

**Graduation issue planned**

The *Leader's* high school special edition will be published June 3. 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 3 p.m. on Friday, May 28.

**Heavy trash scheduled**

Tree waste will be picked up Thursday, May 20, for city of Houston residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, May 27. For more information, call 3-1-1.

**Kindergarten preregisters**

Stuchbery Elementary will host a kindergarten preregistration on Tuesday, May 25, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Students must turn 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2010, in order to register.

Requirements for registration include birth certificate, Social Security card, shot record (immunizations must be current) and two proofs of residence. Proof of residence must include deed, mortgage payment, payment book or lease, and a current utility bill.

This day is for preregistration only. Meet the teacher and classroom visits will be held in August. For more information, call the school at 713-740-0752.

**Dobie presents Pop Show**

The J. Frank Dobie Chorale Department will present the 2010 Pop Show Thursday, through Saturday, May 20-22, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium. Tickets are \$10 each and are available from any choir member. Dobie students with a valid student I.D. can purchase advance tickets at \$5 each. For information, call the choir department at 713-740-0370.

**Thompson sells dance tickets**

Thompson Eighth-Grade Dance tickets will be sold through Friday, May 21, before school in the cafeteria. The dance is Saturday, May 29, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Hobby Hilton. The cost for students is \$35 and includes a dinner buffet, dessert, an open soda bar and an eighth-grade dance T-shirt.

**Enrichment program set**

Beverly Hills Community Center is now registering for the summer enrichment program for ages 6-13 years. The program will run one week sessions from June 1 to Aug. 6, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration for one week is \$30. Activities include arts and crafts, games, entertainment, special events, sports and water fun. For more information, call 713-948-9065.

**Dobie 10-year reunion set**

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 2000 will hold its 10-year reunion on Saturday, July 24, at the Hilton Garden Inn Pearland, 12101 Shadow Creek Parkway, from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.dobie2000.com. For more information, follow the group on Facebook at Dobie High School - Class of 2000.

**Cabrini 35th bazaar reset**

Due to bad weather, the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church bazaar scheduled for last Sunday was postponed and is now scheduled for this Sunday, May 23, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the church grounds, 10727 Hartsook St. The bazaar will feature a wide variety of food, arts & crafts, country store, trash and treasure, entertainment, kiddie land, bingo and lots more. The trash and treasure is said to be southeast Houston's largest garage sale. Proceeds from the bazaar will go toward the mortgage on the new church dedicated in January 2005. Admission is free.

**Wood Meadow II meets**

Wood Meadow II CIA will meet Tuesday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parker William Library meeting room.

**Church holds conference**

Becky Keenan, who pastors Gulf Meadows Church, 8012 Fuqua, together with her husband, Joe Keenan, will host *WONDROUS, His Life in You* on May 27-29. The conference targets women of all ages, cultures and backgrounds. Guest participants include Maryann Markarian, Eva Piper, Magda Hermida, Denise Harley, Kim Nash, Yurisant De Quesada and Keturah Harley. For more information, visit www.gulfmeadowschurch.org.

**Kirkwood South to meet**

The Kirkwood South Committee will meet Thursday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Judge Jo Ann Delgado's courtroom.

**Olson hosts veterans fair**

Rep. Pete Olson will host a Veterans Service Fair Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Pearland Parks and Recreation Community Center, 3523 Liberty Drive in Pearland. The event is designed to help connect veterans from Texas' 22nd Congressional District to the programs and services in the area.

# 2010 rankings of local schools released

The Houston-based nonprofit Children at Risk recently released its 2010 rankings of local schools.

The organization ranked 1,018 public high schools in Texas to see who was doing the best at educating students and preparing them for post-secondary education.

A total 14 variables were examined by the group to determine how successful each high school was. Among these were the percentage of 11th-graders scoring at the "commended" level on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills in English/language arts, math, social studies and science; the percentage of graduates

who met the course requirements for the state's recommended diploma program; the percentage of students who completed and received credit for at least one advanced course, including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and dual enrollment; the percentage of students in grades 11 and 12 taking at least one AP or IB exam; the percentage of students who passed at least one AP or IB exam; overall student attendance rate for the school year; graduation rate; the percentage of graduates who took the ACT or SAT college admissions exams; average score for students taking the ACT; average score for students taking the SAT; and the percentage of

students who qualify for free- or reduced-price lunch and are economically disadvantaged.

The data used were obtained from the Texas Education Agency.

Leading the pack for the Pasadena Independent School District was Pasadena Memorial, which scored 61st on the Greater-Houston list – down three spots from last year's 58th position.

Dobie was the next highest PISD high school on the list at 85th – down 11 spots from last year's 74th position.

Sam Rayburn jumped from 116th to 103rd.

South Houston High School advanced one spot from 118th to 117th.

Pasadena High School was the lowest-performing school in the district at 125th – down two spots from last year's 123rd position.

Overall, the Clear Creek Independent School District fared better in the rankings.

Scoring tops for CCISD was Clear Lake at 21st – down six spots from last year's 15th position.

Clear Brook followed at 36th – a one-spot jump from last year's 37th.

Clear Creek High School trailed at 45th – down five spots from last year's 40th ranking.

Children at Risk also ranked 1,720 public mid-

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## PISD honors Moore teachers Neubauer, Laredo

The staff at Moore Elementary excelled this academic year with teachers being named both the Pasadena Independent School District's Elementary Teacher of the Year and First-Year Teacher of the Year.

Elizabeth Neubauer, the school's special education SUCCESS teacher, took home the honor of Elementary Teacher of the Year, while Leah Laredo, a fourth-grade teacher at the school, was awarded the First Year Teacher of the Year prize.

Neubauer was a second-grade teacher at Moore for 15 years before volunteering to become the school's SUCCESS teacher three years ago. Neubauer has a special needs child of her own and understands how to work with students in the SUCCESS program.

"Mrs. Neubauer also knows that all of her students can learn and pushes them to reach their full potential," said Moore principal Jill Lacamu. "Even though it may take her students longer to learn something or they need a lot of repetition before mastering a skill, she never gives up on them."

Lacamu said it is important for the students in the SUCCESS class to be included in the everyday activities at the school, and Neubauer makes sure this happens. All of her students have school jobs, from picking up the recycling to helping sweep the floors, and they are included in all school programs and pep rallies. If there are special dress days like Go Western Day or Book Character Day, Neubauer brings each one of her students an outfit to wear.

She also feels it is important for her students to be seen in the community and that they learn important life skills. She has built a partnership with the local H-E-B and McDonalds and takes her students on community-based instruction trips so they can have real world experiences.

Neubauer has overcome some of her own challenges over the years and is a two-time cancer survivor. Her battles with breast cancer and melanoma made her realize it was important for her to make sure her son will be taken care of in the future. She shares her story with her students' parents and helps them get in touch

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PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis is shown to the left with Moore SUCCESS teacher Liz Neubauer (center) and principal Jill Lacamu. PISD Associate Superintendent DeeAnn Powell is shown above with Moore fourth-grade teacher Leah Laredo.

## State officials shut down home-operated day care center

A day care center operating out of two separate residences on Sageberry has been, at least temporarily, shut down as of Monday, May 17, state officials said.

The Lil Rascals Day Care, located at one residence in the 10600 block of Sageberry and an-

### Vacation photos sought

The *Leader* is seeking readers' vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-prize will be awarded each month during June, July and August to the best submissions. First prize each month will be six tickets to Schlitterbahn in Galveston, with four tickets going to second-place. All photos must be digital in format and high resolution. To submit a photo, e-mail mynews@southbeltleader.com.

## Deputies nab burglary suspect

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office arrested a suspect Monday, May 17, for allegedly being involved in a home burglary the previous Monday.

Gregory Strickland, 24, was spotted, along with another male, at roughly 11 a.m. by Precinct 2 Deputy Parnell Jones unloading a large, flat-screen TV from a car to an apartment in the 12300 block of Beamer.

Suspecting the men may have been involved in a burglary, Jones called for backup from Precinct 2 Sgt. Zerick Guinn.

Upon seeing Strickland's vehicle and its license plates, Guinn recognized its description from a witness who had reported seeing it fleeing the scene of a home burglary in the area Monday, May 10.

Strickland was determined to have an open parole violation warrant and was detained.

Deputies subsequently searched Strickland's apartment and found a guitar and stand that also matched the description of an item that was taken

other in the 10700 block, had recently drawn the ire of multiple residents in the Kirkwood South subdivision, who said more than 20 children a day were being cared for at the local homes.

Neighbors also complained the centers were causing traffic congestion on the area street.

While officials from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) would not confirm the number of children being cared for at the center, they did acknowledge that its operators had not gone through the proper procedures to run such a facility.

DFPS spokeswoman Gwen Carter said that while it is often legal to run such facilities out of a residence, certain regulations must be met to satisfy state obligations.

As of Monday, May 17, Carter said those obligations had not been met, forcing the centers to

shut down. However, Carter said the DFPS will work with Lil Rascals to bring it up to specs.

Carter would not speak to the specifics of the case, as it is part of an ongoing investigation, but said one of the center's operators had applied to the state for a license, but a second person had not.

"They should become regulated or they shouldn't care for children," Cater said.

Prior to the state's involvement, the center had already been cited once by the subdivision's

civic association for operating a business out of a residence. The violation, however, is still open and has not been resolved.

While the state does allow conforming day care businesses to operate out of residences, the neighborhood's deed restrictions do prohibit any offensive trade that causes an annoyance or nuisance to neighbors.

At press time Wednesday, neighbors said children were no longer being dropped off at the residences.

## Wood killed in line of duty

South Belt resident and U.S. Navy petty officer Zarian "Z" Wood died Sunday, May 16, from wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated



Zarian Andre Wood

during a foot patrol May 14 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Woods, 29, was assigned as a hospital corpsman to Third Battalion, First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

Originally from Memphis, Tenn., Wood moved to the Edgebrook area when he was in elementary school. He went on to attend Miller Intermediate and South Houston High School, where he graduated in 1999. While at South Houston, Wood competed on the high school's wrestling team.

Following graduation, Wood worked as a youth pastor and tutor for troubled youth and a merchandiser for Coca-Cola before enlisting in 2006.

Wood was deployed to Iraq from 2007 to 2008, prior to volunteering for his second combat tour. The sailor was just 3.5 weeks into a seven-month stint in Afghanistan at the time of the accident.

When not deployed, Wood would stay with his sister, Krista Hamilton, in Sagemont.

Family members said Wood planned to return to school someday in hopes of becoming a dentist.

Wood was the third Texan and at least the third member of his Marine battalion to be killed in Afghanistan in just one week. Also killed were Cpl. Jeffrey Johnson, 21, of Tomball and Sgt. Kenneth B. May Jr., 26, of Kilgore.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Nellie Sue Wood. He is survived by his father, Daniel Wood, and siblings Zachary Wood, Hamilton, Teresa Robertson, Victor Robertson and Micah Dixon.

See related obituary on Page 2A.

## Police seek robbery suspects

The Houston Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in locating three suspects wanted in connection to the robbery of the Subway sandwich shop, 9990 Kleckley, on Tuesday, May 11.

According to police, two suspects entered the store at roughly 9:40 p.m. After a few minutes, one of the suspects approached the counter, and under the pretense of having a handgun, demanded money from the cash register and the safe.

After taking the money, both suspects got in a newer model dark Dodge Challenger, driven by a third suspect, and fled the scene.

Both suspects are described as Hispanic males between 21 and 30 years of age.

The driver is described as being a thin white male between 21 and 24 years old with blond hair and glasses.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to call 713-884-3131.



# Readers' Opinions

## Valtasaros: We will be Greece

My wife and I were planning to visit Greece this summer to see my dad. We had planned to stay in his home for one week and then visit Mykonos for 5 days and return. I have not seen my dad in 6 years and he is too old to travel to the U.S. I got on the Internet to see what the hotel prices were for our stay in Mykonos and found a rate of 170 euros per day. Not being well versed in the exchange rates of the euro to the U.S. dollar, I accessed an Internet site that showed the exchange rates for every currency in the world. Yes more information than I needed, but the Internet seems to be that way most of the time. I had to scroll down quite a way before I found USD only to find that I could not afford \$216.00 a day. Then I noticed that just below USD was Zimbabwean dollars. The number was too big to fit in the box so I copied it and pasted it into Word to find that it was 2,741,025,562,000.00; that's 2.741 trillion Zimbabwean dollars a day. Thank God it includes breakfast. I said to my wife that there was a slim chance that we would see any Zimbabwans on the beaches of Mykonos. As it turns out we won't be on the beaches of Mykonos either.

After planning our trip we started hearing about how things in Greece were deteriorating and began to have second thoughts. After hearing the news about the deaths of people in Athens, I called my dad to seek his advice. He said that what we were hearing was nowhere near the worst of it. The rioters in the streets of Athens are the union workers, government employees, airline pilots, police, sanitation workers, and mass transportation workers. They have been promised more than the taxpayers of Greece can afford and that includes the rich Greeks. They want their money and they want it now. It seems that Greece has a debt to GDP ratio of 13.4%, which is very high.

About 5 years ago the government of Greece became more socialist and started promising "the world" to everybody

especially government employees. I know that may sound familiar to what we are doing here, but there are some differences. We only have an 11% debt to GDP ratio and lucky for us we can print money when we run out. Greece, as well as other European Union nations cannot print money.

A study was recently made in the USA that said that if we taxed the "rich" which we know is anyone making over \$250,000.00 a year, 100% of their income it would take 45 years to repay what we owe right now. That's if we stop spending money right now! Raising taxes is not the answer we must stop spending money right now. Our national debt right now (May 7, 2010 7:45 p.m.) is \$12,960,165,911,326.00 and it went up over \$400,000.00 since I typed that number. That's 117,776.00 per taxpayer in the USA. (If you don't pay taxes no worries for you, we'll take care of it.)

By the way our debt of almost 13 trillion dollars is 37 times what Greece owes and our government is sending money through the IMF to bail Greece out. Our money, our tax dollars that I guess we won't need here.

You want to see what our debt is since I wrote this go to [www.usdebtclock.org](http://www.usdebtclock.org) and be prepared to not believe your eyes.

Some economists in the USA predict that our debt to GDP ratio will be 90% in 20 years if we continue spending money we don't have. We can continue to print money, but that will create hyperinflation that will soon equal that of Zimbabwe. Soon it can cost us 2,741,025,562,000.00 USD to pay the water bill, \$10.00 a gallon for gas like some parts of Europe, and \$25.00 for a Big Mac. We have to stop this or we will be Greece. We have a chance to put a stop to this in November, go out and vote for the guy that did not spend and spend and spend even if he is in the other party. We should never have one party controlling Congress and the White House ever again.

**George Valtasaros**  
P.S. Our debt has increased by \$335,000,000.00 since I started this article!

## Olson finds flaws in health care costs

Rep. Pete Olson issued the following statement in response to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services report on the cost of the new health care reform bill:

"The latest CMS report reinforces the very valid concerns Republicans had with implementing legislation of this scope, particularly when entitlement programs like Medicare and Medicaid already face serious shortfalls. With Social Security and Medicare projected to run out of money in the near future, President Obama should be focused on fixing them rather than enacting a massive health care plan that only adds to the fiscal burden."

"Also troubling is that seniors take the biggest hit. According to the CMS report, the new legislation will result in unsustainable cuts to hospitals, nursing homes and other providers, and anticipates payment reductions that will force many seniors out of the popular Medicare Advantage plans. Enrollment would plummet by about 50 percent, as the plans reduce extra benefits currently offered. Seniors leaving the Medicare Advantage plans would still have health insurance under traditional Medicare, but many might face higher out-of-pocket costs. Senior citizens should not be forced to pay for the health care of others."

"There is a better way to increase quality coverage for Americans who lack access: ensure that those with pre-existing conditions get access to affordable care; allow people to shop across state lines for more competitive insurance rates; and let small businesses join together so they can provide more affordable, quality coverage for their employees. If we do that, we increase the number of Americans with quality care without doing so on the backs of our nation's seniors or bankrupting our nation."

CMS's analysis of the health care plan, confirmed the nation's health care costs will increase rather than decrease. CMS concluded:

- National health care expenditures will increase by \$311 billion.
- Health care increases to 21% of GDP by 2019.
- The plan spends more than \$828 billion for health care coverage. (CMS didn't analyze all the tax increases, such as HSAs, FSAs, increasing the AGI threshold, etc.)
- The government will spend \$410 billion to expand Medicaid.
- Medicaid enrollment increases by 20 million new beneficiaries.
- 18 million people will be uninsured (excluding 5 million illegal immigrants).
- Uninsured and those employers who don't offer coverage will pay \$120 billion in taxes.
- 50% of seniors will lose their Medicare Advantage plans.
- Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) will run a deficit in 15 years.
- The \$5 billion for High Risk Pools is not enough.
- Doctors may drop out of Medicare because of the changes in Medicare reimbursement rates.

# BHI announces 5th 6-weeks honor rolls

Beverly Hills Intermediary recently released its honor rolls for the fifth six-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

**Seventh grade Honor roll**  
Gerardo Acevedo, Abraham Alanis, Emmanuel Gaytan Arizpe, Noemi Armenta, Garrett Lee Armstrong, Oscar Arredondo, Alondra Arriaga, Christopher Alonso Azaldegui, Jose Carlos Benavides Sanchez, Gabriela Benavides, Victoria Alexis Blackmon and Quinton Joshua Bolling.

Carlos Enrique Borri, Kiyah Simone Brooks, Madeline Nichole Buchman, Deserey Marie Cabrales, Genovy Lisette Cabrera, Gilberto Hernan Campa, Alyssa Castillo, Flavio Gabriel Castillo, Andrew Chaidez, Karina Evelyn Chaidez, Anthony Chapa and Jessica Lisette Cortez.

John Matthew Delarosa, Jason Alec Diaz, Michael Anthony Duro, Gabriela Elizarraraz, Ian Serna Escobedo, Estefani Elyzabeth Estrada, Alan Flores, Gilbert Xavier Flores, Valentin Calvillo Galzarza, Christopher John Garcia, Michael Aaron Garcia and Mikaila Trena Gary.

Kenia Mabel Garza, Jay Edward Gish, Vincent Albert Gonzales, Cynthia Isabell Gonzalez, Isaias Gonzalez, Miriam Irene Gonzalez, Adolfo Javier Gracia, Jason Paul Hesser, Tanya Tho Ho, Ryan Duc Huynh, Prince Ikenna Ibe, Austin John Ingalls and Caleb Ray Irving.

James Earl Jefferson, Anthony Duane Keller, Alex Sam Kwok, Henry Mingvuong Le, William Jacob Little, Maybelyt G. Lopez, Nicolette Marguerite Lopez, Deanna Gabrielle Martinez, Davion Cordellstephon Matthews, Bryan Osric Maxey and Jordan Kendall McBride.

Matthew Bryce McGowan, Edward Medina, Juan Luis Melesio, Victoria Yamileth Mendoza, Eduardo A. Mira, Madison Taylor Moreno, Destiny Aliya Muniz, Betram Tuong Nguyen, Elissa Huong Nguyen, Hung Thai Nguyen, Michelle Huyen Nguyen and Ngoc Mai Nguyen.

Nhubinh Liza Nguyen, Tina Hoai Nguyen, Zaed Dac Nguyen, Andrea Nicaragua, Malyn Lassette Nizar, Jaclyn Virginia Dianne Oden-Peace, Adrianna Nicole Ontiveros, Shiv Nirpal Patel, Arthur Estrada Pedraza, Amy Pham, Triet Minh Pham and Uyen Nhat Nguyen Pham.

Kieu Kathy Phan, Christopher Daniel Powell, Juan Miguel Reyes, Alexander James Reyna, Jorge Ruben Reyna, Eduardo Damian Rimaxey and Jordan Kendall

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## Thompson names fifth 6-weeks rolls

Thompson Intermediate recently named its honor rolls for the fifth six-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

**Seventh grade Honor roll**  
Guadalupe Isabel Acosta, Angelica Maribel Alfaro, Savannah Joe Amaro, Jackelin Andrade, Justyn Andrew Arnesen-Gonzalez, Austin Kirby Baker, Yenlynn Hoang Banh, Gabriela Renee Barragan, Deneil Simone Bell, Carli Elizabeth Blue and Zachary Grant Blue.

Celeste Marissa Briones, Artrese Terrell Brown, Xavier Darnell Brown, Trang Phuong Bui, Valerie Jane Colunga, Jamie Ricardo Conej, Benjamin Andrew Coronado, Julian Valdez Coronado, Alexis Marie Corpus, Everest Cheyenne-marcille Cox and Patrick Joseph Cruz.

Aminia Ali Davis, Christopher Rayman Dufresne, Stacy Isimemen Edokpa, Jesse Escalante, Orlando Escamilla, Abdon Jose Ferreira, Nathaniel Christian Flores, Kasey Mikal Fooms, Kelsey Mikal Fooms, Jazmine Yonita Freeman, Sabrina Andreina Frias and Luis Eduardo Garay.

Marco Antonio Garza, Rachel Taylor Glass, Joshua Paul Godwin, Alyssa Marie Gonzalez, Luis Carlos Gonzalez, Anna Mae Goodman, Cameron Devante Guy, Ricky Anderson Harris, Aubrie Brianna Harrison, Kiara Doneisha Hart, Abel Hernandez and Victoria R. Hernandez.

Carolina Alejandra Herrera, Cedric Jaylon Horton, Caleb Josiah Hubenak, Jessie Ngoc Huynh, Nicholas Daniel Jagdeo, Jordan Luis Jimenez, Desiree Shantal Johnson, Rhehana Dnai Johnson, Jai J'miya Jones, Tia Jasmine Joseph, Daniel Jungmo Kim and Shaniece Nicole Lacour.

Ty Irvin Lozano, Steven Ryan Martin, Alexander Matthew Martinez, Carlos Martinez, Israel Ernesto Martinez, Sasha Lashon McCoy, Ashley Marie McDonald, Luke Allen McDonald, Alyssa Michelle Medrano, Maria Lidia Mejia Ortiz, Valerie Mendoza and Joseph Christian Mercado.

Mason Hunter Miller, Madison Paige Minter, Damian Francisco Molina, George Anthony Molina, Dulce Dayana Morales, Jimmy Adrian Navarez, Johnny Dung Ngo, Catherine Nguyen, Dona Ngoc Nguyen, Elizabeth Nguyen and Giaan Khuong Nguyen.

Julie Nguyen, Kevin Path Nguyen, Lisa Nguyen, Taylor Han Nguyen, Tran Bao Nguyen, Nikki Michaela Nolen, Augustine Anamelechi Oguamanam, Brandon McKay Patterson, Amalia Paulette Perla, Caxton Santos Petri, Hoaiphuong Tran Pham and Linh Phuong Pham.

Nhi Thuc Pham, Alan Quy Phan, Roberto Simon Pineda, Monica Rashaad Ploucha, Celina Kim Rabe, Francisco Rangel, Adriana Araceli Resendez, Paola Yvette Reyna, Kayla Marie Richard, John Angel Rico, Cierra Corianne Roberts and Isaac Javier-Cruz Rodriguez.

Lester Patrick Rodriguez, Vanessa Rojas, Alexis Ivan Saldivar, Michelle Brenda SanMiguel, Sophia Sarabia, Denise Saravia, Kristin Taylor Scholwinski, Haley Marie Schott, Jonathan Adam Shaw, KaraAnne MacKenzie Snyder, Harry L. Swinton, Isabel M. Tabarez, Chelsea Tajonera and Samson Sagan Tamijani.

Dejone D. Thomas, Andrea Thu Tran, Hieu Vo Tran, Jenny Thi Tran, Lauren Tuy Thao Vo Tran, Jeffrey James Tyer, Veronica Tzintzun, Angelica Faith Vasquez, Edward David Velazquez, Valerie Thanh Thy Vo, Oasis Davina Wilson, Emily E. Wolfe, Timothy Aidan Wright, Shelby A. Yocum and Angelica Zuniga.

**Eighth grade Honor roll**  
Jannessa Renee Ackman, Faria Akhter, Daniel Eduardo Alarcon, Maha Salma Awan Ali, Zavi Awan Ali, Evelyn Yaremi Alvarado, Carlos Omar Amaro, Taylor Nichol Ard, Angie Daniela Arteaga, Erika Thalia Ascencio, Daniel Jacob Barrientes and Amanda Catherine Bates.

Tyler Gregory Baumann, Alex Enrique Benitez, Destiny Marie Blockmon, Duc Anh Bui, Alexis Marie Caballero, Kevin Ruiz Caballero, Silvia Guadalupe Cabrera, Jennifer Keren Calderon, Steffanie F. Carrier, Nicholas Dale Cessna and Darien Anthony Childs.

Morgan Elizabeth Clay, Lynsi Lashay Crawford, Jason Asarel Cruz, Isabel Abigail Curiel, Jaclyn Monica Deleon, Hoang Kim Dinh, Nicholas Paul Engle, Angelica Vanessa Enriquez, Maria Fernanda Flores, Jaelyn Breon Fox and Athziri Yanelly Garcia.

Kamran Rhynae Gardner, Eryqa Jemela Glenn, Anthony Joel Gomez, Sydney Nicole Gutierrez, Bryson Payne Hamilton, Stenasia Zhane Harrison, Paulina Hay, Hector Ibarra, Megan Jagdeo, Greissy Carolina Jerezano, Mohammed Zaine Kabir and Matthew Alan Kahanek.

Madeline Renee Lacamu, Amari Brianna Lavergne, Wilson Lee, Joe Angel Lopez, Karina Guadalupe Lopez, Tony Ly, Aimee Celeste Mar, Sara Alexandra Martinez, Alexander Jesse Mays, Steven Andres Mendieta, Joshua Andrew Mendiola-Garcia and Joslyn Lourdes Mendoza.

Carmen Nering, Billy Nguyen, Vivian Oanhhoang Nguyen, Ariadna Abigail Pedraza, Alexia Andreea Perez, Jenna Renae Perez, Burgandy Rose Petri, Lauren Ashley Pettey, Khanh Minh Pham, Alan Phan, Tuan Manh Phan and Angelica Nicole Phillips.

Ayeshum Rasool, Kayla Monique Richardson, Ivan Rocha, Miranda Alyssa Rodriguez, Octavio Alexander Rodriguez, De Andre Imari Russell, Emmanuel Saldana, Carlos Jabier Sanchez, Karla Patricia Santillan and Wesley Michael Schoppe.

Shalyn Danyel Scott, Waylon Ryan Shofnerl, Damaris Verence Sidrian, Destinee Moree Smith, Marvin Daniel Solis, Catherine Jeanette Sorto, Taylor Matthew Sur-ratt, Kierra Takiyah Taylor, Nicholas Kelly Taylor and Brian P. To.

Brian Anh-Khoa Tran, Justin Tran, Luan Thanh Tran, Shelly N. Tran, Khoa Xuan Truong, Quachthinh Le Truong, James Varghese, Jancy Varghese, Joshua Varghese, Savana Terra Velasquez, Alyssa Grace Williams and Austin Lawrence Xayadeth.

**Cynthia Crow Fyffe**  
Cynthia Crow Fyffe, 58, died on Sunday, May 16, 2010, from years-long debilitating effects of lupus and other serious illnesses. She was born Nov. 29, 1951, in Fort Worth.

Fyffe was a mother, grandmother and a friend to many. She was a Rainbow Girl, and went on to join the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a Dobie High School graduate.

Fyffe is survived by her two sons, Jonathan Fyffe and Todd Fyffe; grandson Dalton Fyffe; granddaughter Sara Fyffe; mother Marjorie Botter; brothers Bob Crow and wife Elke and Dan Crow and wife Krista; sister Shellie Ortiz; niece Lacey Gonzales and husband Jesse; nephews Trini Ortiz and Danny Crow; and grandniece Desiree Gonzales.

Visitation will be Friday, May 21, 2010, from 5 to 8 p.m. at SouthPark Funeral Home. A funeral service will be Saturday, May 22, at 3 p.m. at SouthPark Funeral Home, with burial to follow at SouthPark Cemetery.

To sign guest book, visit [www.southparkfunerals.com](http://www.southparkfunerals.com).

## John "Allen" Robinson Jr.



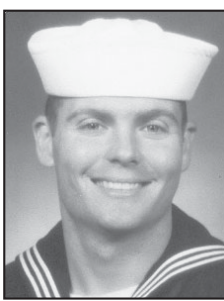
John "Allen" Robinson, Jr., 55, died after a brave battle with cancer on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. He was a native Houstonian, raised in the South Belt area, and a 1972 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School.

Robinson is survived by his wife, Brenda Robinson; stepchildren Joshua and Colby and their children; his parents, John A. and Bertha "Lee" Robinson; brother J.C. Robinson and wife Teresa; sister Renee Edens and husband Bobby; niece Christen Edens; nephew Trenton Robinson; and his extended family and friends at Gulfcoast Speedway in Alvin, Texas.

Robinson was owner of A.R.R.E. in Alvin. He raced and built motors for mini sprint car competitions in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas for many years, and his winning motors were popular among racing enthusiasts.

A celebration of Robinson's life will be held Sunday, May 23, 2010, at 5 p.m. at Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 CR59 in Pearland.

## Zarian Andre Wood



HM3 Zarian Andre Wood, USN, of South Belt, died Sunday, May 16, 2010, in the line of duty serving his country in Afghanistan for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Wood is preceded in death by his mother, Nellie Sue Wood.

He is survived by his father, Daniel Wood; three brothers, Zachary Wood, Victor Robertson and Micah Dixon; two sisters, Krista Hamilton and Teresa Robertson; his fiancé, Carolina Gonzalez; niece Stevie Mallory; nephews LCPL Chad Robertson, Nicholas Robertson and Blake Hamilton; and many extended family members and brother corpsmen family.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at Niday Funeral Home. The funeral service celebrating Wood's life will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 24, in the chapel of Niday Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Houston National Cemetery. (See related story Page 1A)

## South Belt-Ellington Leader

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## South Belt Girl Scout Cadettes named



South Belt Girl Scout Troop 8015 completed requirements in order to bridge to Cadettes. The ceremony was held on the bridge at El Franco Lee Park on March 29, 2010. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Ebony Burton, Kallie Hart, Megan Schuetz, McKenna Simecek, Kalen Fleckenstein,

(back row) Shelby Henderer, Kara Campos, Macy Williams, Sydney Sweet, Jolissa Villalobos, Laura Stephens and Genniveve Anagbogue. Troop leader is Stacia Sweet, and assistant troop leaders are Julia Sweet, Donna Stephens and Christy Villalobos.

Photo submitted

## Click It or Ticket highlights new laws

The Texas Department of Transportation's ninth annual *Click It or Ticket* spring campaign is under way with a warning to drivers and passengers to fasten their safety belts or expect to get a ticket. Transportation officials say state laws enacted in 2009 could result in more citations this year if drivers and passengers fail to heed new safety belt requirements.

For the first time, all passengers in the back seat now must be buckled up, and children younger than 8 years old have to ride in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. Fines range from \$25 to \$250 plus court costs.

"Whether you're the driver or a passenger in the front or back seat, every adult and every child in the vehicle must be properly restrained," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT's Traffic Operations Division director. "Buckling up can not only save you from getting an expensive ticket, it can also save your life."

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for those between 4 and 44 years of age. Last year in Texas, more than 3,400 people died in fatal collisions on Texas

streets and highways. In 2008, half of all pickup truck drivers killed in traffic crashes were not buckled up. Wearing a safety belt increases the odds of surviving a crash by more than 50 percent, and in pickups, that number increases to 80 percent.

To ensure that Texans are complying with state law surrounding safety belt and booster seat use, thousands of state troopers will join police officers and sheriffs' deputies statewide to step up enforcement of the state's safety belt laws between May 24 and June 6, including the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Since the *Click It or Ticket* campaign began in 2002, the state's safety belt use rate has increased from 76 percent to almost 93 percent. Safety experts estimate the rise in the numbers of motorists who now buckle up has resulted in 2,400 fewer traffic fatalities and prevented more than 56,300 injuries.

According to the Texas Transportation Institute, motorists least likely to buckle up continue to include men, teenage boys and pickup drivers and passengers.

Visit [www.texasclickitorticket.com](http://www.texasclickitorticket.com) for details.

## Lemonade business a success



Hailey Ortega and Sofia Martinez, kindergarten students at Laura Bush Elementary, participated in National Lemonade Day on May 2. Lemonade Day is a program designed to teach children how to start, own and operate their own business. Their lemonade stand was located at the Kroger on Sabo and Beltway 8. Visit [www.lemonadeday.org](http://www.lemonadeday.org) for more information. Hailey is the daughter of Ramon and Joanna Ortega, and Sofia is the daughter of Marcos and Imelda Martinez.

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## Careers for women in STEM focus of conference

More than 100 young women participated in the recent Expanding Your Horizons conference at San Jacinto College Central.

The seventh- and eighth-grade students from Pasadena and Deer Park were greeted by SJC Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer and NASA engineers Sarah Hargrove and Tess Caswell, before attending a variety of workshops that focused on the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields.

"Math and science are just like other activities you learn, like gymnastics or ballet; you need an early start on them," said Dr. Ann Cartwright, chemistry professor at the Central campus. "This is the

ideal age to capture their attention and keep them interested in the STEM fields."

Workshops included activities on how to collect DNA, how chemistry affects our everyday lives, great animal predators, chemical reactions of household products, electrical creations, pet physicals, and wildlife conservation.

Representatives from M.D. Anderson, Houston Gem and Mineral Society, PBK Architects, AES Corporation-Deepwater Power Company, Armand Bayou Nature Center and San Jacinto College professors were among those who conducted the workshops.

Parents also attended to learn more about preparing

their children for college.

"My daughter and I thought this was a really great conference and enjoyed listening to the two NASA engineers," said Pasadena resident Sheila Holder, mother of seventh-grader Destiny Holder. "Destiny is interested in forensic science, so she really enjoyed the DNA workshop. We definitely plan to attend this conference again next year."

The Expanding Your Horizons Network is a nonprofit membership organization of educators, scientists, mathematicians, parents, community leaders, and government and corporate representatives.

The organization aims to increase awareness in

the STEM careers through a series of events that provide STEM role models and hands-on activities for middle

and high school girls.

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

## Crawfish boil May 22

The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and Pasadena/Deer Park Metro Go Texan Subcommittee will host a crawfish bash and dance on Saturday, May 22, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Lone Star Club, 2900 South Shaver in Pasadena.

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## Students write essays on healthy eating



Second-graders at Moore Elementary recently participated in the Healthy Eating Essay Contest sponsored by the H-E-B on Blackhawk. Finalists were chosen from each classroom and were awarded a prize bag filled from H-E-B. The overall winner from the second grade class was Anosacha

Peete-Meyers from Bich Nguyen's class. She was awarded an H-E-B gift card and a prize bag. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Renita Navy, Aaron Nguyen, Lindsey Rapalo, (back row) Nanci Rivera, Juliana Hickman, Anosacha Peete-Meyers, and Daniel Hernandez.

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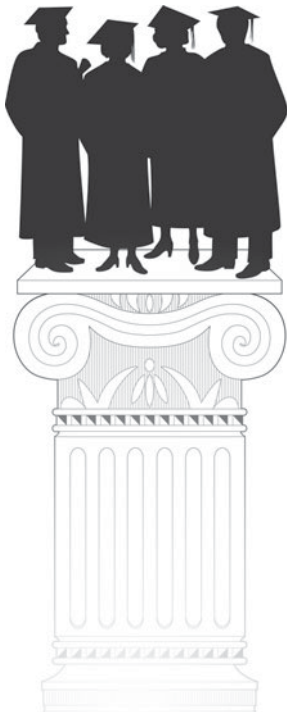
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# CCISD honors Haynes with Volunteer of the Year award

The 2010 Clear Creek Independent School District Volunteer and Partnership Breakfast honored those who have truly made a difference in the district. On Friday, May 7, 2010, the Clear Lake Regional Medical Center was named the 2010 Community Partner of the Year. Jimmy Haynes was named Campus Volunteer of the Year.

For several years, Clear Lake Regional's commitment to CCISD has enriched the district's health science programs and helped CCISD educators continue to cultivate the future healthcare workforce.

Over the past year, Clear Lake Regional has made significant human capital investments to strengthen this bold mission. "Our second-

ary health science students have been exposed to unique opportunities – going behind the scenes of the hospital, experiencing hands-on learning, and attending career education symposiums," said Superintendent of Schools Greg Smith, Ph.D. "We are especially gratified that through this strong – and local – enrichment resource, our students will one day live and work in the district in which they were educated." Clear Lake Regional also established a 10-year student scholarship program, through the Clear Creek Education Foundation, awarded to five exemplary graduating seniors each year who are seeking higher education and a career in the health science field.



CCISD Superintendent of schools Greg Smith, Ph.D., and Volunteer of the Year Jimmy Haynes.

# BHI announces rolls

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**Eighth grade Honor roll**

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Hannah Le Ann Danielle Brown, Peter Dinh Bui, Alondra Maria Cahue, Gerardo Alberto Campos, Maria

CCISD's Volunteer of the Year is known on campus as "Mr. Jimmy." Haynes has volunteered at Wedgewood Elementary for 17 years. His wife, Chris, is also a teacher at the school located in Friendswood. Haynes helped create the school's Discovery Garden in 2009. He is also very involved in helping create a Dino Dig for students every year.

Ed White Elementary won the Campus Champion Award for having the highest volunteer hours per student. The theme for this year's breakfast celebration was *CCISD Adventure!* Every table spotlighted a different CCISD program such as fine arts, math, culinary arts or athletics, and how the community contributes to the success of each program.

The program was dedicated to Dr. William King, a volunteer who mentored at-risk students at Clear Brook High School.

King passed away in June 2009. Among his many invaluable contributions, King directed *Possibilities*, a self-esteem and career awareness program at Clear Brook High School.

"Dr. King had a beautifully positive disposition and outlook, and he passed that optimism on to at-risk students, instilling in them the belief that they can succeed and go to college," said Smith. King's widow, Rose Marie King, and their three sons were present at the special CCISD tribute.

# Gonzalez marks 15th birthday

**Claudia Bianca Gonzalez, daughter of Gabriel V. and Diane Cumpian Gonzalez of South Belt, will celebrate her 15th birthday Monday, May 24, 2010. She is in the ninth grade at J. Frank Dobie High School and is on the Dobie Lassos dance team, and a member of the basketball team. Her mother and father both attended Dobie. Gonzalez is the granddaughter of Tom and Lydia Cumpian of Sycamore Valley and Victor and the late Helen Gonzalez of Sagemont. Her brother, Jaylen, attends South Belt Elementary.**



# Leadership skills class at UHCL

Strategic Utilization of Leadership Skills will be held May 26-27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bayou Building at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston.

Designed for anyone in a leadership role, this course focuses on creating an inspiring work environment and helps empower employees to take initiative and make decisions. No prerequisite is

required.

Course fee is \$675 per person for the two-day seminar, with a \$50 discount for each additional participant from the same organization.

To register, visit [www.uhcl.edu/camp](http://www.uhcl.edu/camp), call UHCL's Center for Advanced Management Programs at 281-283-3133 or 281-283-3121, or e-mail [camp@uhcl.edu](mailto:camp@uhcl.edu).

# Lions Club meets May 25

The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway.

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

# San Jacinto to start new maritime program for fall

San Jacinto College is expanding its International Business and Logistics training with the introduction of a new maritime program.

The new program will offer classes at the North campus beginning in the fall 2010 term, which begins Aug. 24.

Two maritime course options will be available – a one-year occupational certificate option and a two-year associate degree plan.

The college is launching the maritime program due to high demand for maritime employees. "According to the industry, there are not enough qualified applicants entering into the maritime employment pool, and there is an urgent need for younger, educated applicants," commented Phillip Cohen, IBUS instructor at the North campus. "The maritime industry is facing the same retiring boomer generation other industries are facing, and it needs a new educated workforce pipeline."

The Port of Houston's Bayport Container Terminal is expected to increase the need for these trained maritime workers. "Bayport will play a vital role in the growth of the Port of Houston because 90 percent of all cargo arriving in Houston is transported by container ships," Cohen remarked. "And with the expansion of the Panama Canal, larger ships with increased cargo capacity will utilize the Port of Houston and the new container terminal."

Graduates of the new maritime program will acquire knowledge to prepare them for work in technical port and business operations including port and shipping logistics, warehousing/storage/transportation (both land and sea), distribution, import and export operations, port and terminal operations,

cargo handling, security, and management.

Maritime jobs available to graduates (with beginning annual salaries ranging from \$23,000 to \$40,000) include import specialists, freight forwarders, export specialists, shipping agents, freight, logistics coordinators, customs agents, and warehouse and traffic managers.

SJC is collaborating with the Port of Houston service companies to set up internship programs to provide students with work opportunities while attending classes in order to gain valuable hands-on experience in maritime jobs.

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# SJCS hosts Share Your Hair for Locks of Love

One week and 40 pony-tails later, the San Jacinto College South cosmetology department was able to donate more than 400 inches of hair to the Locks of Love organization.

The week-long Share Your Hair event, from April 12-17, attracted generous donations from clients from across the Houston area willing to receive a free haircut in exchange for their discarded hair.

Many clients, like Pasadena resident Ernest Bureau, shared personal stories of loved ones who have suffered through medical hair loss due to life-threatening illnesses. Bureau's wife, Shelena, underwent treatment for lung cancer in 2007 and is currently battling bone cancer.

"My original plan was to do this for children with cancer and to help them feel a little better about themselves – give them one less thing to worry about," said Bureau. "But when my wife was diagnosed with cancer, that gave me even more incentive to do this."

Bureau said Share Your Hair provided the perfect opportunity to fulfill the promise he made to himself and his wife of 14 years. "She'll be glad to see it go," he said. "She's behind me 100 percent, and I can't wait to go home and show her."

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Cosmetology instructor Pandora Freestone said the clients, who donated their hair as a way of honoring family members and giving back to the community, taught the cosmetology students a valuable lesson.

"When we began planning for this week, we thought about how this would impact children with illness and medical hair loss," said Freestone. "But what we didn't realize was what this gives to people like Ernest, empowering them to

make a difference. Cosmetology is a business, but this week taught us that we can also help people through our services."

Locks of Love is a public nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to finan-

cially disadvantaged children under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis in the United States and Canada.

For information about SJC, visit [www.sanjac.edu](http://www.sanjac.edu).



Pictured from left to right, Ernest Bureau of Pasadena gets 10 inches of hair cut off by cosmetology student Crystal Barboza and instructor Pandora Freestone at the San Jac South campus. Bureau's hair was recently donated to Locks of Love during the cosmetology department's Share Your Hair event.

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## Cinco de Mayo at Meador



Meador Elementary bilingual prekindergarten and kindergarten celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a parade. The students wore colorful Cinco de Mayo attire and played maracas and sang traditional songs to honor their heritage. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Diego Torres, Carlos Reyes, Ruth Roman, Sebastian Azaldegui, Joel Galvan, (back row) Assistant Principal Beverly Bolton and Principal Darlene Davis.

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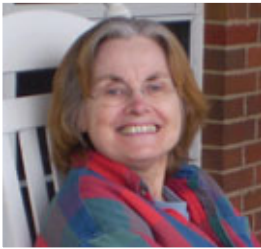
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## Atkinson students participate in Get Fit Jog

The Pasadena Independent School District's annual Get Fit Jog was held recently at Veteran's Memorial Stadium. Twenty-five third- and fourth-graders from Atkinson Elementary participated in the event.

To be eligible to participate, students had to log 40 miles

or more during their school Get Fit Jog clubs over the past school year.

Third-graders ran a course that was a little more than a mile, and the fourth-graders ran a 2.3 mile course.

Each student who participated in the event received a

Get Fit Jog T-shirt and will receive a certificate at the end of the year.

The results (top 35 students only) from the race are: third-grader Alana Ortega finished 23rd; fourth-grader Paul Ontiveros, 25th; and fourth-grader Daniel Sepulveda, 28th.



Atkinson's Get Fit Jog third-grade participants are, left to right, (front row) Monica Borri, Kevin Galvan, Alana Ortega, Alyssa Carrico, (middle row) Elizabeth Early, Victoria Hyams, Terry Grantham, Michael Oko, (back row) Daniel Saiz, Eric Escobedo, Lauryn Locksey, Luis Vasquez and Matthew Dobbs.



Atkinson's Get Fit Jog fourth-grade participants are, left to right, (front row) Paul Ontiveros, Erasmo Carlos, Louis Ayala, (middle row) Damontre Blacknell, Vicente Trevino, Robert Flores, Daniel Sepulveda, (back row) Samantha Merrill, Alexis Osos, Pedro Alba, Abraham Alanis and Christian Ponce.

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More than three weeks of spring football workouts will culminate with competitive scrimmage games for the Clear Brook and Dobie football programs.

Wolverines' head coach

Paul Lanier, who will enter his fourth season this fall, will lead the Clear Brook program during the annual spring games Tuesday, May 25, at Veteran's Memorial Stadium in League City.

The freshman teams will compete at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity/junior varsity game at 6 p.m.

The Wolverines are working to reload the varsity program as upcoming

graduation will take its biggest toll on the offensive and defensive fronts along with the offensive backfield.

Clear Brook did not make the playoffs at the varsity level but did excel

in the subvarsity divisions a season ago.

At Dobie, head coach Jim Phillips is excited to finally be on the field after taking over the Longhorns' program in the offseason.

Phillips is trying to rebuild a varsity program that has been particularly impressed with the Longhorns' stable of running backs.

"The guys have been working hard for us. The effort has been there. So far, I'm very pleased with where we are."

Dobie's spring game series is Thursday, May 27, at Dobie High School. The freshman game is at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity/junior varsity game at 6 p.m.

The respective games will include four 12-minute quarters with a continuously running clock.

The Dobie High School football club will be selling barbecue plates beginning at 4:30 p.m. The plates are \$7 each.

"There's a lot of excitement around here for football," said Phillips. "I have seen a lot of athletes who can get the job done."

After the spring games, the programs at Clear Brook and Dobie will take a break until summer workouts are

eligible to begin Monday, Aug. 9.

## Champion Brook controls 24-5A softball picks

### Catcher Fichtner gets MVP nod

District 24-5A champion Clear Brook was the big winner as the league's coaches released the annual all-district selections.

Senior catcher Molly Fichtner was named the district's Most Valuable Player, and Ashley Pillow of Clear Brook took home Coach of the Year accolades after leading the team to a 13-2 record.

Four other Lady Wolverines were handed first-team nods, and two others were members of the second team. Two more Brook players made the honorable mention list.

The 2010 season did not end as well as the Lady Wolverines would have liked. The team dumped Fort Bend Travis in the bi-district round but then lost

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Clear Brook High School varsity softball coach Ashley Pillow (left) and shortstop Bridgette Begle, shown here in the 24-5A title game against Alvin, both drew honors as the 24-5A coaches made all-district selections. Pillow was named coach of the year, and Begle was named as the first-team shortstop.

Photo by Al Carter

## Beverly Hills wins PISD Cup crown



During a surprise award presentation May 18, students in the Beverly Hills Intermediate athletics department found out they had won the Pasadena Independent School District Cup for the 2009-2010 school year. The district's athletic department designed the award to recognize schools for their athletic performance in each of the available team sports, including football, volleyball and boys' and girls' basketball, cross country and track and field. In winning the

award, the Bears unseated 2008-2009 winner Bondy. Those attending the award ceremony in the school gymnasium in front of the students included, left to right, Ben Portis (boys' coach), Alyta Harrell (Beverly Hills principal), Mike Stephens (PISD athletic director), Rodney Chant (PISD assistant athletic director), Crystal Lilly (girls' coach), Toni Boise (girls' coach) and Kenny Davidson (boys' coach). For a look at the final standings, see Page 3B.

## Dobie senior Owens makes all-star basketball

Dobie High School senior Randy Owens represented the Longhorns' basketball program as a member of the Houston Area Basketball Coaches Association all-star teams.

Owens was one of 48 players selected to compete among four teams as part of the two-game all-star series May 7 at Kingwood Park High School.

The special event, hosted

by the HABCA each year, also featured dunk and 3-point shooting contests.

Owens, a three-time all-district performer for the Longhorns, scored four points, pulled down five rebounds and blocked three shots in the game he played in.

During the regular season, Dobie helped guide the Longhorns to a fourth-place finish in the District 22-5A



Randy Owens

standings. The team lost to Dulles in the area round.

Two deserving players were also awarded the Scott Talton Memorial Scholarship during the festivities. The winners were John Macalla of Langham Creek and Colin Huseman of Kingwood.

Talton, the longtime varsity boys' coach at Dobie, died in February 2009, just months after retiring.

## San Jac baseball back to nationals



The San Jacinto College baseball team celebrates winning the Region XIV tournament, which comes with a berth at the National Junior College Athletic Association's Alpine Bank JUCO World Series May 29 through June 5 in Grand Junction, Colo. The Gators defeated Blinn 6-2 in the regional tournament

title game to earn a shot at the national crown. The Gators, ranked No. 1 in the nation at 48-10, will make the college's 21st overall appearance at the World Series. For more on San Jacinto's run to nationals, see Page 3B.

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# Local sports news, notes

## Important Dobie tennis events set

Dobie High School head tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. has announced plans for two more important events this month. The first is Longhorn exes matches, which will be held Saturday, May 22, at the school. All former Dobie High School varsity tennis players are invited to attend the event, which will begin at 9 a.m. Moreno has also announced varsity tryout dates for the 2010-2011 season, which will be held in May for the first time. The tryout dates are set for Thursday and Friday, May 20-21, beginning at 3 p.m. each day. All youth players from either Beverly Hills or Thompson who believe they have a legitimate chance to make the varsity team are invited to attend.

## JFD senior picnic/powder puff

Plans for Dobie High School's senior powder puff and picnic event to celebrate upcoming graduation are ongoing. The date for the powder puff/picnic event has been tentatively set for Thursday, June 3, at El Franco Lee Park. The public is invited to attend the senior powder puff game from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on the Sagemont Cowboys game field near the back of the park. Tickets are \$3 each for the game, but only seniors are allowed to attend the picnic that follows from 3 to 6 p.m. Organizers are still seeking donations of food and big-ticket prizes as well as funds for commemorative T-shirts. Those wishing to assist may call volunteer coordinators Alicia Gonzales at 281-630-5176 or Jessica Cordero at 832-275-3188.

## Thompson hoops camp coming

Members of the Thompson Intermediate coaching staff will host a boys' and girls' basketball camp June 14-18 in the school gymnasium from 9 to 11 a.m. each day. Students who will enter the fifth through eighth grades as of the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to attend. Cost of the camp is \$25 cash. The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide insurance coverage for students taking part in summer camps, so parents will be responsible for any medical expenses incurred during the event. For more information, parents may direct e-mail to John Fowler at JoFowler@pasadenaisd.org.

## Thompson volleyball camp set

Members of the Thompson Intermediate coaching staff will host a volleyball camp June 7-9 in the school gymnasium from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each day. Students entering the sixth through eighth grades are eligible to attend the camp. Cost of the camp is \$20 cash. The staff will emphasize the fundamentals of the sport, including hitting, passing, blocking, setting, serving, digging and more. The fee includes a camp T-shirt and the chance to win individual awards for outstanding achievement. The Pasadena Independent School District does not provide insurance coverage for students taking part in summer camps, so parents will be responsible for any medical expenses incurred during the event. For more information, call 713-740-0510.

## Brook soccer coach benefit

The Clear Brook High School soccer program will host a benefit car wash to help raise funds for the two-month-old twin children of Lady Wolverines' varsity soccer coach Jeff Brewer and his wife, Kim, who is also a teacher at the school. The car wash is set for Saturday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Gateway Church, located at 760 Clear Lake City Blvd. The Brewers' children were born prematurely and have been undergoing medical care at Houston-area hospitals.

## SBGSA 14-U all-stars seek players

The 14-under South Belt Girls Softball Association squad is seeking an additional pitcher and catcher to take part in tournaments later this spring and summer. The team plans to compete in numerous events, including the Houston Amateur Softball Association championships. Those interested are asked to call Lisa Castellano at 713-202-8916.

## LSA tennis camp coming

The Lutheran South Academy Tennis Camp presents a great opportunity for fifth- through 12th-grade athletes a chance to improve and refine their skills, no matter their current skill level. Instructors will introduce the game of tennis to those who wish to start playing for the first time, and instructors will also work with more experienced players on sharpening their current physical and mental skills on the court. There will be two sessions, including June 1-4 and July 12-15, both to be held at the tennis courts located at San Jacinto College South on Beamer. The sessions will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$75 per session or \$100 per student for both sessions. For more information, call Lutheran South Academy at 281-464-8299 or visit the school Web site at www.lutheransouth.org.

## Lutheran South summer conditioning

Lutheran South Academy will offer a strength and conditioning camp beginning in June for students in the South Belt area. The LSA Summer Pride Camp will run from June 7 through July 22. The summer strength and conditioning camp will be conducted at Lutheran South Academy four days per week (Monday through Thursday). High school boys and all runners may attend from 7:30 to 9 a.m., and high school girls may attend from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. Middle school boys and girls may attend from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$100 per athlete, and the sessions are open to any area athletes. Lutheran South is located at 12555 Ryewater Drive, off Dixie Farm Road. Registration, fees, and more details can be found at www.lutheransouth.org or by calling the school at 281-464-8299.

## Clear Brook softball camp coming June 14-17

Clear Brook High School head softball coach Ashley Pillow and her staff will host the Lady Wolverines' summer camp for youths June 14-17 at the school. Participants will gain instruction on the fundamentals of the game and will also take part in a scrimmage. The sessions will include conditioning work and a post-workout lecture. Participants will also be eligible to earn certificates for outstanding effort. The first session, from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is open to those entering the first through fifth grades as of next school year. The 1 to 4 p.m. session is for those entering the sixth through ninth grades. For more information, call Pillow at 713-417-2263 or direct e-mail to pillowashley@gmail.com.

## LSA to host volleyball camp

Lutheran South Academy will host two volleyball camp sessions running June 7-10. The morning session is open to incoming fifth and sixth-grade students. The sessions will run from 8 to 11 a.m. June 7-9 and from 8 a.m. to noon June 10. The afternoon session is open to those entering the seventh and eighth grades. The session will go from 1 to 4 p.m. June 7-9 and from 1 to 5 p.m. June 10. Both sessions will be held at Lutheran South Academy and is \$75 per student. For more information and to register, call the school office at 281-464-8299 or visit the LSA Web site at www.lutheransouth.org.

## Lutheran South sets baseball camp

Lutheran South Academy will host a baseball camp June 7-10 for students entering the first through eighth grades as of the 2010-2011 school year. The Pioneers' camp is designed to give baseball players at any level individual instruction on pitching, fielding and hitting. The camp will be held at the Lutheran South baseball fields from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$75 per participant. For more information and to register, call Lutheran South Academy at 281-464-8299 or visit the school's Web site at www.lutheransouth.org.

## Brook girls' hoops camp coming

Clear Brook varsity girls' head basketball coach Blair Redmon and her staff will host the Lady Wolverines' summer basketball camp June 7-10 at the school. Students entering the third through ninth grades are eligible to attend from 8 to 11 a.m., and students entering the 10th through 12th grades may attend from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$85 per student prior to or on June 1 and \$100 thereafter. For more information, direct e-mail to Redmon at bredmon@ccisd.net.

## Brook boys' hoops camp set

Clear Brook varsity boys' head basketball coach Jason Pillow and his staff will host the Wolverines' summer basketball camp June 14-18 at the school. Incoming first through sixth-grade students will be able to attend from 9 to 11 a.m., and incoming seventh- through ninth-grade students will attend from noon to 3 p.m. For more information about the camp, call Pillow at 281-284-2163 or direct e-mail to jpillow@ccisd.net

## Clear Brook volleyball camp on the way

Clear Brook varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson will host the Lady Wolverines' volleyball camp July 26-29. Students entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to attend. For more information, direct e-mail to brookvball@yahoo.com.

## Pasadena ISD intermediate boys' track and field

# Lions' 7s, Beverly Hills 8s grab crowns

At the end of one of the most thrilling Pasadena Independent School District intermediate boys' track and field seasons, the Beverly Hills Bears and Thompson Lions stood tall.

In the eighth-grade division, the Bears scored 120 points to hold off second-place Queens, which scored 111. The Thompson boys were ninth with 24 points.

The seventh-grade boys' meet was even tighter, as Thompson came through with a rousing team win, earning 147 points to beat the Bears, who were second with 139 points.

**Lions' 7s pull off win**  
Battling Beverly Hills for supremacy the entire season, the Lions' seventh-grade unit performed at its best with the district championship on the line.

The Lions got the job done by scoring well in many of the events.

The points began to come in quickly for Thompson as Xavier Dotson, Damian Smith, Keion Patterson and Gerron Hall combined for second place in the 4x100-meter relay in a time of 50.27 seconds.

Julian Coronado (second at 2 minutes, 29.79 seconds) and Robert Saenz (third at 2:24.37) helped out the Lions' cause in the 800-meter run.

Smith delivered an individual gold medal in the 100-meter hurdles as he won the event in a time of 15.20. Teammate D'Andre Jackson scored a point for his sixth-place finish in the 100-meter dash at 12.90.

The Lions were sixth in the 4x200-meter relay at 1:55.07 as Coronado, Dotson, Ty Lozano and Cedric Horton were the foursome.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Hall was the district's best for much of the season, and he proved it again at the championships, winning the

event in a time of 46.22. Dotson and Xavier Brown tallied key points for the Lions in the 200-meter dash. Dotson's time of 26.46 was third, and Brown was fourth at 26.61.

The Lions were better in the 4x400-meter relay as they took third place in a time of 4:10.60. That team included Coronado, Smith, Lozano and Hall.

Saenz came back in the 1,600-meter run to place fourth at 5:34.65, and teammate Jacob Cardenas placed sixth in a time of 5:38.55.

The Lions scored big with three athletes in the top six of the high jump. Hall won his second championship of the meet as he cleared 5 feet, and Smith was fourth at 4-10. Brown's leap of 4-8 placed him sixth. Jackson, taking part in the long jump, was fourth for the Lions at 16-8.

The Lions' Nevarez claimed the PISD title in the pole vault as he cleared 8 feet on the fewest attempts among the competitors.

Thompson also did well in the triple jump, with Jackson third (33-9 1/2) and Nevarez fourth (32-5).

In the discus, the Lions were solid as Patterson won the championship with a throw of 115-5. Lozano's heave of 94-9 placed him third overall.

Thompson got great efforts from Jesus Garza and Patterson in the shot put. Garza's throw of 39-7 was second, and Patterson placed third at 38-7.

**Bears' 8s are champions**

The Bears' eighth-grade team scored 120 points to hold off Queens for the championship. In the end, it was the Bears' overall team effort that made the difference.

Beverly Hills came up with a big win for 20 points in the 4x200-meter relay as Victor Castillo and Gerry

Blacknell teamed with Giovanni Wade and Ben Scott for a time of 1:40.46.

The Bears also got 20 points for winning the 4x400-meter relay in a time of 3:52.18 as Castillo, Josh Sutton, Mario Ramirez and Carnezz Gant represented the team.

Gant had a hand in the win as an individual as well as his time of 24.27 was good enough for the title in the 200-meter dash.

Wade won a district title in the triple jump as he cleared 37-7 for the victory. Teammate Daryl Edwards placed fifth as he cleared 35-8.

Beverly Hills placed second in the 4x100-meter relay in a time of 47.75 with Gant, Scott, Ramirez and Wade making up the team.

In the 100-meter dash, the Bears scored key points with three runners in the top four. Marlon Jackson's effort of 16.83 was second-best, and Blacknell (17.21) and Sutton (17.61) were third and fourth, respectively.

In the 400-meter dash, Blacknell's time of 1:09.11 was sixth-best. Ramirez (second at 45.67) and Jackson (fifth at 47.17) helped the team in the 300-meter hurdles.

The Bears' Martin Cruz won a pair of bronze medals for third-place finishes in the weights.

In the shot, Cruz had a throw of 42-2. His best throw in the discus was 98-11. Teammate Kendrick Allen was sixth in the shot with a top effort of 40-3.

## BHI 7s take second

Winning all three relay events, the Bears' seventh-grade team went down to the wire before taking second place with 139 points.

Each win in the relays gave the Bears 20 points. The team got its first win in

In the 100-meter dash, Hawkins claimed the sixth spot with her time of 14.36. Morena at 1:07.14 and Jackie Oden-Peace at 1:09.62 ran well in the 400-meter dash as Morena was second and Oden-Peace fourth, respectively.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Nguyen's time of 58.24 gave her fifth place, and Jackie Villareal was sixth at 58.97.

Erica Romero was the Lady Bears' entry in the 1,600-meter run, and she ran well in taking third place with a time of 6:21.37.

Hawkins was fifth in the high jump after clearing 3 feet, 10 inches, and Nunez's leap of 26-9 placed her fourth in the triple jump.

**Thompson 7s are fifth**  
The Lady Lions' seventh-grade team was fifth in the team standings.

The team scored well during the first-day field events.

Monica Ploucha was the champion of the high jump as she made her way over the 4-6 mark.

In the shot put, the Lady

the 4x100-meter relay in a time of 49.38 as Joe Gonzalez, Darius Simmons, Chris Washington and Maurice McMorris blazed to the victory.

The same four athletes combined for the Bears in the 4x200-meter relay, winning the event in a time of 1:44.07.

Beverly Hills also won the 4x400-meter relay in a time of 3:59.48 as Gonzalez, Eloy Garcia, Robert Andrade and McMorris represented the school.

Maurice Hightower won the Bears' other district championship as his throw of 41-3 in the shot put was best of the group. Teammate Shakim Anthony was sixth in the same event at 35-7.

The Bears came up with a handful of second-place finishes and other top sixes to stay close.

Anthony's throw of 95-7 was second in the discus, and teammate Kevin McDonald was sixth with a throw of 88-4.

Rudolfo Jimenez was second in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:26.91. In the long jump, Rashawn Taylor completed an effort of 17-1 1/2 for second. Gonzalez was second in the triple jump, making his way to the 34-2 mark in the event.

Washington was in the mix for the title in the 100-meter dash but was eventually second at 12.54. In the 400-meter dash, Thomas Errington placed third in a time of 1:00.55.

Errington was also second in the 100-meter hurdles as he crossed the finish line in a time of 16.75. In the 800-meter run, Jimenez's time of 2:28.43 was fifth-best, and Quinton Boling (2:29.21) was sixth.

In the 300-meter hurdles, the Bears' Garcia was fourth in a time of 50.04.

Lions' Patrice Jackson was sixth with a throw of 22-4.

Emily Wolfe's leap of 26-6 in the triple jump gave her sixth place.

The Lady Lions also competed well in the running events.

Wolfe was the winner of the 100-meter hurdles as she came through with a time of 18.88.

In the 100-meter dash, Wolfe's time of 14.00 was good enough for second place, and Valerie Colunga was fourth at 14.15.

Colunga, Tia Joseph, DeSha Harrison and Wolfe made up the foursome in the 4x100-meter relay as Thompson was third at 55.94.

In the 200-meter dash, a time of 29.39 placed Ploucha fifth.

**Thompson 8s run well**

The Lady Lions' eighth-grade team scored 10 points in the meet, largely on the strength of a pair of relay scores.

Thompson's 4x200-meter relay team of Maria Flores, Melissa Joseph, Ka-

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**Lions 8s compete well**  
The Lions' eighth-grade team did not score well as a team with 24 points, but the Lions delivered a couple of individual titles nonetheless.

Rommel Garcia's throw of 104-88 was easily the best of the meet in the discus competition. In the 100-meter dash,

the Lions' Darien Childs was the winner as he came to the finish line in a time of 15.36.

The Lions' foursome of Ahmad Neal, Carlos Amaro, Joe Lopez and Terrance Chevalier was sixth in the 4x400-meter relay in a time of 4:06.30. Chevalier's time of 12.15 was fifth in the 100-meter dash.

## Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League Standings

As of May 19 on league Web site

| Junior/Senior Division |    |    |   |
|------------------------|----|----|---|
| Team                   | W  | L  | T |
| Yankees                | 11 | 2  | 0 |
| Braves                 | 10 | 2  | 0 |
| Astros                 | 10 | 4  | 0 |
| Diamond Backs          | 4  | 7  | 0 |
| Cardinals              | 4  | 8  | 0 |
| Rangers                | 3  | 11 | 0 |
| Red Sox                | 1  | 9  | 0 |

| Major Division |    |    |   |
|----------------|----|----|---|
| Team           | W  | L  | T |
| Astros         | 14 | 2  | 1 |
| Cardinals      | 11 | 3  | 1 |
| Diamond Backs  | 10 | 4  | 1 |
| Blue Jays      | 8  | 6  | 2 |
| Red Sox        | 6  | 9  | 2 |
| Braves         | 5  | 10 | 1 |
| Yankees        | 3  | 13 | 0 |
| Rangers        | 3  | 13 | 0 |

| Minor Division |    |    |   |
|----------------|----|----|---|
| Team           | W  | L  | T |
| Rangers        | 12 | 2  | 1 |
| Diamond Backs  | 12 | 3  | 0 |
| Braves         | 12 | 4  | 0 |
| Astros         | 9  | 5  | 1 |
| Blue Jays      | 6  | 9  | 1 |
| Cubs           | 5  | 8  | 2 |
| Phillies       | 5  | 10 | 0 |
| Cardinals      | 4  | 9  | 2 |
| Yankees        | 4  | 11 | 0 |
| Red Sox        | 3  | 11 | 1 |

| PeeWee Division |    |    |   |
|-----------------|----|----|---|
| Team            | W  | L  | T |
| Diamond Backs   | 12 | 2  | 0 |
| Astros          | 11 | 3  | 0 |
| Cubs            | 10 | 4  | 0 |
| Phillies        | 7  | 5  | 2 |
| Tigers          | 5  | 8  | 1 |
| Blue Jays       | 4  | 8  | 1 |
| Rangers         | 2  | 10 | 1 |
| Yankees         | 1  | 12 | 1 |

| Machine Pitch Division |    |    |   |
|------------------------|----|----|---|
| Team                   | W  | L  | T |
| Mets                   | 13 | 1  | 1 |
| Cardinals              | 13 | 2  | 0 |
| Rangers                | 8  | 6  | 0 |
| Blue Jays              | 8  | 6  | 0 |
| Red Sox                | 8  | 7  | 0 |
| Cubs                   | 7  | 7  | 0 |
| Braves                 | 6  | 8  | 1 |
| Diamond Backs          | 4  | 10 | 0 |
| Astros                 | 2  | 10 | 2 |
| Yankees                | 1  | 13 | 1 |

| T-Ball Division |    |    |   |
|-----------------|----|----|---|
| Team            | W  | L  | T |
| Reds            | 13 | 0  | 0 |
| Yankees         | 11 | 2  | 0 |
| Diamond Backs   | 10 | 2  | 1 |
| Phillies        | 9  | 3  | 1 |
| Cubs            | 8  | 5  | 0 |
| Astros          | 8  | 5  | 0 |
| Red Sox         | 7  | 5  | 1 |
| Blue Jays       | 5  | 8  | 0 |
| White Sox       | 4  | 8  | 1 |
| Braves          | 4  | 9  | 0 |
| Rangers         | 4  | 9  | 0 |
| Cardinals       | 3  | 10 | 0 |
| Mets            | 3  | 10 | 0 |
| Tigers          | 0  | 13 | 0 |

## Lady Bears take third place twice

## Thompson 7s place fifth

The intermediate track and field season ended on a successful note for the Beverly Hills teams, which took third place in both grade divisions at the Pasadena Independent School District championships May 12-13 at Auxiliary Stadium.

Thompson, one of the 10 schools competing in the event, had a little more difficult time scoring. The Lady Lions' seventh-grade team collected 48 points for fifth place. The school's eighth-grade team was 10th with six points.

Relay teams and individuals were awarded points based on their order of finish in the top six spots. Those finishing seventh or lower at district did not score.

**BHI 8s are third**

In a tight race for the team championship, Beverly Hills wound up third in the seventh-grade division with 108 points.

Miller won the crown

with 118 points, and Bondy was second with 110 points.

The Lady Bears started the running events in fine form with a win in the 4x100-meter relay as Clarissa Morena, Alona Turner, Mary Hawkins and Tyreasha Williams combined for a time of 55 seconds.

Williams later became the champion of the 200-meter dash as she came to the finish line in a time of 27.63.

The Lady Bears were second in the 4x200-meter relay in a time of 1 minute, 57.96 seconds as Mikayla Garry teamed with Turner, Williams and Hawkins.

At the 4x400-meter distance, Garry, Malyn Nunez, Morena and Oden-Peace represented Beverly Hills as the team placed second in a time of 4:43.81.

Deseray Cabrales was second in a time of 2:51.88 in the 800-meter run, and Tina Nguyen was second at 20.43 in the 100-meter hurdles. In the same event, the Lady Bears' Virginia Soto was fifth in a time of 20.75.

## 10-under Horns second in Kingwood



The South Belt Horns 10-under select baseball team finished second at the May Mayhem tournament in Kingwood after coming through with three wins in four games. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Alex, Perez, Seth Barber, Michael Villar-

eal, Jose Esparaza, Alex Aariaga, (middle row) Matthew Morales, David Amaya, Michael Avila, Andre Aariaga, Jonathan Saldana, (back row) assistant coach Art Perez, head coach Joe Saldana and manager Alex Aariaga.



# BHI, Thompson fare well at track event

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ressa Whitely and Shaylynn Scott placed fifth in the 4x200-meter relay in a time of 2:02.45.  
The Lady Lions' 4x100-meter relay team of Destiny Blockman, Flores, Joseph and Whitely earned sixth place with a time of 56.92.  
**BHI 8s take third**  
Beverly Hills' eighth-grade team put together a solid effort to place second in the division with 94 points. Bondy was the easy winner after scoring 149 points.  
The Lady Bears were second in the 4x100-meter relay as the foursome comprised Roslynn Johnson, Marquette Johnson, Lourdes Zavaleta and Yvonne Molina. The team's time was 55.30.  
The Lady Bears also received key points in other events. Amber Nguyen was fifth in a time of 2:50.26, and Zavaleta was fifth in the 100-meter dash at 13.69.  
In the 400-meter dash, Kayla Dokhani won a bronze medal for her third-place time of 1:09.06.  
The Lady Bears were second in the 4x200-meter relay as Kaneesha Williams and Molina teamed with Johnson and Emily Sargent in a time of 1:57.26.  
The Lady Bears were second in the 4x400-meter relay as Dokhani, Sargent, Mikaela Guevara and Molina teamed for a time of 4:34.99.  
Williams also ran well in the 200-meter dash, eventually taking fourth place in a time of 29.53.  
In the 1,600-meter run, the Lady Bears' Mikaela Guevara (6:23.96) and Brianna Guevara (6:24.35) were third and fourth, respectively. In the triple jump, Nguyen was fourth as she leaped to the 28-10 mark.  
Valerie Baez was fourth in the discus event with a throw of 65-8 1/2.  
Beverly Hills' Tessa Somdah was fourth in the shot put as her top throw was at 28-10.

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| <b>PISD Cup</b>                     |                         |  |  |
| <b>Final Intermediate Standings</b> |                         |  |  |
| <b>Beverly Hills 193</b>            | <b>Southmore 138.5</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Bondy 179.5</b>                  | <b>Queens 123</b>       |  |  |
| <b>Miller 150.5</b>                 | <b>Park View 114.5</b>  |  |  |
| <b>San Jacinto 148.5</b>            | <b>South Houston 85</b> |  |  |
| <b>Thompson 141</b>                 | <b>Jackson 62</b>       |  |  |

**For the second straight year, Beverly Hills has won the Pasadena Independent School District's top athletic award. Sports included in the competition are football, volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, cross country and track and field.**

# San Jacinto College VB players advance



Five San Jacinto College volleyball players will continue their volleyball and educational careers this fall at a variety of colleges across the country after signing letters of intent. The players gathered with their family members during a signing celebration. Those in attendance included, left to right, (front row) Brittney Wood (player), Holly Moreno (player), Christie

Dorch (player), (back row) Nadejda Ivanova (player), San Jacinto College head coach Sharon Nelson, Carol Wood (Brittney Wood's mother), Rudy Moreno (Holly Moreno's father), Diana Moreno (Holly Moreno's mother), George Dorch (Christie Dorch's father) and Moana Masaniai (player).

Photo by Rob Vanya

# Dobie's Senegal chooses Southern University



In top photo, Dobie High School varsity softball player Shelby Senegal (seated center) will continue her education and playing career at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., after signing a letter of intent with the Jaguars. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Joe Senegal (father), Demetria Senegal (mother), (middle row) Chris Swinnen (Dobie varsity assistant coach), Carmela Swinnen (Dobie junior varsity coach), B.J. Senegal (brother), Jordan Williams (cousin), Sandy Hill (aunt), Robin Rackley (Dobie varsity head coach), (back row) Carlos Morgan (hitting coach), Adley Senegal (grandfather), Andrea Williams (aunt), Darren Williams (uncle) and Steve Jamail (Dobie principal).

At right, Dobie High School's Shelby Senegal is shown with her select softball coach Albert Ramirez, who played a vital role in helping Senegal develop as a young player and eventually make her way to the collegiate level. Senegal played in the outfield at Dobie, but she is also being considered as an infielder when she begins her playing career at Southern University.



# SJC baseball squad headed to nationals a 21st time

The nation's top-ranked team, San Jacinto College, was on top of its game on one of the most important days of the season as the team downed Blinn 6-2 to claim the Region XIV championship May 1 in Mount Pleasant.  
With the tournament title, San Jacinto earned a berth in the Alpine Bank JUCO World Series, to be played May 29 through June 5 in Grand Junction, Colo.  
San Jacinto, ranked

No. 1 nationally, emerged as the undefeated conference champions, winning four straight games in four straight days, while outscoring its opponents 36-11.  
In the regional championship game, played at Northeast Texas Community College, pitcher Miguel Peña qualified for the win, hurling six innings, allowing a run on five hits.  
Mark Herrera and Clay Schrader provided three innings of solid relief pitching

to seal the victory for the locals.  
Clutch hitting came from catcher Ryan Hornback, who smashed an RBI double off the center field wall in the third inning, and from second baseman Zachry Benson, who blistered a single to left field in the sixth inning and scored the sixth and final run when a double steal caused an errant throw from Blinn's catcher.  
Head Coach Tom Arrington was pleased with

the team's hustle and focus throughout the regional tournament, and particularly with the consistent offensive production.  
"When the regular season ended, the guys spent a lot of extra time in the batting cages, working in the cages until midnight and later on some nights," he said.  
"They put in a lot of extra work to prepare for the tournament, and the extra work really paid off."

Arrington is in his 10th season at the helm of the San Jacinto program, and will make his seventh appearance in the world series.  
San Jacinto (48-10) will face State College of Florida in the first round of the series on Saturday, May 29 at noon.  
This marks the school's 21st appearance in the JUCO World Series. San Jacinto has won five national titles and been national runner up on six occasions.

# South Belt 10-under stars place first

The South Belt Girls Softball Association 10-under all-star team claimed first place in the League City Crawfish Classic, going undefeated in the team's first tournament of the season. Members of the team are, left to right, (sitting) Kendall Gothard, Breana August, (front row) Jacquelyne Garcia, Gabriela Rojas, Celeste Ontiveros, Celina Saenz, Hayley Garcia, (middle row) Kimberly Ontiveros, Michelle Kristoff, Yasmine Myers, Emily Perez, (back row) head coach Bobby Kristoff, and assistant coaches Chris Ontiveros and Ravi Saenz.

Submitted photo



# Local hoopster makes school history



Clear Springs High School varsity basketball player Morgan Kilgore (seated center) signed a letter of intent to continue her education and playing career at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, becoming the first-ever player from the high school to earn a basketball scholarship. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Marcette Kilgore

(mother and Clear Brook High School Dean of Instruction), Rex Kilgore (father), (middle row) Ginger Hartman (Springs assistant coach), Pam Crawford (Springs head coach), Brandilyn Tolopka (Springs assistant coach), (back row) Alex Rodriguez (select team coach), John Hornik (Springs assistant coach and Mike Rogers (select team coach).

# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, MAY 20**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.  
Noon  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered.  
**Al-Anon** - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.  
5:30 p.m.  
**Texas German Society, South Belt (Southeast) Chapter** - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of the immigrants in early German settlements in Texas. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.  
6:30 p.m.  
**St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring** - St. Luke's offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail [joe\\_pavlicek@yahoo.com](mailto:joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com).  
8 p.m.  
**Pasadena Little Theatre** - *Run for Your Wife* by Ray Cooney will be performed at 8 p.m. at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. The show runs through May 23. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. One special priced Thursday show will be held at 8 p.m. on May 20. Carolyn McLeod is the director. Make reservations online at [pasadenalittletheatre.org](http://pasadenalittletheatre.org) or call 713-941-1758.  
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 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, 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.  
8 p.m.  
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**SATURDAY, MAY 22**  
6 p.m.  
**Frontier Squares** - Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit [www.frontiersquares.com](http://www.frontiersquares.com).  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 23**  
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.  
3 p.m.  
**Pasadena Little Theatre** - Closing performance for *Run for Your Wife* by Ray Cooney will be performed at 3 p.m. at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Carolyn McLeod is the director. Make reservations online at [pasadenalittletheatre.org](http://pasadenalittletheatre.org) or call 713-941-1758.

8 p.m.  
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**MONDAY, MAY 24**  
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.  
**Friends of Parker Williams Library** - Meetings are held at the Parker Williams Branch Library on the fourth Monday of each month at 9 a.m. except for January, April, July and October, when they are held at 7 p.m. to accommodate members who work during the day. There will be no meeting in December.  
**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.  
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.  
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.  
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**MONDAY, MAY 24**  
6:30 p.m.

**New Directions Singles Club** – The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West NASA Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information.

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

7 p.m.

**Grief Support Group** – "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

**TUESDAY, MAY 25**  
7 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

**American Begonia Society** – Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxum Bank in League City. For more information, call 281-946-4237 or 281-471-5048.

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.

1 p.m.

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

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](http://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.

7 p.m.

**St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Tutoring** – St. Luke's offers tutoring classes Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church located at 11011 Hall Road. For more information, call 281-484-1397 or e-mail [joe\\_pavlicek@yahoo.com](mailto:joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com).

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

8 p.m.

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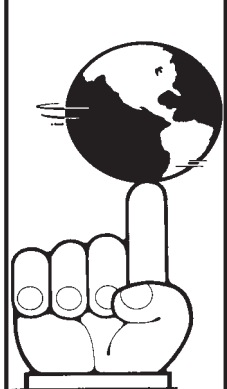
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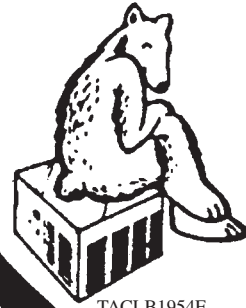
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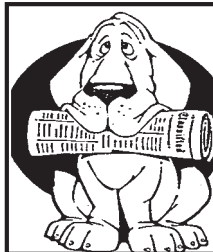
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# Fichtner named District 24-5A softball Most Valuable Player; other CB players noted

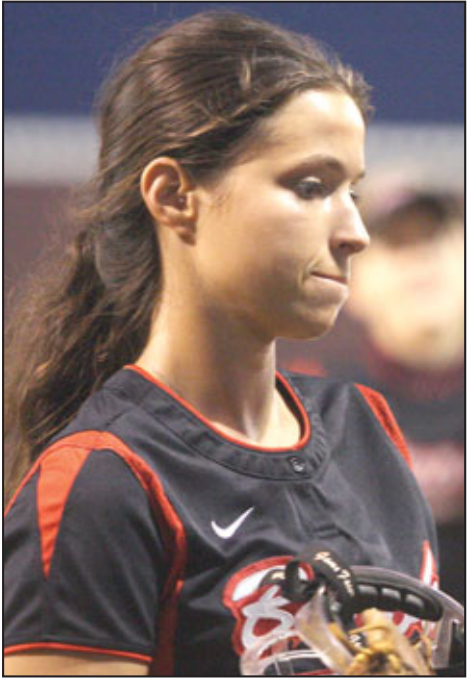
**Continued from Page 1B** to Deer Park in the area round. But all-district honors are handed out based on performance in league games, and the Lady Wolverines left no doubt as to who the 24-5A champion was this season.

Trailing Alvin by one game heading into the regular season finale, Clear Brook defeated Alvin to force a tie in the standings. Rather than settle the



Molly Fichtner, a four-year all-district performer, capped her career at Clear Brook by being named the Most Valuable Player in District 24-5A.

Photo by John Bechtle



Emma Napoli saw her Clear Brook career come to an end as the Lady Wolverines fell to Deer Park in the area softball playoff round, but Napoli later gained all-district first team honors with an at large berth.

Photo by Al Carter

Coach of the Year for the second straight season after guiding the team to the 24-5A again. Clear Brook was also the champion in 2009.

In six years at Clear Brook, Pillow has three times been named the

league's top coach. Alvin freshman pitcher Lara Bean was named the Newcomer of the Year after leading the Yellowjackets to second place.

The District 24-5A first team included pitcher Vic-

toria Brown of Clear Lake, catcher Mallori Linscomb of Brazoswood, first baseman Loren Donaldson of Alvin, second baseman Venessa Eng of Alvin, Bridgette Begle, Clear Brook's shortstop; third

baseman Jessica Wilson of Alvin, outfielders Michelle Svehla (Clear Brook), Hannah Creech (Brazoswood), Taylor Freudenberg (Clear Creek) and Adela Gomez (Alvin). The first team was

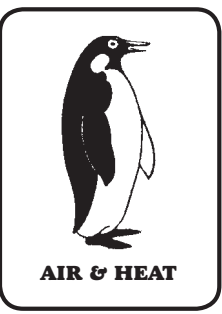
rounded out by designated hitter Lauren Koster of Alvin, utility player Michaela Adams of Clear Creek and at-large selections, pitcher Emma Napoli of Clear Brook and Clear Springs pitcher Princess Daniels.

The 24-5A second team included pitcher Valerie Uranga of Brazoswood, catcher Haley Harris of Clear Lake, first baseman Lexus Walker of Clear Springs, second baseman Stephanie Gonzalez of Clear Brook, third baseman Elizabeth Coe of Brazoswood, Alvin shortstop Raven Keeler, utility player Kellye Kincannon of Brazoswood, designated

hitter Ashley Labay of Brazoswood, at-large player Katie Moulder of Clear Creek and outfielders Bianca Barrera (Alvin), Taylor Nickell (Clear Brook), Lauren Melching (Clear Lake), Kassie Brown (Clear Creek) and Lizzie Garcia (Clear Springs).

The honorable mention list included Karri Smith and Paige Potts (Alvin), Melynda Speers and Lindsey Kappler (Brazoswood), Brandi Holaday and Meghan Reyes (Clear Brook), Laken Vichich and Chelsea Clemishaw (Clear Creek), Hannah Hoffman and Hannah Saucier (Clear Lake),

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## SJC softball team gains honors



Six San Jacinto College softball players were named to the 2010 Region XIV South Zone All-Conference team. Those honored with certificates from the coaching staff included, left to right, (front row) Courtnee Oliphant, Megan Knippa, Shelby Parham, Bethany Armstrong, (back row) San Jacinto head coach Kelly Saenz, Rae Cassel, Megan Matejka and assistant

Coach James Perry. San Jacinto's season was somewhat of a roller coaster ride as the team made the postseason tournament as the eighth and final seed. Once there, the team played its best softball of the season, making its way to the final day of action before eventually taking third place in the event.

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