

Cheer registration set

Galaxy Cheer will hold registrations at Beverly Hills Activity Center June 10 and 24 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for a cheer and dance program that will begin in September. Registration fee is \$25 and includes a practice T-shirt and shorts. For more information, contact Imelda Martinez at 832-230-6237 or e-mail at galaxycheerhouston@gmail.com.

Fall festival seeks vendors

Vendors are currently being accepted for a fall festival and market at the Christian Temple Assembly of God, located at 9701 Alameda Genoa Road. The event will include live music all day, Kids Zone with inflatable games, raffles and a silent auction. For more information, call 713-944-4815.

K of C hosts dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will sponsor a charity fundraising spaghetti dinner on Friday, June 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road.

Each dinner will consist of all-you-can-eat spaghetti covered with KC 9201 Pasta Sauce, two homemade Italian meatballs, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread, and iced tea or lemonade.

Cost is \$6 per person, eat in or take out. For children under 12, the cost is \$3 – eat in only. For more information, call 281-481-1180.

AARP meets June 11

The South Belt AARP will meet Friday, June 11, at 10 a.m. at EL Franco Lee Community Center, 9400 Hall Road. Entertainment will be provided by the Ragtimers. All seniors are invited to attend. Lunch will follow the meeting.

CB Meadows to hold sale

The Clear Brook Meadows Activity Committee will hold its spring garage sale on Saturday, June 12, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will provide their own signs. In case of a rainout, the sale will be held on Saturday, June 19. For more information, e-mail cbmactivity@msn.com.

Sagamont CC to meet

The Sagamont Civic Club will meet Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair (Beamer and Kirkfair). Attendance is encouraged. For information, visit sagamontcivicclub.org.

Dobie 40-year reunion set

Dobie High School Class of 1970 will hold its 40th reunion Saturday, July 24, from 7 to 11 p.m. at La Cantina Mexican Grill, 12118 Dickinson Road (parking lot of AMC theaters). A Mexican dinner buffet with cash bar and a disc jockey will be provided.

Tickets are \$35 per person until July 1. After July 1, \$40 per person. Checks are to be payable to Dobie 40th Class Reunion and mailed to Phyllis Gainer Esqueda, 2323 W. Bay Area Blvd. #1009, Webster, Texas 77598. RSVP by e-mail at ptidal2002@yahoo.com so the committee can get an estimate of the number attending.

For information, contact Phyllis Gainer Esqueda at 281-814-0352 or Debi Doyle at 281-741-2950.

SoHo alumni invites Dobie

South Houston High School's Class of 1970 reunion committee invites any Dobie graduates to join them as "friends" of their class at their reunion. Anyone interested in also attending the SHHS reunion a week earlier should contact them directly at www.classreport.org, Al Carter.

Cowboys host camp

The Sagamont Cowboys will host a pre-season conditioning and skills football camp at the football field at El Franco Lee Park June 14 through June 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. The camp is for players 5 through 13 and is designed to get players ready for the upcoming football season. The cost is \$75. For more information, contact Sagamont Cowboy President Denny Wranich at 281-785-8353 or e-mail at denny@sagamontcowboys.com.

Cokesbury schedules VBS

Cokesbury Methodist Church will hold Vacation Bible School for children from kindergarten through fifth grade June 28 through July 2 from 6 to 8:45 p.m. There is no charge, and participation is open to the full community. Sign up by calling 713-870-7361 or visit www.cokesburyunit.edmethodistchurch.com.

Vacation photos sought

The Leader is seeking readers' vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded each month during June, July and August to the best submissions. High-resolution photos should be submitted by e-mail to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Do not compress photos when sending, as photos must be of high resolution. Additionally, send information identifying all people and some information on the picture.

Detected Brio chemicals not deemed threat

By James Bolen

Recent reports of elevated levels of chemicals at the Brio Superfund site have alarmed several area residents, although officials say there is no immediate danger.

The detected chemicals – 1,2-dichloroethane, vinyl chloride, 1,1,2-trichloroethane and 1,1-dichloroethene – are among the contaminants that are being remediated at the 58-acre location.

While elevated levels of these four compounds have been detected at the site, they are located between 50 and 100 feet beneath the surface and remain contained, despite other media reports that stated the contaminants had leaked out.

Several recent stories that suggested there was a leak at the site attributed the information to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund Remedial Project Manager Gary Miller, who subsequently told the Leader that "migration" would be a more accurate term than "leak."

This sentiment is shared by Marie Flickinger, Leader publisher and chair of the EPA Brio Community Assistance Group.

"It's not like the BP leak," Flickinger said. "That's a leak."

The elevated levels of these chemicals were detected during routine groundwater monitoring at the site conducted by the Brio Site Task Force, which is composed of potentially responsible parties (PRPs). Named by the EPA, the PRPs are required to monitor the site as part of its remediation.

A report released by the Brio Site Task Force states, "The monitoring system is designed to detect these kinds of issues, so that they can be addressed in an appropriate way and in a timely manner."

The report further says, "No human health issues are involved, because the groundwater is not used for drinking water or any other purpose."

The EPA requires that the Brio Site Task Force report any findings in its monitoring wells that is beyond the acceptable standard drinking water level, even though the water is not to be consumed.

Drinking water in the area surrounding the site is provided by the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District.

According to Dean Baier, the MUD's director of operations, roughly 80 percent of the district's water is surface water provided by the City of Houston's Southeast Water Purification Plant off Genoa-Red Bluff.

The remaining water is provided from wells located upstream and approximately 1,300 feet deep, far deeper than the task force's monitoring wells.

While Flickinger is critical of much of the recent news coverage on the site, she is supportive of the EPA's and task force's efforts.

"It's good they're keeping an eye on it," she said.

Further developments will be reported on the EPA Web site at www.epa.gov/region6/bsf/pdf/files/0602601.pdf.

See related editorial on Page 2A.

Garcia killer receives 2.5 years

Lance Baxter Williams was sentenced last week to roughly 2.5 years in state prison for the 2006 murder of Beverly Hills resident Erik Garcia.

The sentence came almost four years to the day of the fatal shooting that took place June 8, 2006.

Williams, 23, will also have to serve 10 years of probation as part of his punishment. He was initially given only 180 days of jail time by the jury in the case, but Judge Denise Collins of the

208th Criminal District Court handed down an additional two years, the maximum allowed her.

On the day of the killing, Garcia, 16, was hanging out with his 14-year-old cousin in his backyard, which is along a ditch in the 10500 block of Stover, when they were approached by Williams and three other teens, all of whom were unidentified juveniles.

Words were reportedly exchanged between the two groups, and according to Garcia's counsel

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June 12 cookoff canceled

The cookoff scheduled for Saturday, June 12, at El Franco Lee Park has been canceled due to lack of participation.

The event was arranged to raise additional funds for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display, also held at the area park.

The yearly fireworks show is usually funded entirely by money raised at the annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff held each April. This year's event, however, fell significantly short of its financial goal, according to event organizer Linda Arnone.

Arnone had hoped the supplemental cookoff would raise at least \$3,000 in addition to the \$11,500 that was raised in April. However, as of Monday, June 7, only seven cooking teams had signed up for the event.

Despite the cancellation, the fireworks show will go on as planned.

The Leader has guaranteed Arnone an extra \$3,500, bringing the total to \$15,000.

Further donations are currently being sought. To donate funds, contact Arnone at 281-484-4325 or the Leader at 281-481-5656.

Dobie pranksters punished

Several area residents notified the Leader of a graduation-related prank that took place at Dobie High School on the evening of Tuesday, June 1.

Despite damage to most of the school's external locks, federal law prohibits either school officials or the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department from disseminating any information about the particular incident unless criminal charges have been filed, which they were not.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) provides that educational agencies and institutions that receive funding under a program administered by the U.S. Department of Education may not divulge any information about a student's grades or behavior without his or her permission.

PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis said that while such end-of-the-year antics are not unusual, they do not go unpunished.

Lewis said measures such as financial restitution and community service, which generally involves working at the affected school, are usu-

ally pursued by the district.

The superintendent further said that a student's past disciplinary history and whether anyone was injured during the infraction are also weighed prior to administering punishment.

Lewis confirmed that none of the students involved had prior disciplinary problems.

Public meeting scheduled on proposed Beamer work

Harris County and the Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed widening and extension of Beamer Road Thursday, June 24, at Westbrook Intermediate School, 302 W. El Dorado in Friendswood, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The proposal would widen roughly 2.6 miles of Beamer to a four-lane road from Dixie Farm Road to Tall Ships Drive. In addition, a new one-mile extension of Beamer would be constructed between Tall Ships and FM 528. See related ad on Page 2A for further information.

Leader's assistance sought



Due to the Leader's expertise on the Brio Superfund site, the paper was contacted by several news outlets for assistance Friday, June 4, including four newspapers and two TV stations. Leader publisher and EPA Brio Community Assistance Group chair Marie Flickinger is shown above showing a map of the site to Channel 11 photographer Frank McBride (left) and anchor Ron Trevino at the Leader offices Friday, June 4.

Photo by David Flickinger

Fourth of July parade nears

The annual South Belt Fourth of July parade is scheduled to take place Saturday, July 3, beginning at 10 a.m.

The theme for this year's event is Blast Off: A Tribute to NASA.

Now in its 23rd year, the parade will wind from Beverly Hills Intermediate to San Jacinto College South.

While the parade begins at 10 a.m., participants are urged to arrive early as the lineup for the parade will begin at 9 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the best-decorated vehicles in various categories. Awards will be given to both commercial and noncommercial entries, and contestants will be judged on patriotism as well as originality.

All community and nonprofit groups may participate in the parade at no charge, unless they wish to be eligible for a prize. There is a \$50 fee for commercial entries, and noncommercial entries may enter the contest for \$25.

Entry forms are available by e-mailing the Leader at mynews@southbeltleader.com. The forms are to be filled out and returned to the Leader office, 11555 Beamer, or faxed to 281-481-5730.

Later that evening, residents are invited to El Franco Lee Park at Hall Road and Blackhawk Boulevard to watch this year's fireworks display.

Funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, the show will start at 9:30 p.m.

After 33 years, Dr. B.J. Garner's practice goes to the dogs



Shown above are, left to right, Melinda McClure, McClure's dog Demetri and Dr. B.J. Garner.

Longtime South Belt resident and optometrist Dr. B.J. Garner has served patients from all walks of life for more than 33 years. But until now, he's never served the canine community.

Garner recently consented to perform an eye exam on a local pooch, Demetri.

Details of this event can be found in the new children's book *My Dog Needs Glasses*, which was written by the doctor's longtime assistant, Melinda McClure.

The book is available at www.amazon.com. Additionally, a documentary of the making of the book can be found on www.youtube.com under the title of *My Dog Needs Glasses*.

McClure was inspired to write this story by her 9-year old daughter, Lindsay, who once asked, "Mommy, do animals need glasses?" With this ingenious question as her basis, McClure began to write a children's story about a little girl's first trip to the optometrist. Soon thereafter, McClure brought the manuscript for the book to Garner, who agreed to lend both his facility and his talents to the project.

The book was photographed at Garner Vision Center and features Garner as one of the story's main characters. Lindsay plays the part of the little girl who is nervous about her first eye exam. Even the McClure family dog, Demetri, got in on the act, playing the part of the girl's dog, whom she brings along to the exam for moral support.

McClure, Garner, Lindsay and Demetri all thoroughly enjoyed working together during the shooting of the book.

"I became so involved with Lindsay and Demetri, I often forgot I was being photographed," Garner said.

The book is designed to be both educational, containing many specific optometry terms, as well as entertaining.

Garner noted two common concerns of his child patients: They are apprehensive about what they will encounter, and they want to know if it is going to hurt.

The underlying purpose of this book is to put both these concerns to rest in a humorous, childlike way, Garner said.

The concept of *My Dog Needs Glasses* was brought to fruition when it was published earlier this month.

"This book is ideal for young children, and I recommend it for both pleasure as well as being informative. It is a must read," Garner said.

Publisher's Opinion

Media causes undue Brio concern

As the chair of the Environmental Protection Agency Brio Community Assistance Group, I am compelled to comment on the news stories which were reported last week regarding contamination at the Brio Superfund Site.

These stories brought a lot of concern and reaction from area residents. Quite frankly, the concerns the stories produced far exceeded any threat. When one discusses "a leak," the perception is that contamination is reaching people.

That is not the case. The contamination is between 50 and 90 feet under ground. This fact was not clearly specified in the many news stories that ran this past weekend.

I find it ironic that in the past, when those of us from the community were working the hardest to influence the remedy for Brio tried to get someone's attention at the high levels of contaminants in Mud Gully and Clear Creek, no one paid attention. Those levels of contaminants were many times what was recently reported, and in locations where children were playing and people were catching fish to eat!

The levels recently reported by EPA are above those allowed by drinking water standards, and even though they are deep in the ground, EPA and the Task Force are studying the contamination.

No people are being exposed, children aren't playing in it or breathing it. I am glad that EPA and the Brio Site Task Force are studying the issue and being very open about it.

The Brio Superfund Site is a very complex site for which there are hundreds of thousands of documents.

In the early 1990s, I was given a subpoena to produce 12,000 Brio documents. The number of documents in my possession was quite small compared with those in the possession of the Brio Task Force PRPs (the potentially responsible parties) and the EPA.

So it is understandable that when a reporter goes to write a story on Brio, understanding the complexities, unless he or she has been following the Brio history since the 1980s, is quite difficult.

I urge all those who are or will be reporting on this story to get the facts straight.

Comments of those responding to the news stories really scare me because they are putting out, in many cases, very erroneous information. I am amazed at how many people are commenting when they have no factual idea about what they are commenting on!

Three of the Brio CAG charter members are still involved with the site. Dr. Catherine O'Brien, a Pearland resident and San Jacinto College administrator, Clear Brook City M.U.D. board member and resident Steve Buckman, and myself. Any of the three of us is willing to talk to residents concerning Brio issues; in fact that is our responsibility.

One of the big fights the Brio CAG had with EPA and the chemical companies during the remediation period of Brio was to cover (contain) the entire Brio site. The PRPs and EPA initially were content to just cover some of the more notorious pits. We fought hard and won. The reason we fought so hard was we, and the experts who were helping us, knew that the chemicals would migrate and not stay in the same place.

This is exactly what has happened. To all those concerned about the recent information, please remember this. No one is being exposed. The contaminants in question are 50 to 90 feet underground. Unlike the BP oil spill, they may move fractions of an inch in a day, not miles in a few days.

Additionally, they are at very low levels. It is important that EPA find the reason for any movement, but also important that people not get upset over something which poses no threat now and would have to drastically change in many ways before it would pose a threat.

I am confident that we have many bayous and streams in which children are playing today that have contamination levels much higher than those found 50 to 90 feet below ground. Just think about it, how many bayous do you know of that the water is barely above drinking water standards?

Marie Flickinger
Chair, Brio EPA Community Assistance Group

SJC trains workers with more than \$13 million in grants

More than \$13 million in grant funding at San Jacinto College will help facilitate the training of skilled workers for the Houston Port Region.

Work force training makes up the largest portion of the college's \$30 million in overall grant funding, a portion that filters through the Continuing and Professional Development (CPD) division and the Aerospace and Biotechnology Academy. The amount dedicated toward this area has more than doubled in recent years.

"Our college has one of the most diversely funded work force training divisions in the area," said Kelly Simons, SJC assistant vice president for resource development. "This

funding enables us to provide training that can increase a worker's pay and competitiveness, and make them eligible for possible promotion."

Employers from areas such as the petrochemical industry, nondestructive testing, maritime, aerospace and health care often refer employees to SJC for further training or to train first-time employees, said Dr. Sarah Jones, vice president for Continuing and Professional Development.

"For example, with completion of the expansion of the Panama Canal in 2014, the Port of Houston will grow tremendously and need workers in multiple areas," Jones said. "We'll begin to see how this will affect commerce and

its growth on deck, on port, rail and trucking."

One of the largest work force development grants include the recent \$4.7 million Department of Labor High Growth Training grant, which will allow SJC and other community college partners to provide petrochemical training programs for low income, unemployed and incumbent workers. The program will result in providing certificates or associate degrees to meet the needs of industries within the Gulf Coast region, with a special emphasis on attracting and training Hispanic and female participants.

Another example of work force development includes a \$400,000 CenterPoint Energy grant to train workers to use the new smart meters and electric distribution automation technologies.

The college also has a number of small business grants, which assist local businesses in the training of their current employees, and 12-month grants, like the Houston-Galveston Area Council grant, that waives tuition for qualified students for the purpose of training them for the work force.

"With a work force that is looking at a lot of retirees in the near future, these grants will help us properly train new incoming workers for our local industry," Jones said.

Kirkwood South VBS set

Kirkwood South Christian Church will hold its Vacation Bible School June 27 through July 1 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The theme is *Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace*. For more information, call 281-481-0004.

SBAST Sharks sell briskets

The South Belt Area Swim Team will take pre-orders for fully cooked briskets professionally barbecued by the Lighthouse Cooking Team. Contact Ricky Graham at 713-628-0637 to pre-order until June 16. All proceeds go to the SBAST Sharks. The briskets are approximately 11-13 pounds and will sell for \$45 each. They will be cooked and available for pick up Friday, June 25, at Weber Elementary on Blackhawk. Orders are to be pre-paid by check or money order.

Guest Editorial

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson on Cape Wind

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson recently welcomed Massachusetts to the wind power arena after the U.S. Department of the Interior finally granted partial approval to the offshore Cape Wind project after nine years.

"This is great news for Massachusetts," Patterson said. "The race for offshore wind energy has been churning for years since Texas signed our first lease years ago. But there's always room at the back of the line for our northern neighbors."

For nearly a decade now, Cape Wind has been plagued by everything from powerful residents like the late Ted Kennedy who didn't want the turbines to crowd their ocean view, to a claim of submerged American Indian artifacts.

The biggest obstacle for the Cape Wind project has been the federal government, Patterson points out. In Texas,

the Land Office is the sole grantor for any offshore wind lease up to 10.3 miles into the Gulf of Mexico.

"The first offshore turbines will spin off the coast of Texas," Patterson said. "We will be first because federal government involvement is negligible. Texans can do it better and quicker. That's what we do."

In light of the massive oil spill currently in the Gulf, clean renewable energy like wind power is an attractive option.

Right now, the Texas General Land Office leases almost a quarter of a million offshore and nearshore acres for wind and geothermal development.

Regardless of any delays in actually building the wind farms, the Texas General Land Office has already earned the school children of Texas more than \$450,000 on wind leases that haven't produced a watt of electricity.

PW Library events scheduled

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale: Game Day is Thursday, June 10, at 2:30 p.m. Game Day is a time designed for children ages 5 and up to play board games with other children and their families. The library provides the games, but participants are welcome to bring their own to share.

On Saturday, Vietnamese Storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

Learn all about snakes on Tuesday, June 15, from the Snakeman during the second event in this year's Summer Reading Program. Tickets are required for the 2:30 p.m. event and can be picked up the day of the performance, which is recommended for ages 5 and up.

A paper airplane contest for teens will be held Wednesday, June 16, at 3 p.m. Registration is required and can be made online at hpl.net or by coming into the library.

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

The library will have craft time for children ages 5 and up Thursday, June 17. Free tickets are required for the 2:30 p.m. event and can be picked up at the library on that day.

Readers' Opinions

Pace: "How's that working out for you?"

As Dr. Phil would say "How's that working out for you?" How is the amalgamation of various minority groups, who voted this Administration into office, fairing as separate entities under this Administration?

Let's take a look, shall we?

1. African-Americans, of which 95% voted for Obama: Still waiting for restoration of ACORN funding, increase in social programs, increased affirmative action and most important, reparations.

2. LGBT and GLAAD, of which an estimated 90% voted for Obama: Still waiting for Federal laws recognizing Gay marriage and still waiting for repeal of "Don't ask, don't tell", a work in progress in the Congress.

3. Jewish-Americans, of which 78% voted for Obama: Still waiting for 100% commitment to defense of Israel and additional billions of dollars in aid, only to have Israel's Prime Minister snubbed in Washington.

4. Hispanic-Americans, of which 74% voted for Obama: Still waiting for amnesty, full citizenship, abrogation of the Treaty of Hidalgo and the Gadsden Purchase.

5. Single, white females, of which 71% voted for Obama: Still waiting for the invitation to spend the night in Lincoln bedroom.

6. Young College/University Students, 66% of which voted for Obama: Still waiting for 100% tuition and living expenses.

7. Asian-Americans, of which 63% voted for Obama: Still waiting for China to demand payment of Obama's 13 Trillion dollar debt?

8. NASA Employees: Former Apollo astronaut Sweiart and the "Obamonauts," who campaigned for, and of which a majority voted for Obama: Still waiting for a trillion dollar NASA budget, so they can go to the moon.

Long time to hold one's breath, could be dangerous to one's health.

Henry Pace

Valtasaros: Stupid banks

When president Obama says that banks are evil I usually disagree with him. If it were not for banks I would have never opened my first business, purchased my first home or my first car. What Mr. Obama doesn't understand is that banks are not evil they are STUPID. Five weeks ago my father called me from Greece and said that he was going to mail me a cashiers check from his savings account there to put into his savings account here. He was concerned with what might happen to his savings if Greece continued going down the economic toilet. As I was listening to my father's description of the economic situation in Greece, I kept having memories, including sound, of the toilets on cruise ships. You know, the ones that suck the air out of the bathroom as soon as you push the button as you are trying to escape with your toiletries. I received the check about ten days later. My father had the check written to me so I took it to my bank to deposit in order to transfer the

funds to his account later. I have been a Washington Mutual customer for a long time and I did not want to change banks, but the bank changed on me. Anyway when I got to the bank I was told that the check had to go to the international collections department and that it could take up to four weeks to be funded. My first thought was "are you kidding me, four weeks, don't you guys have computers, Washington Mutual did?" my second thought was "talk about snail mail I could travel to Greece see my dad, have some hummus and pita bread, a couple glasses of wine, see the Acropolis, pick up the money and come back to the states in less than four weeks." I left the bank dazed and confused (I don't think I have ever been both dazed and confused at the same time before. I have heard that it happens, but this was a first for me.)

Time goes by and Thursday was three weeks and five days since my father's check went on its four-week journey to the land of international collections. So I called the 1-800 number on my paperwork listed for tracking the wonderful journey to the land of international collections to see how my father's check's vacation was going. Imagine the return of dazed and confused when the guy at international collections said, "I'm sorry Mr. Valtasaros, but we have no record of an international check for that amount in your name." After a few more phone calls and several supervisors later I find out that they lost my father's check. Although they don't admit that they lost it they say that it is somewhere in transit. In transit? Did they actually tape it to the back of a snail and said "go to the international collections department and take your time?" Do they not use computers? Do they not have a telephone? Some people actually use fax machines and e-mail. Maybe a long distance runner could have gotten there faster. Actually I know that I could have gotten there faster and I don't run unless some one bigger than I am is chasing me. Isn't this equivalent to the doctor at the maternity clinic saying, "I'm sorry Mrs. Valtasaros but we have no record of your baby," as they are wheeling you out of the hospital after giving birth? After more phone calls, they tell me that they can collect on the copy of the check that the branch has on record and that that could take an additional, wait for it, SIX weeks. Yes six weeks, that is the time that it would take to cruise the entire Mediterranean in a canoe. I bet you're thinking that this could not get worse. WRONG. On Friday I went to the bank to make some deposits and one of the tellers that was with the bank when it was Washington Mutual apprehensively approaches me and asks me if I have a copy of the check because they cannot use the copy that they have on file because they had to punch a hole in it in order to put it in the binder where they keep copies of the other checks that have traveled to international collections. (I know that that was a run on sentence.) I feel like Stephen King; a great story with a crappy ending. I could go on and on with this. I don't know why, but everyone from the bank that I talk to keeps telling me not to be angry. They keep telling me that they understand my frustration. Trust me they don't.

George Valtasaros

Richard Lee Taylor



Richard Lee Taylor, 79, of Houston, died at his home on Friday, May 21, 2010. He was a former longtime Sagemeadow resident where he was a board member for the Sagemeadow Utility District.

Taylor served in the U.S. Navy before starting his career as a certified petroleum landman for several oil companies. He was an active member of Park Place Lutheran Church for 50 years before joining Memorial Drive Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby Arubckle Taylor and I.R.L. Taylor.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia, of 58 years; daughters and sons-in-law Nancy and Robert Short and Barbara and Ray Cox; grandsons Jeffrey Short, Tyler Cox and Colton Cox.

Funeral services included a graveside service at New Ulm Cemetery in New Ulm, Texas, on Sunday, May 23, and a memorial service at Memorial Drive Lutheran Church in Houston on Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Park Place Lutheran Memorial Mission Endowment Fund, TX/LA Gulf Coast Synod, 12941 I-45 N. Frwy., Suite 210, Houston, Texas 77060-1243.

Sarah Ann Kaufhold

Sarah Ann Kaufhold, 42, of Proctor, Texas, died Sunday, June 6, 2010. She was born in the South Belt area to Barbara (Blaylock) and Harry L. Kaufhold, Jr. on Sept. 15, 1967. She was a Dobbie High School graduate.

She is survived by her daughters, Krystle LeeAnn Hughes and Ashley Lynn Hughes; fiancé James Bailey; parents Barbara and Harry L. Kaufhold Jr.; brothers Nathan Kaufhold and wife Carol, Douglas Kaufhold, and Harry L. Kaufhold III and wife Gina; nieces Taylor Kaufhold and Katelynn Kaufhold; and many other family members and friends.

The funeral service will be held Monday, June 14, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Jeter Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, 311 N. Friendswood Drive in Friendswood.

Burial will follow at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston.

The family requests no flowers, but donations may be made to the charity of choice. Condolences may be sent to the Kaufhold family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

Margery L. Houston



Margery L. Houston, 79, born Sept. 8, 1930, in Akron, Ohio, died on Friday, May 28, 2010, in Austin, Texas, with family by her side.

For many years, Houston was a local REMAX Broker/Realtor, assisting clients and friends in southeast Houston and surrounding communities. She was well respected for her thoroughness and hard work, as evidenced by her many achievement awards.

Houston was preceded in death by two husbands, George C. Wilcox and then Frank H. Houston.

She is survived by her children, Lou Anderson and husband Keith of Green Tee, Steve Wilcox and wife Marilyn of San Marcos, and Sherry Brinkley and husband Larry of Sagemont. In addition, she had five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Virginia Aiken of Canada, along with many nieces and nephews.

Houston was a former resident of the Sagemont Park Townhomes and then Green Tee. Her last year was spent at Horizon Bay in San Marcos, Texas.

A celebration of Houston's life was held at Horizon Bay on Friday, June 4, 2010. A private family interment was held on June 3, 2010, at South Park Cemetery in Pearland.

In lieu of customary remembrances, contributions in memory of Margery Houston can be made to www.alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp.

Margaret Ann Mayfield



Margaret Ann Mayfield, 67, of South Belt, died on June 6, 2010, after a lengthy illness with her family by her side.

Mayfield was born April 25, 1943, in Houston to Annie Jane Rosser and Edwin Joseph Janac, and was raised in Snook, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mayfield is survived by her husband of more than 40 years, Robert O. Mayfield, and by her daughter, RexAnne

Deaths

Coad and husband Michael, and grandson Henry Coad of Ill. She is also survived by siblings and their spouses: Joe and Judy Janac, Barbara and Bobby Lebow, James and Shelly Janac, David and Leslie Janac, and Mary and Randy Landreth; brother Kenneth Mayfield and wife Bonita; nine nieces and nephews; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

Mayfield held various jobs throughout her life, but her main focus was taking care of her family and home. She was an artist and crafter who enjoyed decorating her home. She enjoyed looking for treasures at garage sales, reading and gardening. She was known as the "cat lady" in the neighborhood and by the local veterinarians because of her love for cats.

A memorial service celebrating Mayfield's life was held Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Niday Funeral Home, officiated by her cousin, Herschel Rosser.

In lieu of usual remembrances, memorial contributions in Mayfield's name may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, P.O. Box 631047, Baltimore, MD 21263-1047.

John W. Beavers Jr.

John W. Beavers Jr., 82, died May 29, 2010. He was born in Chicago on May 19, 1928, to John Sr. and Ronette Beavers.

Beavers was educated in the Chicago public school system. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After being honorably discharged from the service, he pursued his theological calling and attended Garrett Theological Seminary.

He became the youngest presiding elder in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a radio prayer line minister during the '60s. He was a CME church historian, and many of his findings were documented in the Christian Index, a CME Church publication. He served for more than 50 years in the CME church.

Beavers was active in the civil rights movement during the '60s, where he encouraged and urged people to register to vote. He became director of one of the first Head Start programs in the South. He attended Cleveland State University, and held many positions in his lifetime. He served as president of the United Paper Workers Union of America (United Steelworkers Union).

He was appointed as presiding elder of the NE Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia districts, where he served until his retirement. In his later years, he was a member of the staff of Family Affairs Dining on Fuqua.

Beavers was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Earnest (Edwina) and Ronald (Sandra); and his first wife, Ulean.

Survivors include his wife, Blanche; children Debrah (Jarvie) Holman, Jeffery (Maggie) Beavers, Wilma (Danny) Martin, Chuck

Beavers, and Wendy (Sed) Freeman; his grandchildren; brother Robert (Kathy) Beavers; sisters Grace and Gwen Beavers; sisters-in-law Ruth (Marty) Cobb and Grace (David) McNeill; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Thorson is preceded in death by her husband, Richard Allen Thorson, and her parents, Earl Wick Sr. and Minnie Mae Griffith Cook.

She is survived by her brother, Earl Wick Jr.; sister Wynona Ellison; four children: Marvin Earl Tate Jr., Debra Dianne Seidel, Sandra Dee Allyn and David Lee Tate Sr. and wife Connie; five grandchildren: Steven Pringle, Joshua Tate, Ashley Allyn, Jeremy Wentzel and David Tate Jr.; three great-grandchildren: Alyssa Pringle, Ashley Tate and Alexander Kempton.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at Niday Funeral Home.

The service celebrating Thorson's life will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 14, in the chapel of Niday Funeral Home with Dr. Denny Autrey officiating. A private interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery.

In lieu of the usual remembrances, memorial contributions in Thorson's name may be made to The Living Proof Project, Sagemont Church, 11300 S. Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, Texas 77089, or at www.sagemontchurch.org.

Jeannette Faye (Wick) Thorson



Jeannette Faye (Wick) Thorson, 70, of Clear Lake City, died Saturday, June 5, 2010, at her home, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born on May 12, 1940, in Lucien, Okla., and was a member of Sagemont Church. The family is from South Belt.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Harris County Public Infrastructure Department in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting regarding the proposed widening and extension of Beamer Road, from Dixie Farm Road to FM 528 in Harris County. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Westbrook Intermediate School cafeteria, 302 W. El Dorado Boulevard, Friendswood, Texas 77546. The meeting will be conducted in an Open House format (come and go as you desire).

The purpose of this meeting is to present the proposed action, project status, and preliminary schematic layout, as well as to listen to public comments and answer questions. Exhibits showing aerial photography, the proposed project corridor, right of way, and environmental constraints will be available for viewing. Representatives from Harris County, TxDOT and the study team will be available to answer individual questions. Public comments are encouraged.

Persons interested in attending the public meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Lockwood, Andrews, & Newnam (Beamer Road Study Team) at 713-266-6900 at least two days prior to the meeting. Since the public meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate special needs.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments relative to the proposed project may be presented at the meeting or submitted to Lockwood, Andrews, & Newnam, Beamer Road Study Team, 2925 Briar Park Drive, Houston, Texas 77042, at any time on or before July 8, 2010.

Umeh graduates



Yvonne Umeh, a 2001 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School, graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio School of Medicine on May 22, 2010. She will begin her anesthesiology residency at McGaw Medical Center at Northwestern in Chicago this July. Umeh is the daughter of Emeka and Cathy Umeh of Sagemont.

Scholarships available to college students pursuing aviation-related degrees

Wings Over Houston Airshow accepts scholarship applications

Wings Over Houston Airshow is accepting scholarship applications for its 2010-2011 scholarship program. The organization will award five scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to selected college students.

The scholarships, which are intended to assist and reward students who have demonstrated academic potential, leadership and extracurricular involvement, are available for students pursuing degrees associated with a career in aviation, aeronautics or aerospace.

"Aviation education, both from a historical perspective as well as furthering the advancement, is a primary goal of the Wings Over Houston Airshow," said Steve Sehnert, Wings Over Houston Air-

show Scholarship Committee chairman. "As such, scholarships are an opportunity to encourage youth to pursue careers that will positively impact the field of aerospace and aviation for years to come."

The scholarships are available to students from the Greater Houston area who are enrolled at an accredited college or university and have completed two academic years of full-time college work or 60 semester hours of credit. Graduate students are also eligible.

Applicants must have a minimum college grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester during the year of the awarded scholarship.

As Wings Over Houston supports local communities, applicants must have legal residence in Harris County or one of the contiguous surrounding counties including Galveston, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Waller, Montgomery, Liberty and Chambers. Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

In addition to the completed application, each applicant must submit a written essay describing his or her career objectives as well as three letters of recommendation. Financial need of the applicants will be considered by the selection committee.

Applications must be post-marked or submitted online no later than June 30, 2010. For more information or to

download the 2010/2011 Wings Over Houston Airshow Scholarship application, visit www.wingsoverhouston.com/Resource-205/WOH_Scholarship_Package_2010.pdf.

About Wings Over Houston
Wings Over Houston, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) community event produced by a volunteer effort of the Gulf Coast Wing and West Houston Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force, with support from the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston, is dedicated to showcasing vintage military aircraft, along with the thrills of modern aviation.

One of the top air shows in the United States in its category, the Wings Over Houston Airshow attracts more than 80,000 visitors from across the Houston area as well as from around the globe.

The 2010 Airshow benefits the Wings Over Houston Airshow Scholarship Program, TSU Aviation Career Academy, Exchange Club of Sugar Land, and the Commemorative Air Force aircraft restoration and flying historical programs, in addition to numerous other nonprofit organizations.

Brook graduate performs in Debbie Allen's Just Dance

Chellé Ranita Leonard, a 2009 graduate of Clear Brook High School, was selected as one of the dancers to perform in the six performances of Debbie Allen's *Just Dance* production at the Manship Theater at the Shaw Center for the Performing Arts in Baton Rouge, La.

Leonard, an electrical

engineering major in the Honors College at Southern University A&M, said she has been dancing since she was 3 years old.

"The tryouts were exciting and scary," she said, adding that she had to compete against dozens of other dancers in her age level. "It was nerve wracking," Leonard said. "When

the selections started, she (Debbie Allen) started calling out numbers of the people who had made it. At first, it didn't seem like she was going to call my number... and then she finally said my number - Seven!"

Leonard, who celebrated her 19th birthday with the cast of the show, said that she was in several numbers, including performances of hip hop, contemporary, modern and gospel dances.

All of the practices leading up to show were "tough... but I've enjoyed it," Leonard said. She is a former member of the Clear Brook High School Celebrities Dance/Drill Team.

Leonard received her training in dance in the Webster-Friendswood area. Her mother tells her the story of how distraught she (Leonard) was that she only got to dance for a few minutes at her first recital at the age of 3.

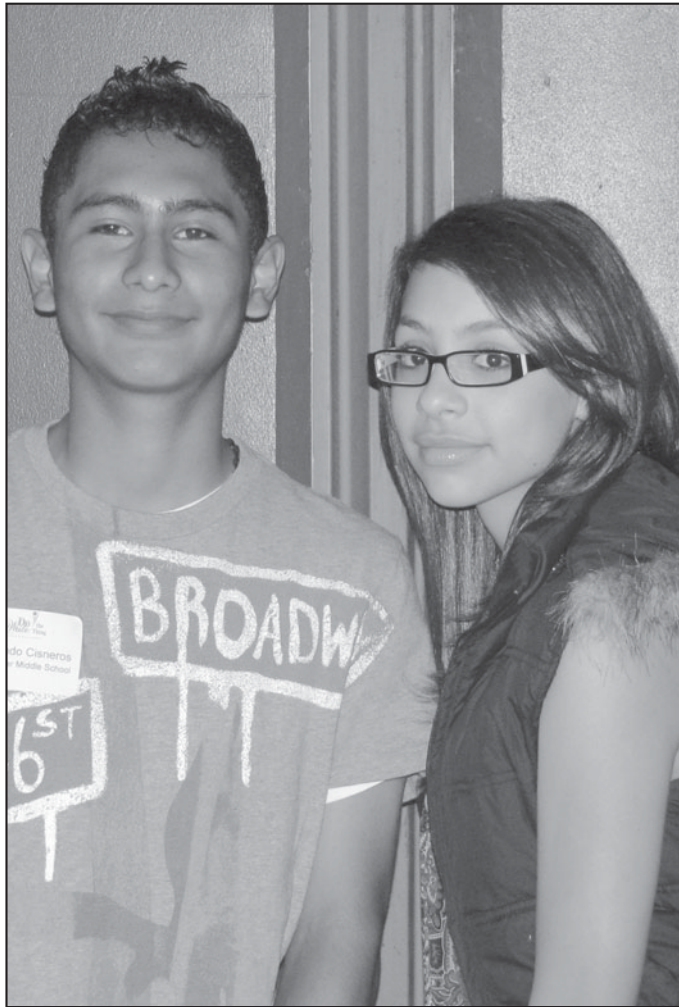
Leonard aspires to be a NASA engineer or replace Oprah.

She is the daughter of Marietta and the late Clevlen Leonard and the sister of Clevetta Leonard Young and Chantrés Leonard.



Chellé Ranita Leonard

BHI pair national finalists



Edmundo Cisneros (left) and Nayeli Diaz, seventh-grade students at Beverly Hills Intermediate, were national finalists for *Do the Write Thing Challenge*, an essay contest designed to stop teen violence. The Challenge is an annual event under the direction of Harris County Judge Patricia Lykos. Each year a special ceremony is held for finalists from Harris County at Minute Maid Park.

Photo submitted

Moore 2nd-graders write on healthy eating



Each year H-E-B partners with second-graders at Moore Elementary to encourage lifelong habits of healthy eating. The second-graders participated in the H-E-B Classroom Champions Essay Contest to promote healthy eating. Six winners were selected based on the essays submitted. The win-

ners are, left to right, Elaine Lien, second-grade teacher Myra Janacek, Eva Maria Perla, Jalya Carmouch, Alexis Perez, Joe Garcia, and Rosanne Kerr, H-E-B neighborhood liaison. Not pictured is Ashley Garcia.

Photo submitted

Meador 2009-2010 all-year honor roll

Meador Elementary recently announced its students who remained on the honor and merit rolls all school year. Students listed are:

First grade Honor roll

Nathan Ancira, Jaiden Campbell, Gizelle Cardona, Alyssa Cinco, Alazae Garcia, Khristyle Garcia, Natalie Garza, Darren Groves, Nelson Herrera, Joey Ortega, Mohammed Razzaq and Christopher Walker.

Merit roll

Brandon Alonzo, Garza Artemio, Alberto Campa, Jalynn Campbell, Brianna German, Mia Myers, Kyana Oliver, Tristan Pedraza and Jennifer Thorpe.

Second grade Honor roll

Nathan Ancira, Bianca

Cruz, Charisma Denoon, Alazae Garcia, Brianna Gomez and Ariel Robles.

Merit roll

Artemio Garza, Alejandro Mena, Daniel Ortega, Nyla Rodriguez and Andrew Zayas.

Third grade Honor roll

Roberto Campa, Alyssa Dominguez, John Hoang, Kennedy Nguyen and Rebecca Reyna.

Merit roll

David Garcia, Angel Gomez, Sebastian Hinojosa, Jacob Middleton and Alyssa Walker.

Fourth grade Honor roll

Joel Velazquez.

Merit roll

Jason Cruz, Jasslyn Gomez and Naureen Islam.

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Ortiz named Female Athlete of the Year



South Belt resident Sabrina Ortiz, daughter of Julian and Frances Ortiz, received the Female Athlete of the Year Award for eighth grade at St. Helen's Catholic School on May 6. She also received MVP in basketball and volleyball. Ortiz, who will be in the ninth grade in the fall at Incarnate Word Academy, has been selected to play on the varsity softball team. *Photo submitted*

Over The Back Fence by Jan

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 10 through June 16.

Burnett Elementary
Celebrating a birthday June 11 is **Janet Perez**. On June 13, birthday greetings are sent to **Maria Medina, Jocelyn Baker** and **Ana Mejia** share a birthday June 16.

Meador Elementary
The day for a birthday cake for **Dawn Donahue** is June 12. Blow out the birthday candles for **Jeremy Miller** on June 13.

Moore Elementary
On June 11, **Laura Rodriguez** enjoys a birthday. **Dixie Thompson** is sent birth-

day greetings June 16.

Stuchbery Elementary
Marking a birthday June 12 is **Emily Bass**.

Melillo Middle School
The day for a birthday party for **Anna Garza** is June 13. On June 15, birthday greetings are sent to **Betty Henderson**.

Morris Middle School
Blow out the birthday candles for **Sandra Vazquez** June 10. **Maria Herrera** and **Neybi Zamudio** share a birthday June 14.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Eglantina Torres** June 12.

Challenger
The day for a cake for **Carla Castillo** is June 15.

Dobie High
Enjoying a birthday June 10 is **Steven Higginbotham**. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Stefanie McKinney** June 14. **LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**
E-mail birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

HOME RUN CORNER
The Leader staff reminds parents to submit congratulations for their sluggers' achievements for publication in Over The Back Fence. E-mail mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Meador honor, merit rolls listed for 4th 9-weeks

Meador Elementary recently announced its honor rolls for the fourth nine-weeks grading period. Students are:

First grade
Honor roll
Brandon Alonzo, Alberto Campa, Jaiden Campbell, Gi-

zelle Cardona, Alyssa Cinco, Jason Cruz, Alaysia Foster, Kristiyle Garcia and Natalie Garza.

Darren Groves, Nelson Herrera, Emily Ivy, Alicia Landa, Mia Myers, Joey Ortega, Mohammed Razzaq and

Christopher Walker.

Merit roll
Elizabeth Bui, Andre Byers, Jalynn Campbell, Brianna German, Kyana Oliver, Tristan Pedraza, Jennifer Thorpe and Joanna Urrutia.

Second grade
Honor roll
Chris Anaya, Nathan Ancira, Bianca Cruz, Charisma Denoon, Alazae Garcia and Artemio Garza.

Brianna Gomez, Tasmeha Kazi, Alejandro Mena, Daniel Ortega, Nikisha Phileman and Ariel Robles.

Merit roll
Luke Burton, Anthony Gonzalez, Edgar Limon, Ambar Robles, Nyla Rodriguez, Kevin Sanchez, Angela Torres and Andrew Zayas.

Third grade
Honor roll
Roberto Campa, Diocelina Chavez-Sanchez, Raul Delgado, Alyssa Dominguez, Marissa Enriquez, Angel Gomez and Alijah Gonzalez.

John Hoang, Jacob Middleton, Kennedy Nguyen, Rebecca Reyna, Alyssa Walker, Jack Yu and Jaime Yzaguirre.

Merit roll
Gabriel Barrera, Kristian Briscoe, Atziri Galarza, David Garcia, Sebastian Hinojosa and Benjamin Martinez.

Joe Pollard, Gilianne Rangel, Natalie Rodriguez and Andrew Sandoval.

Fourth grade
Honor roll
Jason Cruz, Naureen Islam, Alicia Landa and Joel Velazquez.

Merit roll
Deishawn Davis, Jasslyn Gomez, Robert Guevara, Malerim Morales, Joshua Ortega, Joanna Urrutia and Fernando Vega.

Marine Corps awards presented

The U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Joseph Buehman presented three Dobie High School seniors with awards on Tuesday, May 25, 2010. The awards were announced at the Senior Awards Assembly on Tuesday, May 18.

Top right photo: The U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award was presented to Kristin Gaston. This award is given to a student with outstanding scholastic performance.

Bottom left: The U.S. Marine Corps "Semper Fidelis" Musical Excellence Award was presented to Tyler Scarberry. This award is given to an outstanding student in band or orchestra.

Bottom right: The U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award was presented to Michael Collins. This award is given to a student with outstanding athletic ability.



Photos by Nancy Carlton



Remember When

30 years ago (1980)
Eight major accidents resulting in the deaths of two drivers and the hospitalization of approximately 10 others since September 1979, marked Choate Road as one of the most dangerous thoroughfares in the area.

The Houston Water Quality Control Division continued to work to clear the rust from the South Belt area's water. The water became tinted with rust when an excessive amount of chlorine in the water began corroding the rust in the water pipes.

Quick action of two Sagemont pool employees, life-guard Bobby Richmond and assistant manager Bobby Carlton, averted a tragedy when they rescued a 1-year-old girl who fell into the deep end of the pool.

25 years ago (1985)
Directors of MUD 13 would hold another election concerning the \$14.5 million bond issue if response to a questionnaire was favorable.

Pasadena Independent School District trustees hired Dexter Joyner to be the district's delinquent tax attorney to be effective July 1.

A right-turn lane was added on Fuqua, heading east, at the approach to the bridge over I-45. This was the result of a joint project between the city and the South Belt Chamber of Commerce.

Maintenance and cleanup crews from Harris County Flood Control began working on ditches in the Sagemont area.

20 years ago (1990)
Spilled diesel fuel caused several wrecks on the Gulf Freeway between Scarsdale and FM 2351 within a matter of two minutes.

A 20-year-old man drowned while swimming at Windmill Lakes.

Dr. Allison Cambre was named the new pastor at Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

South Belt resident Hilda Rios was named the 1990-91 Teacher of the Year of the Deer Park Independent School District.

10 years ago (2000)
South Belt area taxpayers, and their counterparts

throughout Harris County, were to begin paying considerably more in property taxes when tax bills arrived. Most properties in the South Belt area would see an increase of value set near 10 percent, the maximum allowed by Texas law.

Dick Mills retired after 34 years with the Pasadena Independent School District.

Woody Owens, a Green Tee resident, was elected to the Pearland City Council in a run-off election. His victory and the election of Larry Marcott appeared to give support to the extension of Scarsdale Boulevard.

Jamie Barrica began projects to keep a promise to Jonathan Barrica. He promised to work hard for the safety of Texas teenagers by forming a Citizen's Petition for no purchase or possession of handguns in the state.

5 years ago (2005)
Three of the Breedlove identical quadruplets were home. The fourth, Adelle Felicia, remained in the hospital due to a heart valve problem. The quads were born to Dobie graduates Eric and Shelley Breedlove.

Ellington Field was named on the Base Realignment and Closure committee's list to be downsized, but the fight was not over. Both Texas senators and all local congressmen joined with members of the community in the attempt to build a case at the federal level to keep the base open.

The extension of Blackhawk was finally accepted by the county and opened allowing access to Dixie Farm Road.

Houston Mayor Bill White agreed to participate in the annual Fourth of July parade. It was his fourth consecutive appearance in the parade.

1 year ago (2009)
Kenneth Flolo was killed in a traffic accident in the 13100 block of the Gulf Freeway service road near Beltway 8. He was driving a Harley Davidson motorcycle south on the feeder road and was attempting to enter the freeway when he hit the rear end of a white Ford Explorer driven by Ileri Perez.

Brianna Perez died at Ben Taub General Hospital from severe brain injuries she suffered in a hit-and-run accident. No charges were filed on the driver of the other vehicle, Theophilus Tartlon, as a grand jury handed down a no bill, saying there was a chance he was unaware of the collision.

Former Dobie student Jeremy Lee Cox died while driving in Wharton. Cox, 32, was driving to work for a land surveying company when his truck veered off the road and struck a tree. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Two homes in the 11500 block of Sagedowne were demolished as the result of a government buyout due to repeated flooding. Several other homes on the area street had been leveled over the previous decade.

Lutheran South Academy student Makenzie Stocker died in a Pasadena traffic accident. Stocker, 18, was the daughter of Todd Stocker, the campus minister at Lutheran South Academy.

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Northrups celebrate 60th anniversary



Roger and Donna Northrup will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2010. They were married in North Baltimore, Ohio, in 1950. They have lived in the Kirkmont area for 27 years. They were high school sweethearts and have been together ever since. The couple have five children, Jim Northrup, wife Julie, grandson Jim and grand-



daughter Lisa; Darla Northrup Tippet, husband Steve and grandson Dono; Margie Northrup Remely and husband Mark; Lee Northrup and Beth Northrup. Roger is a retired science teacher from Ohio and Donna is a retired seamstress and physical therapist. They will celebrate with their family at a quiet family dinner.

Atkinson releases honor, merit rolls

Atkinson Elementary recently announced its honor rolls for the fourth nine-weeks grading period. Students earning status are:

Honor roll

First grade
Alfredo Aguilera, Liberty Anderson, Jacqueline Arredondo, Danielle Bulman, Ethan Cash, Nicholas Covarrubias, Guadalupe Escalera, Lilliana Ferrell, Anthony Ho, Sandy Ho and Cindy Huynh.

Second grade
Angela Chapa, Kay Duong, Zoe Fletcher, Leah Ha, Carlos Klunk, Hannah Lazo, Jacob Leopold, Ashley Nguyen, Cindy Nguyen, Andrew Tran and Andrea Uribe.

Third grade
Alyssa Carrico, Katherine Flores, Kevin Galvan, Destinee Gonzales, Bao Huynh, Victoria Hyams, Ricardo Lima and Nicolas Luna.

Austin Luu, Jade Nanez, Khanh Nguyen, Wendy Pan-toja, Gabriela Rodriguez, Daniel Saiz, Kyana Shannon, Fernanda Torres and Clare Van Pelt.

Fourth grade

Pedro Alba, Celeste Covarrubias, Karina Frias, Michelle Fuentes, Gisselle Garcia, Maxine Gomez, Britney Lariviere, Kattia Morales, Paul Ontiveros, Natalie Orta, Christian Ponce, Griselda Ramos and Victoria Ta.

Merit roll

First grade
Ricky Bailey, Reynaldo Barrientos, Mariana Chavez, Sarah Cundiff, Topanga Franks, Aaron Garcia, Emily Gonzalez, Patricia Medina, Emily Mejia, To Minh, Neriah Nanez, Bryan Orozco, Priscilla Perez and Charlie Tran.

Second grade

Dayna Joseph, Samantha Narvaez, Jessica Nguyen, Le Phuong-Thu, Charlyze Tamayo, Simon Tran and Nicholas Welcome.

Third grade

Erik Aguirre, Elizabeth Early, Catherine Le, Lauryn Locksey and Michael Sartor.

Fourth grade

Efrain Banda, Ramon Cahue, Melina Flores, Kevin Lara, Phan Long, Tan Nguyen, Jacqueline Pena and Erika Rubio.

Alvarez, Burns marry



Denise Ayna Alvarez and Daniel Lee Burns were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at the AD Bruce Religion Center University of Houston Chapel with a reception following at the Houston Hobby Marriott. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She is the daughter of Lidia and Rodolfo Alvarez of Sagemont. The groom is the son of Mila and Johnny Burns of California. Serving as maid of honor was Jessica Lopez. Bridesmaids were Melissa Becho, Sherrill Mohan, Melba Rojas and Ilana Garza. Junior bridesmaid was Gabrielle Keene. Serving as best man was John Burns, the groom's brother, and groomsmen were Noe Borrege III, Jaime Borrege, Jonathan Borrege, Richard Rojas and Andrew Torres. The bride is a 1998 Dobie High School graduate. She is a 2005 graduate of the University of Houston-Clear Lake with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. She is employed at Memorial Hermann Outpatient Imaging in Clear Lake. The groom is a 1997 graduate of Nile C. Kinnick High School in Yokosuka, Japan. He served in U.S. Navy and is currently pursuing a degree in petroleum engineering at San Jacinto College and the University of Houston. He is employed at Servisair Shell at Hobby Airport. After a honeymoon in the Bahamas, the couple reside in the South Belt area.

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Hallaron, Schmitt wed



Katherine Elizabeth Hallaron and Tristan Michel Schmitt were married on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at The Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas. Parents of the bride are Teddy and Brenda Hallaron. Parents of the groom are Rachell Weidmeyer and Michel Schmitt. The bride graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 2009 and is attending Northern Arizona University. The groom is a 2007 J. Frank Dobie High School graduate and is attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz.

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Sanchez earns award

At the annual Stuchbery Elementary awards ceremony, third-grade student Kaitlyn Sanchez was recognized for earning 374 Accelerated Reader points, the most in the entire school. Students earn Accelerated Reader points by reading books and then taking a short comprehension quiz. Sanchez, a student in Robin Salinas' class, was presented a special certificate and a copy of the book, *The Lightning Thief*, autographed by author Rick Riordan.

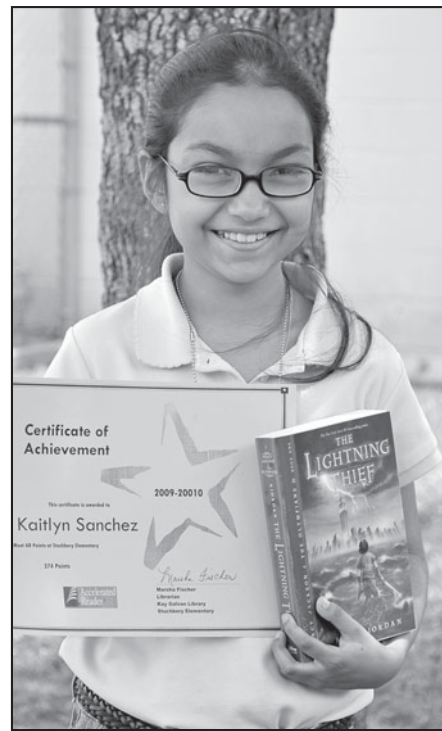


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GCLFEDS meets June 17

Greater Clear Lake Families Exploring Down Syndrome will hold its general meeting on Thursday, June 17, with a presentation on legal issues involved in safeguarding the future of special needs children.

Lisa Wilson, an attorney with 13 years of experience in special needs estate planning and guardianship, will discuss government benefit programs, guardianship and special needs trusts. She is a graduate of the University of Houston Law Center and is the parent of a 22-year-old daughter with Down syndrome.

The meeting will be held in the United Way Building, 1300-A Bay Area Blvd., Conference Room A. Free pizza and dessert will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

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Senior Jose, teacher Brown honored at PISD gala

Jisha Jose's favorite teacher and mentor is Curtis Brown. Jose and Brown were honored at the Pasadena Independent School District Foundation Shining Stars Gala on Tuesday, June 1.

Brown is a Distinguished Educator.

He teaches 10th grade Pre-AP Algebra II at Dobie High School.

Jose is the daughter of Jose K. Punnoose and Alice Jose. She does community service and volunteer work including: Star of Hope Homeless Shelter, Play-ground Project, St. Christopher's Church Bazaar, Volunteer to feed homeless in association with St. Luke's Catholic Church, Haiti Earthquake Fundraiser, Chile Earthquake Fundraiser, UIL Orchestra, HOSA Blood Drive with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, Quick Start Tennis Program, Habitat for Humanity, Downtown Soup Kitchen, bake sales, fundraiser talent shows, Sunday School, George R. Brown Convention Center

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Jose's campus leadership roles are: varsity tennis team captain, National Honor Society president, and orchestra secretary. Her extracurricular activities include: varsity tennis, orchestra, National Honor Society, and Health Occupations Students of America.

All of her hard work and dedication will pay off in the future as she takes that next step in her life.

"After high school, I plan on attending the University of Texas at Austin and majoring in anthropology/pre-medical studies. From there onwards, I wish to attend medical school, complete my internship and residency in pediatrics, and lastly fellowship in neonatology, after which I hope to ultimately establish myself as a neonatologist," said Jose.

Brown helped Jose with one of her more challenging subjects in high school which will help her get through college.

"If I was to start talking about Mr. Brown, I think I would never finish. My first

year with Mr. Brown was my sophomore year in pre-AP Algebra II. All throughout high school I have admitted that math was not one of my favorite subjects; however, I always looked forward to Mr. Brown's class.

"The first semester I always struggled in class and managed to get borderline A's. If I ever needed help understanding anything Mr. Brown always helped me during tutoring. He stayed after school very late explaining the simple things I missed during tests and listened to me complaining about how much I hated math. He helped me by making my difficulties seem very minute, and the second semester my grades improved tremendously. Mr. Brown was not only my math teacher but he was and currently is my mixed doubles partner in the teacher-student tennis tournament. We won first place last year in the intermediate division and hope to end this year similarly. May it be math help, recommendations, or just even visiting purposes, Mr. Brown over the years has proved to be a great math teacher, someone I could talk to without hesitation, and a wonderful mixed doubles partner. It was my pleasure learning from you, Mr. Brown, and I will miss you terribly! In short, you are the best partner," said Brown.



Dobie senior Jisha Jose (right) and Dobie 10th grade Pre-AP Algebra teacher Curtis Brown were honored Tuesday, June 1, at the Pasadena Independent School District Foundation Shining Stars Gala. Jose credits Brown as being her favorite teacher and mentor. An exemplary student, Jose is the daughter of Jose K. Punnoose and Alice Jose. Photo submitted

Williams sentenced in murder

Continued from Page 1A in, Williams, a former Dobie student, and one of the other teens both pulled out pistols. Williams then proceeded to fire several rounds, striking Garcia five times. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The trial was not without its complications.

The first trial, held in September 2008, ended in a mistrial as the result of a hung jury.

A second trial held last month, in which Williams was found guilty, was also thrown out when defense attorneys argued that one of the jurors was on his cell phone at the time the verdict was delivered.

An alternate juror was then selected, and Williams was again tried and found guilty.

Williams contends he was acting out of fear at the time of the incident. Garcia, however, was unarmed at the time of the shooting, and nothing in the police reports suggests he was acting in a threatening manner.

Garcia's aunt, Eva Reyes, doesn't feel the punishment fits the crime.

"Justice wasn't done," Reyes said. "It was very unfair."

Prosecutors say no further retrials or appeals are planned.

Burnett announces rolls for end of school year

Burnett Elementary recently announced its fourth nine-weeks and all year honor and merit rolls.

Students earning status are:

Honor roll First grade

Isabel Acevedo, Gail Afalalo, Sophia Aguirre, Alyvia Andrade, Antonio Aviles, Amari Ayala-Sanchez, John Beltran, Jasmin Benitez, Bianca Curry, Kalicia Davis, Victor Garcia and Aixa Guerra-Gomez.

Erica Hay, Johana Jasso, Adrian Martinez, Joscelyn Martinez, Desiree Miller, Bruce Nguyen, Thao Nguyen, Celeste Ortiz, Lendi Santos, Madeline Schwausch and Lauren Worley.

Second grade

Jocelyn Bustos, Dominic Caballero, Courtney Chung, Enoc Curiel, Quang Do, Nancy Flores, Andrew Garcia, Daniel Garza, Eduardo Gonzalez, James Hingle, Ivyanna Lewis and Milow Lozano.

Ashly Mathew, Christian Medina, Jesus Montes, Brian Ordonez, Naomi Rodriguez, Justin Silva, Stephanie Umanzor and Kimberley Zometa.

Third grade

Isai Arenas, Arismendy Aristy, Melani Camacho, Omar Chapa, Alan Contreras, Yessica Cruz, Osvaldo Escamilla, Ann Marie Garcia and

Stephanie Herrera. Katherine Martinez, Esteven Mata, Tiffany Nguyen, Javier Robles, Jayro Salamanca, Emily Solis, Giovanni Solis, John Velarde, Marco Velazquez, Alejandro Villanueva.

Fourth grade

Natalie Aviles, Jacqueline Ayala, Alan Escudra, Jacquelyne Garcia, Alejandro Gonzalez, Michelle Gonzalez, Jasmine Jimenez and Amanda Mejia.

Tommy Nguyen, Maria Pedroza, Jackelyn Rendon, Leslie Rodriguez, Dulce Santos, Bryon Schwausch, Kathia Tamez and Vnam Tran.

Merit roll First grade

Maritza Arreola, Esmeralda Bravo, Jacob (Devin) Caballero, Kianna Cosco, Dieu Dinh, Adrian Maldonado, Sofia Malo, Valerie Martinez and Maxine Mooring. Jose Moreno, Lucas Nguyen, Melanie Rios, Ivan Rivera, Jocelyn Robles, Kendall Spafford, Gilly Spencer and Kyrtsten Tyler.

Second grade

Christopher Bowser, Xzaveon Cofield, Jaquary Davis, Marissa Estrada, Seth Gonzalez and Valerie Lara.

Arrianna Martinez, Martin Nandin, Ashley Rodriguez, Aliyah Salas, Cameron Serenil and Victoria Yong.

Third grade

Adriana Escamilla, Angela Escamilla, Benito Garcia, Joshua Phan-Coy, Rijja Rasool, Roberto Rayos, Chris Rolon, Lauren Schwausch and Ariana Toran.

Fourth grade

Tyra Adams, Alyssa Chapa, Renee Figueroa, Kenya Morris and Ricardo Ramos.

All year merit roll First grade

Sophia Aguirre, Antonio Aviles, Amari Ayala-Sanchez, Jasmin Benitez, Bianca Curry, Kalicia Davis, Aixa Guerra-Gomez and Erica Hay. Joscelyn Martinez, Desiree Miller, Bruce Nguyen, Thao Nguyen, Celeste Ortiz, Madeline Schwausch and Lauren Worley.

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Perfect attendance all year

Isabel Acevedo, Laura Acosta, Gail Afalalo, Francesca Arellano, Jared Banda, Jocelyn Bustos, Omar Chapa, Alan Contreras, Yessica Cruz, Bianca Curry and Dieu Dinh.

Jessyca Emiliano, Ruby Espinoza, Ann Marie Garcia, Anastasia Gonzales, Hassan Gutierrez, Arturo Hernandez, Khang Huynh, Emily Legaspi and Nayeli Legaspi.

Brandon Lopez, Adrian Maldonado, Cristian Mateo, Keyona Mathis, Christian Medina, Jessica Medina, Gabriel Menendez, Brian Nguyen and Tommy Nguyen.

Kevin Nunez, Maria Pedroza, Ky Ky Phan, Sebastian Ramirez, Tariq Rammadan, Ricardo Ramos, Ivan Rivera, Carolina Rocha, Celia Rocha, Vanessa Rocha and Nikolas Rodriguez.

Jayro Salamanca, Aliyah Salas, Dany Sanchez, Shirley Sanchez, Mackenzie Schulze, Bryon Schwausch, Amaya Smith, Emily Solis, Amy Tieu

Kindergarten achievement All year

Alessabella Adame, Liza Ayala, Marco Ayala, Keelan Brannon, Alani Chapa, Kailor Coleman, Melena Dongs, Moses Estrada, Eliza Figueroa and Jessica Flores.

Kaylee Goodrum, Hassan Gutierrez, Elijah Hernandez, John Hingle, Khang Huynh, Joshua Jack, Elliyah Jackson, Deon Jones, Alexis Kamal, Kristine Lara and Eden Limas.

Lexi Martinez, Alex Mateo, Nataly Mendez, Elissa Nandin, Tommy Nguyen, Jason Pham, Arabella Platz, Alejandro Ramos, Celia Rocha, Vanessa Rocha and Lisette Rodriguez.

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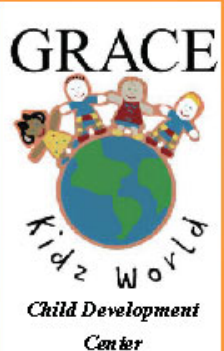
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San Jac baseball title hopes dashed; Iowa Western sweeps championship set

Needing just one win in two games to secure a national championship, the San Jacinto College baseball team fell short at the National Junior College Athletic Association's World Series in Grand Junction, Colo.

Instead, it was Iowa Western that walked away with the crown after first staving off elimination with a 10-4 win over San Jacinto and then coming through with a 5-4 victory in the decisive winner-take-all final.

San Jacinto entered the championship round as the lone unbeaten team after posting a 4-0 record through winner's bracket games.

One of the Gators' four wins came against Southern Nevada, which featured Bryce Harper, who was drafted No. 1 overall by the Washington Nationals in the major league baseball amateur draft June 7.

The locals seemingly had the upper hand heading into the championship round as ace pitcher Miguel Pena was set to face Iowa Western in an elimination game June 4, but Iowa Western touched Pena (14-2) for seven runs over the first two innings en route to a 10-4 victory, forcing a second game between the two teams for the title.

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San Jacinto College's Larry Rodriguez waits for a pitch to be delivered during the teams' national championship final against Iowa Western June 5 in Grand Junction, Colo. Iowa Western won the game 5-4 to win the crown, giving San Jacinto the runner-up spot. Catching for Iowa Western is Anthony Bemboom.

Photo by Rob Vanya

Miami ousts Texas A&M, Juengel at regionals

Clear Brook High School graduate Matt Juengel saw his sophomore season come to a close as his Texas A&M baseball team was eliminated at the Coral Gables Regional.

The Aggies were beaten 10-3 by host Miami, which qualified for Super Regional competition against the University of Florida with the win. Texas A&M's season comes to a close at 43-21-1.

With Juengel and several other Aggies at the top of their games, the Aggies were able to advance to within a win over the Super Regionals. The Aggies defeated Florida International 17-3 in the tournament opener as

Juengel went 3 for 5 at the plate with a home run and three runs driven in. In a winner's bracket contest, the Aggies were beaten 14-1 by Miami, meaning the team had to fight back through the loser's bracket. After a 4-3 victory over Dartmouth, the Aggies went head-to-head with Miami in a loser's bracket contest. In

that game, the Aggies trailed 3-0 early before eventually rallying for an 11-7 victory. Juengel slammed his 11th home run in the game and went 3 for 5 with four runs driven in. Texas A&M and Miami were rain delayed June 7 before resuming action June 8. In the end, Miami rolled to an easy 10-3 victory.

All-star softball games to feature locals



Dobie High School's Chelsey Morgan (above) and Clear Brook High School head coach Ashley Pillow (right) will be two of the participants at the inaugural Houston Area High School All-Star Softball Game. The event will feature an East versus West and a North versus South game, both to be held at Cougar Softball Field at the University of Houston. Clear Brook catcher Molly Fichtner and second baseman Stephanie Gonzalez are also on the East roster along

with other class of 2010 senior players from the area. The other three teams are composed of players from other high schools in the Houston and surrounding area. The East/West game is June 15 and the North/South game is June 16. The event is hosted by Power Girls Fastpitch Softball, a select softball program in the Houston area. See story on Page 6B.
Photos by John Bechtel

an elimination game June 4, but Iowa Western touched Pena (14-2) for seven runs over the first two innings en route to a 10-4 victory, forcing a second game between the two teams for the title.

In that last game, Iowa Western jumped out to a 3-0 lead after an inning only to see the Gators eventually move in front 4-3.

But two Iowa Western runs in the bottom of the eighth inning were the difference as San Jacinto fell 5-4.

Clear Brook varsity baseball coach Russell Ferrell has been reassigned, ending a 14-year run as the leader of the program.

While the reasons for Ferrell's reassignment may not be for public consumption, the change was not based solely on wins and losses. Ferrell was 229-210 during his career at Brook.

It marked the third time that San Jacinto was runner-up at the event under head coach Tom Arrington, who completed his 10th season by narrowly missing out on his first national crown.

Reached by phone several days after the news broke, Ferrell declined to discuss specific details involving the change, other than to cite administrative pressure

headed." Gene Flores, the 2010 varsity assistant, is currently the interim head coach.

Sean Nolin of San Jacinto was named the outstanding pitcher of the tournament.

Clear Brook's Ferrell reassigned

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Gene Flores, the 2010 varsity assistant, is currently the interim head coach. Continued on Page 2B

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Local sports news, notes

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.

Brook softball camp

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.

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

SBAST Sharks seek donations

The South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks is seeking donations to help cover the costs of replacing the team's lane ropes, which are now more than 15 years old and are experiencing dry rot and other signs of age. The SBAST Sharks have been in the South Belt area for more than 39 years and have provided a competitive team that is part of the Clear Creek Swim League for children ages 4 to 18 years old. Each spring and summer, the Sharks usually carry a roster of 150 to 160 participants. The team is seeking donations from area businesses to help cover the costs of replacing the lane ropes. The Sharks are a 501(c) non-profit organization and will provide a receipt for any charitable contributions. Those wishing to assist the Sharks may call board member Ricky Graham at 713-628-0637.

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. The session will be held July 12-15, to be held at the tennis courts located at San Jacinto College South on Beamer. The session will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$75 per student. For more information, call Lutheran South Academy at 281-464-8299 or visit the school Web site at www.lutheran.south.org.

Brook strength/conditioning

At Clear Brook, the strength and conditioning camp will be held June 14 through July 22. Students entering the seventh through 12th grades as of the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to attend at a cost of \$60 per student. Clear Brook coach Brian Broussard, a member of the Wolverines' varsity football coaching staff, is coordinating the strength and conditioning sessions at the school. The workouts will be held Mondays through Thursdays. The first session is from 7:10 to 8:50 a.m., and the second session is from 9 to 10:40 a.m. Both boys and girls are eligible to attend. The workouts will include 50 minutes of weight room training and the remainder outdoors. Incoming seventh, eighth and ninth-grade students must attend the 9 to 10:40 a.m. session. Participants must have a current athletics physical on file before being allowed to take part in the workouts. Students may register by calling Broussard at 281-284-2161 or by directing e-mails to bbroussa@ccisd.net. For more information, visit the Wolverines' football Web site at www.brookfootball.com.

Dobie strength/conditioning

Members of the Dobie High School football coaching staff will oversee the Longhorns' strength and conditioning camp, to be held June 14 through July 15 and July 26-29. The session will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays each week from 4 to 6 p.m. in order to allow some participants to attend morning summer school courses. Students entering the ninth through 12th grades as of the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to take part in the sessions. There is no charge for the sessions.

Brook volleyball camp

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. The camp staff will place students in proper ability and/or age groups for training sessions involving the various skills in the sport of volleyball. For more information, direct e-mail to brookvball@yahoo.com.

San Jac College hoops camp

Registrations are now being accepted for the San Jacinto College basketball camp, designed to help youths earn and improve their basketball skills. The camp is designed for boys and girls age 7 through 18, and will be held in two sessions. The first camp session is scheduled for Monday, July 19, through Friday, July 23. The second is from Monday, July 26, through Friday, July 30. Both sessions will be held from 2 to 5 p.m., in Anders Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. The camp cost is \$90 per week, or \$160 for both sessions. Participants will be awarded ribbons and trophies in various categories at the end of the camp. Men's basketball head coach Scott Gernander will head the camp. For more information or to receive a camp brochure, call 281-476-1847 or 281-476-1849.

Lady Longhorns hoops camp

Dobie High School varsity girls' basketball coach Shane Brown and his staff will host the 2010 Lady Longhorns Basketball Camp July 6-9 at the school. Girls entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to attend the camp from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The staff will cover the fundamentals of the game, including passing, shooting, ballhandling, defense and more. Team and individual competitions will be held each day. The fee is \$55 per participant, which includes a camp T-shirt. For more information about the camp, direct e-mail to Brown at rbrown@pasadenaisd.org.

SBHLL membership meeting

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will hold a general membership meeting Thursday, June 17, at the Harris County Court Annex located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Only parents or guardians of players who have competed during the 2010 season are invited to attend. The league is planning to host board elections for the 2011 season on Aug. 4.

CB's Jason Pillow to host fitness camp

Clear Brook High School varsity boys' basketball coach Jason Pillow will hold a fitness and activities camp for first through sixth grade students June 21-25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp will feature all types of activities and sports. For more information, call Pillow at 281-284-2163 or direct e-mail to him at jpillow@ccisd.net.

South Belt Soccer online registration

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is still accepting fall registration for online registrants. Boys and girls ages 4 through 18 are eligible to compete in the league. Those wishing to play this fall may register online at www.southbeltsoccer.org. Those in the U-5 through U-8 divisions may register for \$80 online. Those in the U-9 and U-10 divisions may register online for \$90 and those in the U-11 and older divisions may register online for \$115.

Dobie incoming freshman football camp

The Dobie High School football staff, led by head coach Jim Phillips, will host the incoming freshman football camp Aug. 3-5 at Dobie High School. The sessions will run from 4:30 to 7 p.m. each day as coaches help familiarize players with the Longhorn program. Admission is free.



Molly Fichtner, a 2010 Clear Brook High School graduate, will represent the Lady Wolverines' softball program one more time as she plays in the Houston Area High School All-Star Softball Game June 15.

SBAST delivers first swimmers of the week

The South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks have announced the first installment of the swimmers of the week. Those honorees include Nathan Bui, Lori Guerin, Andrew Logan, Orlando Logan, Catherine Ramirez, Jenna Ramirez, and Emily Tamez.

Three other winners, Erin Caballero, Nigel Sprauve and Drake Williams, are not pictured.

The Sharks are part of the Clear Creek Swim League. The team has represented the South Belt area in the league for the past 39 years.



Andrew Logan



Lori Guerin



Catherine Ramirez



Nathan Bui



Emily Tamez



Orlando Logan



Jenna Ramirez

Sharks set fundraiser

The South Belt Area Swim Team will be taking pre-orders for fully cooked briskets professionally prepared by the Lighthouse Cooking Team.

Those interested in placing an order may call Ricky Graham at 713-628-0637 to pre-order until June 16. All proceeds go to the SBAST Sharks. The briskets will be approximately 11 to 13

pounds and will sell for \$45 each.

The briskets will be cooked and available for pick up Friday, June 25 at Weber Elementary on Blackhawk.

Orders are to be pre-paid by check or money order. SBAST is a non-profit summer swim program in South Belt that has been in competition for nearly 40 years.

Ferrell of Brook reassigned

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Ferrell's exit as the Wolverines' head coach brings an end to a fine era for the program.

It was Ferrell who oversaw Clear Brook's smooth transition from Class 4A to Class 5A.

He had been the top assistant to then head coach Mike Watson for two seasons before being named head coach prior to the 1997 season.

In recent years, the Wolverines have had a solid, if not great, run of success.

The varsity team advanced to the playoffs in four of Ferrell's final six seasons.

The 2009 and 2010 teams went down to the wire to make the playoffs in District 24-5A but then moved to the area round of the postseason each time. Then came Ferrell's reassignment.

Having witnessed the administrative wrangling firsthand over the course of weeks, perhaps Ferrell saw it coming, but it didn't make it any easier to take.

2010 seniors to compete in all-star softball

Several local high school softball standouts are set to take part in the Houston Area High School All-Star Game set June 15-16 at Cougar Softball Field on the campus of the University of Houston.

The event, a fundraiser for the Power Girls Fast-pitch Softball select program, will feature Molly Fichtner and Stephanie Gonzalez of Clear Brook, Dobie's Chelsey Morgan and others.

Clear Brook head coach Ashley Pillow, who led the Lady Wolverines to the District 24-5A title in 2009 and 2010, will be the head coach

of the East team. The assistant coach is Kathy Morton of Clear Springs.

The East versus West game is June 15, and the North versus South game is June 16.

"It's going to be pretty exciting to be a part of," Pillow said. "With as much talent as all of the teams will have, I think it's just a matter of letting them go out and play the game."

"I'm honored to be chosen to coach the East team, but I'm just going to let them do what they do best."

Pillow, who has now led Clear Brook High School to the postseason in each of

the last three seasons, will host a final practice June 11 at Clear Brook prior to the big game.

The East roster includes Mikaela Adams of Clear Creek, Haley Alexander of Crosby, Jaclyn Bechtle of Pearland, JoJo Blair of Kingwood Park, Gabby Cano of Channelview, Amber Cherry of Splendor, Nikki Cook of Liberty, Megan Coronado of Pearland, Princess Daniels of Clear Springs, Ashlee Delgado of Galena Park, Vanessa Eng of Alvin, Brook's Fichtner, Gwen Gable of C.E. King, Marissa Gaskamp of Dayton, Brook's Gon-

zalez, Ashley Howard of Wheatley, Hannah Huffman of Clear Lake, Whitney Miller of Barbers Hill, Shannon Millman of Pasadena Memorial, Dobie's Morgan, Katie Moulder of Clear Creek, Alexis Parry of Scarborough, Ruby Robles of Baytown Lee, Shelby Rudelman of Splendor, Cadie Weaver of Splendor, Nicole Wooten of Sam Rayburn and Taylor Zink of Baytown Sterling.

"These girls are some of the best players in the Houston area, and it's going to be a lot of fun," Pillow said. "I know the names of a lot of the girls playing."

Pee wee Astros win postseason tournament crown



The pee wee division Astros entered the playoffs at 11-3 with the third seed but won the tournament with an 11-9 win over the second-seeded Cubs and then a 14-7 victory over the top-seeded Diamond Backs. Members of the Astros' title team are, left to right, (front row) Robert Green, Nicholas Gaytan, Ma-

son Banhart, Aaron Perea, Mario Barajas, Angelo Ramirez, (middle row) Frank Mendez, Damien Lopez, Sandro Del Villar, Aran Maldonado, Lorenzo Navarro, (back row) coach Javier Lopez, manager Rudy Mendez and coaches Oscar Perea and Roland Gaytan. Not pictured is Ryan Correa.

Machine pitch Cardinals take division title



Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's machine pitch division Cardinals went 16-2 to win first place in the standings this season. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Joey Garcia Jr., Luke Giron, Sebastian Rivera, Nathan Scott, Isaiah Trevi-

no, (middle row) Mikey Ramirez, Adrian Tamez, Jerick Garcia, David Nolen, Mauricio Jasso, Alec Johnson, Andres Molina, (back row) coach Mike Ramirez, manager Chris Love and coaches Justin Simmons and Dustin Johnson.

T-Ball Reds go undefeated, capture championship



The T-Ball Reds of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League went a perfect 13-0 during the regular season to capture first place. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Yusuf Khan, Meagan Nguyen, Jeremiah Longoria, Jordan Peralez, Michael Alva-

rez, and Christian Vega, (back row) Coach Rommel Garcia, A.J. Garcia, Christian Padua, Justin Trevino, Zaire Walker, Rey Izaguirre, coach Rudy Peralez and manager Ignacio Izaguirre.

Longhorns celebrate 2010 baseball season



Several key members of Dobie's varsity baseball team earned awards as top performers during the 2010 season. Those award winners, pictured with head coach Miguel Torres (far left), included, left to right, (front row) Andrew Williams (academic most valuable player), Deron Waines (newcomer of the year), Justin Eckols (defensive most valuable player), Aaron Kutra (offensive most valuable player), (back row) Joseph Gutierrez (heart award), Edward Peabody (overall most valuable player) and Austin Abbott (pitching most valuable player). The winners were chosen by their peers through a team vote.



The Class of 2010 within the Dobie High School baseball program was recognized during the season-ending banquet at Sagemont Church. Members of the senior class are, left to right, (front row) Deron Waines, Mike Medina, Andrew Williams, Aris Adame, B.J. Burton, Chad Tapper, Brandon Broussard, (back row) Sam Pitts, Blake Beynaerts, Garrett Leland, Joseph Gutierrez, Irving Garza, Aaron Kutra and Austin Abbott.

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Top Longhorns get all-district baseball nods

The season might have ended on a disappointing note with the team missing the playoffs, but all was not lost after the District 22-5A coaches announced the 2010 all-district selections.

Senior right-hander Austin Abbott, easily the Longhorns' most consistent player this season, was the lone Dobie player named to the first team after gaining wins in four of the team's six 22-

5A victories. Two other Dobie players made their way to the 22-5A second team, including outfielder Deron Waines and third baseman Edward Peabody.

Waines, in his first full season as a starter, excelled in left field as a defensive player and also came through with numerous clutch hits for the team.

Peabody, despite missing preseason workouts and the first few nondistrict games while finishing his obligations with the school's varsity basketball team, also came through big for the Longhorns on his way to a second-team selection.

Dobie senior outfielder Andrew Williams was the team's nominee to the district's all-academic squad.

Six Longhorns were given honorable mention status, including four players who are slated to return to the lineup in 2011.

The district's most valuable player award went to Jaime Esquivel of South Houston, who guided the Trojans to their first playoff appearance since the 1987 season. Esquivel has signed to attend Rice University.

Brad Cuyos, a sophomore at Pearland High School, was named newcomer of the year in the district.

The first team also included pitchers Ryan Williams of La Porte, Sam Rayburn's Santos Saldivar and Matt Rhodes of Pearland.

Infielders were first baseman Rafael Santos of South Houston, second baseman

Matt Cavazos of La Porte, Deer Park shortstop Clay Boone and Pearland third baseman Drew Dekerlegand.

The outfielders were Kyle Cross of Pearland, La Porte's Kendrick Perkins, Ricky Ramirez of Deer Park and Justin Collins of La Porte.

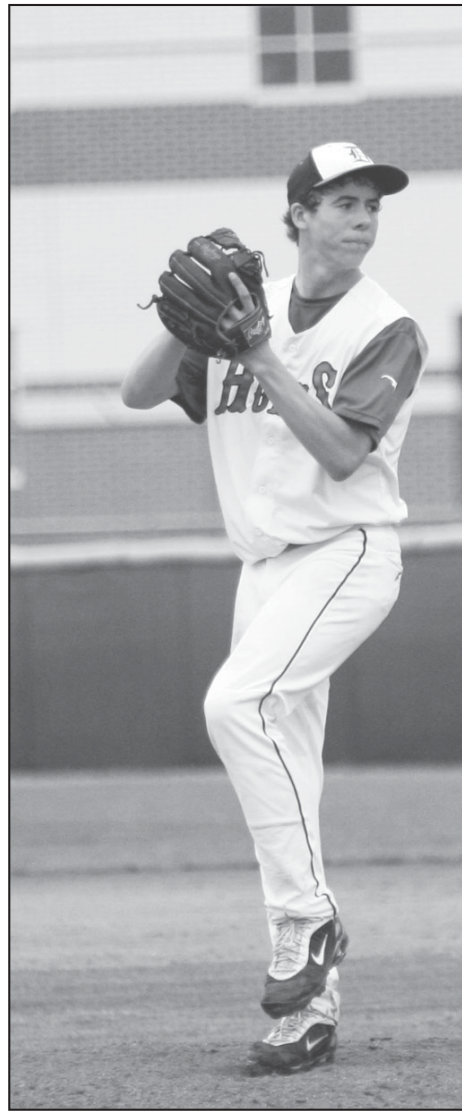
Pearland's Brock Hartsen was the utility player nominee on the first team.

All-District 22-5A Varsity Baseball Picks - Dobie

Austin Abbott - First team P
Deron Waines - Second team OF
Edward Peabody - Second team 3B

Honorable Mention

C - Justin Eckols
SS - Aris Adame
1B - Aaron Kutra
P - Emmitt Pitts
OF - Zack Long
OF - Joseph Gutierrez



Austin Abbott was consistent throughout the 2010 season even though the Longhorns finished with a losing record. Abbott, pitching in his first varsity season, was the winner on the mound in four of Dobie's six 22-5A victories.



Edward Peabody missed the first few games of the season while competing for the Longhorns' varsity baseball team, but the junior quickly developed into one of the baseball team's most consistent performers en route to a 22-5A second team berth. GaryWPhotos.com



Senior left fielder Deron Waines emerged as a dual threat for Dobie this season, making circus catches in the outfield and coming through with big hits at the plate. Waines was subsequently named to the 22-5A second team. Photo by John Bechtel



A part-time starter primarily in the outfield for the Longhorns, senior Andrew Williams (left) was even better in the classroom. He was selected to the District 22-5A all-academic team following the season. Williams plans to attend Texas A&M University, where he will study agriculture and biological engineering. GaryWPhotos.com

11-under Texans champions at League City



The 11-under Texans select baseball team went 4-0 to capture the championship at the Big League Dreams tournament in League City. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Luis Adame, Juan Moreno Jr., Alec Barosh, Jeremy Green Jr., Joseph Casteneda, Isaiah Henry, (middle row) Wayne Lominac Jr., Isaiah Vasquez, Stephen Moreno, Tyler Redmon, Tywon Mackey Jr., (back row) coaches Joseph Casteneda, Craig Redmon, Wayne Lominac Sr. and Jay Green.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

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

9:30 a.m.

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Fellowship of Friends, 144 Park Avenue in League City. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others to the interdenominational meeting.

11:30 a.m.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets on the second Thursday of each month at MiMi's Cafe in the Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway Street, #1600. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynperez22002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. For information, call 281-487-8787.

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, JUNE 11

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.

AARP-South Belt Chapter - The American Association of Retired Persons meets the second Friday of each month at the community center at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road.

Noon

Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

The Compassionate Friends - TCF will hold a fundraiser Saturday, June 12, from noon to 5:30 p.m. at Stevenson Park in Friendswood (on FM 518 next to the fire station) in place of its formal meeting. The general public is invited. Events include hamburger/hotdog meal, silent auction, cake walk, Avon, Tupperware and TCF bracelet sales. There will be a program starting at 2 p.m. with a balloon release at 2:30 p.m. To volunteer or donate, call Nita at 713-412-8335. The next regular meeting will be held July 20.

Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.

8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

MONDAY, JUNE 14

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

9 a.m.

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

6 p.m.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.

6:30 p.m.

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

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

7 p.m.

Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair Dr.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

7 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

The Bay Area Military Officers' Wives - hold monthly luncheon meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at Bay Oaks Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Active duty or retired officers' wives are eligible. For information, call Patt Simon at 832-221-2696 or Wendy Peters at 281-333-3115.

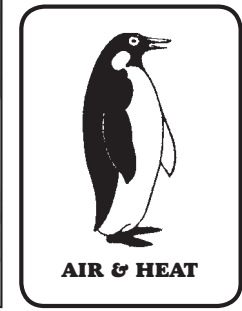
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Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.

1:30 p.m.

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

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TUESDAY, JUNE 15

6:30 p.m.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.

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

Pearland Area Republican Women's Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431.

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

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

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

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

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

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

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

7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisisshotline.org.

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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.

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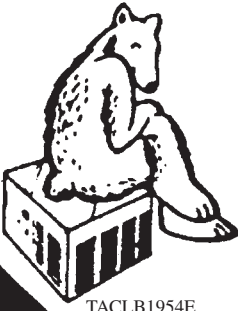
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District 22-5A recognizes top Lady Longhorn softball players

Another banner season from the Dobie High School varsity softball team has led to a slew of honors for its players.

In fact, each player who contributed regularly to the team this season was given all-district accolades at various levels of distinction.

The District 22-5A champion Pearland team captured two of the league's top awards. Pearland's Laneigh Clark was named Coach of the Year.

Lady Oilers' senior shortstop Jaclyn Bechtle was the Most Valuable Player. Alyssa Rangel of Deer Park was named Newcomer of the Year.

But while Pearland, which won the district crown at 13-1, received plenty of recognition, so did Dobie.

The Lady Longhorns, who defeated Pearland 3-2 on the final night of the regular season to finish second at 11-3, earned plenty of respect after being the only team to defeat Pearland in league play.

Senior second baseman Amanda Nguyen was elected to the first team

along with outfielders Amie Gallant and Kellen Gomez. Shelby O'Brien, who excelled in a variety of roles for Dobie, made the first



Shelby O'Brien

team as a designated player. Of those players, only Nguyen will exit as a senior. She is headed for the U.S. Military Academy, where she will join the Army and play softball.

Gomez, Gallant and O'Brien, all seniors to be, figure to play prominent roles on the 2011 team.

Several other Lady Longhorns made their way to the second team, including pitcher Shannon O'Connor

and first baseman Faith Roberts, who made the squad in an at-large role. Shortstop Chelsey Morgan, catcher Ariel Morgan and outfielder Shelby Senegal also made the second team.

O'Connor, a sophomore during the 2010 season, made the majority of the team's starts in the circle. Roberts, a junior, was one of the team's top power hitters and run producers.

Morgan, a three-year starter at shortstop, was a

senior along with Senegal. Morgan will play the 2011 season at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, and Senegal has signed to play at Southern University.

Primarily a designated hitter in 2009, Ariel Morgan excelled as the Lady Longhorns' starting catcher this season. She will be a senior in 2011.

Two other Lady Longhorns, Christina Diaz and Alyssa Zarate, were named to the honorable mention

squad. Diaz was Dobie's starter at third base throughout the season, and Zarate made several starts as a pitcher for the team.

With as many as 11 players returning for the 2011 season, the Lady Longhorns are hoping for more success in the future.

If the team does well, there is certain to be more all-district accolades to go around in the future. For now, the 2010 season was one to remember.

Dobie put together one of the finest outfield alignments in the District 22-5A mix as all three players earned all-district nominations. At right, outfielders (left to right) Shelby Senegal, Kellen Gomez and Amie Gallant were named. Senegal was a second team choice, and Gomez and Gallant were named to the first team.



At right, Dobie varsity softball players (left to right) Faith Roberts, Shannon O'Connor, Christina Diaz, Chelsey Morgan and Amanda Nguyen were given all-22-5A consideration. Roberts, a first baseman, and O'Connor, a pitcher, made the second team. Diaz, the team's third baseman, made the honorable mention list, Morgan made the second team as a shortstop, and Nguyen, a second baseman, was a first-team pick for the second straight season.



At left, the Lady Longhorns' Amanda Nguyen ended her fine career at Dobie with another nomination to the 22-5A first team at second base. Nguyen, a two-sport star at Dobie who was also a multi-year all-district nominee in volleyball, will continue her education and playing career at West Point.



In her first season as Dobie's starting catcher, junior Ariel Morgan was a great defensive presence behind the plate. She also gave the Lady Longhorns a power bat in the lineup on her way to a 22-5A second team nomination.

Most Valuable Player

Jaclyn Bechtle, Pearland

Coach of the Year

Laneigh Clark, Pearland

Newcomer of the Year

Alyssa Rangel, Deer Park



22-5A First Team

- P – Jessica Bowden, Pearland
- P – Marisela Noguera, Pasadena
- P – Shannon Millman, Memorial
- C – Sydney Aguilar, Memorial
- IB – Megan Coronado, Pearland
- 2B – Amanda Nguyen, Dobie
- SS – Alexis Garcia, Deer Park
- 3B – Kirbie Ferrell, Deer Park
- At-large Inf. – Lauren Langner, Pearland
- OF – Leandra Maly, Pearland
- OF – Nicole Wooten, Sam Rayburn
- OF – Amie Gallant, Dobie
- OF – Kellen Gomez, Dobie
- DP – Shelby O'Brien, Dobie
- Util. – Brooke DuBois, Pearland
- At large Open – Nicole Peake, La Porte

22-5A Second Team

- P – Shannon O'Connor, Dobie
- P – Kalli Schultea, Deer Park
- C – Ariel Morgan, Dobie
- Inf. – Amy Smith, Memorial
- Inf. – Chelsey Morgan, Dobie
- Inf. – Lexi Fryar, Deer Park
- Inf. – Lauren McClary, Memorial
- Inf. – Selena Reyna, South Houston
- OF – Shelby Senegal, Dobie
- OF – Brittany Robles, Sam Rayburn
- OF – Hillary Ratliff, Deer Park
- OF – Stacie Pilkington, Pearland
- DP – Kayla Calvert, Memorial
- Util. – Kristen Davenport, Deer Park
- At large Open – Faith Roberts, Dobie
- At large Open – Savannah Crittenden, LP
- At large Open – Cierra Ramirez, S. Houston

Honorable Mention – Dobie

- Christina Diaz, 3B
- Alyssa Zarate, P

SJC baseball assists special needs children

A highlight of the San Jacinto College's baseball team during their stay in Grand Junction, Colo., for the JUCO World Series was helping special children in a Challenger Baseball game.

Challenger Baseball is an adaptive sports league for young people with special physical or emotional needs. "The program pairs special needs children with 'buddies' so that the buddies can help the children to compensate for whatever particular need the children have, so they can feel what it's like to play in a real baseball game," commented Carma Brown, director of the Grand Junction event.

"This was the highlight of our Challenger Baseball season, when these college players took the time to become buddies with the children and to give these special children a truly special time. Regard-

less of the outcome of the JUCO World Series, these college players are champions in the eyes of these special children."

San Jac pitcher Dylan Adamek was buddy to 9-year-old Andre Crowe during the Challenger Game, helping Andre to put on a batting helmet, coach him on how to hit the ball from a baseball tee, help him to run the bases and to patrol right field.

Adamek and Andre quickly became friends, and Adamek said he loved every minute of it.

"It's really something special to work with these kids, and I think it means as much to us college players as it does to the children," Adamek said.

"It made me smile to help Andre, and just to see him get on the bases and run with a smile on his face brought a smile to my face."



San Jacinto College pitcher Dylan Adamek (left) was buddy to 9-year-old Andre Crowe during the Challenger Baseball game in Grand Junction, Colo. The event allowed players to assist special needs children while they learned the game of baseball.

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Longhorn netters host exes matches

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In girls' doubles, current Dobie players extended the team lead to 5-1. Narali Desai and Sonali Patel downed exes Jenny Trinh/Uyen Trinh 8-0, and Myle Phan/Kathy Tran defeated exes Lillian Lam/Lanise Williams 8-1. The exes got a victory from Jessica Escobar/Yen Le, who beat Jisha Jose and Tina Le 8-6.

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SJC signs state softball MVP

San Jacinto College head softball coach Kelly Saenz has announced the signing of Pearland's Jaclyn Bechtle (right), who was named the most valuable player at the Class 5A state softball tournament in Austin June 5. Bechtle, a four-year starter at Pearland, led the Lady Oilers to a 4-0 victory over Austin Bowie in the state final after smacking two doubles and a single as part of a 3 for 4 performance at the plate. During the 2010 season, Bechtle was one of the Houston area's home run leaders with 11. She also led Pearland in batting average and runs driven in. Following the Lady Oilers' District 22-5A championship run, Bechtle was named the district MVP. Bechtle started her career at Pearland at third base and has played the past three seasons at shortstop. The daughter of Julie and Steve Bechtle, she is the niece of Leader sports editor John Bechtle.



Dobie's DeLeon picks UH-Victoria soccer



Dobie High School varsity girls' soccer player Chelsea DeLeon (seated center), a 2010 graduate, will continue her education and playing career at the University of Houston-Victoria after signing a letter of intent. DeLeon, a four-year varsity player for Dobie, was the defensive player of the year in the District 22-5A ranks during the 2010 season.

Those with her at the signing included, left to right, Marleen DeLeon (mother), Victor DeLeon (father), (back row) Curt Brown (Dobie instructor), Taylor DeLeon (sister), Kersten Mullan (retired Dobie varsity girls' head coach) and Steve Jamail (Dobie principal).