dobie High**  
On May 14, happy birthday wishes are sent to **Carolyn McCain**, **Leisha Fong** and **Isidra Martinez** share a birthday May 16.

**DOBIE TRAILMIXER NEWS**

Happy spring! Let's hope everyone is enjoying the rain but not experiencing any flooding. Hard to believe that the 2009 hurricane season is just around the corner.

**Jean Boudreaux's** birthday, as well as **Cinco de Mayo**, were celebrated at the May 5 meeting.

**Jesse Saavedra** was named Boys' Soccer Coach of the Year recently. **Coach Mullen** received the honor for Girls' Soccer. **Manny Moreno** was named Tennis Coach of the Year.

Dobie's girls' tennis team earned the district championship. Boys' soccer won the Regional Quarter-Final Championship. Girls' soccer was Bi-District Champion.

The Dobie Chamber Orchestra, directed by **Tanner Ledford**, has been invited to perform at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago in December 2009. Congratulations are sent on this prestigious honor.

For those who don't drive by Dobie or the area regularly, there's been a new addition to the landscape. Sagemont Church has constructed a 170-foot cross on the church property near the Sam Houston Parkway. It's quite striking, especially when seen at night. Senior Pastor **Dr. John D. Morgan** says its purpose is to positively inspire passing drivers. The cross is clearly visible from the second floor of Dobie.

**James Hulme** is glad to report that repairs on his Sea Isle beach house in Galveston are nearing completion. He also shared the good news of his Marine son's safe return from his second deployment to Iraq.

**Carl Shaulis**, **Phyllis'** husband, recently underwent surgery for carpal tunnel problems. Carl and Phyllis also visited with some Ohio snowbird pals in Florida.

**Amy Ashby** turns 83 years young this month. **Chris Pavalko** will reach 85. Both are going strong!

**Janice Hassinger**, retired math teacher, recently broke some bones and had moved from her BellaVita home for more medical care. It is hoped the move is temporary.

For those who are not yet PARSE members, it's our best method of reaching our state legislators. Educators need to stick

together to show that we are a viable force in the state. It looks like we will get a \$1,000 "one time only" bonus this year, but it's a far cry from what we need... regular cost of living adjustments! Our group meets only eight times per year, but we try to keep up with laws that affect us, especially when the Legislature is in session.

PARSE members took a great trip on April 30. They visited the Houston TRANSTAR headquarters on Washington Avenue. It is quite interesting, and looks like NASA's Mission Control. There is a great Web site to access for more information: [traffic.tamu.edu/traffic.html](http://traffic.tamu.edu/traffic.html).

The group also took a bus ride through River Oaks, enjoying the expertise of professional Houston tour guide, **Sandra Lord**, who told interesting facts about the mansions and their residents as the tour passed by.

**Carol Barber Uran**, current president of PARSE, shared the good news that her San Diego-based granddaughter, after being accepted by five different colleges, will attend TCU next fall. Another victory for the Texan side of the family.

**Rose Marie White Walton** is doing well after knee surgery, but is not looking forward to the surgery on the other knee.

**Jon Rascoe** has done it again - another fishing trip - flyfishing for bonefish in the Bahamas.

**HOME RUN CORNER**  
Congratulations are sent to **Tyson Thompson** of the SBHLL Major Padres for hitting his first home run on May 4. Tyson's parents, **Chris** and **Traci Thompson**, sister **Jocelyn** and grandparents **Danny** and **Debbie Sales** are very proud of him.

Congratulations are sent to **Wayne Lominac Jr.** for hitting a home run in Tuesday's (May 5) game from mom **Stephanie**, dad **Wayne** and the Minor Rangers. They send their love and are so proud!

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# Preparation the key to GMAT success

Having a good understanding of what to expect on the GMAT can lead to strong scores and the business school of choice. University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Advanced Management Programs will offer a three-Saturday program that provides attendees with GMAT test-taking strategies and techniques.

Review course for the GMAT is scheduled for May 16 and 30, as well as June 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at UH-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The cost for the class is \$349 per participant and includes course materials, the Princeton Review's Cracking the GMAT, and access to ETS practice software.

Registration is available online at <http://www.uhcl.edu/camp> or by calling the Center for Advanced Management Programs at 281-283-3133.

# Dr. Eddie Weller elected vice president of SSSA



Longtime history professor, Dr. Eddie Weller of San Jacinto College South, will serve as the 2009-2010 vice president of the South-

western Social Sciences Association, the first community college faculty member to be elected as an officer of the oldest social science association in the United States.

"It was a surprise to be nominated for this position and a real honor to be elected," said Weller, who will move into the office of association president for 2011-2012 as part of his five-year commitment.

The association is an umbrella organization for seven academic and professional affiliate associations that include history, economics, political science, sociology, international studies, women's and gender studies, and social work. Weller became

a member of the association as a graduate student when he presented his first paper in 1985.

Throughout the years, he has played an active role in the association as president of the history affiliate,

director of exhibits and publisher relations, and as chairman of budget and financial policies.

Weller has also led his students to earn such prestigious recognitions as the 2009 C.M. and Cora

Caldwell Awards, in which Megan Burns of Pearland took home first prize and Amelia Giles of El Lago won third prize for their papers submitted to the Texas State Historical Association.

"As a dedicated scholar and teacher, Dr. Weller is most deserving of this honor," said Dr. Kathryn Roosa, academic dean at San Jacinto College South. "San Jacinto College South is extremely proud of his accomplishments and applauds his commitment to his students and his field."

For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150 or visit [www.sanjac.edu](http://www.sanjac.edu).

# AARP Chapter 199 to meet May 15

AARP Chapter 199 will meet Friday, May 15, at 10 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

This month, a nutrition program presented by the Mainland Medical Center: Nutrition for a Healthy Lifestyle, will be featured.

The public is welcome to attend this free program. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call 281-326-2955 or e-mail Carol at [clclcl@hotmail.com](mailto:clclcl@hotmail.com).

# Remember When

**30 years ago (1979)**  
Norma Dickey, the eighth-grade reading teacher at Beverly Hills Intermediate School, was named Teacher of the Year for the intermediate level in the Pasadena Independent School District.

The utility district board for the subdivisions of Sageglen and Woodmeadow (MUD 13) was asked to provide sewer and water facilities for a proposed apartment complex.

**25 years ago (1984)**  
Eastridge Terrace residents called the authorities to report a 400-pound Bengal tiger in a fenced-in yard on Caffrey. The owner of the tiger, which was impounded, was visiting a friend on the way to Dallas. The owner was charged with a Class C misdemeanor and fined \$200.

Regents of San Jacinto College named Alexander Shepko the dean of the evening division at the South campus.

**20 years ago (1989)**  
Pasadena ISD students ranked above the Texas average for the 1988 Scholastic Aptitude Test, but failed to match the national average. Clear Creek ISD students scored past the national average.

A former truck driver for JOC Oil, who said he took part in alleged off-site dumping of toxic waste, changed his story about where the dumping occurred.

**15 years ago (1994)**  
A 15-year-old Sageglen resident was arrested at Clear Brook High School in connection with the murder of a 67-year-old female and the shooting of her niece, 56, in an apparently random robbery at her home.

A long-sought-after school zone on Fuqua was posted near Beverly Hills Intermediate.

**10 years ago (1999)**  
Dr. Michael Stokes organized more than 150 volunteers to help clean up the community. The annual event was sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

The San Jacinto College Home Education Partnership recognized 64 outstanding home school students during the first Home School Awards Banquet.

The J. Frank Dobie High School Choral Department presented their spring show, *Singin' and Swingin'* at the school. The show featured members of the choir performing hits and standards from the past century, from swing to rock 'n' roll.

TCI-Warner Cable company was being sued for \$5,000 for unauthorized use of water from the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District. The action stemmed

from the cable company representatives making unauthorized use of water from the fire hydrants (flush valves) while the cable company was doing maintenance work on lines throughout the South Belt area.

**5 years ago (2004)**  
Houston City Councilmembers Addie Wiseman and Shelley Sekula-Gibbs appeared at a town hall meeting at The Gardens to urge support for Proposition One which was to be decided in a special citywide election. The proposition would authorize the city to opt out of a Texas constitutional amendment that would force cities to adopt pension obligations regardless of impact on the deficit.

Candidates Chris Brooks and Vickie Morgan responded to questions from the *Leader* regarding the upcoming Pasadena Independent School District election.

Two suspects were convicted after an investigation regarding checks stolen from South Belt residents' mailboxes. They had been arrested approximately one year earlier but had been able to stall their trials.

Charges of intoxicated manslaughter were filed against an Alvin man after he was involved in a fatal traffic accident on Dixie Farm Road. The victim was also from Alvin.

**1 year ago (2008)**  
Results from the local May 10 elections were counted, with the number of votes cast surprising some. The \$295 million San Jacinto College bond proposal passed with overwhelming support. Nearly 71 percent of the 1,836 people who cast their vote in the election were in favor of providing the additional funds that would go toward new facilities at all three campuses in the district. Almost three times as many people voted in the bond election than in the previous one held in 1999. In fact, more people voted early in this bond ref-

erendum than in the previous one altogether.

In the Pasadena Independent School District election, Vickie Morgan held on to her Position 7 seat on the board of trustees, easily defeating challenger Randy Clay Smith. Morgan received 1029 votes to Smith's 322. This was the first time that more people voted in a San Jac election than in a concurrent, contested PISD board election. Additionally, more people voted in this election at the San Jacinto College South campus than at the Central campus - another first.

In the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District election, Chuck Tylka easily defeated incumbent Bill Jones for the Position 1 seat on the board of directors. Tylka received 78 votes to Jones' 35. In the race for a position on the Sagemeadow Municipal Utility District board of directors, challenger Dean Baier was unsuccessful in his attempt to unseat incumbents David Dittmar and Glenn Williams. Baier received 59 votes, while Dittmar received 120 and Williams received 110.

A retirement party was held for three longtime employees at Burnett Elementary. Dee Wright, Ada Carr and Carol Carmichael had a combined 100 years of experience working in the Pasadena Independent School District.

Dobie principal Steve Jamail was named PISD's 2008 Region IV Secondary Principal of the Year. Jamail was selected for his ability to build a positive school culture and climate aimed at excellence for all, according to Vicki Thomas, PISD deputy superintendent.

A 6-year-old boy drowned at a pool party in the 9900 block of Windmill Lakes Boulevard. Christian Mackey was attending a house-warming party with family members when several adults took their children to the community swimming pool. Mackey got into the pool undetected

and was eventually spotted at the bottom of the pool. The boy was taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

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**Library events scheduled**

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale: Movie Madness is Thursday, May 14, at 4 p.m. Call 281-484-2036 for feature title.

To celebrate the Big Read, there will be a discussion of *Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee* by Charles Shields on Saturday, May 16, at 1 p.m.

Discuss ways to support the library when the Friends of the Parker Williams Library meet Monday, May 18, at 9 a.m. Investigate ancestries and family histories at the genealogy discussion group meeting at 2 p.m. The June computer class schedule becomes available May 18. Space is limited - sign up early.

A special preschool storytime celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m. Join others for stories and a craft. Play board games and more on Game Day, Thursday, May 21, at 4 p.m.

Family storytime is Tuesday at 7 p.m. Preschooler storytime is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is Thursday at 10 and 11:15 a.m.

**Couple celebrates 60th**



Sue and Walter Trojanowsky, 35-year Sagemeadow residents, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 23, 2009. They have four children: Brenda and husband Robert Palmerton, Diana and husband Bill Hueter, Walter C. and wife Regina Trojanowsky, and Jackie Trojanowsky; six grandchildren: Josh Reese Palmerton, Jill and husband Damien Polansky, Mark Hueter, Kimarie, Michelle and Kacie Trojanowsky; three great-grandchildren, Morgan, Riley and Lauren Polansky. Walter was very involved in South Belt youth baseball and was the only coach to take the American Legion baseball team to the World Series in Yakama, Wash., in 1978. After a relaxing few days at the Galvez Hotel in Galveston, the couple returned to enjoy a weekend of visiting with their family.

**Mata crowned**



Auriana Mata, daughter of Isaiah and Kristen Mata of Sagemeadow, was crowned queen in the 3-9 months age category at the Strawberry Festival Beauty Pageant recently. She was modeled by her dad and won modeling, most fashionable and most beautiful. She is the granddaughter of Debbie and Willie Mata of Sagemeadow and Susanne Janca of La Porte. Auriana was sponsored by her Aunt Jillena Mata of Kirkmont, Uncle Servaundo Mata of Kirkmont, and several businesses. She attends Ms. Janet's Children of the Future and has many special appearances planned.

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**Dobie yearbooks distributed**

The Dobie High School yearbook will be distributed on campus May 27, 28 and 29. Extras are still available for \$61 and can be paid for by cash, money order, Visa or Master Card. They can be purchased on campus or by e-mailing jswenson@pasadenaisd.org.

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**Edwards, Ewer marry**



Deniss Judy Edwards and Chad Thomas Ewer, were married in double-ring ceremony Saturday, March 14, 2009, at Kim Son Bellaire Ball Room. The Rev. Robert Brantley officiated the ceremony. Kenneth Edwards, uncle of the bride, gave the bride away on behalf of her mother and father, a deceased U.S. Marine. The bride incorporated a memorial tribute to her father with U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. Randy Gross and bagpipe player Mike Whatley. Audrey Ewer, daughter of the bride and groom, served as maid of honor. The bride completed her Associate of Arts at San Jacinto College, a double major Bachelor of Science at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, and two Master of Science degrees at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. She is a doctoral student at Capella University where she has completed her coursework and is working on her dissertation. The groom has completed his Associate of Science degree at San Jac College and is currently in his final year working on a doctorate degree in pharmacy at Texas Southern University. After a honeymoon at Hotel ZaZa, the couple reside in the area. The bride currently works at San Jacinto College South campus as a full-time instructor of sociology, psychology and anthropology. The bride is the daughter of Mitsuko Edwards of Pasadena and the late Dennis Gerald Edwards. The groom is the son of Dan and Diana King of Pasadena.

**GCLFEDS to meet May 21**

The Greater Clear Lake Families Exploring Down Syndrome will meet Thursday, May 21, at United Way Service Center-Bay Area, 1300 Bay Area Blvd. Room A. Joanie Garro will hold a discussion on an Individual Education Plan.

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## Girl Scouts collect for military



Over the past few months, Daisy Girl Scout Troop 8522 of Sage-meadow has been working on a community service project, collecting donations for U.S. military overseas. The group raised more than 200 pounds of items including shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, cards and coffee, just to name a few. They also collected more than 350 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies and, after boxing all of the items, had a grand total of more than 70 military boxes to donate. The Scouts thank the *South Belt Leader*, Ron Carter and San Jacinto College Central for being drop box locations. They also thank San Jac's Central Texas Student Education Association and Girl Scout Troops 2175, 8493 and 1042 for donating boxes of items and cases of cookies. This project wouldn't have been such a success without the help of the community and Ellington Field, which supplied the shipping of the boxes for them. Pictured below left are, left to right, (front row) Sidney Torres, Kaitlin Skidmore, Bailee Dang, Brooke Morales, (back row) Alexys Vela, Kayla Wilkerson, Azhia Alvarez and Ashley Tsikis. Not pictured is Daniella Florez. Pictured at left are, left to right, (front row) Kayla Wilkerson, Ashia Alvarez and Alexys Vela, (back row) Kaitlin Skidmore, Ashley Tsikis, Brooke Morales, Bailee Dang and Sidney Torres. Not pictured is Daniella Florez. Bottom right is Scout leader Kristi Gartman (left) and co-leader Kelli Gartman preparing the boxes for shipping.



## Fox competes, catches calf



Corey Fox, 15, competed in the calf scramble on the last day of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on March 22 and caught a calf. His calf was sponsored by the Hold em and Hit em Club. His sponsor will provide \$1,500 for Fox to pick out a heifer of his choice to raise and bring back to the HLS&R next year to show. Fox (middle) is pictured with Buella Hill (left) and Ed Pace (right) of the Hold em and Hit em Club. Fox is a sophomore at Pearland High School and attended kindergarten through fifth grade at Stuchbery Elementary. He is the son of Patrick Fox and Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox.

## 30 years for SJCS

Continued from Page 1A early mentors, like Robins. "Had San Jacinto College South not been available to me then, I probably would not have my degree," he said. "This is where I learned how to become successful. I have known so many students go on to higher positions in the real world from this college." Current president Dr. Maureen Murphy said having faculty and students who remember the history of the campus are key to the growth of the college. "It's a gift to have people with us who were here from the beginning," Murphy said. "We are so rich for having this history. It's pretty remarkable."

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## Rozenburg graduates



On May 9, Keith Gregory Rozenburg, a 1996 graduate of Clear Brook High School, received a Ph.D. in material science engineering from Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo. Keith, his wife Sadie (left), and their daughter, Charlotte (7 months), currently live in Baltimore. Rozenburg is the son of former Sagemont residents Edward and Deatra Rozenburg.

## Thompson ...

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Karla Patricia Santillan, Katherine Erin Lee, Samantha Rene Lovv, Minhtrung Nguyen Lu, David Luna, Denise Thuy Ma, Eusebio Maldonado, Obed Isai Martinez, Lorin Rose Mata and Erin Marie Mauk.

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Area round  
*Dobie/Channelview vs. F.B. Austin/Alvin*  
*Brook/Dulles vs. Baytown Sterling/Pearland*  
(One game series)  
Game must be completed by May 19  
See [www.southbeltleader.com](http://www.southbeltleader.com) for up-to-date details

## Leader to inform fans

During the high school softball and baseball playoffs, the *Leader* will deliver up-to-date scheduling information for games involving either Clear Brook or Dobie at [www.southbeltleader.com](http://www.southbeltleader.com). The postseasons in both sports became compacted after the swine flu concern

halted play for two weeks. Subsequently, the University Interscholastic League has had to tighten the schedule. The area baseball and regional quarterfinal softball rounds must be completed by May 19. The *Leader* will have game schedules online as soon as they are set.

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## Softball playoffs

### Lady Longhorns reach area round; F.B. Austin eliminates Clear Brook

Key hits and a dominating pitching performance from three players lifted Dobie into the area round of the varsity softball playoffs.

Clear Brook's season, however, is done after the locals failed to score despite having several promising chances.

And the circumstances are much more crucial.

"Back then, both teams were playing in their third tournaments in a three-week period, and our players were exhausted," Rackley said.

"Having played maybe 18 games in that time frame, both coaches were basically trying to rest some of the

### Bidistrict softball playoffs Dobie vs. Clements (Best of three series)

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Friday, May 15, 7 p.m., Alvin High School

\*Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m., Alvin High School

\*To be played if necessary

**JFD gets 23-5A champ**  
Dobie has advanced to take on District 23-5A champion Clements in a best-of-three series May 14-16.

Each of the games will be played at Alvin High School. The May 14 and May 15 games will begin at 7 p.m. A third game, if necessary, will be played May 16 at 11 a.m.

Clements and Dobie met earlier this season at a tournament in Fort Bend. The Lady Longhorns scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to win 7-6. But as Dobie head coach Robin Rackley pointed out, so much has changed for both teams.

kids. On top of that, JoJo wasn't pitching for us, and Tessa Wells was out of the lineup.

"Clements had a couple of injuries, too. So really, things are so much different right now."

For both teams, the stakes are high. Dobie has not made its way to the regional quarterfinals since 2004. Clements is in the area round for the first time since 2006.

Given her team's great effort against North Shore, Rackley is confident heading into the series.

"Clements has a great team, but so do we," Rackley said. "It's going to be a



Clear Brook junior Emma Napoli blanked Fort Bend Austin for six innings before the Lady Bulldogs pushed across a run in the top of the seventh to steal a 1-0 win in the bidistrict playoffs May 8 at Dawson High School. The loss ended Clear Brook's season at 25-10.  
Photo by Al Carter

## Baseball playoffs

### Brook, Dobie enter postseason as No. 4 seeds



Senior right-hander Cody Priest will draw the start in Dobie's playoff opener May 14 at Channelview as the Longhorns look to get off to a good start in the bidistrict playoffs against the Falcons.

The good news comes first. Clear Brook and Dobie have both qualified for the varsity baseball playoffs and will be in action beginning May 15.

The not-so-good news? Both teams enter the postseason as No. 4 seeds, meaning they must compete against champions of two other districts in the opening round.

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### Bidistrict baseball playoffs

#### Dobie vs. Channelview (Best of three series)

Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m., Alvin High School

Friday, May 15, 7 p.m., Alvin High School

\*Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m., Alvin High School

#### Clear Brook vs. Dulles (Best of three series)

Thursday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., Brook High School

Friday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., Dulles High School

\*Saturday, May 16, 1 p.m., Brook High School

\*To be played if necessary

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## At long last, regional track here; Region III athletes at Humble

Nearly a month after the completion of most district track and field meets, the regional events have arrived.

Qualifiers for the Region III meet will now converge on Turner Stadium in Humble May 15-16.

The top two finishers in each event will advance to the state meet, which is set to be held June 5-6 at Mike A Myers Stadium in Austin.

Because of fears associated with the possible spread of swine flu in the state, University Interscholastic League officials back on April 29 cancelled all regional meets.

Now, everything is back on, albeit a bit behind schedule.

Because of the lack of competition in recent weeks, all of the competitors are liable to be affected. However, it will still be challenging for all of the athletes to advance to state.

From Clear Brook and Dobie, there are several hopefuls.

The Lady Wolverine girls swept all three relay titles at the District 24-5A meet. However, Dobie's girls, which also qualified all three relay times, bettered Brook on the clock in each event. Each of the teams is looking to reach the final eight at regionals, which would deliver a chance at a state berth.

Dobie boys Sammie Davis in the long jump and triple jump along with Christian Washington in the triple jump are looking forward to

competing. Dobie's Shadae Shepherd will compete in three girls' events for the team.

Among the Clear Brook boys, Regdric Malveaux will be in the long jump and triple jump competitions.

Javis Roberts also has high hopes in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles.

Over the past several seasons, Clear Brook has qualified athletes for the state meet. Sprinter Erica Alexander made her way to four

straight meets from 2005 to 2008. Pole vaulter Maston Wallace was at the state meet in 2006 and 2007.

At this point in the season, both coaches and athletes point to the idea of making the finals at regionals.

Twenty-four entries in each event will be pared to eight during preliminary competitions. From there the race to the state meet is on beginning with eight entrants in the finals.

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## Gymnast Gutierrez earns first regional

Marissa Gutierrez has built quite an impressive resume as an elite performer within the USA Gymnastics ranks.

Apparently, the South Belt resident who is a senior at Clear Brook High School isn't through adding to her accomplishments.

Gutierrez is on her way to nationals after winning her first-ever regional title last month. In the Level 10 Senior C division, Gutierrez put together an all-around total of 37.474 to win.

The future University of Alabama competitor won the vault and finished in a tie in the floor exercise competition. She scored well enough in the beam and bars events to take the gold medal in the all-around.

Gutierrez began her gymnastics career many years ago but had never been able to win an all-around title at the regional level. She now has.

The USAG national meet is set for May 15-16 in Seattle. Gutierrez, a member of the Woodlands Gymnastics Continued on Page 6B



South Belt resident Marissa Gutierrez (second from left) is all smiles as she celebrates with her coaches following her all-around win at the Region 3 Level 10 Senior C gymnastics competition in Denver. With Gutierrez are her coaches (left to right) Deana Parish, Jean Pierre Lavachery and Debbie Kaitschuck. Gutierrez, who will compete at nationals in Seattle May 15-16, is a senior at Clear Brook High School. Submitted photo

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# Area softball round matches Dobie against Clements; CB ousted

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 tough series between two good teams. At this point in the season, all of the teams left (16 in Region III) are good. We have to take it one game at a time and one series at a time.”  
 The Dobie/Clements winner will face the Pasadena Memorial/Clear Creek winner in the regional quarterfinal round.  
 Because of the swine flu concerns that halted play for two weeks, the regionals quarterfinal round allows for one-game playoffs only.  
 Softball teams must complete the regional quarterfinal round by May 19.  
 Visit [www.southbeltleader.com](http://www.southbeltleader.com) for up-to-date information beginning the evening of May 17.

**Dobie blasts North Shore**  
 Entering the playoffs against North Shore, Dobie had gone a full two weeks without playing a live game with must-win circumstances.  
 Dobie, which crushed North Shore in the Clear Creek tournament earlier this season, put the game away quickly.  
 North Shore, which finished fourth in a weak District 21-5A alignment, fell behind 7-0 after one inning.  
 Chelsea D'Ambrosio did quite a bit of damage for the Lady Longhorns, crushing three doubles. Christina Diaz was 3 for 3, and the timely hits came when they were needed.  
 Starting pitcher JoJo Krienitz shut down North

Shore for five innings and was able to get some rest. Freshman Shannon O'Connor pitched the sixth inning, and sophomore Alyssa Zarate closed the game.  
 “I was a little nervous going into the game because we hadn't played in so long,” Rackley said. “But we came out fast and got the offense going.”  
 “On defense, we played catch and made the plays. JoJo, Shannon and Alyssa all pitched well, throwing strikes. Really, I don't think we could have expected much more as coaches. It was a good win.”  
 As one of 16 teams remaining in the mix for the regional crown, Dobie is set to take its chances against



Clements.  
**Brook exits playoffs**  
 Unlike Dobie, Clear Brook was unable to get its motor started against Fort Bend Austin in the bidistrict playoffs May 8.  
 The Lady Bulldogs, defeated by Clear Brook in the same round in 2008, gained revenge with a 1-0 win in seven innings.  
 Austin took the lead in the top of the seventh inning and then held off one last Clear Brook rally to take the win.  
 Clear Brook out-hit Austin 6-5 but could not push across a run.  
 The Lady Wolverines had the bases loaded with one out in an inning but did not score. In the seventh, the locals placed the potential tying run at second base but could not get the run home.  
 Thus a disappointing loss felled the District 24-5A champions.  
 Clear Brook, which won the 24-5A crown at 12-2, finished the season 25-10 overall.  
 The team will now lose seniors Mary Aubin at first base as well as outfielders Brandy Gonzalez and

Starters Stephanie Gonzalez at shortstop, Erin Begle at second base and Bridgette Begle at third base will return along with catcher Molly Fichtner and Napoli in the circle.  
 Michelle Svehla will return to anchor the outfield and two others, Rachael Urick and Meghan Reyes, will also come back after playing quite a bit this season.  
 Head coach Ashley Pillow will look to replace the two outfielders but has a solid core group coming back.

## Sports news, notes

**Dobie Mickey Mantle tryouts**  
 Incoming freshmen who are aiming to play in the Dobie High School baseball program are invited to take part in Mickey Mantle baseball tryouts Wednesday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m. at the school field. Eligible students should not have been involved in any alternative or disciplinary programs during the current school year and must currently be academically eligible to compete in athletics.

**Youth swimming lessons**  
 Staff members of the Sageglen pool will offer swimming lessons during two morning sessions. Available dates include June 9 to June 19, June 23 to July 3 and July 7 to July 17. For more information or to register, call 281-660-6669.

**Brook strength/conditioning**  
 Athletes in any of the Clear Brook High School boys' or girls' athletic programs are invited to take part in the voluntary strength and conditioning program June 15 to July 23 Mondays through Thursdays. Students entering the ninth through 12th grades as of the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to attend. The first session is 7:10 to 8:50 a.m., and the second session will run from 9 to 10:40 a.m. All incoming freshmen who choose to participate are required to attend the second session. Cost of the program is \$60. For more information, call coach Brian Broussard at 281-284-2161 or direct e-mail to [bbroussa@ccisd.net](mailto:bbroussa@ccisd.net).

**Dobie strength/conditioning**  
 Athletes in any of the Dobie High School boys' or girls' athletic programs are invited to take part in the voluntary strength and conditioning program June 8 to July 23. Students entering the ninth through 12th grades as of the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to attend. The first session is 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., and the second session will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost of the program is \$50. Students will be required to pay the funds just prior to the start of the sessions on June 8.

**JFD baseball to nominate**  
 The Dobie Diamond Club will host a meeting Wednesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. in the athletic media room. At that time, those present will have the opportunity to nominate board members for the 2010 season. Those who cannot attend the meeting but would like to nominate someone may direct an e-mail to Julie Kutra at [jkutra@sbglobal.net](mailto:jkutra@sbglobal.net) or call 281-236-7719.

**Lady Longhorn seniors JoJo Krienitz and Chelsea D'Ambrosio came up big in the team's 9-0 bidistrict win over North Shore May 8. Krienitz earned the win, pitching five shutout innings. D'Ambrosio doubled three times, going three for four at the plate.**  
*Photo by John Bechtle*

## 6-U Stingers win again, beating champions

The 6-under South Belt Stingers competed at the Pearland All-Star tournament, going undefeated to take first place. The Stingers, representing the South Belt Girls Softball Association, played the 2008 6-under state champion Pearland Power in the title game and came away with a 17-10 victory. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Alaina Cortez, Lexie Manriquez, Alliyah Barajas, Josee Rivas, (middle row) Sophia Colemenares, Camryn Wincher, Sydney Franco, Mckenzie Ermis, Samantha Ortiz, (back row) coaches David Cortez, Les Wincher and Cheryl Franco.  
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## Baseball playoffs: Dobie, Clear Brook in mix

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 will start the opening game against Channelview, according to Dobie head coach Roy Grant.  
 Daniel Sawyer, also a senior, will open on the mound in the second game at Maguire Field.  
 Should a third and deciding game be necessary May 16, Grant said the Longhorns will use all arms on deck.  
 Sam Grant, who pitched five innings in the Longhorns' 4-0 loss to Pearland May 12, may not be available.  
 Junior Sports Beynaerts, senior Aris Adame and others will be considered.  
 Grant said the Channelview coaching staff wanted to play one game, but he opted for a best-of-three series and won the coin flip.  
 Although Dobie defeated Channelview during the Pasadena ISD tournament in March, Grant believes the better team wins the majority of best-of-three series.  
 He also wants both the veterans and younger players to savor the experience.  
**Late slide hurts**  
 In post swine flu action, the Longhorns fell to fourth place after going 1-2. The team was run-ruled May 8 by Sam Rayburn 12-2 but then came back to bury Pasadena 14-0 May 9.  
 The Pearland/Dobie contest was big for both teams. The winning team would earn second place, while the loser would fall to third place or worse.  
 Sam Grant pitched well for the Longhorns, but Pearland senior Kevin Miller was better.  
 Miller committed three errors from his shortstop position when the Longhorns blew out the Oilers in the first round of district play.  
 This time, Miller's performance was much cleaner. He went the distance, allowing five hits and striking out 12.

Despite his team's recent struggles, Roy Grant is confident the Longhorns will play well against Channelview.  
 “I think our guys will definitely respond,” he said. “Priest and Sawyer definitely want to keep playing. They are seniors who want to win a playoff series. Our guys will be ready.”

**Brook hot at good time**  
 With underclassmen littering his roster, Ferrell correctly predicted prior to the season that his Wolverines might start slow but finish fast. He was right.  
 The blowout wins over Clear Springs and Alvin were enough to lift the team into the fourth seed for the playoffs.  
 Clear Brook has not seen

“Lately, we seem to be a really solid baseball team,” Ferrell said.  
 “We've been getting good pitching and defense. Our seniors like D.J. Julks, Alex Kuhn and Lane Berry have played really well in district, and we have also gotten solid pitching from Colton Cromer as well.”  
 Clear Brook has not seen

Dulles this season, but the Vikings survived a tough race in 23-5A to win.  
 With so many young players involved, perhaps Clear Brook's best play is next season and beyond.  
 But the Wolverines want to win now. With the playoffs on the way, this young team has a chance to turn some heads.

## Sports Calendar

SOFTBALL	
<b>Thursday, May 14</b>	
Dobie vs. Clements, Alvin, 7:00	(area round playoff game)
<b>Friday, May 15</b>	
Dobie vs. Clements, Alvin, 7:00	(area round playoff game)
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	
Dobie vs. Clements, Alvin, 11:00	(area round playoff game if necessary)
BASEBALL	
<b>Thursday, May 14</b>	
Dobie at Channelview, 6:00	(bidistrict round playoff game)
Clear Brook hosts Dulles, 7:30	(bidistrict round playoff game)
<b>Friday, May 15</b>	
Dobie hosts Channelview, Maguire, 7:00	(bidistrict round playoff game)
Clear Brook at Dulles, 7:30	(bidistrict round playoff game)
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	
Dobie at Channelview, noon	(bidistrict round playoff game if necessary)
Clear Brook hosts Dulles, 1:00	(bidistrict round playoff game if necessary)
TRACK AND FIELD	
<b>Friday, May 15</b>	
Dobie at Region III meet, Humble, 3:00	
Clear Brook at Region III meet, Humble, 3:00	
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	
Dobie at Region III meet, Humble, 3:00	
Clear Brook at Region III meet, Humble, 3:00	

District 24-5A Standings Varsity Baseball – Final			
(As of May 13)			
Team	W	L	
Brazoswood	13	1	
Alvin	11	3	
Clear Creek	10	4	
Clear Brook	8	6	
Clear Lake	7	7	
Galveston Ball	5	9	
Clear Springs	2	12	
Dickinson	0	14	

District 22-5A Standings Varsity Baseball – Final			
(As of May 13)			
Team	W	L	
La Porte	13	1	
Pearland	10	4	
Deer Park	8	6	
Dobie	8	6	
Sam Rayburn	7	7	
South Houston	5	9	
Memorial	4	10	
Pasadena	0	14	

### South Belt Youth Soccer Club

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Junior/Senior Division			
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Astros	10	2	1
Red Sox	9	5	0
Yankees	5	6	3
Rangers	2	11	1
Cardinals	1	12	1
Major Division			
Team	W	L	T
Astros	13	1	1
Tigers	11	3	1
Red Sox	10	5	1
Yankees	9	7	0
Rangers	8	7	0
Indians	7	8	1
Pirates	7	9	0
Cardinals	6	9	0
Braves	4	11	0
Padres	0	15	0
Minor Division			
Team	W	L	T
Rangers	12	2	0
Tigers	11	2	0
Cardinals	11	3	0
Red Sox	8	5	0
Indians	8	7	0
Braves	6	9	0
Pirates	5	8	0
Astros	1	12	0
Yankees	0	14	0
Pee Wee Division			
Team	W	L	T
Indians	13	1	0
Rangers	10	2	1
Tigers	9	4	1
Yankees	9	6	0
Padres	6	7	0
Pirates	6	5	3
Astros	4	8	0
Braves	3	9	1
Red Sox	3	10	1
Cardinals	1	12	1
Machine Pitch Division			
Team	W	L	T
Tigers	11	0	0
Padres	10	2	0
Pirates	9	3	0
Red Sox	5	6	1
Yankees	4	7	0
Braves	2	10	0
Rangers	2	8	2
Astros	2	9	1
T-Ball Division			
Team	W	L	T
Rangers	9	2	0
Reds	9	3	0
Giants	8	2	0
Brewers	8	3	0
Dodgers	8	4	0
Cardinals	7	4	0
Padres	6	6	0
Yankees	5	5	1
Red Sox	5	6	0
Braves	4	6	1
Tigers	4	7	0
Astros	2	6	1
Indians	1	10	1
Pirates	0	12	0

# San Jacinto volleyball signs Moreno



Holly Moreno, a 2007 graduate of Pearland High School, has joined the San Jacinto College volleyball program. The sophomore-to-be transferred from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, where she played in 15 matches as a freshman. While at St. Mary's, Moreno enjoyed the unique experience of playing on the same court with her sister, Sarah Moreno, who was a senior. A 6-foot middle blocker, Moreno averaged 1.89 kills, 0.78 digs and 0.35 blocks per game. She reached double figure kills once, against Texas A&M-International, with 13. Moreno's season-high of four blocks came against Texas-Permian Basin in the season finale. "Holly adds maturity and strength to our sophomore class next season," said

**Holly Moreno, a 2007 graduate of Pearland High School, has returned to the area after signing a letter of intent with San Jacinto College. Moreno played her freshman season at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, where she teamed with her sister, Sarah Moreno.**  
Photo by Jeff Huehn

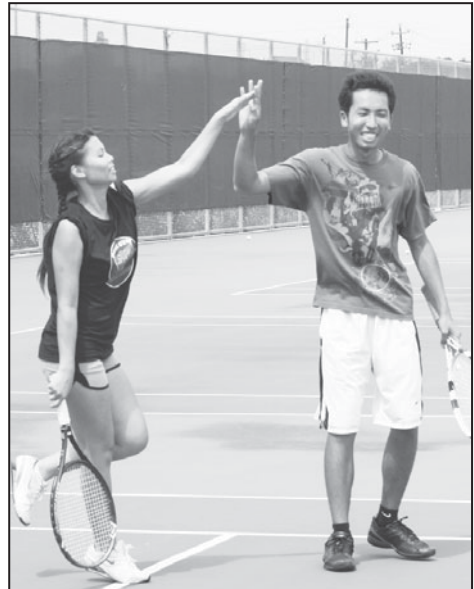
San Jacinto College head coach Sharon Nelson. "She is extremely competitive and trains with drive and purpose. We look to her to add a great deal to our team." Moreno was a three-time all-district player at Pearland High School, where she also earned all-state honors for head coach John Turner. As a senior, Moreno earned first-team all-district, academic all-district, academic all-state and all-tournament honors at two tournaments. She helped lead Pearland to a bidistrict championship in 2006 and to the regional quarterfinals in 2004. Off the court, Moreno earned the Principal's Award, was a member of the honor roll, the Spanish honor roll and the Science Honor Society. In its fourth straight trip to the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament last fall, San Jacinto finished the season fifth in the nation with a record of 33-3. The finish was the best ever under Nelson, who will be in her eighth season this fall. For Moreno, it's a great opportunity to return home and play for a nationally ranked team.

# Faculty/student tennis tourney a hit at Dobie

The annual Dobie High School faculty/student tennis tournament delivered the perfect seal to end the 2008-2009 netters' season. Dubbed the Post TAKS Faculty/Student Tennis Tournament in celebration of the students' completion of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills segments, the event brought tons of smiles. Longhorns' head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. was able to form more than 25 doubles teams thanks to a great turnout of instructors. Moreno then did his best to correctly place the teams in the beginners, intermediate or advanced divisions based on the level of experience shown by the teachers. In the end, Moreno was both impressed and thankful. "This event was another huge success and the best we have had to date. This year's first-round matches in the advanced division were the best we have had," Moreno said. "We also had a great turnout among the non-participating teachers and staff members. It was the biggest crowd we have ever had." Instructor Bradley Nguyen and Dobie girls' player Nirali Desai won the advanced division title. In the intermediate division, teacher Curtis Brown and his partner, Lady Longhorns' player Jisha Jose, won the final in a tiebreaker. Instructor Erin Kramer and Dobie student player Jonathan Taylor won the beginner division. "Thanks to everyone, both participants and supporters for coming out to enjoy it," Moreno said. "Everyone helped make it a lot of fun."

## Dobie faculty/student tennis

- Advanced – Burnt Orange & White Division**  
Bradley Nguyen/Nirali Desai, first place  
Paul Kelly/Shohreh Abedinzadeh, second place  
Jordan Evans/Tiffany Duong, third place  
Ronnie Thomas/Kaitlin Pham, fourth place  
Donna Branch/Brian Tran, first place in consolation  
Luis Garza/Sholeh Abedinzadeh, second place in consolation
- Intermediate – White Division**  
Curtis Brown/Jisha Jose, first place  
My Kim Huynh/Huy Nguyen, second place  
Leisha Fong/Philip Cao, third place  
Wendy Gilbreath/Ryan Calp, fourth place  
James Stevens/Tina Lee, first place in consolation  
Keely Davison/Peter Hoang, second place in consolation
- Beginner – Burnt Orange Division**  
Erin Kramer/Jonathan Taylor, first place  
Jason Roth/Selene Cisneros, second place  
Emily Adair/Martin Zuber, third place  
Leslie Rustin/Johnathan Tran, fourth place  
Tracy Whatley/Jimmy Ly, first place in consolation  
Azar Gaminian/Alex Gary, second place in consolation  
*Teachers are listed first in results*



At right, Dobie teacher Curtis Brown (at left in photo) celebrates with teammate and student Jisha Jose after a winning point in the intermediate doubles final. Brown and Jose won the match 5-1 in a tiebreaker. Above, teammates My Kim Nguyen (left) a Dobie teacher, and student Huy Nguyen high-five after hitting a winner in the intermediate division final.



Photos by John Bechtel



Five San Jacinto College volleyball players have signed letters of intent to continue their education and playing careers at four-year colleges this fall. Each player had a hand in getting the Ravens to a fourth straight national tournament appearance in 2008. The signees are, left to right, Zuzana Cizova, Monica Hamel, Shaundalyn Taylor, Julia Teixeira and Bruna Rocha.

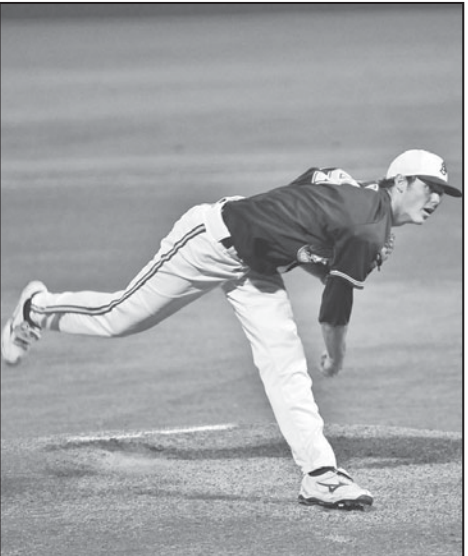
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## Five SJC volleyball players get scholarships

San Jacinto College sophomore volleyball players Zuzana Cizova, Shaundalyn Taylor, Julia Teixeira and Bruna Rocha, and freshman Monica Hamel, have all signed letters of intent to continue their education and volleyball careers at four-year institutions. All five will attend National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II schools. Cizova, who finished 2008 ranked fifth in the nation in kills per game and was the Region XIV conference player of the year, will attend Cal State - Los Angeles. The outside hitter averaged 4.36 kills per game and 4.13 digs per game for SJC. Taylor has signed to play with Morgan State University in Baltimore. She averaged 0.67 kills per game and 0.36 blocks per game as a middle blocker. Teixeira was a two-time all-conference selection for San Jacinto College and will take her talents to the court at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla. She was third on the squad in kills per game with 4.11 and averaged 0.43 blocks per game. Rocha, an outside hitter, will play next season at Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, Fla. She averaged 4.28 kills per game last season, good for seventh in the nation and second on the squad. The all-conference selection also averaged 3.71 digs per game. Hamel signed to play at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, after just one season with San Jac.

## Gator baseball sweeps regional, headed to world series

With a 15-3 win over Texarkana Tuesday night in the Region XIV championship game, San Jacinto College baseball is headed back to the National Junior College Athletic Association World Series, May 23-30 in Grand Junction, Colo. The return trip to the series is the sixth in the last eight years for San Jacinto (43-9) and the 20th in the program's history. It also marks the sixth time head coach Tom Arrington has taken a team to the national tournament. The Gators won four-straight games at regionals to earn a spot in the national tournament. San Jacinto dominated the conference tournament, defeating Angelina College 6-2, Panola 6-0 and Texarkana 8-5 and 15-3. In the title win, the Gators scored 15 runs on 19 hits.



San Jacinto College right-hander Jake Cowan threw a one-hitter against Panola, leading the Gators to a 6-0 win. The Gators went on to win the Region XIV event.

Freshman pitcher Sean Nolin got the win after pitching seven innings, allowing two runs on six hits, while striking out six. San Jac jumped out to an early 4-1 lead after two innings before exploding for seven in the third to help seal the championship. The Gators went on to add two more runs in the fourth and one each in the seventh and ninth. Texarkana's three runs came in the first, seventh and eighth innings. Deric Hawkins, Ryan Burnaman and Devin Shines each had three hits in the game, each knocking in a run. Steven Vidaurri drove in three runs on two hits. San Jacinto will play in Game 7 of the national tournament Sunday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. For a complete tournament bracket and to follow San Jac through its national title run, visit [www.jucogj.com](http://www.jucogj.com). **Five homers lift SJC** Consecutive home runs by Vidaurri, Shines and Burnaman in the first inning were enough to get San Jacinto past Texarkana 8-5 in a winner's bracket game. Hawkins and Gregg Alcazar went deep later in the game as the Gators rolled to the win. David Rollins pitched seven innings for the win, and Tommy Collier earned the save. With the win, the Gators moved within one win of a national tournament berth. **Cowan cruises** Following up Collier's performance in the tournament opener, Jake Cowan blanked Panola 6-0 on a one-hitter. The Ponies entered the game as the co-top seed from the East, but Cowan **Continued on Page 6B**

# CALENDAR

- THURSDAY, MAY 14**  
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.  
9:30 a.m.  
**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Fellowship of Friends, 144 Park Avenue in League City. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others to the interdenominational meeting.  
Noon  
**AI-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.  
6:30 p.m.  
**St. Luke's Catholic Church** - Free tutoring for all ages is available Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road. For information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail [joe\\_pavlicek@yahoo.com](mailto:joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com).  
**Houston Chapter of Inmate Families Organization** - Meets at the Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose. Call 713-515-3736 for more information.  
8:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
- FRIDAY, MAY 15**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.  
10 a.m.  
**Free Line Dance Class** - The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program offers free line dancing classes. The class is held at the activity building, located at 416 Morningside. All area senior citizens, 55 or older, are invited. Previous experience not required. For more information, call 281-482-8441.  
Noon  
**Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous** - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 16**  
6 p.m.  
**Frontier Squares** - Meets to square dance at the NASA Gilruth Center on Space Center. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or George Wieland at 281-286-5682, or visit [www.frontiersquares.com](http://www.frontiersquares.com).  
**SUNDAY, MAY 17**  
2 p.m.  
**Grief Support Group** - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.  
8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m., and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.  
**MONDAY, MAY 18**  
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](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered.  
10 a.m.  
**Free Walking Classes** - for plus size women are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Let's move together. Registration required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.  
Noon  
**Free Exercise Class** - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.  
5 p.m.  
**Armed Forces Day Military Ball** - The Armed Forces Day Military Ball will be held Saturday, May 16, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Downtown Houston, 3rd Floor Imperial Ballroom, 1200 Louisiana Street. A social will begin at 5 p.m. with the ceremony at 6 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m. Guest speakers will be Mayor Bill White, Congressman Paul Olson and Coast Guard Rear Admiral Joel Whitehead.  
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.  
**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.  
**The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.** - Meets the third week of each month at the Clear Lake Park Building, 5001 Nasa Parkway. Guests welcome. Designed to promote education and popular interest in the various earth sciences, hobbies dealing with the art of lapidaries and the science of minerals and fossils.  
**TUESDAY, MAY 19**  
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.  
11 a.m.  
**The Bay Area Military Officers' Wives** - hold monthly luncheon meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at Bay Oaks Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Active duty or retired officers' wives are eligible. For information, contact Wanda Symmonds, president, at 832-425-2724 or [www.WSYMONDS@houston.rr.com](http://www.WSYMONDS@houston.rr.com) or Wendy Peters, membership, at 281-333-3115 or [www.WendyPeters@verizon.net](http://www.WendyPeters@verizon.net).

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**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565. 1:30 p.m.

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. 5 p.m.

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free water therapy from 5 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. 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.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - Meets at Sagemont Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.

**Pearland Area Republican Women's Club** - meets at Perry's Landmark Restaurant, 2501 S. Main. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431. 7 p.m.

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**The Compassionate Friends** - TCF meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Friendswood United Methodist Church, 204 W. Edgewood (FM2351) in the Family Life Center, second floor, room 204. TCF is a nondenominational, self-help organization offering friendship, support and understanding to bereaved families who have lost a son, daughter or sibling. For information, call 281-332-2887 or 281-992-0145.

**Positive Interaction Program** - meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room 1st floor. Bring a friend or neighbor and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to help make neighborhoods safer. For more information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for more information, call 281-286-2525. 8 p.m.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays 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.

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9:30 a.m.

**Active Living Every Day** - Seniors Active Living Every Day is a free class that is held every Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the EFL Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. During the 20-week course, individuals will learn how to get and stay physically active, live healthier, build confidence, overcome obstacles and stay motivated in ways that work for each person. Classes are practical and personalized, including a study guide, a free step counter, field trips and fun. For more information, call the El Franco Lee Community Center at 281-464-9708. 10 a.m.

**Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2** - Free monthly gardening educational programs meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The programs are at 10 a.m. at Clear Lake Park in the meeting room located at 5001 Nasa Parkway, Seabrook (on the south side of the lake). The programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 281-991-8437 or visit the Web site at www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu.

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**Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. E-mail HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com for more information. Noon

**Free Exercise Class** - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343. 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. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. 6:30 p.m.

**La Leche League of Pasadena** - Mothers who wish to breast-feed their babies will find support and information at the Fairmont Library on Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Meetings are held the third week of the month. Children and nursing babies welcome. For more information, call 281-998-1095.

**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group. 7 p.m.

**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BAPT is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

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., Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

11:15 a.m.

**Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club** - Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club, in affiliation with Stonecroft Ministries, hosts monthly buffet luncheons at Golfcrest Country Club from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. Includes an informative program and an speaker. Cost is \$16 inclusive. All ladies are welcome, reservations a must. A complimentary nursery is provided. For information, call 281-992-1675 or 281-482-9727. 11:30 a.m.

**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - American Business Women's Association-South meets on the third Thursday of each month at Makenzie's Grill, 9330 Broadway in Pearland. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org. Noon

**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.

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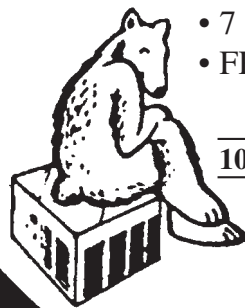
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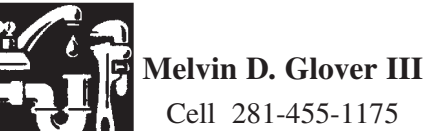
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# Gymnast Gutierrez claims regional title

Continued from Page 1B Academy's competition squad, will go against perhaps 50 or more in her age division in search of the national crown.

Gutierrez credits a recent stretch of consistency and a strict mental approach in the four events for her success.

She has also been healthy all season after a 2008 season that included nagging injuries.

At regionals, Gutierrez said her coaches - Deana Parish, Debbie Kaitschuck and Jean Pierre Lavachery - did a great job of keeping her prepared for the four events.

In recent years, Gutierrez has excelled in the vault.

So after she scored a 9.116 for third place in the uneven bars, a 9.175 for fifth on the beam and a 9.450 for a second-place tie in the floor exercise, Gutierrez knew she had a chance at the all-around title.

In fact, even though her coaches did not tell her, Gutierrez was leading the all-around heading into the vault - her best event.

"The scores were being posted, and there were some really low scores," Gutierrez said.

"People were falling or stumbling it seemed like everywhere. I stuck

my routines and was three for three in the bars, beam and floor, so I knew if I had a solid landing on the vault and didn't fall, I would have a good score compared to the others. It worked out for me this time."

It may be no coincidence that Gutierrez has only recently won her first regional title.

She's healthy and strong and doesn't have the pressure of deciding on a college, having signed with Alabama last fall.

When Gutierrez arrives at Alabama this fall, she will join one of the elite programs in the country.

Eleven times, Alabama has finished either first or second in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's championships.

The University of Georgia, a member of the Southeastern Conference along with Alabama, won the 2009 team title while Alabama was second. Three other SEC colleges finished in the top six.

Currently, longtime Alabama coach Sarah Patterson is leaning toward utilizing Gutierrez's talents as a competitor in the all-around competitions. Gutierrez is ready for the challenge at the collegiate level.

"I'm looking forward to Alabama," she said. "I've had a good year so far, so I have a lot of confidence."



Marissa Gutierrez took the time to enjoy the fresh snowfall in Denver during the Region 3 USA Gymnastics meet. During her stay, Gutierrez won her first regional title, taking the all-around Level 10 Senior C crown. Gutierrez, who will graduate from Clear Brook High School June 6, will continue her career collegiately at the University of Alabama this fall.



At left, three Lutheran South Academy tennis players put together memorable seasons for the Pioneers. From left to right, coach Trey Senney joins sophomore Stuart Kenyon, junior Anthony Ngo and sophomore Denissia Gonzalez. Kenyon won the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Class 4A boys' singles state title for the second year in a row. Ngo qualified for the state tournament for the second year in a row in boys' singles. Gonzalez qualified and played in the state tournament (girls' singles) for the second year in a row. She reached the semifinal round this season at state.

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# Longhorns' JV captures 22-5A baseball crown

Hitting .424 as a team, Dobie's junior varsity baseball team went 9-1 to claim the District 22-5A title.

The Longhorns went undefeated in the first half of district play, and after five games during the second half were lost to either rain or swine flu issues, the team closed at 9-1.

Overall, Dobie was 13-5-1.

The Longhorns' JV team also won the district title in 2007, giving several players including Chad Tapper, Austin Abbott, Sport Beynaerts and Brandon Broussard two championships.

"I love this group," coach Shaun Stanton said. "It was so enjoyable to watch them learn the game and progress."

"I knew it was going to be an interesting year when we started the season with three sets of brothers (Sam and Emmitt Pitts, Brayden and Sport Beynaerts and Chad and Troy Tapper) on the team.

"Luckily, they left their brotherly bickering at home and it was a delight to work with all of them."

Several of the players on the JV team began the season with the varsity during tournament play. But once Dobie got its full team in place for district, the locals rolled.

Marcello Martinez paved

the way offensively, hitting .519 with seven doubles, 25 runs scored and 30 runs driven in. Martinez had an RBI in every game but the season finale.

Troy Tapper hit .449 with 25 runs scored, Zach Long hit .429, Ryan Divin was at .421, and Edward Peabody hit .407.

Three other players, including Brayden Beynaerts (.385), Abbott (.333) and Chandler Salas (.324), hit better than .300.

On the mound, Sport Beynaerts was 3-1 with an earned run average of 3.33 per seven innings.

Abbott was 3-1 with a 3.65 ERA and Juston Edwards was 1-1 with a 3.96 ERA.

Other players who contributed quite a bit during the season included Tyler Newcomb, B.J. Burton, Emmitt Pitts and Sam Pitts.

"The district is truly competitive with the likes of La Porte, Pearland, Deer Park and the Pasadena ISD schools," Stanton said.

"To be able to say that we beat La Porte twice and also beat Pearland and Deer Park is pretty impressive. Our guys did a great job all the way this season.

"Hopefully, a lot of these guys can unite with the varsity returnees in 2010 and be a force to be reckoned with."

# San Jacinto baseball makes world series

Continued from Page 3B didn't care.

He was on top of his game throughout, leaving the Gators unbeaten in the tournament.

Cowan took a no-hitter into the eighth inning and allowed just the one hit.

Jeff Abt smacked a solo homer and pinch hitter Riley Hornback added a two-run single to lead the offense.

**Collier dominates**  
Staff ace Collier was solid in the tournament opener, striking out 14 in leading the Gators to a 6-2 win over Angelina.

The freshman right-

hander walked five but otherwise stayed in control, going 7 1/3 innings for the win. He allowed three hits and one earned run.

Offensively, Hawkins came through with the big blow, slapping a 3-run homer during a four-run fourth inning.

The Gators will enter the world series on a strong push. The team has now won 13 straight and 27 of its last 28 games.

The team has been ranked as high as No. 2 nationally during the season while ruling the Region XIV competition.

# Stephen F. Austin adds Longhorn-ex Joseph

Former Dobie High School football standout Prentice Joseph has signed a letter of intent to attend Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches.

Joseph, a 2006 Longhorn graduate, played two seasons at Blinn College in Brenham. He missed much of the 2007 season after suffering a separated shoulder

in the first game and was granted a medical red-shirt.

In 2008, Joseph was a starting linebacker as the Bucos eventually finished 11th in the nation at 9-3.

At Stephen F. Austin, Joseph is again expected to play at middle linebacker. He is majoring in kinesiology and is minoring in criminal justice.

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