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FCC TV help at Almeda

Representatives from the Federal Communications Commission will be at Almeda Mall Friday, June 12, through Sunday, June 14, during business hours to answer questions about the upcoming switch to digital TV. Coupons for converter boxes will be available to visitors. For information, call 713-944-1010.

PIP meeting June 16

The next Positive Interaction Program meeting will be Tuesday, June 16, at 7 p.m. in the staff meeting room at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Guest speaker will be SWAT Officer George Griger. For information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.

4th of July parade set

It's almost time for the annual South Belt Fourth of July parade. Now in its 22nd year, the parade will begin Saturday, July 4, at Beverly Hills Intermediate at 10 a.m. and wind its way to San Jac South. This year's theme is *Honoring Our Military*, and all active military personnel and veterans are encouraged to participate. Entry forms are available by e-mailing mynews@southbeltleader.com. The forms are to be filled out and returned to the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer, or faxed to 281-481-5730.

YMCA camp registration set

Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint, is currently registering for YMCA Summer Camp. To register, bring employment and income verification, child's shot records, child's birth certificate, child's Social Security card and proof of child support, attempt to receive support or establishment of paternity. Call 713-948-9065 for information.

Heavy trash scheduled

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, June 18, for city of Houston residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, June 25. For more information, call 3-1-1.

VBS set for area churches

Kirkwood South Christian Church
Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, will hold Vacation Bible School June 14-18 from 6:15 to 9 p.m. Children 4 to 12 are welcome. The program is Rome, Paul and the Underground Church and Market Place.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 9850 Mango St., will hold its Vacation Bible School, *Son Rock Kids Camp*, June 16-19, from 6:45 to 9 p.m. For information, call 713-943-2275.

Cokesbury United Methodist Church
Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale, invites area children to Vacation Bible School. The free program is offered to children from toilet trained 3-year-olds to those entering fifth grade. The program is *Camp E.D.G.E., Experience & Discover God Everywhere*. The children will take a journey to a different Bible destination. The program will be held June 15 through June 19, from 6 to 8:45 p.m. Register at Cokesbury or call 281-484-9243.

Blood drive at MHS

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital will hold a blood drive Thursday, June 18, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The drive will be held at the hospital, 11800 Astoria Blvd., CES classroom, first floor. To schedule an appointment, call Irfan Saood at 281-929-4168. To schedule online, visit www.giveblood.org and log in to Digital Donor. Enter the sponsor code 0701SE01.

Dobie 10-year reunion set

Dobie High School's Class of 1999 reunion will take place Saturday, June 20, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Pearland. Ticket purchase is available through the reunion Web site at www.dobieclassof99reunion.webs.com/.

AL hosts golf benefit

The American Legion Post 490 will host its 19th annual benefit golf tournament at the Pasadena Municipal Golf Course on Thursday, June 11. The tournament benefits area youth programs and families of deployed military personnel. \$100 hole sponsorships are available - and all other support, including auction items and donations, are appreciated.

For more information, contact Linda Mortier at 281-236-7893 or cmsglinda@yahoo.com.

Weber recycling continues

Weber Elementary will still have its recycling bin in the side parking lot over the summer. Help the school keep its recycling bin by dropping off any of the following items: newspapers, magazines/catalogs, office or school papers, shredded paper (bagged), mail, phone books and soft cover books. No cardboard, food boxes, fiberboard or chipboard or text books or hard covers.

Lariaettes hold car wash

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold a car wash Saturday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kroger gas station on Sabo at the beltway.

Drainage issues upset Kirkwood residents

By James Bolen

After having his home flood numerous times over the years, Kirkwood resident Wade Hudson was ecstatic last February when City of Houston workers replaced a damaged drainage pipe near his residence at Kirkwyn and Newton.

Hudson was told then a second damaged

drainage pipe at Kirkville and Newton would also be replaced in the near future to further help alleviate the recurring problem.

Much to Hudson's dismay, work on the second project was never done, and this past April, his home, along with roughly 20 others in the area, flooded twice in only six days.

"A project was completed by the city that did help the homeowners in our area, but we can see that further drainage projects need to be completed," Hudson said.

Bricks that line the second pipe at Kirkville have caved in, and the lid that covers the entrance to the pipe had fallen into the structure, further hindering water flow.

City workers have since retrieved the lid and have agreed to repair the collapsed bricks.

This is insufficient to Hudson, however, who feels the entire pipe needs to be expanded and replaced as with the Kirkwyn project, not merely repaired.

"The same drainage project that was completed on Kirkwyn needs to be completed for Kirkville," he said.

Like many in the subdivision, Hudson, a senior citizen, suffers from health related issues.

"My husband has had bypass surgery and

now has a pacemaker," Hudson's wife Nancy said. "He is a disabled veteran that has had many episodes with cellulitis, which is an infection of the skin in his legs. A person with this condition should not be walking in the flood water that is filling the house."

One Kirkwood resident suffered a fatal heart attack during the April floods.

Hudson contends if the drainage issue is not fully addressed, affected homes in the subdivision should be bought out by the government.

"If the water cannot be controlled, the homes should be bought and a real detention pond should be created in our area," he said.

The upset resident has an ally in Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan, who said if any work is to be done, it should be done right. Sullivan is scheduling a meeting in the near future to discuss the issue.

See related letters on Page 2A.

Sagemont homes leveled



Two homes in the 11500 block of Sagedowne were demolished Thursday, June 4, as the result of a government buyout due to repeated flooding. Several other homes on the street have been leveled over the last decade. Many Kirkwyn residents in the Kirkwood subdivision would like to have their homes bought out if necessary repair work is not done to alleviate their flooding problem. Photo by James Bolen

Cookoff set for June 13

A cookoff will be held Saturday, June 13, at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road, to raise additional funds for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display.

In past years, the fireworks show has been funded entirely by the annual April South Belt Spectacular Cookoff now held at Tom Bass Park. This year, however, heavy rains prevented the event from reaching its financial goal.

While the April cookoff focuses on barbecue, the supplemental cookoff will be a contest for best beans, seafood gumbo and fajitas.

The event will also feature a silent auction and liquor raffle. Current auction items include Astros tickets, a ride on a fire truck in the South Belt

Fourth of July parade, a chance to name an area street and tickets to the SplashTown Water Park.

Due to limited space at El Franco Lee Park, available spots were first offered to cooking teams that participated in April's event.

Funding for the fireworks display has also been aided by individual donors. A generous donation of \$1,000 was contributed by South Belt residents Johnny and Michelle Johnson, who own Poor Man's Fireworks at 14350 Furman near the intersection of Beltway 8 and Highway 288.

For more information or to donate funds or auction items, call Linda Arnone at 281-484-4325.

Stocker dies in car crash

Lutheran South Academy student Makenzie Stocker died in a Pasadena traffic accident Wednesday, June 3, at roughly 8:15 p.m.

Stocker, 18, was the front-seat passenger in a Honda Civic traveling west on Bay Area Boulevard when the car's 16-year-old male driver reportedly ran a red light at Red Bluff.

A man driving a pickup truck through the green light crashed into the Civic at a high rate of speed, killing Stock-

er instantly. The vehicle's back-seat passenger, Caitlin Cannon, 17, suffered severe head injuries and was taken by Life Flight to Memorial Hermann Hospital and underwent surgery. She has since been released.

Both drivers sustained minor injuries. The three teens were dancers and had just left a photo shoot. Stocker was also a student at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Webster and last year, was awarded a scholarship to dance in New York City.

In addition to dancing, Stocker did missionary work, recently traveling to Mexico and Ecuador.

This fall would have marked the beginning of Stocker's senior year at Lutheran South Academy, where her father, Todd Stocker, serves as campus minister.

Police say alcohol was not a factor in the accident. See related obituary on Page 2A



5th death this year near I-45 & BW8

Driver charged for backing into cyclist

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested following a fatal traffic accident in the 13100 block of the Gulf Freeway service road near Beltway 8 about 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6.

Kenneth Flolo of Friendswood was driving a black 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.

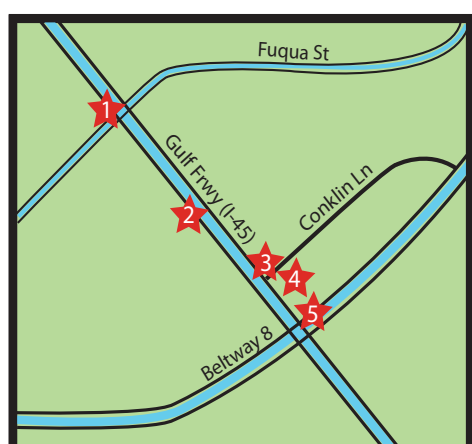
Perez, 33, was attempting to back down the entrance ramp at the time of the collision.

Flolo, 47, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Perez was not injured in this incident and is charged with criminally negligent homicide in the 338th State District Court.

This marks the fifth fatality this year on the stretch of the Gulf Freeway from Fuqua to Beltway 8 and the second motorcycle fatality to occur in only three weeks.

An additional five fatal accidents occurred on the Gulf Freeway between Fuqua and Scarsdale in 2008, and the intersection of Beltway 8 and I-45 has also been the site of two suicides in the past two years.



There have been five fatal traffic accidents this year on the Gulf Freeway between Fuqua and Beltway 8. Star 1 above indicates where Usebio Almendarez died Jan. 15; Star 2 indicates where Kenneth Flolo died June 6; Star 3 indicates where Jeffrey Mullen died May 14; Star 4 indicates where Guibaldo Perez died Jan. 29; and Star 5 indicates where Nayeli Gonzalez died April 22.

Two residents die in autos

Two South Bel residents recently died in automobile collisions.

Brianna Perez died Friday, June 5, at Ben Taub General Hospital from severe brain injuries she suffered in a hit-and-run accident Sunday, May 17.

Perez, 15, was a passenger in a green Buick Century traveling west in the 8100 block of Almeda Genoa near Randolph at roughly 11 p.m. when the driver of an eastbound white flatbed wrecker turned left into the median and failed to yield to oncoming traffic.

The driver of the Buick swerved to avoid the truck, but the passenger side of the car struck the rear end of the wrecker.

The driver of the flatbed, Theophilus Tarlton, failed to stop at the scene and headed north on Randolph.

The driver of the Buick was not injured.

Perez was a freshman at Dobie High School.

At press time, no charges had been filed on Tarlton, 53. The case is scheduled to go before a grand jury.

Former Dobie student Jeremy Lee Cox died at roughly 4:50 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, while driving in Wharton.

Cox, 32, was driving to work for a land surveying company when his Nissan truck veered off the road and struck a tree. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Cox suffered a brain aneurysm in January and spent 14 days in intensive care. An officer who responded to the scene said Cox may have died prior to hitting the tree, a family member said.

An exact cause of death has yet to be determined by the medical examiner's office.

A native South Belter, Cox attended Meador Elementary and Beverly Hills Intermediate prior to attending Dobie.

See related obituaries on Page 2A

Deputies battle area crime

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have remained vigilant in an effort to keep the South Belt area free from crime.

Deputy Raymond Deleon was dispatched Monday, June 1, to the intersection of Astoria and Beamer, where a driver had struck two vehicles and failed to stop and give information. Deleon was quick to locate the driver, Jay Hooks, who fled in an attempt to evade the deputy.

Hooks, 41, drove toward Pearland, where Deleon was assisted by Pearland police officers. Hooks was arrested and charged with

two counts of hit and run and a DWI, his third.

On Wednesday, June 10, deputies were dispatched to the water park at the Kirkmont Municipal Utility District building, where a man had refused to leave. The man was witnessed lifting his children over the locked gate to gain entry to the facility.

The park is for Kirkmont residents only and when asked, the man admitted to not living in the subdivision. Kirkmont MUD Manager Linda Arnone estimates that roughly 50 to 60 nonresidents attempt to use the park every day.

HCFCD repair work closes Blackhawk hike-and-bike trail

On Monday, June 1, the Harris Flood Control District began necessary repair work on the A121-00-00 ditch that runs parallel to Blackhawk. The area above outlined in black and white checks shows where the work is taking place. The adjacent hike-and-bike trail will be closed for approximately three months while construction is being done.

The ditch has experienced erosion and requires maintenance.

Repairs include fixing the channel's side slope, regrading the channel's back slope swale system, replacing outfall pipes that are too low or in poor condition, removal of willow trees inside the channel and establishing turf in areas without grass.

The total project length is 12,655 feet. The repair work is estimated to cost \$355,000.

This is a maintenance project to restore the channel to its original condition and not a capital project to increase capacity.

The willow trees to be removed have naturally grown in the ditch over time. HCFCD plants trees in detention basins, including A521-01-00, to slow the growth of grass to reduce mowing costs and also to help stabilize the soil to prevent erosion. HCFCD officials claim the trees do not affect the storage capacity of detention basins, as most are designed with future plantings in mind.

Construction is expected to take roughly three months to complete. The hike-and-bike trail off Blackhawk will be inaccessible to the public while the work is taking place.



The Harris County Flood Control District began work Monday, June 1, to make necessary repairs to the A121-00-00 ditch that runs parallel to Blackhawk. The area above outlined in black and white checks shows where the work is taking place. The adjacent hike-and-bike trail will be closed for approximately three months while construction is being done.

Readers' Opinions

Rivers: high water on Kirkwyn Drive

I live at 11435 Kirkwyn Dr. across the street from my home is a Houston City Fire Hydrant, number 828831. On April 27, 2009, the water level on Kirkwyn rose to completely submerge the fire hydrant. The top of that hydrant is approximately 40 inches above the storm sewer grating, which is located right in front of the hydrant.

When the water gets that high almost every house on the South side of Kirkwyn and most homes West of my address will have water come into their home. The water level at my house was exactly 1/2 inch below the main slab, while the attached sunken garage floor was completely under water. The slab of my neighbor's home, at 11431 Kirkwyn, is lower than my slab and when I looked out of a side window I could see the water was above the first course of brick.

The storm of the 27th of April, 2009, which had followed by a week, an earlier heavy rain storm that brought the water level as high as the dome of fire hydrant 828821. The lady living at 11431 Kirkwyn suffered a heart attack and died during the night following the second storm. It could be said that the stress of these storms and the work involved in trying to survive them may have caused her demise.

John P. Rivers

Williamsses seek city, county help

On April 18, 2009 our home flooded for the second time.

We have been fortunate that water has only entered the house two times, 2001 being the first time.

However, in those eight years, the water has risen to within inches of our front door on many occasions. Any rain event that drops heavy rain in a short amount of time has us scrambling into "fire drill" mode to move vehicles and lift furniture and belongings from the floor in an effort to minimize damage.

It is always a stressful occurrence. When we purchased our home, and even today, our address was not located within the 100-year flood zone.

Fortunately, with the most recent flood in April, we did have a flood policy in place. However, the insurance does not cover everything and we will still incur out of pocket expenses to repair our home. Again, we have the stress of rebuilding. We were optimistic that the latest efforts to increase drainage on Kirkwyn would solve our problems.

We were extremely disappointed and frustrated to have water in our home after the completion of those drainage repairs.

We are fortunate; several of the homes on Kirkwyn have flooded numerous times. We are hopeful that the City of Houston, or Harris County Flood Control District will ally our communities concerns and repair the inadequate drainage.

Linda and Scott Williams

We need county help, mosquitos are here!

We need some relief at this end of Harris County. The residents of Green Tee have some ravenous, blood-sucking, vampire-like mosquitos. Step outside, and you are engulfed in a swarm.

We've asked Pearland for help, but Brazoria County won't spray this subdivision because it is in Harris County. Harris County won't spray until there is an outbreak of West Nile fever. Say what?! Someone has to contract a potentially deadly disease before you treat the cause! That's like saying "kill the fleas after bubonic plague has swept through Europe." A little late, don't you think?

Pick up your phone, neighbors. It's time to call our county officials.

Catherine O'Brien

Edgebrook flood update from Muecke

On May 21, 2009 we held our sixth

meeting with HCFC and the various agencies involved, to discuss flooding in the Freeway Manor/Edgebrook area. Three and a half years ago we first met to see what could be done with one ditch that was causing severe flooding in this area. During this time we have had some success in getting ditches de-silted (bottoms cleaned out), one ditch being concrete lined, a better grass cutting program with ditch cleaning. About a year ago we were told a hold had been placed on further engineering design due to many problems found in where the ditches are located and the water flow/velocity.

We were given a complete overview of the Berry Bayou water shed system. This is a large area with water coming from a number of directions which could cause additional flooding closer to where Berry Bayou enters Sims Bayou. It was decided that an engineering study, which will take at least 9 months to complete, is necessary to address this issue. What started out as trying to resolve flooding in one ditch has now grown to a full study for the area. This delay is unfortunate, but if we get a better system, that is good. We were assured that this project has a High Priority. We are making progress. Those that get their homes flooded would like to see faster progress, but lets hope and pray that this gets done in a timely manner.

James E. Muecke,
Project Coordinator

Seagos seek city's help with drainage

Many politicians and financial people crunch numbers and say "yes" or "no" to city projects. However, they sometimes forget that people and their quality of life should also be considered. Flooding is not just a matter of having dirty water in your home and replacing the carpet. Flooding places a financial, physical, emotional, and mental burden on families and changes lives forever.

Seeing flood waters flow through your home and seeing many of your possessions be ruined is devastating. People who have never flooded or lived through other disasters say possessions can be replaced. That is true to a certain extent. Precious family photos and other mementos are irreplaceable. Flood insurance helps but does not pay for everything. To put your home back places a financial burden on most families.

There is also a great physical burden. Ripping up wet dirty carpet, throwing out things, packing what is left, and cleaning, cleaning, cleaning is very hard, time-consuming, and demanding work. Going through months and sometimes years of repairs is difficult and frustrating.

The emotional and mental burden of having your lives turned upside down affects every aspect of your life including your physical health. During the April flood we did lose one of our neighbors from a heart attack. To all of us, a severe weather forecast sends nerves racing. Watching water fill the street and creep up in your yard and into your home is extremely stressful. Waiting for not "if" but "when" the flooding will occur again is not a way to live.

Many people call flooding an "Act of God" but when flooding (for the most part) could be prevented by repairing broken, insufficient, or outdated drainage and is not, then flooding becomes an "Act of Irresponsibility".

Work has been done on the drainage in our area, but the work has been shown to be insufficient. A larger drain is needed or a drain is needed that would empty into the top of the A120 ditch. Total rework of the drainage at Newton at Kirkville has not been completed.

Our home had flooded during Allison and we had had our home completely re-done. We had to move out of our home for a few months to allow the contractor time to do all the work. Water came into our home again on April 18th. We tried to put some of our possessions into storage using a portable POD so that repairs could be completed. The following week the rains returned and our possessions in the POD were ruined. The POD filled with water with our possessions inside. We are both retired with serious medical

conditions and should be living in a relatively stress-free and clean environment. Financially we cannot afford to walk away from our home of 39 years. Yet, how can we now sell it so we can move to a safer place? Our home has become our "enemy".

If further work cannot be done very quickly in our area so that the homes on our street will be safe from future floods, then our homes should be in a buyout. We would appreciate any help that can receive.

Robert and Carol Seago

Deaths

Makenzie Stocker



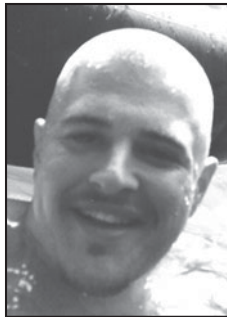
Makenzie Rebekah Stocker, 18, was killed Wednesday, June 3, 2009. She was born on May 3, 1991, in Scottsdale, Ariz., to Todd and Kellie Stocker. She was a junior at Lutheran South High School.

Stocker is survived by her parents; brother Nathan; sister Madeline; grandparents David and Gwen Stocker and Jane George; aunts and uncles David and Jennifer Hook, Scott and Meg Stocker, Andy and Stephanie Roettger, Mark George, Robert and Erin VanIlderstine, Kevin and Norah George, Chris George, Sean and Leslie George; cousins Kyrie, Krista, Lydia, John, Anna, Rachel, Catharine, Claire, Katie, Monique, Lexi, Marissa, William, Bethany, Brandon; and many other family and friends.

A visitation was held June 7, at Crowder Funeral Home. The funeral service was held June 8, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Memorials can be sent to the following organizations: Lutheran South Academy, 12555 Ryewater Dr. Houston, TX 77089; Bay Area Houston Ballet and Theater, P.O. Box 580466, Houston, TX 77258; and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Road, Houston, TX 77058.

Jeremy Lee Cox



Jeremy Lee Cox, 32, a native of Houston and the South Belt area, died Wednesday, June 3, 2009, in a tragic auto accident on his way to work. He was born Sept. 7, 1976. He attended South Belt schools

including Dobie High School.

Cox is preceded in death by his father, Alton Lee "Bubba" Cox, grandmother Evelyn "Meme" Cox, Wanda Lawyer, great-grandmother Pauline Higgins and aunt Judy Ann Chapman.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Nicole Cox; two sons, Drake Kendall Cox and Nicholas Alton Lee Cox; mother Sirley Maire Cox, Papa Alton James "Sonny" Cox; sisters Dawn Marie Cox Valdez, Heather DeAnn Cox Thompson, and goddaughter Leslie Nicole Davis; brother Michael Alton Cox; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 6, in the chapel of Advantage Howard-Glendale Funeral Home with the Rev. Mike Allard officiating. Burial followed at Forest Park Lawndale cemetery.

Brianna Nicole Perez



Brianna Nicole Perez, 15, died June 5, 2009. She was born Jan. 4, 1994, in Houston. She was a student at Dobie High School.

Perez is survived by parents Francisco and Stephanie Perez; brothers Francisco and Alex Perez; sisters Desiree, Adilee, Isabelle, Anabelle and Mia Perez.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, June 10, at Compean Funeral Home Main Chapel. (See story Page 1A.)

Malachi "Mal" W.L. Petty



Malachi "Mal" William Lindsey Petty, 51, died Sunday, June 7, 2009, at Triumph Hospital-Clear Lake.

Petty was born Oct. 9, 1957, in Wharton, Texas, to Norma Jane "Dodie" Harper Petty and Mal Allen "Danny" Petty. He grew up in Pasadena and attended Pasadena High School. Petty worked in the refineries and chemical plants, owned his own shrimp boat at one time, and recently retired from the City of Houston as an airport supervisor in Physical Plant Maintenance at Hobby Airport.

On Sept. 4, 1982, Petty married Cynthia Gayl "Cindy" Cheatwood, and they had a son, Lance Malachi Daniel Petty after seven years of marriage.

Petty was preceded in death by his mother and father and his mother-in-law, Mary Freeman.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy, son Lance, brother Bobby Petty, numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, friends, his special girl, "Penny" the pug, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Richard and Shelia Cheatwood.

A memorial service and celebration of Petty's life will be held Friday, June 12, at 1 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road, with the Rev. John Mark Benson officiating. The family will be present beginning at 12:15 p.m. to visit with guests. As per Petty's wishes, his body will be cremated and

the ashes spread across the sea, which he loved so much.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Living Proof Project at Sagemont Church, 11300 S. Sam Houston Parkway, Houston, TX 77089.

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SVFD reminds community of basic safety guidelines

By Jerry Terrell
Asst. Chief, Fire Marshal
In light of the recent tragic house fire in the Woodmeadows subdivision, it is a good idea to remind everyone of some basic life safety guidelines that could prevent this kind of terrible accident in your home.

One of the least expensive and most effective ways to notify the members of your household is the use of smoke detectors.

The modern battery-powered smoke detector that is available at every home improvement and hardware store, in addition to most large drugstores and numerous Internet-based sites, is a very reliable and effective device that detects a fire in the very early stages and gives adequate warnings to evacuate the premises before the fire spreads and begins to block exits.

These detectors are often under \$20 each and should be installed in every major room of the house in addition to stairways and hallways. They are powered by a 9-volt battery and can be installed in minutes using only a screwdriver and the supplied hard-

ware. If you need help installing these detectors, a call to the non-emergency number of your local fire department will most likely bring assistance.

For residents living in the county, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department will help. Their non-emergency number is 281-486-7576. You can use a familiar annual date to change the 9-volt batteries each year, like New Year's Day, Daylight Savings Time, or any other easily remembered annual date.

Secondly, each family should have a basic fire escape plan that should be communicated to each family member.

This plan should be simple and include the escape route outside the house, and a pre-arranged meeting place for

everyone to gather when the alarm sounds.

Any family member with special needs, whether a young child or a mobility impaired (walker, wheel chair, limited or no eyesight, etc.) person should be noted in the plan, and every other family member trained to assist that person in case of an emergency.

The family should hold periodic fire escape drills to ensure that the plan works and gets everybody out of the house in a quick and safe manner and accounts for each member so that no one is left behind.

These two simple and inexpensive actions can help prevent a tragedy and save the lives of those in the home in case of a fire related emergency.

AARP to meet

The South Belt AARP will meet Friday, June 12, at 10 a.m. at El Franco Lee Community Center, 9400 Hall Road.

A lively performance will

be given by Teresa Mauney, a talented musician, who is the pianist/organist for Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

All seniors are invited to attend.

Second grade top contributors to society



Sharon Brantly's second-grade class was the second highest class for contributions at Stuchbery Elementary for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Brantly, Izayah Perez, Marquis Williams, Sebastian Garcia, William Cruz, Kaylen Ruiz, Seth Lanuza, Kaitlyn Sanchez,

Rudy Arrieta, Linda Overton, resource inclusion aide, (back row) Ian Butler, Jole Quilon, Courtney Robertson, Chelsea Urdiales, Sara Cortez, Ileana Villanueva, Lauren Brown and Anthony Hernandez. Not shown are Sadie Glayzer, Michaela Munoz and Isaac Villarreal.

Photo by Angelica M. Silva

SJC scholar to present in China

San Jacinto College philosophy professor Randall Horton will lead a discussion on medical humanities this week during the seventh International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities in Beijing, China.

Horton is a visiting professor at Peking University Health Science Center and a doctoral student with the University of Texas Medical Branch. He was selected to present *Practicing Moral Medicine: Reflections on Directions for the Medical*



Humanities at the conference alongside his peers Julie Kutac, Jiin-Yu Chen and Margaret Wardlaw.

The presentation focuses on the challenges of bringing

the humanities to health care practitioners, as well as the ways medical humanities can deepen and enrich the medical practice. The panel will also address proposed methods and justification for incorporating the humanities in medical education.

Horton joined SJCS in 2002. He studied philosophy at the University of Houston and earned his master's degree in humanities from University of Houston-Clear Lake. He has a bachelor's degree in English from Sam Houston State University. His primary philosophical interests are theories of knowledge, consciousness and ethics.

The Humanities Conference by Common Ground

Publishing is held annually in different locations around the world as a focal point for new ideas and practices in humanities research and teaching. Last year's conference was held at the Fatih University in Istanbul, Turkey.

For information about San Jac, call 281-998-6150 or visit www.sanjac.edu.

Lions meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club meets Wednesday, June 17, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45.

E-mail HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com for more information.

Williams Library events scheduled

The following events are set for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale:

The summer reading program will be held through Aug. 8. There is a program for adults, teens and children. Visit www.hcpl.net or call the library at 281-484-2036 for more information.

Game day is Thursday, June 11, at 2:30 p.m.

Investigate ancestries and family histories when the genealogy discussion group meets Monday, June 15, at 2 p.m.

Also, the July computer class schedule becomes available. Space is limited - sign up early.

On Tuesday, June 16, at 2:30 p.m., instructors from Space Center Houston will demonstrate how astronauts prepare for space walks. Free tickets are required for children and are available the day before the program.

A teen papermaking program is set for Wednesday, June 17, at 3 p.m. Advanced registration is required.

Movie Madness is Thursday, June 18, at 2:30 p.m. Call library at 281-484-2036 for feature title.

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

Olson speaks at LSA



Sixty-eight students were promoted to high school during the eighth-grade promotion at Lutheran South Academy, where U.S. Rep. Pete Olson inspired the students by telling them, "There are three important things to remember in life: hard work, family and faith." Pictured are, left to right, Dr. Micah Parker, LSA headmaster; Olson; and LSA Middle School Principal Sheila Pscnik.

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Mohebpour receives Ruth Young Scholarship



Nesa Mohebpour of Dobie High School (second from right) receives the Ruth Young Scholarship Award from Eric Young (middle), brother of Ruth Young, a former Frazier Elementary student who died in 2005 after being hit by a school bus. The college scholar-

ship in her name is awarded to a student who previously attended Frazier. Previous winners of the scholarship pictured with Mohebpour and Young are, left to right, Ericka Vargas, Samantha Valdez, and Tina Bui (far right).

Photo by Davy Flickinger

Moore releases honor, merit rolls

Moore Elementary School recently released its honor and merit rolls for the end of the school year. Students named are as follows:

First grade Honor roll
Rida Asif, Eduardo Benavides, Samantha Carter, David Cherry, Benjamin Christen, Tammy Dang, Eli Donaho, Nayeli Garibay, Matthew Ghansyam and Alejandra Gracias.

Christian Hernandez, Laila Hernandez, Abigail Hogan, Thy Huynh, Breeze Irving, Faith Johnson, Jessica Le, Elaine Lien, Echo Miller, Daisy Nguyen, Kenneth Nguyen, Tyler Pham and Joshua Ramirez.

Isabelle Rodriguez, Gracie Roessler, Jackson Ruiz, Cecilia Salinas, Julian Sanchez, Casey Smith, Felicity Soto, Alexander Tran, Benjamin Tran, Jordan Tran, Trinity Tran, Son Truong and Ashley Tsikis.

Merit roll
Joshua Bickers, Jacob Chavez, Olga Cisneros, Nicolas Cook, Aubrey Davis, Gabriela Dorantes, Carson Fletcher, Daniella Florez and Vivian Gonzalez.

Hailey Henry, Alina Herazo, Nghia Lam, Jacob Le, Gisel Mena, Jesus Montes, Maximiliano Montes, Jennifer Nguyen and Madyson Nguyen.

Evamaria Perla, Anthony Perrett, Michelle Reyes, Samantha Schroder, Matthew Springer, Cameron Tobias, Savannah Tran and Amaode Uchendu.

Second grade Honor roll

Holly Baker, Hannah Christen, Matthew Dawkins, Aliza Alfaro, Ruben Flores, Aaron Nguyen, Karen Green, Daniel Hernandez, Sofia Hernandez, Juliana Hickman and Trevor Hondros.

Thomas Torres, Melody Le, Michelle Nguyen, Taylor Pleasants, Kareem Salomon, Neema Shafaei, Olivia Simmons, Haley Spencer, Sydney Tran, Taylor Tran and Denise

Garcia.
Merit roll
Gabriel Sanchez, Jazmine Garcia, Alysa Gonzalez, Madison Mendiola, Emily Nguyen, Alec Johnson, Andy Nguyen and Sam Donaho.

Anosacha Peete-Meyers, Rabeah Bhatti, Sean Dempsey, Randy Nguyen, Alan Nguyen, William Pettis and Betzabe Solis.

Third grade Honor roll

Diana Adame, Tryston Anderson, Garrett Barrientos, Nicholas Barrientos, Hillary Bazaldua, Shannon Bickers, Lauren Burleigh, Karissa Cook and Alex Estala.

Daniel Goforth, Ana Gracia, Seth Gutierrez, Sage Henderson, Holly Hernandez, David Hoang, Chelsey Holman, Carolyn Huerta, Naureen Islam, Lily Kieu, Vina Le and Kevin Ly.

Daira Macias, Savana Mata, Erica Morales, Andrew Nguyen, Melody Perry, Ngoc Phan, Rosa Phan, Ana Rodriguez, Jazmin Rodriguez, Jenna Rodriguez, Brianna Rodriguez-Hernandez and Leslie Rodriguez-Rangel.

Isaac Santos-Kamat, Emmerson Snyder, Hy Tran, Patrick Tran, Vivian Tran, Marcey Tsikis, Pablo Tufino, Cindy Vuong, Monica Zabala and Aleena Zaid.

Merit roll

Thomas Aleman, Nathan Bennett, Caden Carter, Alex Cuaping, Bryce Feagin, Eleazar Gonzalez, Maria Hernandez, Ramon Hernandez and Alice Ho.

Elizabeth Jasso, Hannah Klugh, Jason Le, Frankie Lopez, Diana Mendoza, Katherine Montes, Savannah O'Quinn, Desmond Owens and Jasmine Pham.

Kyrah Prince, Brittany Punte, Krystan Rodriguez, Jose Salazar, Alejandra Solis, Madison Tobias, Ann Truong, Dien Wang and Haley Williams.

Fourth grade Honor roll

Sean Bayne, Annie Chau, Brynn Dempsey, Alvin Devezza, America Eguia, Kevin Gartner, Marissa Kruschinsky, Steven Ly, Oren Moreno and Quyen Nguyen.

Taylor Nguyen, Adam Padillo, Genaro Salinas, Sophia Sanchez, Michael Slaten, Sara Sultan, Andrew Tran and Adrian Velasquez.

Merit roll

Alayna Cano, Joseph Castaneda, David Gonzalez, Thomas Hawkins, Emani Hollins, Raul Perez, Kaylan Salinas, Devin Sanchez, Torrey Tapper, Elizabeth Tran, Johnny Tran, Jaden Urdiales and Zion Walker.

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SJC student wins top spot



San Jacinto College cosmetology student Austin Campbell of Friendswood (right) placed second in the recent *So You Think You Can Do Hair* show, sponsored by Visible Changes at Warehouse Live. Campbell and his model, Emily Bristol of Friendswood (left), were required to showcase a total makeover that included hair design, makeup and wardrobe to represent the seasonal theme of their choice. San Jacinto College offers an associate of applied science and technical certificates in cosmetology at each of its three campuses. The South campus is located at 13735 Beamer.

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Kids U Language Camp set for June 15-July 16

Kids U Language Camp will run June 15 through July 16 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Building at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Third-through fifth-grade students can build Spanish or Arabic language skills during this Kids U camp. Students

will use role-playing, games and activities to learn simple sentences and common vocabulary. Enrollment will continue until classes are filled. Session fees are \$129.

To register or for more information, visit the Kids U Web site at <http://kidsu.uhcl.edu>, e-mail youngj@uhcl.edu or call 281-283-3530.

Meador announces end-of-year honor, merit rolls

Meador Elementary School recently released its honor and merit rolls for the end of the school year. Students named are as follows:

First grade Honor roll
Stephanie Horton, Charisma Denoon, Daniel Ortega, Ariel Robles, Andrew Zayas, Alejandro Mena, Oscar Padilla and Ambar Robles.

Angela Torres, Alazae Garcia, Bianca Cruz, Eneida Infante, Yesenia Morales,

Vanessa Villarreal, Tatiana Martinez, Nathan Ancira and Nyla Rodriguez.

Merit roll
Sarah Tyler, Omar Parada, Ailine Rivera, Madeline Romero, Michelle Acosta, Tasmeha Kazi, Valeria Vasquez and Jocelyn Telles.

Second grade Honor roll
Dana Smith, Alyssa Dominguez, Alyssa Walker, David Garcia, Marissa Enriquez, Brianna Gilreath, Kennedy Nguyen, Izabelle Villarreal and Mariah Schliesing.

Merit roll
Roberto Campa.

Third grade Honor roll
Samantha Merrill and Perla Zuniga.

Merit roll
Jasslyn Gomez-Portillo, Jason Cruz, Jorge Martin, Jadauris Ward, Grace Aguirre, Joshua Ortega and April Ruiz.

Fourth grade Honor roll
Everett Moreno, Christopher Gutierrez and Jazmyne Drumgo.

Merit roll
Patrick Marsh, Kiara Wells and D'Ashani Davis.

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Sanchez receives optometry degree



Dr. Alfred Sanchez Jr. received his Doctor of Optometry degree in May 2009 from the University of Houston, College of Optometry. He is a lifetime South Belt area resident, the son of Linda and Alfred Sanchez Sr., and the brother of Eric Sanchez. Sanchez attended Atkinson Elementary, Beverly Hills Intermediate and J. Frank Dobie High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston, majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry. He served his internship at Bridgebuilders Eye Clinic in Dallas and Alamo Eye Care in San Antonio.

LSA hosts drama camps

Lutheran South Academy will host two drama camps this summer. An Improv Camp will be offered June 15-19 under the direction of LSA Fine Arts Director Wyatt Schultz. Students will learn improvisational comedy, character acting, stage craft and other relevant high school drama experiences. All camp participants will perform in a show on the last night of camp. Students entering eighth-13th grades can register in the school cafeteria from 1 to 5 p.m. The fee is \$75. Space is limited - register early. OnStage Kids!, hosted by the LSA Drama Department, will offer a camp for middle school students from June 29 to July 3. This is an opportunity to learn, have fun, sing, dance, make props, etc. Students will practice all week and present a Friday night musical show for families. Students entering sixth through eighth grades will meet in the school cafeteria from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$175. For more information, visit the school's Web site at lutheransouth.org or call 281-464-8299.

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ARIEL ARRIVES!
Ariel Elle Chau, daughter of Kirkmont South resident **Rebekka Chau**, and granddaughter of **Danny and Tonja Chau**, was born Saturday, June 6, 2009, at Clear Lake Regional Hospital. The family is blessed with her arrival.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 11 through June 17.

Burnett Elementary
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Janet Perez** on June 11. Blow out the birthday candles June 13 for **Maria Medina**. On June 16, **Jocelyn Baker** enjoys a birthday.

Bush Elementary
Birthday greetings are sent to **Rosie Codina** and **Sandra Harper** who share a birthday June 14.

Jessup Elementary
June 17 is the day for a party for **Sonia Murillo**.

Meador Elementary
A birthday is enjoyed by **Dawn Donahue** June 12. On June 13, **Jeremy Miller** has a birthday. The day to send a happy birthday wish to **Carmen Fralick** is June 14.

Moore Elementary
Laura Rodriguez marks a birthday June 11. A birthday is enjoyed by **Dixie Thompson** June 16. Celebrating a birthday June 17 is **Mercedes Mata**.

Melillo Middle School
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Anna Garza** June 13. The day for a birthday cake for **Betty Henderson** is June 15.

Morris Middle School
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Maria Herrera** and **Neybi Zamudio** on June 14.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Eglantina Torres has a birthday June 12.

Challenger School
Carla Castillo is wished a happy birthday June 15.

Dobie High
On June 14, happy birthday wishes are

sent to **Stefanie McKinney**. The day for a birthday cake for **John Kneisler** is June 17.

DOBIE TRAILMIXERS MEET
The Dobie Trailmixers recently held their June meeting. Topics included:

Dobie retiree **Margaret Rabago** was honored with a reception at the school on Friday, June 5, from 1 to 2 p.m. Best wishes are sent to Margaret from the Trailmixers.

Nancy Walker is enjoying an extended trip to the United Kingdom for most of June; we know she is having a great time. Nancy has really turned into a world traveler since her retirement. She's recently taken three cruises to Mexico and the Hawaiian Isles. She also spent two weeks in Chicago helping former Dobie teacher **Beth De La Cruz** through surgery.

Carol Wright looks great and is finished with her foot surgery.

Rose Marie White Walton recently recovered from knee replacement surgery, but broke her leg and spent time in Methodist Hospital.

Ron Adams took a trip to San Antonio to visit some of his relatives. His 90-year-old dad lives with Ron in La Porte and is pretty spry. **Lynne Champion** visited Washington, D.C. Maybe she is considering advising our government...

Chris Wetuski is enjoying playing more bridge in her retirement.

Ann Brannen is hoping for a "quiet" hurricane season; her insurance agency keeps her quite busy without extra distractions.

Pam Comer Burris is eagerly awaiting the birth of her first grandchild in July. Son **Brad** is an A&M engineering graduate as well as a UT law school grad. He and wife, **Lauren**, will be the proud parents. Pam is finishing out the school year at Seven Hills High School in Katy ISD as a counselor. It's always nice to go back to work after you have retired...makes you ready to resume that retirement.

Roxanna Calley, former Dobie English teacher, relocated to La Grange with husband, **L.J.**, some years back. Both have since retired from school work and enjoy the country life. Roxanna had ovarian cancer and

had her gall bladder removed. She recently had more chemotherapy but is doing well. **L.J.** was involved in a serious car accident in which his vehicle flipped three times. He suffered from a crushed neck vertebra and spent a considerable amount of time in a San Antonio hospital.

Rosemary Rayburn is doing well and spending time with college friends from Mary Hardin Baylor, enjoying her grandchildren and children, and increasing her involvement with her church.

Amy Ashby's husband, **Willie**, is scheduled for open heart surgery this week. Willie turns 89 this year. Amy is glad that Dr. Denton Cooley's surgical team will be in charge.

Doris Rusciano, retired elementary principal and widow of Dobie's **John**, is in Africa. Her church group is providing the construction and support of a water well in a village in Kenya, a much-appreciated advance for the community. We think that Doris and friends will also enjoy a safari while checking out the project!

Allen Sory, Dobie's original principal, seems to look younger every year. He's a role model for all retirees! He, **James McNeil** and **Frank Braden** are all active members of PARSE.

Sandra Hall, Dobie assistant principal, has retired. **James Golden** will join the administrative staff.

Let's hope that Dobie's fearless, peerless leader **Steve Jamail** will have a restful summer this year. Seems just like yesterday that he was supervising the building of "the new Dobie," and working many, many long hours without stopping. Hard to believe that August will mark the seventh start of the school year at the new campus!

The Trailmixers meet at Luby's Cafeteria at 1 p.m. for lunch on the first Tuesday of every month, all year.

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Meador art contest winners named



Meador Elementary was among Houston area schools competing in a citywide art competition for the Salvation Army's 120th anniversary in Houston. Winners from Meador Elementary shown are, left to right, (front row) Mallerim Morales (second place, third grade); Amber Terrell (third place, third grade); (middle row) Hailey Gray (second place, fourth grade); Kiara Wells (first place, fourth grade); Perla Zuniga (first place, third grade); (back row) Beverly Bolton, assistant principal; Cecilia Stewart, art representative; and Darlene Davis, principal. Photo submitted

Remember When

30 years ago (1979)
A 16-year-old died after he was accidentally shot at a business location on the Gulf Freeway.

The Kirkmont Association went to court and was granted a temporary injunction against a homeowner who was in violation of a deed restriction.

25 years ago (1984)
City Councilman Frank Mancuso said that the city had ruled out annexing either the Sagemeadow Utility District or the Harris County Municipal Utility District 13 at that time.

Ground was broken for construction on the first bowling center in the South Belt area. Armadilla Lanes would be built on Fuqua.

20 years ago (1989)
Dobie High School Lari-

ette director Patty LaTouche resigned after seven years to pursue other endeavors including an addition to her family.

The Orioles won the major division title of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League with a record of 15-2-1.

15 years ago (1994)
Alisha Kris Santos, a South Houston High School graduate, was crowned Miss South Belt.

Funding for a \$1.6 million security system in the Pasadena Independent School District was authorized by the board.

The Rev. Dominic Pistone bid farewell to the Catholic Community at St. Luke the Evangelist after being pastor there for 10 years.

A 15-year-old Sageglen resident charged with the murder of a Sageglen woman remained in juvenile detention while authorities sought to have him certified as an adult.

10 years ago (1999)
John Scheschuk, a 1995 Dobie High School graduate, was a seventh-round selection by the San Diego Padres in the amateur draft.

Houston City Council approved the construction of Blackhawk between Fuqua and Beltway 8.

5 years ago (2004)
Contractors working on the Sagemeadow bridge were instructed to remove the drainage improvements and cease work. The project had not been approved by the Harris County Flood Control District, and the improve-

ments made were deemed inadequate.

A newborn baby was abandoned at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital by a mother who said she had the baby at home, and it needed to be examined. The mother said she had to move her car but never returned. No charges were filed citing the Baby Moses Law.

A "most entertaining" category was added to the awards given at the annual South Belt Spectacular July 4th parade.

Thompson Intermediate students Mariel Arhelger and Aun Nguyen received awards for outstanding performance as good citizens.

1 year ago (2008)
A private ceremony was held to commemorate the final F-16 Falcon alert mission to be conducted by the Texas Air National Guard's 147th Fighter Wing. The wing had its air sovereignty duties replaced by a squadron of F-16s from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th Fighter Wing, located in Tulsa. The decision stemmed from recommendations of the Department of Defense's 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, despite strong opposition from several local military and political leaders. The 147th had performed alert duties along the Gulf Coast since 1958. Members of the 147th would control 12 MQ-1 Predator drones and be collectively known as a reconnaissance wing, rather than a fighter wing.

James Hulme, the last original Dobie teacher, retired following the 2007-2008 school year. Hulme taught French and served as the head of the foreign language department at the school since it opened its doors in 1968. He served under four different principals. Together with his wife, Burnadette, Hulme has three children and six grandchildren, all of whom have attended schools within the Pasadena Independent School District.

Longtime Kirkwood resident Raul "R.C." Rivera was reported to be the first person nationwide to die from complications related to the outbreak of Salmonella Saintpaul. Rivera, 67, was celebrating good news he had received regarding his ongoing bout with lymphoma when he contracted the rare disease, believed to be spread by eating contaminated raw tomatoes. Rivera had undergone eight chemotherapy and 14 radiation treatments to much success when he and four family members visited a Mexican restaurant where they consumed pico de gallo, a tomato-based condiment. Two days later, Rivera began to feel ill. Six days after the meal, Rivera required hospitalization. While the other family members also got sick, none required medical care. City health department officials said that salmonella poisoning is particularly dangerous for infants, the elderly and cancer patients and others with a depressed immune system.

South Belt AARP meets

The South Belt AARP will meet Friday, June 12, at 10 a.m. at the El Franco Lee Community Center, 9400 Hall Road. A performance will be given by Teresa Mauney, a musician, who is the pianist/organist for Cokesbury United Methodist Church. All seniors are invited to attend.

Sunshine holds garage sale

Sunshine Children's World Academy, 11410 Hall Road, will hold a garage sale Saturday, June 13, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kids U Math Camp June 15-July 9

Kids U Math Camp will run June 15 through July 9 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Building at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Math Mysteries and SAT Math prep are on tap for those attending Kids U Math Camp. Open to fourth-

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We would like our South Belt neighbors to know about the arrival of **Brody Tye Clow**

Brody was born to Clinton and Heather Clow of Brenham, TX. Heather is the daughter of Rick and Cherie Motley (Stepmother) of Houston (Riverstone Ranch), and Jean and David Koch (Stepfather), of Brenham, TX. Brody arrived June 1, 2009, at 12:36 p.m. weighing 7.2 lbs. and stretched 20 inches long. He is the nephew of Zach Motley, Brad Motley and Darrin Motley.

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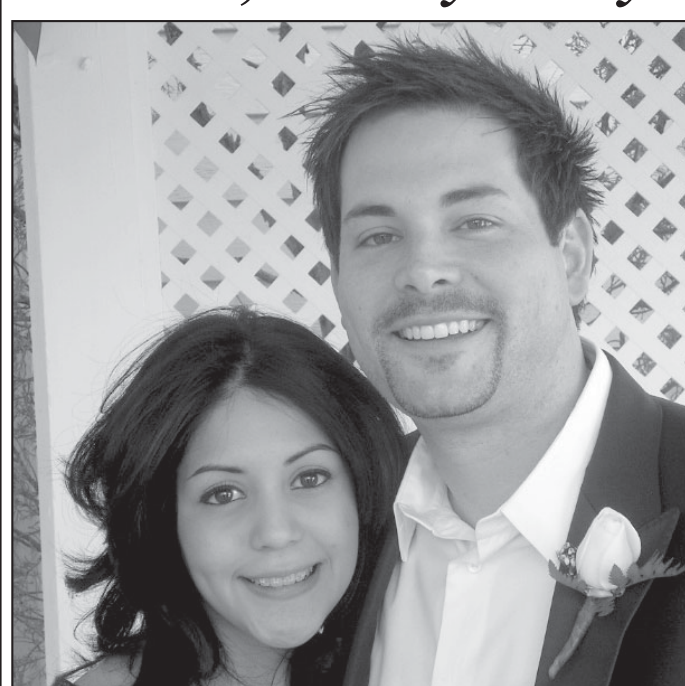
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Binnicker, Bowers to wed



Ronald and Kerry Binnicker, residents of Kirkwood, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Allison Binnicker, to Teddy Bowers, son of Teddy and Susan Bowers of Red Rock, Texas. The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Dobie High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Houston-Clear Lake with a Bachelor of Arts in history. She has been a special education teacher in the Pasadena Independent School District since August 2006. The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Sam Rayburn High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Houston-Clear Lake with a Bachelor of Science in business management. He is currently employed with Delta T Equipment. The couple met in January 2006 while substituting at Dobie High School. An early August wedding is planned in Houston.

Wences, Brantly marry

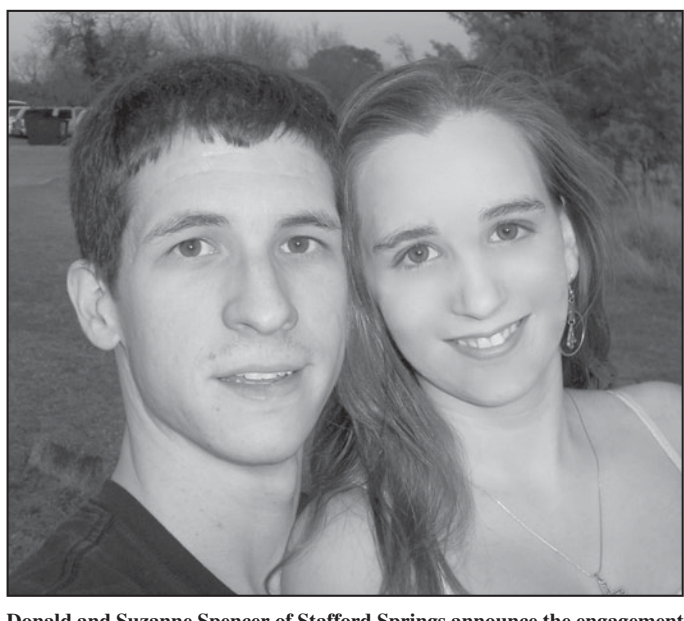


Yessica Wences and Paul Brantly were united in marriage on April 4, 2009. The bride is the daughter of Angela Wences of Galena Park. She is a 2003 graduate of Galena Park High School and is employed by Roadlink Intermodal. The groom is the son of Sharon Brantly of Sagemont and Lee Brantly of Angleton, Texas. He attended Stuchbery Elementary and Thompson Intermediate and is a 1998 graduate of Dobie High School. He is a policeman for South Houston.

TCTA elects Chavez

Melissa Chavez, a pre-kindergarten ESL teacher at Weber Elementary has been elected as a director-at-large for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association. Her one-year term began June 1, 2009. Elections were held at TCTA's annual Austin convention. TCTA, which serves 50,000 members across the state, is an independent, non-union association for Texas teaching professionals. Chavez will help set policy and make decisions for the statewide association and assist leaders of TCTA local affiliates. Chavez is active in the Clear Creek Classroom Teachers Association, serving as faculty representative for her campus. The 2009-10 TCTA Council will include other area educators Barbara Goodwin of Texas City, Shawnye L. Thomas of Lamar and Teresa Koehler of Clear Creek, serving as district four directors. TCTA is based in Austin and is the only statewide teacher association that limits active-level membership to those directly involved in classroom teaching or teaching support.

Spencer, Masone engaged



Donald and Suzanne Spencer of Stafford Springs announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Spencer, to Gregory Masone, son of James Masone and Elaine Allen, both of League City, Texas. The bride-to-be is a former student of Eastern Connecticut State University, and currently lives in the South Belt area. The prospective groom is from League City and is a student at San Jacinto College with plans to start a career in nursing after graduating in December 2009. The couple is planning a mid-July wedding at Union Congregational Church in Vernon.

Gardeners to host Open Garden Day

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AARP to meet June 19

AARP Chapter 199 will meet Friday, June 19, at 10 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook. This month, R.W. Kerber from the Kemah Office of Emergency Management will present a program on hurricane preparedness. A potluck luncheon with a patriotic theme will be served immediately after the meeting for those who wish to attend. Bring a covered dish, appetizer or dessert. The public is welcome to attend this free program. Refreshments will be served. For information about the Bay Area Community Center or about AARP Chapter 199, call 281-326-2955 or e-mail Carol Ledergerber, AARP Chapter 199 president, at clleder@hotmail.com.

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Villanueva earns music award



On May 28, 2009, Beverly Hills Intermediate School held its annual awards ceremony. The Sharon Prince Award was presented to Venerson Villanueva for his outstanding performance in music. Pictured are, left to right, Sharon Prince, Villanueva and teacher Kelly Young.

Women's club meets June 18

Houston Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club, in affiliation with Stonecroft Ministries, will host Prayer Connection and a luncheon at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive on Thursday, June 18, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The luncheon includes a buffet lunch for \$16, all inclusive charge. All women are welcome, but reservations are necessary. For information, call 281-485-0066 or 281-482-9727.

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Singles' dance June 20

The Bay Area Singles Club will hold its monthly dance Saturday, June 20, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the VFW Lodge in Bacliff located at 1401 Grand Avenue on FM 646, one-quarter mile west of Highway 146. Bring party snacks to share.
 Cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers.
 For information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

St. Luke's awards scholarships



The Guadalupanas Asocasion from St. Luke's Catholic Church recently awarded seven \$500 scholarships at the St. Luke's Senior Day Breakfast. These scholarships are for deserving St. Luke's community students. Pictured are, left to right, scholarship committee members Jose Estrada and Leticia Cruz, scholarship winners Rachel Hernandez, Keegan Schmitt, Olivia Jaramillo, Jose Ramos, Conie Pham, Erandi Trevino and committee member Ray Mata. Not in attendance was Leobardo Flores. All winners are Dobie High School students.
 Photo by Rochelle Schmitt

Admissions preview June 18

The University of Houston-Clear Lake will hold its Admissions Preview June 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Services and Classroom Building Lecture Hall at 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Learn more about UHCL's undergraduate and graduate degree programs during the session. For more information or to RSVP, call 281-283-2515 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/admissions>.

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Munson elected president of AACRAO



Dr. Wanda Munson from San Jacinto College will serve as the 2009-2010 president of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), the first woman from a Texas community college to be elected to this position. Her term will occur during the association's centennial anniversary.

"I am honored and humbled by the trust my peers have placed in me and will do my best to keep AACRAO moving forward as it has been for the last century," said Munson, who works as the college's dean of enrollment management and college registrar. "I am also grateful that San Jacinto College has given me the opportunity to serve in this capacity."
 Based in Washington, D.C., AACRAO is a non-profit, voluntary, professional association of more than 10,000 higher education admissions and registration professionals who represent approximately 2,500 institutions in more than 30 countries.
 Munson joined the association in 1992 when she began working at San Jacinto College.
 She served on the board from 2005-2008 as vice president of admissions and

enrollment management before becoming president-elect, which has led to her current position as president. "My primary goal is to lead the association to focus on our mission to serve and advance higher education in the areas of enrollment and academic services," Munson said. "The board will keep a close watch on the economic situation and do our best to protect the financial security of our association while still providing outstanding service as always."
 Jerry Sullivan, AACRAO executive director, said Munson's selection as the association's president symbolizes the important role of the nation's community colleges. "We're delighted to have the benefit of Wanda's leadership as the president of AACRAO," Sullivan said. "Her election reflects the high opinion of her peers about her standing within the profession, as well as the importance of community colleges in the higher education community."
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Continuing education offered for teachers

Teachers of gifted and talented students can further their education while earning continuing education units by enrolling in one of several gifted and talented educator seminars this summer designed by University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Educational Programs.
 During June, two one-day educator courses will take place.
 On June 19, *GT Differentiating Curriculum* describes differentiation in terms of cognitive content, affective content, process, product and research. *GT Nature & Needs*, an introduction to the charac-

teristics of gifted students, will be held on June 26.
 Educators can earn six continuing education units per course with each class costing \$40 for Southeast Co-op members and \$60 for nonmembers.
 Workshops are held in UHCL's Arbor Building, Room A176, 2700 Bay Area Boulevard.
 For more information or to register, call the Center for Educational Programs at 281-283-3530.

Moons establish SJC fund

Rose and John Moon recently donated \$25,000 to endow the Don and Barbara Carpenter scholarship fund to benefit students majoring in business at San Jacinto College.
 "Thanks to John and Rose Moon's generosity, their good friends Don and Barbara Carpenter will be honored every year by students receiving the scholarship," said Susan Arscott, San Jacinto College vice president for resource development.
 Don Carpenter was a founding director of the San Jacinto College Foundation and is a longtime supporter of the college.
 The Moons felt it was important to pay tribute to their friends, the Carpenters, for their years of service and loyal support to the college. "The entire family has been a great asset to this area for more than 40 years," said John Moon.
 With the interest earned on this endowment, the college expects to award one annual scholarship of \$1,000 to a deserving student majoring in business.
 "This is such a wonderful way to honor the Carpenters, who gave so much to so many. Their kindness will live on through these students who accomplish their goals thanks to this scholarship" said Arscott.
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Torres takes over JFD baseball

Don't look for Miguel Torres to try to reinvent the wheel as Dobbie's next varsity baseball coach. He's simply aiming to sharpen the parts that are already in place.

Torres, the Longhorns' varsity assistant the past four seasons, was named head coach June 8.

Roy Grant, who was the program's leader the previous eight seasons, stepped down and will remain at the school as head of the physical education department.

Concerning Grant's possible departure, the rumor mill began turning as early as last spring.

That same rumor mill generated the names of several candidates, including Torres, to lead the program forward. In the end, Dobbie High School principal Steve Jamail stayed within the Longhorn family.

"I am very excited about this opportunity, and I can't wait to put my stamp on the program," Torres said.

"We already have a great program with some very talented players included. It's my job to make sure we get the most out of that talent and move forward as a program."

Although a decision has yet to be made, Torres said his first choice to become the team's next varsity assistant is Shaun Stanton, a Dobbie graduate.

Stanton, the team's junior varsity head coach for the previous two seasons, is expected to soon meet with Jamail to discuss his

role moving forward. In 2009, the Longhorns experienced a breakthrough

of sorts. Although Dobbie has not won a playoff series this decade, the varsity team

did win a playoff game last season.

Torres, having prepared for the possibility of becoming the next head coach, is ready to take on each of the tasks related to the job, including all of those off the field.

"I have no doubt in my abilities as a baseball coach and having what it takes to lead us forward," he said.

"The biggest adjustment will be in the areas that most fans don't see - the scheduling, equipment purchases, travel planning, tournament scheduling, booster club activities and things like that.

"Over the past couple of seasons, I had asked coach Grant to let me be more involved in those types of things in the event this day came. I think I'm ready for all of that, too."

As for what to expect when the Longhorns take the field in 2010, Torres will stress the fundamentals such as getting sacrifice bunts down in key situations, fielding routine balls and properly playing each of the nine positions defensively.

"One little mistake or mental error doesn't always hurt you, but when you pile two or three of them up it will come back to hurt you," Torres said.

"We may not always have the best hitters or the hardest throwers, but I think we can be very successful just by being fundamentally sound out there. That's something we haven't always done."

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Miguel Torres, who has been the varsity baseball assistant at Dobbie High School for the previous four seasons, has been named head coach. Roy Grant, who previously held the role for eight seasons, will remain at the school as an instructor.

SBHLL plans ceremonies

June 15

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will host closing ceremonies June 15 at the facilities at El Franco Lee Park.

Board members will recognize each of the division winners, and the names of the all-stars that were nominated in each of the divisions will be unveiled. The ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m.

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Confident Wallace ready at track nationals

For University of Texas pole vaulter Maston Wallace, his time is now.

The former Clear Brook High School track and field star is set to defend his title at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Championships on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

The event, which runs through June 13, will feature many of the nation's best, including Wallace.

The pole vaulting preliminary rounds began June 10 in two brackets. Wallace and Rice University's Jason Colwick head the field of 27. The finals are set for June 12.

As a freshman at Texas, Wallace, a longtime prep standout and state champion at Clear Brook, burst onto the scene.

In the outdoor season, Wallace won Big 12 conference and regional titles before clearing 17 feet, 6 1/2 inches for the national title last summer.

As a sophomore, Wallace is out to establish himself as the nation's best two years running. He figures to have to clear more than 18 feet this season to do so.

"I really think it will take 5.60 meters (18-4) to place in the top two," Wallace said.

"There are a lot of great competitors out there, including Jason Colwick. My thing is to simply focus on jumping well and let everything else take care of itself."

The potential danger zone would appear to be the prelims. With a total of 27 competitors set to vie for the finals, including 14 in Wallace's division, there is little room for error.

But Wallace doesn't seem to be concerned about

the first day of competition. He's aiming at the title June 12.

"I've worked hard enough to get here, and I'm in the best shape of my life," Wallace said. "Some of my Longhorn teammates will be there to push me, so I'll be doing it for them. We compete for the University of Texas, and we take a lot of pride in that."

Wallace returned to the Houston area June 5 to attend the high school graduation of his younger brother, Austin Wallace.

Since that time, it's been all business. It's been a bit of an up and down season for Wallace as a sophomore, but he cleared a personal best 18-2 3/4 at regionals to advance to nationals.

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At left, University of Texas pole vaulter Maston Wallace will try to repeat as national champion during the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Championships now through June 13 at the University of Arkansas. Wallace is a Clear Brook graduate.
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22-5A all-district baseball coaches recognize Dobie's elite performers

In all, seven Horns' players named



As a senior, Cody Priest came through with his finest season for the Longhorns, becoming the team's top starting pitcher and also swinging the bat well at the plate. Priest, a three-year letterwinner, was Dobie's lone pick on the 22-5A first team.



Above, junior Joseph Gutierrez proved to be the Longhorns' best outfielder and perhaps the team's most consistent hitter. He played part time in right field but stepped in and played well in center field during the 22-5A campaign. Gutierrez was a second-team selection. At right, senior Sam Grant had his best season for the Longhorns, adding steady defense at first base and a solid bat from the left side of the plate. Grant was an honorable mention pick for the Longhorns.



22-5A Baseball Honors

Second Team Selections

- P – Daniel Sawyer, Dobie
- P – Santos Saldivar, Sam Rayburn
- P – Matt Rhodes, Pearland
- C – Rene Alonzo, Memorial
- 1B – Seth Dornack, Pearland
- 2B – Sam Padgett, Pearland
- 3B – Bradley Brown, La Porte
- SS – Zach Schexnider, Deer Park
- OF – Joseph Gutierrez, Dobie
- OF – Bryan McFarland, S. Rayburn
- OF – Corbin Smith, Pearland

Honorable mention – Dobie

- Justin Eckols, catcher
- Sam Grant, 1B
- Derrick Murray, 3B
- Quinton Edwards, DH



Senior right-hander Daniel Sawyer was perhaps the team's best overall contributor, pitching exceptionally well and swinging the bat with power at the plate. Sawyer, a three-year letterman, was a second-team pick.

Photos by
John Bechtle



Sophomore Justin Eckols quickly became one of the district's top catchers in his first season at the varsity level. Eckols displayed solid defensive skills behind the plate and a great throwing arm. He also was key on offense out of the lead-off role in the lineup on his way to being an honorable mention choice.



Senior Quinton Edwards, who played some in the outfield but was usually in the role of designated hitter for the Longhorns, was an honorable mention pick in the DH role.



Derrick Murray, a starter for parts of four seasons at third base for Dobie, was named an honorable mention selection after leading the team in home runs this season.

22-5A Baseball Honors

Most Valuable Player

Kevin Miller, Pearland

Newcomer/Year

Kodi Eaves, Sam Rayburn

Coach of the Year

Ricky Torres, La Porte

First Team Selections

- P – Cody Priest, Dobie
- P – Ryan Williams, La Porte
- P – Dillon Pitts, La Porte
- P – Jaime Esquivel, S. Houston
- P – Zach Boswell, Deer Park
- C – Ronald Newell, La Porte
- 1B – Stephen Faust, La Porte
- 2B – Josh Gonzalez, Pearland
- 3B – Drew Dekergeland, Pearland
- SS – Blake Marchall, La Porte
- Util. – Rafael Santos, S. Houston
- DH – Reece Riddle, Pearland
- OF – Jordan Hall, La Porte
- OF – Kendrick Perkins, La Porte
- OF – Rhett Butler, Deer Park

Torres to lead Dobie baseball

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Knowing now that he is the head coach heading into the summer and offseason, Torres will have the ability to wrap his mind around the big picture.

As for the 2009 Longhorns, there are vacancies after graduation. Cody Priest and Daniel Sawyer, two seniors who logged almost all of the team's innings on the mound have moved on.

Around the infield, four-year letterman Derrick Murray is gone from third base, and first baseman Sam Grant will have to be replaced.

In the outfield, seniors Quinton Edwards, Sawyer, and Priest rotated depending on who was on the mound.

Yet even with the graduation losses, the Longhorns have a solid foundation to build on at the varsity level. Justin Eckols flourished as the team's starting catcher as a freshman. Middle infielder Aris Adame is a three-year letterman, and shortstop Al Gonzalez also played well as a sophomore.

In the outfield, second team all-district selection Joseph Gutierrez will anchor the unit in center field, but a pair of corner outfielders will be needed.

Available candidates for starting roles from the 2009

Longhorns' varsity baseball

2004: 8-7 (4th place, no playoffs)

2005: 10-4 (3rd place, bidistrict loss)

2006: 8-6 (4th place, no playoffs)

2007: 8-6 (3rd place, bidistrict loss)

2008: 7-7 (5th place, no playoffs)

2009: 8-6 (4th place, bidistrict loss)

roster will include infielder Andrew Williams and pitchers Adame and Mike Medina. Aaron Kutra can play in the infield or the outfield.

An added bonus is the talent pool coming from the junior varsity program that went 11-1 in 2009 en route to the 22-5A title. Among the players who joined the varsity roster for the playoffs, pitchers Sport Beynaerts, Austin Abbott and Zach Long are the leading candidates to chip in quickly.

Justin Edwards is a pitcher/catcher with a power bat, and senior B.J. Burton brings another solid bat. Marcelo Martinez might step in at third base, and Brandon Broussard can help in the outfield. Additional help will

come from the lower levels, where Dobie experienced plenty of success.

As for the coaching staff, a potential move of Stanton to the varsity role will start the carousel in motion.

Dobie athletic coordinator Bobby Cotton will be filling the subvarsity coaching spots, likely to be manned by coaches who also work in football.

For now, Torres isn't concerned with the immediacy of those issues. He's still soaking in the reality of becoming head coach.

"This is a great opportunity, and I just want to help Dobie High School win baseball games," he said. "We have plenty of potential in this program and now it's my job to make sure we maximize it."

Top JFD baseball players honored at banquet



Several Dobie High School varsity baseball players were recognized with team awards during the Longhorns' season-ending banquet. Varsity assistant coach Miguel Torres (far left) and head coach Roy Grant (far right) posed with the players for one last "team" photo.

The winners included, left to right, Justin Eckols (top newcomer), Cody Priest (most valuable player), Josh Bergeron (heart award) and Juston Edwards (top academic performer). Since the banquet, Grant has resigned, and Torres has been named head coach.

Lady Longhorns' softball players honored

Dobie High School varsity softball players JoJo Krienitz and Amanda Nguyen have been honored by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Nuyen, who was the starter at second base during 2008 and 2009, was an all-state selection after this season.

A senior-to-be, Nguyen anchored a steady Dobie defense last season as the Lady Longhorns finished second in the 22-5A standings and eventually played

in the regional quarterfinal playoff round.

Krienitz, one of the finest pitchers in the history of the program, was a four-year starter at Dobie in the circle.

The recent graduate has been selected to take part in the TGCA's East-West All-Star Game July 14 in Austin during the TGCA coaches clinic.

Krienitz will continue her playing career at the University of Texas-El Paso this fall.



JoJo Krienitz



Amanda Nguyen

SBGSA 6-under all-stars win crown



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 6-under all-stars won the championship at the Houston ASA Metro Pixie tournament in Deer Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (first row) Krystin Nelson, Bianca Cruz, Celeste Salazar, Alaina Cortez, Miquela Guajardo, (second row) Ashley Napper, Haleigh Carter (third row) Samantha Ortiz, Alexis Perez, Camryn Wincher, Sydney Franco, Sophia Colmenares, Mikayla Gutierrez, (back row) coaches David Cortez, Les Wincher and Cheryl Franco.

SBGSA 10-under Starz take second



The South Belt Girls Softball Association 10-under All Starz battled to take second place at the Sugar Land all-star tournament. The team lost by one run in a tie-breaker against the Victoria Stars. Members of the team are, left to right, (sitting) Emily Perez, Jocelyn Reyes, (second row, kneeling center) Emily Pina, Cera Alvarado, (third row) Hayley Garcia, Alaina Sitka, Annette Cardenas, Brittany Rodriguez, all-star cheerleader Jackie Rose Giron, Dominique Palacios, Jackie Villarreal, (back row) assistant coaches Jesse Alvarado and Aurelio Pina, manager Yvette Giron and assistant coach Bobby Reyes. Not pictured are Jara Edwards and Yasmine Meyers.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League all-stars battling

Two Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League all-star teams are in the losers' bracket but remain alive in District 15 competition. SBHLL's 9-year-old and 13-year-old teams both lost Texas District 15 tournament openers June 8 but were still competing in the double-elimination events after press time June 10. The 9-year-old all-stars lost a 15-3 game to host Pearland White June 8. Next, the locals are set to play against East End June 10 after press time. Members of the 9-year-old all-star team include Jonathan Acosta, DeJuan Dixon, Hunter Garcia, Triston Gibson, Brendon Griffin, Andrew Hinojosa, Alex Muniz, Andres Padilla, Jacob Simms, Jacob Sulak, Torrey Tapper, Jordan White and David Zermino. The 9s are coached by Rudy Mendez, Taji Garcia and Carlos Gallo. Sagemont's 13-year-old team also endured a rude welcome to district tournament play. Host Pearland Maroon defeated Sagemont 11-1 in an opening-round game. The locals came back to beat OFA 16-6 and are set to take on Friendswood Maroon after press time June 10. In the 13-year-old tournament, both Pearland Maroon and Pearland White are undefeated in the double-elimination bracket. Members of the 13-year-old SBHLL all-star team

are Christian Bertrand, Tre Jacques, Kenneth Malone Jr., Leomana Martinez, Jacob Mendoza, Blake Montross, Carlos Ray Perez, Jose Luis Reyes, George Rodriguez, Matt Salas, Kameron Smith and Tylor Stoves. The 13s are coached by Bennie Stoves and Jessie Salazar. All-star tournaments in other age divisions at the district level have yet to begin. In the age 9-10 division, Sagemont has received a first-round bye and will play June 30. That tournament is being held at the Pearland and Friendswood Little League sites. The SBHLL 10-11-year-old all-stars will start competition June 29 against Friendswood at El Franco Lee Park. Pearland Little League is the other host site for the event. Major division all-star play will commence June

29 as the locals will face OFA at 8 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park. The other host site is Friendswood. The junior division all-star tournament will be played July 6-13 at East End Little League. Sagemont is set to take on host East End July 6 at 8 p.m. In the senior division, Sagemont will play at Pearland Little League. The locals will open July 7 against either Southeast or East End. For tournament scores, visit www.eteamz.com/tid15. Once on the site, select the district tournament icon. **SBHLL board meets June 24** The next Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League board meeting is Wednesday, June 24 at the Kirkmont MUD building near El Franco Lee Park. The public is invited to attend the 7 p.m. meeting.

Pewee Indians capture third at district tourney



The peewee division Indians of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League finished third at the District 15 tournament after advancing to the semifinal round. During the regular season, the Indians finished first in the SBHLL standings. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Aaron Perea, Jordan White, Alex Hernandez, Garrett Barrientos, Lorenzo Navarro, Andres Padilla, (back row) coach Oscar Perea, Alex Muniz, Mattias Gallo, Jordan Murillo, coach Carlos Gallo, Jose Varela, Michael Wooton, Brendon Griffin and coach Rudy Mendez. Submitted photo



Deric Hawkins, a sophomore at San Jacinto College, was named a second team National Junior College Athletic Association all-American after finishing the season with 22 home runs, good for third nationally.

San Jac baseball fourth at world series

San Jacinto College finished fourth in the nation after a disappointing 12-4 loss to Santa Fe College at the JUCO World Series May 29 in Grand Junction, Colo. The Saints' normally dominant pitching staff struggled throughout the game, giving up at least one run in eight different innings. In the top of the third inning, San Jacinto tied the score at 3 when left fielder Steven Vidaurri drilled a two-run homer over the left field wall. But Santa Fe's offense answered with four runs

in the bottom of the third inning, knocking starting pitcher Chris McKenzie out of the game. The Saints never relinquished the lead and finished with 12 runs on 15 hits, with one error. The Gators' four runs came on seven hits, and the team committed three costly errors. San Jacinto's fourth and final run came in the fifth inning when first baseman Devin Shines brought home center fielder Deric Hawkins on an RBI single to center field. Gators' head coach Tom Arrington reflected on the team's disappointing finish with mixed emotions. "We certainly wanted to go further in the tournament, and it's not the way we wanted to end the season, but at least we did end the season in Grand Junction at the World Series," he said. "We are very proud to be here and to represent San Jacinto College, one of the greatest baseball programs in the nation. "We're proud of our tradition, and this is what we always strive for. We'll be back and we'll keep pursuing the ultimate dream of winning a national title."

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 9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - meets the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Lighthouse Fellowship of Friends, 144 Park Avenue in League City. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others to the interdenominational meeting.
 Noon
AI-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.
 6:30 p.m.
Houston Chapter of Inmate Families Organization - Meets at the Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose. Call 713-515-3736 for more information.
 8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, JUNE 12
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 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.
 Noon
Free Exercise Class - Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.
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CALENDAR

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6:30 p.m.
Clear Lake Toastmasters Club – Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – Meets at Sagemont Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.
Pearland Area Republican Women's Club – meets at Perry's Landmark Restaurant, 2501 S. Main. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431.
7 p.m.
The Compassionate Friends – TCF meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Friendswood United Methodist Church, 204 W. Edgewood (FM2351) in the Family Life Center, second floor, room 204. TCF is a nondenominational, self-help organization offering friendship, support and understanding to bereaved families who have lost a son, daughter or sibling. For information, call 281-332-2887 or 281-992-0145.
Positive Interaction Program – meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room 1st floor. Bring a friend or neighbor and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to help make neighborhoods safer. For more information, call Officer Randy Derr at 281-218-3900.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center – Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victims/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 17
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
9:30 a.m.
Active Living Every Day – Seniors Active Living Every Day is a free class that is held every Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the EFL Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. During the 20-week course, individuals will learn how to get and stay physically active, live healthier, build confidence, overcome obstacles and stay motivated in ways that work for each person. Classes are practical and personalized, including a study guide, a free step counter, field trips and fun. For more information, call the El Franco Lee Community Center at 281-464-9708.
10 a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 – Free monthly

gardening educational programs meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The programs are at 10 a.m. at Clear Lake Park in the meeting room located at 5001 Nasa Parkway, Seabrook (on the south side of the lake). The programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 281-991-8437 or visit the Web site at www.hcmgap2.tamu.edu.
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.
Noon
Free Exercise Class – Basic low impact aerobic classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Registration is required. For more information, call Beatrice at 281-922-2343.
4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
6:30 p.m.
La Leche League of Pasadena – Mothers who wish to breast-feed their babies will find support and information at the Fairmont Library on Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Meetings are held the third week of the month. Children and nursing babies welcome. For more information, call 281-998-1095.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center – Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.
7 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center – Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. BATS is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.
THURSDAY, JUNE 18
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
11:15 a.m.
Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club – Texas Southeast Christian Women's Club, in affiliation with Stonecroft Ministries, hosts monthly luncheons at Golfcrest Country Club from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. The luncheon includes a buffet, an informative program and an inspirational speaker. Cost is \$16 all inclusive. All ladies are welcome, but reservations are necessary. A complimentary nursery is provided. For information, call 281-992-1675 or 281-482-9727.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network – American Business Women's Association-South meets on the third Thursday of each month at Makenzie's Grill, 9330 Broadway in Pearland. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking 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 mlpnperez2002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.
Noon
Al-Anon – Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.
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.
7 p.m.
Korean War Veteran Association – The Texas Lone Star Chapter meets the third Thursday of each month at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 West Center. For information, call 713-774-3662.
8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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Sports news, notes

Dobie girls hoops camp

Dobie High School varsity girls' basketball coach Shane Brown will host the Lady Longhorns' basketball camp July 6-8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the school. Students entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to attend the camp. The cost is \$50, which includes a camp T-shirt. The camp staff will teach the fundamentals of the game. Registration forms may be picked up in the Dobie High School front office. For more information, direct e-mail to Brown at rbrown@pasadenaisd.org.

Palomares fundraising effort

Tanya Palomares, a varsity girls' soccer player at Dobie, suffered injuries after a collision with another player during a club soccer match. Palomares is now recovering at home. An account has been established through Chase Bank to help the family with costs associated with her recovery. The account number is 2928749726, and those who wish to make a donation at any Chase Bank branch. Palomares' teammates are also accepting assistance with lining up meals and support for the family, which includes two siblings. Anyone interested in helping may contact Wanda Soto at Atkinson Elementary at 713-740-0520.

10-under Starz barbecue

The 10-under all-Starz of the South Belt Girls Softball Association will host a barbecue fundraising event Saturday, June 13, at O'Reilly Auto Parts, located at 3408 South Shaver in Pasadena from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plates are \$6 each. The team is raising funds to help cover the cost of attending nationals later this summer in Garland.

Youth swimming lessons

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

Brook strength/conditioning

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

Dolphins football to golf

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host a fundraising golf tournament July 11 at the Gus Wortham Golf Course, 7000 Capitol St. in Houston. The event is of the four-person scramble variety and is \$320 per team or \$80 per individual player. The fee includes a round of golf, green fees, cart fee, range balls and lunch. The team is also seeking hole sponsors. To get involved, call Henry Caballero at 832-495-3463 or Raul Rodriguez at 713-545-7834.

SBYSC registration online

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is now accepting online registration for the upcoming fall season. The league offers play in the under 5 through under 18 divisions. Players are placed on teams based on their age as of July 31, 2009. Online registration is \$80 in the U-5 through U-8 divisions, \$90 in the U-9 and U-10 divisions and \$110 in the U-11 through U-18 divisions. Registration fee includes uniform shirt, shorts and socks. Online registration, including a credit card payment option, is available on the league's Web site at southbeltsoccer.org. Practices will begin in August and games will begin in September, running for 10 consecutive Saturdays.

San Jacinto College hoops

San Jacinto College men's head basketball coach Scott Gernander will host the 2009 boys' and girls' youth camp for two sessions. Participants age 7 to 18 are eligible to attend. Session I is July 20-24, and Session II is July 28 to Aug. 1. Both sessions will run from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Central campus, located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Cost per session is \$90. Medical insurance is included in the fee. For more information, call Gernander at 281-476-1847. Families may register online at www.sjcd.edu. Click on athletics, then select men's basketball.

Clear Brook softball clinic

Clear Brook varsity softball coach Ashley Pillow will host the Lady Wolverines' youth camp June 15-18 at the school. Incoming first- through fifth-grade students as of the 2009-2010 school year may attend from 9 to 11:15 a.m. Incoming sixth- through ninth-grade students may attend from 12:30 to 2:45 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$100 per student. The sessions will include a professional lecture about the game of softball, conditioning, fundamental workout stations and a scrimmage. Each participant will receive a camp T-shirt. For more information, call Pillow at 832-496-3013.

Clear Brook volleyball clinic

Clear Brook varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson will host the Lady Wolverines' youth camp July 20-23 at the school. Incoming fourth- through ninth-grade students as of the 2009-2010 school year may attend from 9 to 11:15 a.m. Fourth- through sixth-grade students may attend from 8 to 10 a.m. Seventh- and eighth-grade students, as well as sixth-grade students who currently compete at the club level may attend from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eighth-grade students currently involved in club volleyball and incoming ninth-grade students may attend from 2 to 5 p.m. The fourth- through sixth-grade camp is \$90, while the two camps for older students are \$100. The sessions will include skill work in the areas of passing, setting, attacking, defense and more. Each participant will receive a camp T-shirt. For more information, direct e-mail to Thompson at mthomps1@ccisd.net or brookvball@yahoo.com.

Ellington Rams football camp

The Ellington Rams of the Bay Area Football League will host a noncontact camp for boys and girls ages 5 to 13 to be held June 15-20 at Wilson Park in Pasadena. Students age 9-13 may attend June 15-17 from 6 to 8 p.m. Students age 5-8 may attend June 18-19 from 6 to 8 p.m. and June 20 from 8 to 10 a.m. Cost is \$40 per student, and each student will receive a Rams' T-shirt. The camp is aimed at teaching the children the fundamentals of football. For more information, call 281-902-7457.

Former Brook star Wallace wants repeat gold at NCAA championships

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Entering nationals, Wallace carries his usual confidence. He expects to be able to go higher than Rice's Colwick and the others on his way to a repeat national championship.

Yet as talented as Wallace is, his 2009 season didn't exactly go as planned after his breakout freshman season. In fact, he struggled during the indoor season and only found his flow in the outdoor season recently.

After winning the national title last season as a Longhorn and then a trip to the USA Track and Field Junior Championships in Ohio, Wallace was supposed to take a break. He did, albeit a short one.

Wallace was intent on making sure there would be no sophomore slump, and perhaps more than anything, was focused on becoming one of the sport's all-time greats.

Instead of enjoying the summer break like many classmates at the University of Texas, Wallace leaped back into his training with a vengeance. The results were pleasing, but there were issues Wallace didn't account for.

So during the indoor season, Wallace was not up to his usual Wallace standards. He was 10th at the indoor nationals, letting down his teammates, he said.

"It was a long season,"

Wallace said. "In hindsight, I should have taken more time off. Instead, I went back to the weight room and focused on my diet more than ever."

Wallace's plan seemed to be working as his body fat percentage dropped and, in his words, he was as lean as he could be. Obviously, Wallace became bigger, faster and stronger than ever.

So what's the problem?

"I had a hard time harnessing all of my new abilities and putting all of those together with my emotions. I went through a tough stretch. After being 10th at indoor nationals, I felt like I let my teammates down. I don't jump for myself. I jump for my teammates and the University of Texas. I had to turn it around."

Getting back to basics, Wallace did in fact turn his season around. And after delivering a career best 18 feet, 2 3/4 inches at regionals, Wallace believes he is the one to beat at nationals again.

"I looked back at last year, and one thing I realized is that I just went out there and jumped," he said. "I was thinking too much earlier this year. It was important to go back out and just jump and let my abilities take over."

Wallace said he and Colwick are good friends and that he wishes the Rice



Maston Wallace, a former state champion at Clear Brook, is at his best as he tries to repeat as the NCAA Division I champion in the pole vault as a member of the University of Texas track and field program.

Owl standout the best at the NCAA's. Wallace does, however, plan to walk away as the two-time pole vaulting champion.

"Colwick's a great jumper. He's a friend of mine," Wallace said. "I want to go out there, do my best and make all of the bars he and

some of the others are making. The biggest thing for me is to focus on jumping and nothing else.

"I have the ability to repeat as champion. I know that. Being able to settle down, not think too much and then to jump is the key for me."

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