

Cheerleaders hold car wash

The Dobie cheerleaders will hold a car wash Saturday, June 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Snowie's at 10902 Scarsdale (Beamer and Scarsdale). Cost is \$5 per car wash, donations are welcome. Tickets can also be purchased from any Dobie cheerleader.

Kirkwood South VBS set

Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, will hold Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 24, through Thursday, June 28, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The theme this year is "SKY." *Everything is Possible With God*. For information, call the church at 281-481-0004.

Junk waste pickup set

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, June 21, for city of Houston (77089) residents living north of Beltway 8. Residents south of the beltway are scheduled for Thursday, June 28. For additional information, call the city's 3-1-1 help line.

PIP meeting June 19

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, June 19, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria. The next training will be on Tuesday, June 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This class is also available in Spanish. For information and to register for the course, call the hospital at 713-222-2273.

Driver Safety Training set

AARP Driver Safety Training is held monthly at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria Blvd. The next training will be on Tuesday, June 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This class is also available in Spanish. For information and to register for the course, call the hospital at 713-222-2273.

PISD enrichment classes

The South Houston High School CASE program will offer enrichment classes through Thursday, July 5. Classes run Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. English as a Second Language (ESL) is offered to adults on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All classes are free of charge. Lunch is offered free to students every day. All adults in the community are welcome to attend the ESL classes. For information, call LeeAnne Aluotto at 713-740-0350.

Summer movies presented

Looking for something to do with the family on Friday night? Bring the family for some popcorn, snacks and drinks and enjoy a movie – all for free. On June 22 at 7 p.m., Servant-Savior Presbyterian Church, 11303 Hughes Road, will present the Disney hit, *Cars*; on July 20 at 7 p.m., *Toy Story 3*; and on Aug. 17 at 7 p.m., *Madagascar* will be shown. Pardon the dust, as the church is in the process of rebuilding.

Islamic Society sets lectures

Learn about Islam during a series of lectures by Imam Wazier on Fridays at 8:30 p.m. at the Islamic Society of Greater Houston Southeast, 8830 Old Galveston Road. Refreshments will be served.

PW Library sets events

The following events are set for the Parker Williams Library Thursday, June 14, through Wednesday, June 20.

This year, Harris County Public Library's summer reading program's theme is *Get a Clue @ the Library*. The summer reading program runs from June 4 through Aug. 11. For more details, contact the library at 281-484-2036.

Craft time is set for Thursday, June 14, at 2:30 p.m. This program is for ages 5 and up. Free tickets are required to participate and will be available at the reference desk the day of the program.

On Saturday, June 16, Vietnamese storytime will include Reading Club at 9 a.m., followed by intermediate storytime at 11 a.m. and beginner storytime at 1 p.m.

The Black Light Puppet Show will be held Monday, June 18, at 2:30 p.m. This program is for children 5 and up. Free tickets are required and will be available at the reference desk the day of the program.

The teen program, *Live Angry Birds*, is set for Wednesday, June 20, at 3 p.m. This program is for teens age 11 and up. Registration is required.

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

Sagemont has fire scare

Several area residents contacted the *Leader* Wednesday, June 13, regarding the presence of multiple fire engines and an ambulance at Sagemont Church. According to Sagemont executive pastor, the Rev. Chuck Schneider, an air conditioner motor had burned up, causing the fire alarm to sound and an odorless smoke to go through vents. Emergency crews responded within minutes and were able to contain the fire before it spread.

St. Frances Cabrini celebrates 50 years

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Parish, 10727 Hartsook, will celebrate its 50th anniversary Saturday, June 23, with a special bilingual Mass beginning at 5 p.m.

Guests from the archdiocese and all past pastors, priests, deacons who have served at St. Frances Cabrini have been invited to attend.

Following the Mass, a reception for all will be held in Francesca Hall, the old church building, honoring all of the special guests. In a continuance of the celebration, cake and punch will be served in Francesca Hall following all Masses on Sunday, June 23.

A presentation is planned that will detail the history of the parish. All parishioners who have pictures of the old church or school are asked to drop them off at the parish office. All pictures should include the church member's name, address and phone number on the back so they can be returned.

St. Frances Cabrini was canonically erected by Bishop Wendelin J. Nold on June 22, 1962. The Rev. Allen Ray Doga was appointed as its first pastor. The first liturgy was celebrated in A. B. Freeman School on July 15, 1962, the birthday of St. Frances Cabrini.

New Sagemont center opens



Houston City Councilmembers Mike Sullivan and Wanda Adams hosted a grand opening celebration of the new Sagemont Park Community Center Wednesday, June 13. The new 11,500-square-foot facility features a gymnasium, classrooms, kitchen and office space. The \$2.4 million center was funded in part by a \$1 million state grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

4th of July parade approaches

The 25th annual South Belt Independence Day parade will take place Wednesday, July 4, winding from Beverly Hills Intermediate to San Jacinto College South.

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

Houston Mayor Annise Parker will be the guest of honor for this year's festivities.

All residents, organizations and businesses are welcome to enter.

Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and floats, as prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Confirmed participants from Dobie include the band, Lariatettes, cheerleaders, swim team and JROTC. Other confirmed participants include the South Belt Sharks swim team and multiple all-star teams from the South Belt Girls Softball Association.

This year's parade will also feature a fleet of

classic convertibles.

Community and nonprofit groups may sign up for the parade at no charge, unless they wish to be eligible for a prize. A \$50 fee is charged for commercial entries. Noncommercial entries may enter the contest for \$25.

Entry forms are available on Page 4B, at the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer, or by emailing mynews@southbeltleader.com.

The forms are to be filled out and returned to the *Leader* office, faxed to 281-481-5730 or emailed by July 2. For convenience, entry forms may be dropped through the mail slots located on each side of the front office doors.

Fireworks display

Later that evening, residents may view the annual fireworks show at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road.

Funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, the display is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m.

1st Brigade changes command

Col. William P. Barriage assumed command of the 1st Brigade, 75th Training Division (Mission Command) during a change of command ceremony Saturday, June 2, in the United States Coast Guard hangar at the Ellington Joint Reserve Base.

Barriage succeeds Brig. Gen. Peter Lennon, who has assumed command of the 377th Theater Sustainment Command in New Orleans. Barriage will be promoted to the rank of brigadier general and Lennon to the rank of major general.

Barriage was commissioned in 1982 through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Upon accession onto active duty in 1984, he was assigned to the Quartermaster Branch. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice from the University of Nevada Reno and a Master of Science degree in education from Long Island University. His military education includes Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, U.S. Army Combined Arms Services Staff School Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Civil Affairs Officer Advance Course, and the Army War College where he earned a master's degree in strategic studies.

Barriage's assignments on active duty included platoon leader, commander, and battalion staff officer at Fort Bragg, N.C. Following attendance at the Advance Course, he then served as a division staff officer in the 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea.

Upon return to the United States, he participated in the Army Training with Industry Program in Brooklyn, New York. His next assignment was as branch chief on the staff and faculty

of the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. Barriage's last active duty assignment was at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. where he served as division chief in the G3.

In 1996, Barriage transferred to the Army Reserve and the 353rd Civil Affairs Command located in Bronx, New York. During his assignments with the 353rd, he has served on the Government and Public Facilities Teams and held staff positions serving as G4, G3, and chief of staff. Barriage has mobilized three times since joining the Army Reserve. In 1997, he deployed for Operation Joint Guard as Deputy J4, Combined Joint Civil-Military Task Force, Bosnia-Herzegovina. He served as deputy brigade commander for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Baghdad, Iraq, from 2004 to 2005. Barriage mobilized for Operation Enduring Freedom in 2007 to serve as the deputy commander, 353rd Civil Affairs Command, Staten Island, N.Y.

In January 2010, Barriage assumed command of the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade in Philadelphia. Upon completion of command in June 2011, Barriage was assigned Chief, Civil Liaison Team, 353rd Civil Affairs Command.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal.

He has earned the Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, the Parachute Rigger Badge, and the German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge.

The church is named in honor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the patron saint of immigrants. Born in Lombardi, Italy in 1850, Cabrini traveled to Denver in 1902. There she went on to found schools, hospitals and orphanages for the poor.

At the time of her death in Chicago on Dec.

22, 1917, her institute had grown to include branches in England, France, Spain, the United States and South America. In 1946, she became the first American citizen to be canonized when she was elevated to sainthood by Pope Pius XII.

For more information, call 713-946-5768 or visit www.sfchoutx.org.

Sagemont's Griffin visits Africa

Sagemont Church pastor Buddy Griffin is leading a missionary trip to Kenya June 20 to June 30, where he plans to teach African youths how to play the ukulele.

A group of 17 children and adults will accompany Griffin, a professional musician who was inducted into the Banjo Hall of Fame in 2005, on the trip. Most are either current or former members of Sagemont's All Star Youth Banjo Band, which Griffin leads.

The group will take 100 donated ukuleles to the New Hope Baptist Church and School, which is located on the fringe of a very poor slum area on the outskirts of Nairobi called Kibera. Most of the area is without electricity or running water. The group will leave the instruments with the school when they return home.

They will be teaching youths from sixth grade to eighth grade. There are a total of 237 students in five classes in these grades. (There are 630 students in the entire school.)

Most of these students are orphans. According to Griffin, more than 90 percent of their parents have died of AIDS, and many of the children also have the disease.

Griffin is hopeful that music will help some of the children escape poverty.

"Sometime when I'm up in heaven, I'd like to look down and see a bunch of African kids playing in a band," Griffin said. "It could be their ticket out of poverty."

The trip will be the first missionary work for many of the travelers, Griffin said.

"I hope they come back with a deeper appreciation for their country and their living conditions," Griffin said.

The New Hope Baptist Church and School are part of the New Hope Initiative missionary, run by Sagemont Church members Sandy and Karen Baird.

For more information on the project, visit www.newhopeinitiative.org.

PISD offers free summer meals

Several local Pasadena Independent School District campuses are offering free meals through much of the summer as part of the district's 2012 summer feeding program. Both breakfast and lunch will be served, and all children 18 years of age and under are eligible for the free meals.

South Belt-area schools participating in the program include Atkinson, Laura Bush, Frazier, Garfield and Stuchbery elementaries, Morris

Middle School and Beverly Hills Intermediate.

The dates and times vary from campus to campus. The program will run through the end of June for most schools. However, Beverly Hills will continue the program through July 11, and Laura Bush will continue it through July 31.

For more information, call 713-740-0146 or visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/education/school/school.php. See related story on Page 2A.

Meador Principal Davis retires

Longtime Meador Elementary Principal Darlene Davis is retiring after 17 years on the job.

Davis has spent 36 years of her life in education – 34 of those years in the Pasadena Independent School District. She first began her teaching career at Broadway Baptist, where she taught for two years.

The educator then came to PISD, where she



Darlene Davis

accepted a second-grade position at Williams Elementary. She taught there until she became the assistant principal at Freeman Elementary.

In January 1995, she took over the reins as principal at Meador.

Davis is a product of PISD, as she attended Freeman Elementary and South Houston Intermediate and graduated from South Houston High School.

Following graduation, she received her educational degree from the University of Houston and her master's degree from the University of Houston - Clear Lake.

The former principal is retiring so she can spend more time with her family, including her new 6-week old first grandchild.

Davis will be replaced by Beverly Bolton, current assistant principal at Meador.

Residents warn of phone scam

Multiple South Belt residents have contacted the *Leader* regarding a potential phone scam targeting senior citizens.

The suspected con artists reportedly called the residents and told them they were from Austin and needed information in order to issue a new medical card that was required by law.

The callers first confirmed the recipients' name, address and phone numbers, which they already had. They then said they needed the

residents' bank account information to finish the procedure. When one of the potential victims refused to give over this information, the caller reportedly got hostile and told the resident again that the process was mandatory.

Both the Better Business Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission warn not to give out personal or financial information over the phone.

For more information, visit www.bbb.org or www.ftc.gov.

Barriage takes reins



Col. William P. Barriage (front left) receives the 1st Brigade flag from 75th Division Commander Maj. Gen. Jimmie Jaye Wells (front center), symbolizing the official assumption of command of the brigade in ceremonies held at the U.S. Coast Guard Hangar on June 2 at the Ellington Joint Reserve Base. Shown front right is outgoing 1st Brigade Commander Brig. Gen. Peter Lennon. Color guards shown in the rear are, left to right, Sgt. Silvia Escobedo, Sgt. 1st Class Kiedra Willingham, Sgt. Attalia Borden, Sgt. 1st Class Debra D. Starks and Staff Sgt. Danilo Figueroa.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Danial F. Lisarelli

Readers' Opinions

Staudé says thanks to Monica Jimenez

My name is Breck Staudé. I am a Resident of the South Belt Area. I recently was in the Methodist Hospital and while I was there overnight as a patient I found my self in the Fondren Pavilion. It was not till the next day when I found out that the Nurse taking care of me was also a Resident of the South Belt Area. Her name is Monica Jimenez R.N. and just wanted to give a Huge Thank You in some way. Her care she showed for my health and privacy while there was top notch. I cannot thank her enough for the way my self and my wife were treated. If you could find the room or space to place

this Thank You note to Monica in your paper it would be GREAT.
Thank You
Breck Staudé

Weld writes on constable race

Congratulations to Chris McDonald on his win in the Republican primary, and to Zerick Guinn for securing a position in the Democrat run off. I have met both these gentlemen and find them to be decent, honorable men. I hope all the Dems will turn out to support Zerick.

I believe that both these men are well qualified, and regardless of the outcome, our citizens will be well served. Good luck to you both.
David R. Weld

The Rallying Point

Should you be allowed questions when you are on jury duty?

For two decades, Texans serving on juries have been barred from posing questions in state criminal trials. At one time, it was allowed but was stamped out by a state appeals court in 1992. Support for extra jury participation is growing among some legal experts, buoyed by the federal judge in ex-pitcher Roger Clemens' drug-related perjury case. U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton is allowing jurors to submit questions, which he filters with the input of lawyers from both sides, and then reads to witnesses.

Of course there are differing opinions about allowing questions from those in the jury box...it can make jurors more invested and prevent misunderstandings, or it could bog down cases and blur the line between advocate and arbiter.

It was allowed in Texas by Leonard Davis, chief judge of the federal court for East Texas, during a complicated patent law case earlier this year. He stated, "It allowed the jury to play a more active role, which increased juror attention, and they were able to get immediate answers to questions they may have never gotten answers." Following the trial, attorneys on both sides of the case said the questions improved the trial.

Such jury participation might help attorneys realize during the trial what is working and what is not, and provide them with immediate feedback of the jurors thinking, or an insight of confusion in understanding the case. The role of those selected to be a juror is to decide whether a person is guilty or not guilty, based on the facts presented....and understood. That is a very important role in the judicial system that we depend on in our country. Should we not provide the jury with the tools they need to gain a clear understanding, which will lead to better decisions?

Before 1992, jurors could pose questions in criminal cases – why was that tool taken away from the citizens that agree to participate in the jury system? I think we should contact our Texas legislators and have jury questioning reinstituted so the citizens can render more informed verdicts, based on a clearer understanding of the facts, in the cases we are asked to decide upon. How about you?

Gary Waits

Lohse receives Matthew Kutra Memorial Scholarship



Kyle Lohse (center), a class of 2012 Dobie High School graduate, was awarded the Matthew Kutra Memorial Scholarship. Presenting the scholarship were Kutra's parents, Deron (left) and Julie Kutra.

Photo by Gary Williams

The Pasadena ISD Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD)

is a special education program to meet the needs of students who are identified as needing special education services. The preschool program for children with disabilities provides services to children beginning on their third birthday. If you suspect that your child has a disability, please call the early childhood intake center at 713-740-0902 to schedule a screening.

El Programa Preescolar Para Niños con Discapacidades (PPCD) del Distrito Escolar de Pasadena es un programa de educación especial para satisfacer las necesidades de los estudiantes que son identificados para recibir servicios de educación especial. El programa preescolar para niños con discapacidades proporciona servicios a los niños a partir de su tercer cumpleaños. Si usted sospecha que su niño tiene una discapacidad, por favor llame al centro infantil al 713-740-0902 para programar una cita de detección.

Taqvi awarded IEEE Regional Outstanding Member Award

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) at their Region 5 conference in Tulsa, Okla., recently awarded the Outstanding Member of the Year Award to Dr. Zafar Taqvi, a longtime South Belt resident.

IEEE Region 5 encompasses nine states from Louisiana to South Dakota and has a professional membership of more than 25,000.

Taqvi has worked at Johnson Space Center for 41 years, taught concurrently at the University of Houston System for 34 years, and has held various local, national and international volunteer positions with IEEE, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), International Society of Automation (ISA), and Clear Lake Council of Technical Societies (CLCTS).

Among other educational activities, Taqvi has been organizing Regional Future City Competition for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders for the last 15 years. His leadership role in pursuing and enhancing the professional objectives of the institute as the chairman of the IEEE Galveston Bay Section for the last two years not only earned him the outstanding award but also earned his

section the Outstanding Section for two consecutive years.

Taqvi has been honored before with Distinguished Member award by AIAA, ISA and CLCTS. He was awarded IEEE Centennial Medal and award in 2001.

He is a fellow of ISA, an associate fellow of AIAA, a Life Senior member of IEEE,

and has the unique distinction of being a member of five honor societies – Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Sigma Xi. He is also a Distinguished Toastmaster, and a past district lieutenant governor of Toastmasters International District 56.



Dr. Zafar Taqvi (right) receives an award from James Jefferies, current IEEE Region 5 director from Colorado.

Photo submitted

Summer Food Service Program offers free lunch, snack for youth

The Houston Parks & Recreation Department will once again sponsor the U.S.D.A.'s Summer Food Service Program to provide free meals for youth ages 1 to 18 during the summer break. The program serves a free lunch and snack Monday through Friday from June 4 through Aug. 17 at 460 sites across Houston.

"The Summer Food Service program is an integral part of our department's summer services," said Joe Turner, director, Houston Parks & Recreation Department. "We have around 460 sites across the city ready to serve meals Monday through Friday to young people who would like to participate. No registration is required. To find a site near you call 2-1-1 and give the operator your ZIP code. They will direct you to a site near you."

Meals served through the

Summer Food Service Program include: one serving of milk, two or more servings of vegetables and/or fruits, one serving of grain or bread, and one serving of meat or meat alternative. Quantities served comply with federal and state requirements. No food preparation is involved at the food serving site.

Summer Food Service sites include all 59 H.P.A.R.D. Community Centers, churches, apartment complexes, recreation/learning centers, youth organizations, schools and nonprofit agencies that have registered with the Houston Parks & Recreation Department to provide free meals to area youth.

Citizens hoping to find the nearest Summer Food Service Program site can call 713-676-6832 or 211 and specify a ZIP code. No registration is required for the program. Meals must be consumed on

site. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a healthy snack served from 3 to 4 p.m.

The Summer Food Service Program is administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture Food & Nutrition Division. In accordance with federal law & U.S.D.A. policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

(See related story about Pasadena Independent School District's summer food program on Page 1A)

The Houston Parks & Recreation Department stewards & manages over 38,752 acres of parkland and green-space for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For information on the department, call 832-395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.

Meador retirees honored



Kindergarten teacher Laura White (left) and music teacher Kathy Lemaster (right) recently retired from Meador Elementary School after many years of service to the campus. White retired with 36 years in education, and Lemaster retired with 34 years.

Photos submitted



Leader seeks photos

The *Leader* is seeking readers' vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded each month during June, July and August to the best submissions. Each month's first-place winner will be awarded six tickets, while each month's second-place winner will be awarded four.

All submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, as well as identify each person in the picture and tell an interesting story about the trip. Trips must have been taken this year.

The *Leader* is also seeking graduation photos. A prize of 10 Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded to the best submission. Again, all submissions must include names of each person in the photo. These are due by June 16.

All photos must be high resolution. No phone camera photos will be accepted. Email photos to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Do not compress photos when sending.

TRIAD to meet June 18

TRIAD will meet Monday, June 18, at 10:30 a.m. at the Madison Jobe Senior Citizen Center, 1700 E. Thomas Ave. in Pasadena.

The meeting is a partnership of the county sheriff, local law enforcement and senior adults who agree to work together to reduce the criminal victimization of older persons and enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to older citizens.

Refreshments will be provided by Parsons House Assisted Living in La Porte. Speaker will be Deer Park Crime Prevention Officer Tina Taylor.

Deaths

Dan Haney Moore



Dan H. Moore, 78, of Pearland, died on Sunday, June 10, 2012. He was born Dan Haney Moore in Texarkana, Ark., on Dec. 20, 1933.

Moore graduated from Port Neches High School in 1952; then attended Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas, where he met the love of his life, Syble Barnett. They married on May 21, 1953. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State College in Nacogdoches, Texas, with Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees.

Moore is preceded in death by Syble, his wife of almost 59 years; his parents, Grady and Rita Mae Moore; and his two brothers, Winston C. Moore and David E. Moore.

He is survived by four children: Rita Joyce Moore McClure and husband Raymond McClure, Patricia Lois Moore Gafford and husband David Gafford, Danny Ray Moore and wife Nancy Moore, and Troy Eugene Moore; three grandchildren: Jason Christopher Moore and wife Kristy, Thomas Edward Gafford and wife Jennifer, and Natalie Diane Gafford; two step-grandchildren, Travis Kenneth Stang and Crystal Jeanette Stang; and four great-grandchildren, Logan, Aden, Grayson and Easton Moore.

Moore was an active member of First Baptist Church of Friendswood. He was a State Farm Insurance agent for 30 years in the South Belt area until he and Syble, who was his office manager, retired 11 years ago. He was active in Kiwanis International in the Southeast Houston Club and the Pasadena Club serving in various committee and officer roles including lieutenant governor of Division 3-Texas Oklahoma District.

Moore was a self-appointed ambassador for the state of Texas. Having been born in Arkansas, he often said, "I got to Texas as soon as I could." He encouraged, praised and supported his family in many ways. He never met a stranger and always had a quick wit and funny story or joke to tell.

Visitation with the family will be held Thursday, June 14, 2012, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Forest Park East Funeral Home, 21620 Gulf Freeway in Webster.

Funeral services will be on Friday, June 15, 2012, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church Friendswood, 111 East Heritage Drive in Friendswood.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Dan Moore to MD Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486, or Faith Community Hospice, 4721 Garth Road, Suite H, Baytown, TX 77521.

He was born on Aug. 23, 1971, in Pasadena, the first

child of Robert "Bob" and Georgi-Ann Townley. She was an A+ student at Frazier Elementary when she fell to an illness at age 9 that almost claimed her life. She was left paralyzed on the right side of her body and unable to speak.

She went on to participate in the Special Olympics, making it all the way to state more than once. The softball throw was her favorite event.

Townley had a smile for everyone. Travel was one of her favorite hobbies. She loved to tell stories of KITT, the talking car at Universal Studios in Los Angeles, brunch at Cinderella's Castle in Disney, Dollywood and the Gatlin Brothers, Vancouver B.C. and more. There was nowhere she wouldn't go, especially if she was riding shotgun with her dad and picking the music.

Townley never missed an opportunity to see the Oilers or Texans, always with her jersey. Recently, she had even begun to caddy a little for her dad while cruising in the golf cart.

She loved to travel, attending parties, and karaoke, and she was a member of many fan clubs.

Townley is preceded in death by her mother.

She is survived by her father, Robert "Bob" Townley; Mom-2, Phyllis Townley; her sister, Cerita Townley Young and husband David; brothers, Nick Lindesmith and wife Jennifer, and Cameron Lindesmith; nieces, Audrey Young, Veronica Young, Caitlin Young and Charize Lindesmith; nephew Nathan Lindesmith; grandmothers, Irene Townley and Edna Langford; and a host of family and friends.

The Mass of Christian Burial was conducted on Monday, June 11, 2012, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, with the Rev. James Burkhart officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Dickinson.

Condolences may be sent to the Townley family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

Victor Lee Christiansen



an unexpected accident.

He attended Meador Elementary, Beverly Hills Intermediate, and graduated from Dobie High School.

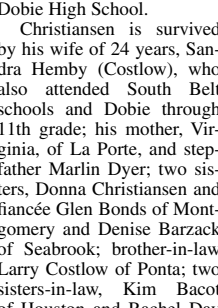
Christiansen is survived by his wife of 24 years, Sandra Hemby (Costlow), who also attended South Belt schools and Dobie through 11th grade; his mother, Virginia, of La Porte, and stepfather Marlin Dyer; two sisters, Donna Christiansen and fiancée Glen Bonds of Montgomery and Denise Barzack of Seabrook; brother-in-law Larry Costlow of Ponta; two sisters-in-law, Kim Bacot of Houston and Rachel Day of Houston; nephews, Doug Barzack of Houston, Chris Barzack and wife Katie Lou of Bacliff, Mike Day of Dickinson, and Chris and wife Rebecca Day of Houston; nieces, Nicole and husband Curtis Spreckles, Rebecca Christiansen and fiancé Daniel Murray, Katherine Christiansen, Chrystal and husband Marcus Gafford of Pearland, and Naomi Bacot of Houston; great-nieces and nephews, Caleb Christiansen, Blake, Tyler, Nathan and Kaylie Spreckles, Makayla Bacot Anberlyn and Alajni Gafford, and Michael III, Mathew, Carlie, Alyssa and Chase Day.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 23, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Second Baptist Church, 9825 Carlow Lane in La Porte.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice, with acknowledgements to: Sandy Hemby, 207 Pleasure Lane, Huffman, TX 77336.

The family has requested that no flowers be sent to the services.

Sophie Maury



Sophie Maury, 84, a longtime South Belt resident, died on Sunday, June 10, 2012. She was born on Dec. 18, 1927. She was one of nine children. She spent her life making a home and caring for her loved ones. She loved spending time with her family.

Maury is preceded in death by her husband, James Maury III, her mother, father and six siblings.

She is survived by her daughter, Cindy Cauthen; son Jimmy Maury, wife Edna and their children, Marcus and Jamie; sister-in-law Clara Mortenson and husband Bob; two remaining siblings: Sonny Brennan and wife Earlene and Jack Brennan and sister-in-law Joyce; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Niday Funeral Home on Thursday, June 14, 2012, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with a rosary from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

The funeral Mass will be on Friday, June 15, 2012, at 11 a.m. at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Interment will follow in SouthPark Cemetery.

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South Belt Elementary Career Day a success

Career Day took place on Friday, May 18, and South Belt Elementary School welcomed Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale, Pearland Mayor Tom Reid and Dr. Dixie Melillo (namesake of South Belt's feeder middle school).

At right, Mattress Mack and Assistant Principal Jae Lee give Career Day a "thumbs up." Photos submitted



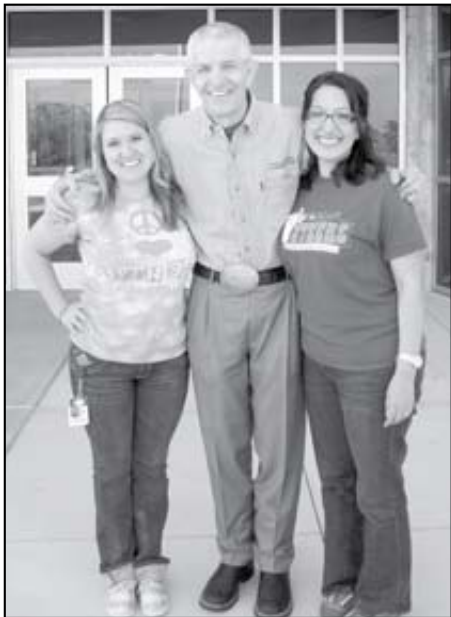
Fourth-grade student Jordan Tran (front), poses with, left to right, (back) dyslexia specialist Amy Otwell and Mattress Mack of Gallery Furniture.



Left to right, Dr. Dixie Melillo of The Rose stands with Amy Otwell and fourth-grader Xavier Hernandez.



Mayor Tom Reid (back left) visits with Amy Otwell, dyslexia specialist (back right), and fourth-grade students, left to right, (front row) Dylan White, Mary Vu, Manuel Martinez and Xavier Armelin.



Left to right, fourth-grade teacher Sara Smith, Mattress Mack, and fourth-grade teacher Estella Riley spend time together on Career Day at South Belt Elementary.

Pay 2011 property tax now... it only gets worse

Property owners who have not paid their 2011 taxes by July 2, 2012, will incur a large increase in their bill on July 3, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Don Summers said.

"Taxpayers delinquent on July 3 will see their bill will go up by more than 20 percent THAT DAY," Summers said. "What's worse, on July 3, by law, the office must turn over all delinquent accounts to the collection attorneys of the more than 60 taxing jurisdictions we work with."

For example, a tax bill of \$100 in January grows to \$115 in June, with \$15 penalty and interest. On July 3, it grows to \$142, with an additional \$27 in penalty and interest.

"Taxpayers who can't pay their entire bill can avoid the additional 20 percent penalty by entering into an installment agreement," Summers advised. Payments can be made in monthly installments through October. "This can be done as late as July 2 but please do not wait until the last minute," he urged.

Taxpayers may sign up for an installment payment agreement at any of the 15 tax office branches on or before July 2. They also may request an agreement via email (tax-office@tax.hctx.net), by calling 713-368-2000, by faxing a request to 713-368-2219 or by mailing a request to Harris County Tax Office, P.O. Box 4663, Houston, TX 77210-4663. The agreement, the signed first payment coupon and the first payment must be delivered in person on or before July 2 or postmarked July 2 or sooner.

On May 30, 2012, the tax office mailed more than 90,000 delinquent tax notices informing taxpayers of an additional 15-20 percent collection penalty if they didn't pay by July 2. The mailing included several thousand special notices to homeowners who are over 65 or disabled. These notices included

a Harris County Appraisal District form to request a property tax deferral, which allows these homeowners to delay payment of their property taxes and prevents any property tax foreclosure while they live in the home. Active military personnel may also qualify for a deferral/waiver.

To save time and gasoline, one can pay online or by telephone. If the payment is

being made online, the transaction must be completed by 11:59 p.m. Central Daylight Time on July 2.

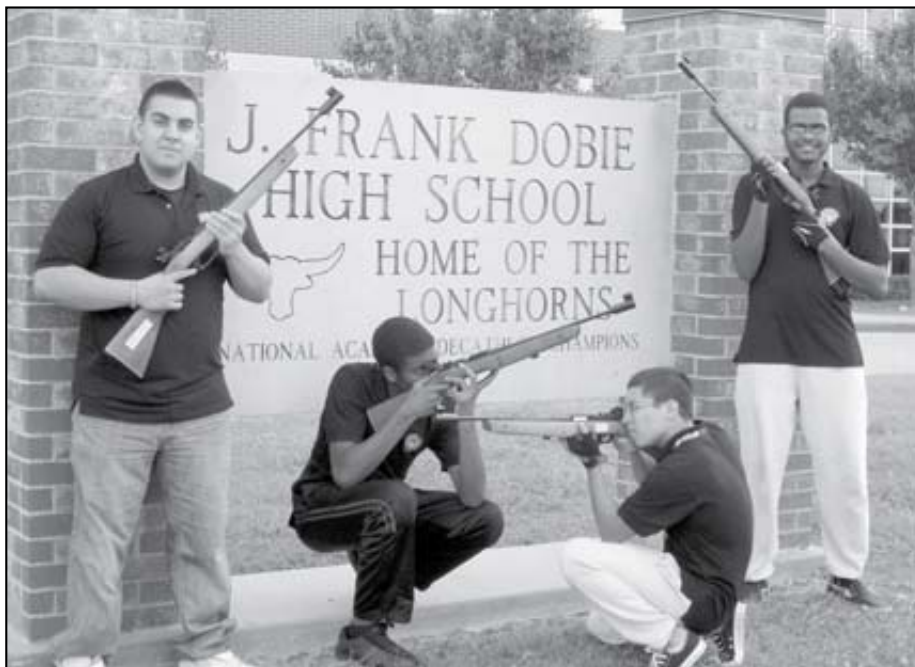
The tax office accepts full or partial payment of property taxes. Taxpayers may use any combination of credit cards and/or e-Checks for payment online at www.hctx.net. Credit card and e-Check payments are also accepted by touch-tone telephone by calling 713-368-

CARD (2273). American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and VISA credit or debit cards are accepted. VISA consumer debit cards will be charged a transaction fee of \$3.95. A non-refundable transaction fee of 2.15 percent will be added to all other credit/debit card payments processed. E-checks are free. If taxpayers wish to arrange for an installment agreement or a military defer-

ral/waiver or have any other questions regarding their property tax account, they should contact the tax office at 713-368-2000.

Taxpayers who are over 65 or disabled and wish to defer payments of their property taxes should complete the property tax deferral form enclosed with the notice and send it to the Harris County Appraisal District or call HCAD at 713-957-7800.

Air Force beats Navy



Dobie's Air Force JROTC varsity marksmanship team recently went to South Houston High School to compete against SoHo's Navy JROTC marksmanship team. Dobie's varsity team walked away with a clear victory after two hours of pinpoint shooting. The competition consisted of four-man teams shooting pellet air rifles in an Olympic-approved event "10 meter, 10 targets, 3 positions (prone, standing, kneeling)." Pictured are, left to right,

Francisco Rada (team captain), Mohamad Mohamad, George Molina and Ahmad Mohamad. This is the first year for Dobie's marksmanship team, and they're off to a great start. The team was recently awarded a \$12,000 grant from the National Rifle Association that will go a long way in supporting the team in much needed start-up equipment. To be on the team, all members have to be JROTC cadets in good standing. Photo submitted

Burnett releases 4th 9-weeks, all-year rolls

Burnett Elementary recently announced its fourth nine-weeks honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls, and its all-year rolls for 2011-2012. Students earning status are:

Honor roll First grade

Sarae Arriazola, Jonathan Espinoza, Kayla Fields, Iveth Flores, Lyzbeth Flores, Johana Godinez, Victoria Gonzalez, Serenity Govea and Angel Hernandez.

Cindy Medina, Paula Mendoza, Vivian Nguyen, Luis Nieves, Marissa Rojas, Eric Starks, Jazmen Washington and Jayren Young.

Second grade

Alayna Calvillo, Oscar Carbajal, Alani Chapa, Joe Chicas, Nayely Faz Urias, Jessica Flores, Selena Galicia, Malayja Gonzales, Isaac Gonzalez and Kaylee Goodrum.

Nevaeh Govea, Dahir Gutierrez, Hassan Gutierrez,

Annie Herrera, Alexis Kamal, Maria Manzano, Lexi Martinez, Crystal Mejia, Han Nguyen and Tommy Nguyen.

Angel Oliva, Jason Pham, Alejandro Ramos, Vanessa Rocha, Lisette Rodriguez, Kianna Tran, Melanie Velazquez and Luke Wittenberg.

Third grade

Gail Aflalo, Jasmin Benitez, Kiana Casco, Sarah Corral, Aixa Gomez, Erica Hay, Joel Herrera, Johana Jasso and Adrian Maldonado. Joscelyn Martinez, Desiree Miller, Celeste Ortiz, Darrius Pamplin, Ivan Rivera, Madeline Schwausch and Kyrsten Tyler.

Fourth grade

Jocelyn Bustos, Courtney Chung, Enoc Curiel, Quang Do, Angelina Dong, Nancy Flores, Amber Garcia, Andrew Garcia, Eduardo Gonzalez and Peter Hoang. Milow Lozano, Martin Nandin, Caroline Rocha, Naomie Rodriguez, Sergio Roman, Aliyah Salas, Justin Silva, Alissa Vara and Ava Walker.

Merit roll First grade

Jonathan Contreras, Darius Foster, Sophia Garay, Crystal Hayes, Ryan Humphrey, Hoa Huynh, Hector Lopez, Mario Moreno, Emily Perez Negrón, Alyssa Rodriguez and Jonathan Sagastizado.

Second grade

Gabriel Beltran, Melena Dongs, Gerardo Escamilla, Boris Hernandez, Jorge Jaimes, Emily Legaspi, Alex Mateo, Brian Nguyen, Gilberto Perez, Nikolas Rodriguez, Alvaro Santibanez and Sam Simmons.

Third grade

Rod' Dre Butler, Francisco Hernandez, Adrian Martinez, Valerie Martinez, Lendi Santos and Kendall Spafford.

Fourth grade

Dominic Caballero, Xzaveon Cofield, Daniel Garza, Seth Gonzalez, Christian Medina, Amy Tieu.

All Year Honor Roll First grade

Jonathan Espinoza, Kayla Fields, Iveth Flores, Lyzbeth Flores, Cindy Medina, Paula Mendoza, Luis Nieves and Marissa Rojas.

Second grade

Alayna Calvillo, Alani Chapa, Nayely Faz Urias, Jessica Flores, Kaylee Goodrum, Hassan Gutierrez, Lexi Martinez, Crystal Mejia, Vanessa Rocha, Lisette Rodriguez, Kianna Tran and Melanie Velazquez.

Third grade

Gail Aflalo, Jasmin Benitez, Erica Hay, Johana Jasso, Joscelyn Martinez, Desiree Miller, Darrius Pamplin and Madeline Schwausch.

Fourth grade

Courtney Chung, Enoc Curiel, Quang Do, Angelina Dong, Nancy Flores, Milow Lozano, Naomie Rodriguez, Sergio Roman, Justin Silva and Ava Walker.

All Year Merit Roll First grade

Sarae Arriazola, Victoria Gonzalez, Serenity Govea, Crystal Hayes, Angel Hernandez, Ryan Humphrey, Hector Lopez, Mario Moreno, Eric Starks and Jazmen Washington.

Second grade

Oscar Carbajal, Melena Dongs, Isaac Gonzalez, Malayja Gonzales, Nevaeh Govea, Annie Herrera, Brian Nguyen and Larry Lopez.

Han Nguyen, Tommy Nguyen, Angel Oliva, Jason Pham, Alejandro Ramos, Nikolas Rodriguez and Luke Wittenberg.

Third grade

Aixa Gomez, Celeste Ortiz, Kendall Spafford and Kyrsten Tyler.

Fourth grade

Dominic Caballero, Andrew Garcia, Seth Gonzalez, Christian Medina and Aliyah Salas.

All Year Perfect attendance

Isabel Acevedo, Arturo Acosta, Denise Acosta, Alfredo Alvor, Alaric Arriazola, Enrique Banda, Ruben Be-

cer, Jasmin Benitez, Melisa Bonilla, Keelan Brannon and Jocelyn Bustos.

Imanol Carrion, Isai Carrion, Courtney Chung, Kayla Coleman, Tia Collins, Lauren Deramus, Quang Do, Angelina Dong, Nam Duong, Angel Estrada, Esperanza Estrada and Iveth Flores.

Katya Flores, Lyzbeth Flores, Nancy Flores, Andrew Garcia, Mariana Garcia, Victor Garcia, Anastasia Gonzalez, Erica Hay, Mauricio Herrera and Hoa Huynh.

Khang Huynh, Sara Iz-naga, Jorge Jasso, Jazmine Johnson, Caroline Jordan, Emily Legaspi, Larry Anthony Lopez, Karismah Lozano and Milow Lozano.

Adrian Maldonado, Adrian Martinez, Fabian Martinez, Christopher Medina, Stephanie Medina, Michael Milner, Joel Morales, Noel Morales, Jose Moreno, Martin Nandin and Brian Nguyen.

Angel Oliva, Celeste Ortiz, Eva Pineda, Abraham Pizano, Alejandro Pulido, Refugio Pulido, Frida Quiroz, Melanie Rios, Ivan Rivera, Jocelyn Robles and Nikolas Rodriguez.

Destiny Rosalez, Destiny Sanchez, Jesse Simmons, Sam Simmons, Amaya Smith, Isaac Smith, Isaiah Smith, Amy Tieu, Nelly Velasquez and Cyndietu Vo.

All Year Kindergarten achievement

Jimena Antunez, Leobardo Aviles, Kevin Ayala, Enrique Banda, Austin Buchner, Alan Bui, Isaac Campos, Kaitlyn Corona, Aislyn Curtis Brooks, Yalat DeLuna and Kaeson Duenez-Chavez.

Esperanza Estrada, Joselyn Febus, Katya Flores, Kelly Flores, Juan Galicia, Aranzazu Garcia, Mariana Garcia, Izabella Gomez, Miranda Gonzalez Garza, Christian Harvey and Lillian Mendez.

Giovanni Mendoza, Amir Miles, Seth Miller, Joslyn Miniel, Taylor Nguyen, Yulissa Oliva, Sabino Ortiz, Belle Perridon, Valeria Quiroz and Leonel Reyes.

Jacob Romero, Isaare Sayed, Alyson Schwausch, Emmanuel Serna, Anna Serpas, Sahalley Silva, Maddisyn Sockwell, Hermynie Taylor, Tiara Taylor, Haylie Trevino and Giselle Wittenberg.

Join Us for the South Belt Annual Fourth of July Parade 2012

Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Annise Parker will be in attendance!

Line-up will be 9:00 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate

For more info, contact South Belt-Ellington Leader at 281-481-5656



Williams earns Epperson scholarship



Dobie High School senior Kayla Williams (left) was awarded the Thuy Epperson State Farm Educational Scholarship. Presenting the award was Epperson (right), a Frazier Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship winner in 1989 who annually gives back to current students through the scholarship. Photo by Gary Williams

Film, speaker series on post-war England

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Film & Speaker Series will give moviegoers an opportunity to experience post-war England through the dramatic film, *The Deep Blue Sea*, on June 23 at 7 p.m. in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, Lecture Hall, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Directed by Terence Davies, the story follows Hester Collyer, the wife of an upper-class judge, who is caught in a self-destructive love affair

with a Royal Air Force pilot. Rated R, the film stars Rachel Weisz, Tom Hiddleston and Simon Russell Beale.

Admission is \$3.75 per person and free for those with UHCL identification.

All film dates subject to licensing availability.

Visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/movies> for most current information or contact Sonia Hernandez, Office of Student Life cultural arts assistant, at movies@uhcl.edu or 281-283-2560.

Muslim Interfaith Meeting Open House

The Islamic Society of Greater Houston Southeast, located at 8830 Old Galveston Rd., Houston, TX 77034, are cordially inviting you to meet your Muslim neighbors and to be properly informed about the reality of Islam and to clarify many common misconceptions on

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Over The Back Fence by Jan

DEANS CELEBRATE 43 YEARS

Yaqub K. Dean and Maxine Dean celebrate their 43rd anniversary on Saturday, June 16. Their children, Jane, May, Shaheena and Shahid, and four grandchildren wish them well.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BILL!

Local businessman Bill Winning celebrates his birthday Friday, June 15. Best wishes are sent from his wife, Carol, family, friends, and the staff at the *Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 14 through June 20.

Atkinson Elementary

Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Silvia Saucedo** June 20.

Burnett Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for **Jocelyn Baker** on June 16. **Tonna Clay** is wished a happy birthday June 20.

Bush Elementary

On June 14, a special birthday wish is sent to **Sandra Harper**. Marking a birthday June 17 is **Mariana Meneses**. **Dina Alvarenga** and **Cynthia Meguader** celebrate a double birthday June 20.

Frazier Elementary

Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Edith Sierra** June 20.

Moore Elementary

June 16 is the day for a cake for **Dixie Thompson**. Enjoying a birthday June 17 is **Mercedes Mata**. On June 20, blow out the birthday candles for **Romy Graham**.

Melillo Middle School

The day for a party for **Betty Henderson** is June 15.

Morris Middle School

Sharing a birthday June 14 are **Maria Herrera** and **Neybi Zamudio**. Birthday greetings are sent to **Diana Murray** June 20.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Carla Castillo** June 15. The day

for a party for **Guadalupe Escobar** is June 17. Marking a birthday June 19 is **Raquel Alamos**.

Dobie High

Celebrating a birthday June 14 is **Stefanie McKinney**. Three cheers for a happy birthday for **John Kneisler**, **Stephanie Patrisso** and **Vernoica Zuniga** on June 17. The day for a double party for **Karol Chamorro** and **Lachee Payne** is June 18. **Monica Trevino** enjoys a birthday June 19.

HOME RUN CORNER

Alex Hernandez of the Major Dodgers smoked a line drive, 2-run home run over the right field fence in the Dodgers 10-6 playoff win over the Blue Jays on Tuesday, June 5. The whole team says, "Good Luck in the Championship game and Go Dodgers!"

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

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

South Houston High's Upstart United Nations Team produces Dandy Diplomats in New York City

By Al Carter
PISD Communications Specialist

They didn't bail out Europe, pacify the Middle East, solve illiteracy or end starvation. But it's understandable that 10 students from South Houston High School returned home from New York City last week feeling like they had conquered the world.

A rookie contingent thrown into the fast-paced environment of an International Model United Nations conference, the team from South Houston left its mark on the proceedings with a harvest of high honors.

Four Trojans received honorable mention designation in the competitive phase of the conference, which drew 2,400 students from around the globe to United Nations headquarters in Manhattan.

A fifth South Houston student, junior Jose Duran, was picked to be a part of the U.N. press corps and earned top honors for best candid photo. "It was an experience the students will not forget," said South Houston world history teacher Matthew Koska, the group's sponsor.

"They have made a name for South Houston and Pasadena ISD among the rank and file of the world's greatest international schools. Friends have been made and memories cemented in their minds."

South Houston students Olga Trevino and Shivam Vakil earned honorable mention in competition on their General Assembly committee.

Two other members of the Trojan contingent, Meet Patel and Karen Cruz, received honorable mention nods on the Earth Summit Committee.

Their achievements were particularly noteworthy in light of the fact that only about four dozen of the 2,400 students in attendance received awards.

Also representing South Houston in New York City were Selena Barron, Alan Deleon, Ulisses Gonzalez, Mario Gonzales and Hannah Arnold.

South Houston's quest began a year ago when a group of students with an interest in world affairs approached Koska about forming a Model U.N. team. Last February the upstart Trojans competed in the Houston Area Model U.N. and created a stir by winning the Outstanding Small Delegation Award.

That breakthrough brought the possibility of a trip to the international conference into

focus. But there were major obstacles, including an entry deadline that had already passed.

However, publicity from the Trojans' accomplishments found its way back to organizers in New York City, and the South Houston team was granted a deadline extension. With the help of the Pasadena ISD, funds were raised and the trip booked.



South Houston High's Model U.N. contingent visits the Empire State Building. Pictured are, left to right, (front) Hannah Arnold, Karen Cruz, Selena Barron, Olga Trevino, faculty member Holly Ba-

zan, (back) SHHS Assistant Principal Paula Ballew, Ulisses Gonzalez, Meet Patel, faculty sponsor Matthew Koska, Shivam Vakil, Alan DeLeon and Mario Gonzalez.

Photo by Jose Duran

Remember When

35 years ago (1977)

Roland Dominguez was chosen to the South Texas All-Star Soccer Team.

The Pasadena Independent School District stood to lose in excess of \$5.5 million in added revenue if the proposed school bill wasn't passed in a special session in the summer.

30 years ago (1982)

A natural gas well was drilled just west of Wood Meadow about 100 feet from Scarsdale Boulevard. Perotex Petroleum, which was operating the rig, had a lease on the site and the mineral rights to 500 acres in the area including Wood Meadow, the area between Wood Meadow and Beamer, and part of Sagemont.

Richard Jackson's house became the site of one of the 50 burglaries reported by county officials in a 60-day period in the Sageglen area.

Water was turned off to 34 residences in Sagemeadow and Kirkwood South due to water bills being 90 or more days late.

25 years ago (1987)

Deputy Lewis May, who was a patrolman with the South Belt Security Alliance, was named Harris County Constable Precinct 2 Em-

ployee of the Month.

Of the Dobie students who earned the required number of credits to graduate, none were denied diplomas due to inadequate scores on the TEAMS (Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills) test.

20 years ago (1992)

City and county officials began looking into the Fuqua-area flooding, which kept South Belt residents away from their jobs. Authorities said that they were unaware that Fuqua did not drain for a nearly 20-hour period.

Two intermediate schools from the Pasadena school district placed in the regional Academic Pentathlon competition held in Fort Bend County. Miller Intermediate seventh-graders placed second for the overall team award, and Miller's eighth-grade team came in first in the Super Quiz competition. Thompson Intermediate's eighth-grade team came in second in the Super Quiz and third overall.

15 years ago (1997)

Carissa Davis and Greg Mitchell were named outstanding eighth-grade girl and boy at Beverly Hills Intermediate School by American Legion Post 490.

Gulf Palms and South Point were slated to get nearly \$5 million in sewers following approval by the City Council.

10 years ago (2002)

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees approved new costs covering the redesign of the Dobie High School construction site after it learned of extensive wetlands in the area. The change order added about \$764,000 to the Dobie construction cost.

Bravos Mexican Restaurant on Fuqua suffered severe damage following an electrical fire.

Firemen from Station 70, Shift C, fought a lightning-caused fire to eight apartment units at Green Arbor Apartments.

5 years ago (2007)

Kirkmont resident Linda Ballew was arrested and spent four nights in jail for failing to comply with court orders related to her unkempt lawn. The incident garnered so much attention that it was featured in the national news media.

Dobie seniors Tam Nguyen and Cynthia Paredes won first place at the Health Occupation Students of America's state competition for their presentation on pediatric cardiology, qualifying them for the national HOSA competition in Orlando, Fla.

1 year ago (2011)

Sagemont Church celebrated its 45th anniversary. The day's celebration included special morning worship services as well as an evening praise and baptism service outdoors at the church's 170-foot cross. The date also marked an important deadline in the construction of a new building on its main campus on the South Sam Houston Parkway near Interstate 45 South. Church members generously donated an unprecedented \$4.5 million in a mere two days – far more than the \$3.2 million needed to finish the construction of the building.

Shelton receives Gorman scholarship



Dobie High School senior Tranice Shelton (left) was awarded the Karen Gorman Memorial Scholarship, as presented by John Gorman, husband of Karen Gorman, who was a former teacher at Frazier Elementary. Photo by Gary Williams

Atkinson names 4th 9-weeks rolls

Atkinson Elementary recently listed its fourth nine-weeks honor and merit rolls for 2011-2012. Students earning status are:

Honor roll
First grade

Elih Acevedo, Lizet Aguirre, Sofia Alvarado, Janet Armenta, Olivia Batres, Alexis Cline, Kassidy Dinh, Anastasia Dominguez, Gabriel Fowler, Jade Gallegos and Kevin Garcia.

Fourth grade

Gisselle Alfaro, Kay Duong, Leah Ha, Samantha Narvaez, Jessica Nguyen, Ashley Nguyen, Bryan Orzoco, Eva Maria Perla and Andrea Uribe.

Merit roll
First grade

Ruby Arriaga, Darius Duncan, Emily Gaona, Jaylen Gonzales, Aimee Grimaldo, Christopher Johnson, Nathaniel Montemayor, Martin Nguyen, Joshua Perez, Marisa Perla, Diego Torres and Alan Vargas.

Second grade

Melanie Galvan, Dylan Harris, Andrew Huynh, Tina Huynh, Jazmin Izaguirre, Marcus Lind, Jaclyn Nguyen, Andrea Nunez, Amy Pham, Kristyn Pham, Haley Salinas, Angelina Tomlinson, Azela Villarreal, Nikole Welcome and Michael Zambrano.

Third grade

Jaqueline Arredondo, Jordan Best, Danielle Bulman, Alberto Campa, Nicholas Covarrubias, Erin Dang, Mat-

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Meador names 4th 9-weeks, all-year rolls

Meador Elementary recently released its fourth nine-weeks honor and merit rolls. Students earning status are:

First grade Honor roll
Landen Adame, Ireti Akinwande, Issac Ali, Alex Ayala, Xavier Bernal, Theresa

Burchfield, Keishirah Carathers, Damian Maldonado, Fabian Martinez, Mark Penaloza, Antonio Ramirez, Claire Ramirez, Nya Sanford, Marcelo Saucedo, Isaac Thompson and Luis Torres.

Merit roll
Ayo Akinwande, Alex Carroll, Isaac Dao, Kylie

Dennis, Andrew Do, Francisco Gonzalez, Giahian Tran and Emily Zuniga.

Second grade Honor roll
Jeffery Argueta, Hussiel Arias, Emily Carlos, Andrew Chapa, Tiana Clark, Demetria Delgado, Andrea Gonzalez, Damarcus Groves, Kaili

Ochoa and Jose Torres.
Merit roll
Savannah Brookland, Chris Goudeau, Patrick Ortega, Laura Rios and Rosmery Torres.

Third grade Honor roll
Jackson D'Cruze, Natalie Garza, Daisy Gonzalez, Dar-

ren Groves, Jhaila Mathews and Christopher Walker.

Merit roll
Elizabeth Bui, Alysia Foster, Tristan Pedraza, Juan Rodriguez and Stacy Tochimani.

Fourth grade Honor roll
Bianca Cruz, Edgar Limon, Alejandro Mena and Ariel Robles.

Merit roll
Angela Torres and Oscar Valladares.

All-Year Rolls
Several Meador students earned all-year honor and merit rolls for the 2011-2012 school year. Students are:

First grade Honor roll
Landen Adame, Issac Ali, Pero Ayala, Xavier Bernal, Theresa Burchfield, Fabian Martinez, Claire Ramirez and Nya Sanford.

Honor or merit roll
Ireti Akinwande, Francisco Gonzalez, Damian Maldonado, Mark Penaloza, Isaac Thompson, Luis Torres, Giahian Tran and Emily Zuinga.

Second grade Honor roll
Hussiel Arias, Tiana Clark, Andrea Gonzalez and Damarcus Groves.

Honor or merit roll
Patrick Ortega.

Third grade Honor roll
Jhaila Mathews.

Honor or merit roll
Elizabeth Bui, Akatsua Foster, Daisy Gonzalez and Christopher Walker.

Fourth grade Honor roll
Bianca Cruz, Alejandro Mena and Ariel Robles.

Honor or merit roll
Oscar Valladares.

Tanners celebrate 55th anniversary



Rodney and Jo Ann Tanner will celebrate 55 years of marriage on June 28, 2012. Rodney met Jo Ann when she was 12 years old. They started dating when she was 15, became engaged at her senior prom (left photo), and soon after her graduation, they were married on June 28, 1957. One day they were driving to Galveston and noticed a blinking light on the Gulf Freeway at Kingspoint. They made a right turn and found their future and only home in Beverly Hills. They still remember cattle roaming into their back yard in 1958 and driving to Pasadena for groceries, and have seen a lot of changes since then. Many times they have talked about moving, but say it's hard to move from so many memories. The couple have raised their three children, David, Denise and Dana in the area, with all three graduating from Dobie High School. They now have three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren with another on the way. Rodney joined the U.S. Air Force in 1953 and retired in 1983. Jo Ann worked as a senior bookkeeper for the Pasadena Independent School District for more than 25 years. Both had retired from their jobs, but work was far from over. Rodney joined the staff at Faith Assembly of God in Pasadena, assuming the position of office manager and minister of education. After feeling the call to pastor, both he and Jo Ann pastored Bethany Assembly of God for six years. They held three crusades in Panama preaching the Gospel. Later, they became associate pastors of Gulf Palms Assembly of God. They currently attend Sagemont Church. Today, they find themselves still very much in love after 55 years of marriage and agree, "We've had a great ride and have been blessed by so many friends we love. Now we only look forward to celebrating 60 years." To celebrate their 55th anniversary, the couple are planning a cruise.

BHI names April Bears of the Month



Beverly Hills Intermediate recently named its Bears of the Month for April. Recipients are, left to right, (seated) Nadia Garcia, Hainhu Ho, (standing) Roberto Quezada, Derrick Rivera, America Rodriguez, Jocelyn Nunez, Vu Dinh, Richarra Thomas and Camron Hunter. Students of Beverly Hills Intermediate strive to achieve positive characteristics which will guide them throughout their lives. The characteristic for April was honesty: truthfulness, sincerity: the act or condition of never deceiving,

stealing, or taking advantage of the trust of others; to be truthful in all one does. The following students were selected by their academic teams as best representing this characteristic. Team compassion, Hunter and Nunez; team initiative, Acac and Garcia; team trustworthiness, Rodriguez and Dinh; team courage, Thomas and Quezada; and team honesty, Rivera and Ho. These students received a special Bear paw-print pin and a Bear of the Month T-shirt.

Photo submitted

Students earn Academic Excellence



Four Frazier Elementary School fourth-graders recently received a prestigious award at the school's awards program. These four students received a medal of academic excellence for making straight

A's the entire time they have been in elementary school. These students are, left to right, Anthony Gonzales, Sidney Torres, Cammy Vo and Dezelynn Villarreal.

Photo submitted

The Clear Creek Community Council of PTAs, held its annual President's Dinner on Thursday, May 24, at Clear Springs High School in League City.

Council President Diane Fatora welcomed Clear Creek Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith, CCISD staff, CCISD board of trustees, school principals, Texas PTA representatives, Local Unit PTA presidents and board members from schools within Clear Creek ISD and Dickinson ISD.

Fatora thanked principal Gail Love for allowing council to hold the event at Clear Springs High School. Linda Wood, council chair in charge of the Presidents Dinner, was recognized for planning and organizing the evening.

Before dinner, the Clear Springs, Blue Rumor Girls' Show Choir, directed by Kym Reeves, entertained the crowd

of 200.

The theme for this year's event was *Meet the New Sheriff in Town*. Fatora welcomed elementary, intermediate and high school PTA outgoing and incoming presidents to come forward and introduce themselves. The CCCC of PTAs' Participation Award was announced by corresponding secretary Kristin Leary. This year, the silver platter recipient was Parr Elementary Parent Teacher Association. Attendance by local PTAs at council events, meetings and Texas PTA events are tallied at the end of each school year; the largest number of members participating by one unit receives this annual award.

CCISD Superintendent Greg Smith recognized the 2011-2012 outgoing council officers for their service and presented roses to each member. The installation of council officers was conducted by

Interfaith Care Partners meet at St. Frances Cabrini

The Interfaith Care Partners ministry group at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church celebrated its one-year anniversary this past April. The church is located near Alameda Mall at 10727 Hartsook St.

A gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, strokes and similar disabilities and their caretakers is provided on the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The gathering consists of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, devotional

break, lunch, and ending with a game of bingo.

The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center of the church on Friday, June 15. The event theme will be Father's Day.

Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges are welcome to attend the gathering.

For more information, call the church office at 713-946-5768, Claudia Rojas, Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995, or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org

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Newly installed officers for the CCCC of PTAs are, left to right, (front row) Linda Wood, Amanda Mark, Misty Harden, Reeneea Ennis, Darlene Moore, Laura Varley, Svetlana Hanson, Chris Reeder, (back row) Elizabeth Clemente-Nelson, CCISD Superintendent Greg Smith, Laura Mackay.

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Texas PTA Region II Vice President Chris Reeder.

The 2012-2013 officers installed are: Elizabeth Clemente-Nelson, president; Darlene Moore, first vice president; Svetlana Hanson, second vice president; Laura Varley, third vice president; Amanda Mark, fourth vice president; Laura Mackay, secretary; Reeneea Ennis, treasurer; and Linda Wood, parliamentarian.

To learn more about the Clear Creek Community Council of PTAs, visit the website at www.cccpta.org. For more information

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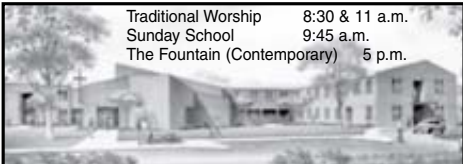
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Melillo orchestra earns Superior at festival



Recently, the Melillo Middle School Honor Orchestra participated in the Galveston Isle Orchestra Festival, held at Dobie High School, where they received a Superior rating in the sub-nonvarsity category. Angela Badon is the orchestra director. Orchestra members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Lauren Hernandez, Luis Perez, Dien Wang, Ashlee Enriquez, Andrew Logan, Joshua Woernley, Kirsten Nguyen, (middle row) Ce-

sar Salazar, Cyrus Gonzales, Patrick Tran, Diemtuyen "Tina" Le, Valerie Cantu, Eliana Loredo, Adela Alanis, Kayla Wright, Diamante Delon, (back row) Pedro "Pete" Barrientos, Melody Perry, Jason Le, Ruby Rodarte, Ngoc Phan, Rosa Phan, Reagan Razo, Ann Truong, Alex Fuentes and Charlotte Ford. Not pictured are Alejandro Gonzalez, Andrea Del Villar and Sarah Lewis.

Photo submitted

Sumner urges Houston to raise exemptions

The following was submitted by the Office of Don Sumners, Tax Assessor-Collector for Harris County.

Harris County Tax Collector Don Sumners says there is no excuse for not helping the city's elderly and disabled. The last time the City of Houston raised its over-65/disabled exemptions was 2008. Including 2008, the exemptions were raised by \$36,856 from \$34,006 to \$70,862 over eight years

starting under Mayor Bill White.

Sumners said, "Under the economic circumstances existing today, there is absolutely no excuse for not raising the over-65/disabled exemptions again. The City of Houston's 2012 revenues are projected to rise and it's time to help Houston's seniors and disabled. No one can argue that it is not to the city's benefit to help the elderly and disabled stay in their homes. The reasons are undisputed, and the elderly and disabled need help now."

Sumners added, "Raising the exemptions to \$80,000 will save the elderly and disabled approximately \$56 a year in property taxes. It's not that much, but it will give needed relief to these taxpayers, often on fixed incomes. At least it will offset the cost of the drainage fee averaging close to \$5 per month."

Future increases in the exemptions could provide relief for the substantial increases in water rates.

Using 2011 figures, Sumners estimates raising the exemptions to \$80,000 will

benefit 62,650 seniors and disabled. He estimates the property tax revenue loss (cost) at \$3.5 million a year.

Sumners warns against getting bogged down on finding a revenue replacement for the cost of the increased exemptions. He says, "With the city seemingly always able to find the money for pet projects, I call on the city to pass these increased exemp-

tions now. I can't think of anyone more deserving of the city's help than its seniors and disabled. They need the help now, and the money is there."

Immediate attention to this proposal is needed. Under the Texas Property Tax Code, any increase in the exemptions for 2012 must be approved by City Council by June 30.

Cricket at UHCL

University of Houston-Clear Lake's 14-member cricket team, the Blue Herons, welcomes the public to its free Annual Cricket Tournament with matches every Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. through July 21 in the university's Delta Building parking lot, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

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McKay happy to graduate



J. Frank Dobie High School graduate Michelle McKay jumps for joy in front of the school sign. She is the daughter of Randy and Carla McKay of Sagemont. Photo Submitted

CCISD/SJC Early College High School students receive scholarships

Seniors at Clear Horizons Early College High School on the San Jac South campus don't just walk across one stage - they walk across two. CHECHS students, like Emma Tran, receive their associate degrees from SJC three weeks before their high school diploma, with most receiving four-year university scholarships.

Tran is one of 1,000 recipients nationwide of the Gates Millennium Scholarship this year. Initially funded in 1999 by a \$1 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Gates Millennium Scholars Program awards

1,000 new students each year with good-through-graduation scholarships, which can be used to pursue degrees in any undergraduate major at the accredited college or university of the recipients' choice. The scholarship provides graduate school funding for continuing Gates Millennium Scholars in the areas of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health, or science.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is one of the major sponsors that funded the Early College High School Initiative which began in 2002, designed so low-income youth, first-generation college goers, English language learners, students of color, and other young people underrepresented in higher education can simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an associate degree, or up to two years of credit toward a bachelor's degree - tuition free. Most ECHS course work consists of Pre-AP and AP classes and college-level courses.

"Emma is an outstanding student, very driven, and has a natural talent for writing," said South campus English professor, Greg Smith. "She is also the best supplemental instructor I have ever worked with. She held more than one tutoring session for my last exam before finals, created a study guide for the students, and the lowest grade for that exam was a 70. I attribute all the good test scores to her supplemental instruction," added Smith.

Tran will continue her education at Tulane University in New Orleans in the fall and will pursue a double major in business and public health. According to her, CHECHS gave her the environment and educational foundation she couldn't find anywhere else. "Thinking about it now, I couldn't imagine going to a traditional high school because I've had so much freedom at Clear Horizons," said Tran, who has been taking college courses at San Jacinto College through CHECHS since she was 12 years old. "You can choose your classes to fit your schedule, you're learning college material while completing your high school courses, and overall you're just in a much more mature environment, which I really liked."

Graduating with an associate of arts degree in English from the college, writing has been one of Tran's best academic strengths. At 15, she acquired an internship in Long Island, N.Y., at the Southampton Press as a reporter for the publication. Having an interest in journalism, she also started taking creative writing and literature classes at San Jacinto College, which furthered her writing and communication skills, and helped her choose Tulane's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. "I've always wanted to work for a humanitarian organization like the United Nations or the World Health Organization because I want to be able to help people facing global health issues, and Tulane's program is definitely a step in that direction. It's the only tropical medicine program in the country," said Tran.

Being Florida natives, her family does have plans to move back eventually, but only after her 13-year-old sister graduates from CHECHS. "That's really one of the biggest reasons my family is staying in Houston right now - so she can begin at CHECHS and graduate. CHECHS really helped me to identify myself and improve on my academic ability, so they want her



Emma Tran

to have all the advantages I had."

Established in 2007 as a partnership between Clear Creek ISD and San Jacinto College, CHECHS opened its doors at the SJC South campus to 208 students. This year, CHECHS enrolled 379 students with a graduating class of 75 seniors all with 40 or more college credit hours; 65 of them earned their associate degrees this May before graduating with their high school diplomas.

Each year, the CCISD open enrollment charter school allows eighth-grade students to apply for the lottery selection of the allotted 120 seats in the freshman class. U.S. News ranked CHECHS 48th in the nation among charter schools, 34th among high schools in the state of Texas, and 387th out of 22,000 high schools nationwide.

CHECHS earned a Texas Education Agency Exemplary rating for 2008, 2009, and 2010, and continues to hold its students and faculty to the highest educational standards.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Bischof, O'Connor grab AGH softball recognition

Clear Brook catcher Katie Bischof and Dobie pitcher Shannon O'Connor may have seen their respective high

school softball careers come to a close, but that hasn't stopped the honors for the two from continuing to arrive.

Bischof and O'Connor were part of the All-Greater Houston second team selections following the completion of the 2012 season,

adding to a long list of accolades for both players.

Bischof, a three year starter for Clear Brook, finished her prep career in

style, hitting .605 during District 24-5A action with 12 extra-base hits, 11 runs driven in and 14 runs scored on her way to being named

the league's Most Valuable Player. O'Connor, a four-year starter for Dobie, was named the 22-5A Most Valuable Player. She won nine straight games during league play in the circle and led the Lady Longhorns to the district championship along the way.

For the season, O'Connor struck out 256 batters.

Bischof caps career

If this is the end of the line for Bischof, the class of 2012 Clear Brook High School graduate has finished in style.

"It's definitely a big accomplishment to be named Most Valuable Player in the district," Bischof said.

"This was my senior year, and I wanted to go out with a bang. It was a good ending to my career."

As for the All-Greater Houston nod, Bischof obviously feels similarly.

"It's great to be acknowledged, certainly an honor to be named along with some of the area's best players." It may be the final list of athletic accomplishments Bischof makes.

Despite a solid three-year varsity softball career at Brook, there were no Division I softball offers made to Bischof. Thus, she will enroll at Texas

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Dobie's Shannon O'Connor, a four-year starter for her team, was an All-Greater Houston second team selection after striking out 256 batters this season.



The District 24-5A Most Valuable Player after hitting .605 for Clear Brook, senior catcher Katie Bischof was an All-Greater Houston second team pick, delivering 12 extra-base hits during a special season.

CCISD sets participation fee

Clear Creek Independent School District students taking part in athletics and fine arts will now be required to pay a participation fee beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

The district's school board approved the measure to help offset a budget shortfall caused primarily by the continued loss of state funding.

The high school fee is \$50 per school year for the first student in a family, followed by \$30 for a second or third student in a family. The fee is capped to include three family members.

At the intermediate school level, the fee is \$30 per school year for the first student in a family, followed by \$20 for a second or third student in a family. That fee is also capped to include three family members.

The fees will be used to cover the cost of uniforms and to help with the maintenance of equipment.

The fee allows students to compete in as many extracurricular activities as they would like during a given school year.

This first-time move by CCISD officials was made necessary after the district lost as much as \$13 million in state funding for the 2011-2012 school year.

The district expects to lose

roughly a third of that during the 2012-2013 school year.

Other area school districts already a participation fee in place. The Friendswood ISD charges a fee of as much as \$150 per student

and is capped at \$300 per family. The junior high fees begin at \$75 per student.

In the Pearland ISD, the fee is \$40 per student and is capped at \$60. The fee is used to cover the cost of rising insurance premiums.

Dobie staff offers voluntary training

Dobie's voluntary summer strength and conditioning workouts are open to any incoming ninth-through 12th-grade football players as of next school year.

The sessions begin Monday, June 18 and will run through June 28.

There is no charge as staff members will guide the participants through weight lifting and conditioning workouts.

Participants will return for workouts July 9 through Aug. 6. The workouts will

be held each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, at 4 p.m.

FB camp Aug. 8-10

The Longhorns' coaching staff will host a voluntary incoming freshman football camp Aug. 8-10 at the school.

There is no cost, and any incoming freshman boys planning to play football for the Longhorns during the 2012 season are welcome to attend. Dobie varsity football head coach Jim Phillips said fall workouts for all teams will begin Aug. 13.

SBHLL ceremonies on

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will host closing ceremonies Friday, June 15, at 7 p.m., at the baseball facility at El Franco Lee Park.

The highlight of the event will be the recognition of all-star players in each of the necessary divi-

sions. The league's 9-year-old all-stars, shown on Page 2B, were eliminated from District 15 competition after a 12-11 loss to Pearland Maroon in a loser's bracket game June 12. The Maroon team played undefeated Pearland White June 13 af-

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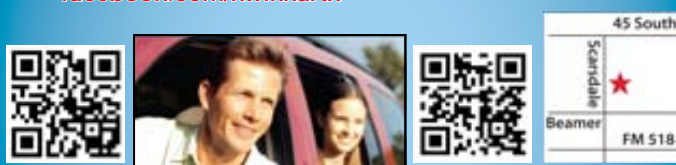
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Brook baseball players earn all-24 baseball honors



With the youth movement in full force during Clear Brook's 2012 varsity baseball season, Matt Svehla, a sophomore pitcher, took advantage of the opportunities on his way to being named the 24-5A Newcomer of the Year.



Nolan Trabanino had a big year on the mound and at the plate for the Wolverines, earning first team all-district honors in 24-5A as a pitcher. Trabanino has signed to play at the University of Texas at San Antonio this fall. See first team picks on Page 6B.

Dobie JV softball honors top performers; Lady Longhorns celebrate 2012 season



The Dobie High School softball coaching staff announced its 2012 team award winners at the junior varsity level during the end-of-season banquet. The winners included, left to right) Catherine Neira (Most Improved Player), Julia Ramirez (Defensive Player of

the Year), Miranda Rodriguez (Most Valuable Player) and Suzett Gonzalez (Hustlin' Horn Award) Not pictured is Jacquelyn Villarreal (Offensive Player of the Year).

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SJC's Stumpf, Banda chosen in MLB draft

San Jacinto College pitchers Daniel Stumpf and Anthony Banda were selected in the 2012 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

The Kansas City Royals, with the 283rd overall pick, selected Stumpf in the ninth round.

Stumpf was a National Junior College Athletic Association All-Region XIV South Conference honoree and earned a spot on the Junior College World Series All-Tournament team.

At the conclusion of the series, Stumpf was named the JUCO World Series Most Outstanding Pitcher.

The left-hander from Humble's Atascocita High School, went 8-2 in the regular season with a 2.27 earned runs average, including a team-best 108 strikeouts in 111 innings pitched.

With the 335th pick in the 10th round, the Milwaukee Brewers selected Banda, also a pitcher.

The left-handed freshman from Sinton High School, went 7-1 in the regular season with a 2.01 ERA, including 73 strikeouts.

San Jac finished the 2012 season as the national runner-up with an overall record of 41-25.

In its 22nd appearance at the JUCO World Series, San Jacinto College advanced to the championship game for the 12th time in school history. It was the eighth runner-up title for the baseball team.

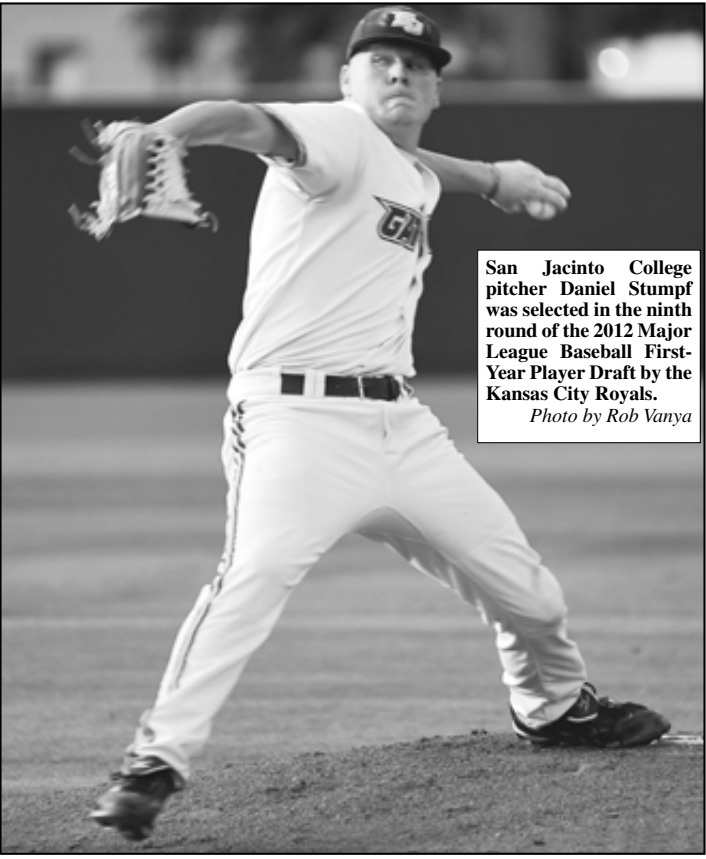
Overall, 88 National Junior College Athletic Association players were selected in this year's draft.

The NJCAA had 48 pitchers drafted from its ranks - 11 of which are left-handed - while 40 position players were selected.

Of the position players drafted, there were 17 outfielders and 23 infielders - 12 of which play shortstop.

For more information about the MLB First-Year Player Draft, visit www.mlb.com.

For more information about San Jac baseball, visit www.sanjacsports.com.



San Jacinto College pitcher Daniel Stumpf was selected in the ninth round of the 2012 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft by the Kansas City Royals.

Photo by Rob Vanya

Closing ceremonies June 15; all-stars next

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ter press time.

The other District 15 tournaments will get started at a variety of league locations later this month and into the early part of July.

The respective divisional winners in the SBHLL will also be honored during the closing ceremonies.

Anniversary date
The summer of 2012 marks the 20-year anniversary of the Sagement-Beverly Hills Little League's state championship in the 11-12-year-old division.

That summer, the locals defeated The Woodlands 1-0, scoring an unearned run in the sixth inning to take the lead for good.

Sagement-Beverly Hills

starting pitcher Brian Coyle threw a shutout as the locals earned a trip to St. Petersburg, Fla. for the South Region Tournament.

At the regional event, the Sagement group defeated Dade City, Fla. 8-4 and then took out Pine Bluff International (AR) 8-6. In another winner's bracket game, SBHLL downed Matthews, N.C. 7-6 to reach the final three.

Sagement lost 9-7 to South Lake Charles but then came back to defeat Dade City 18-6 in an elimination game.

In the championship game, Sagement lost 8-1 to South Lake Charles, which won the championship with an unbeaten record.

- SBHLL 9-Year Old All-Stars**
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Noah Gonzalez
Mauricio Jasso
Xavier Lerma
Aaron Longoria
Colby Moorer
Jacob Perez

Kyle Redmon
Nathan Scott
Tyler Stormer
Xavier Tellez
Noah Torres
Chuckie Wilson
- SBHLL 9-Year Old Alternates**
- Sean Bonner**
Victor Garcia
Mikey Ramirez
Noberto Ramirez

Larry Stormer
Brian Torres
Andre Valencia



The Sagement-Beverly Hills Little League 9-year-old all-star team finished third in the District 15 tournament at El Franco Lee Park after losing to Pearland Maroon 12-11. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Tomas Garcia, Nathan Scott, Chuckie Wilson, Xavier Lerma, Noah Gonzales, (middle row) Mauricio Jasso, Kyle Redmon, Colby Moorer, Noah Torres, Jacob Perez, Aaron Longoria, Tyler Stormer, Xavier Tellez, (back row) coaches Nick Perez, Esiquio Gonzales and Charles Wilson.

SB Select '97 soccer wins Memorial Day Cup tourney



The South Belt Select 97G youth soccer team ended its 2011-2012 season with a bang by winning the Albion Memorial Day Cup. With two wins and a tie in pool play the locals advanced to the championship game. Playing through a scoreless regulation session and another scoreless overtime period, South Belt won the game 3-2 in a shootout. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Brittany Exley, Katherine Bohorquez-Ortega, Maia Rice, Sarah Battles, Megan Mai, (back row) Elizabeth Bartlett, Karina Martinez, Madison Syers, Joslyn Amaya, Valerie Rincones, Sarah Mai and coach David Mai

NFCA honors players San Jac softball trio get regional, national nods

Three San Jacinto College softball players have earned National Fastpitch Coaches Association honors.

Freshman D.J. Hooks was named to the NFCA All-America third team, and is an NFCA All-Midwest Region first team selection.

Freshman Ashley Noak and sophomore Jaclyn Bechtle were named to the NFCA All-Midwest Region second team.

All three were also All-



San Jacinto College freshman outfielder D.J. Hooks was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America third team. This season she hit .429 with 81 hits, including eight doubles, five triples and one home run. She knocked in 24 RBIs while scoring 41 runs.

Photo by Andrea Vasquez

South Conference selections and first-team All-Region honorees.

Hooks, a freshman outfielder, was second on the team in hitting with a .429 average.

In 189 at bats, she posted 81 hits, including eight doubles, five triples and one home run. She knocked in 24 RBIs while scoring 41 runs.

Noak, a freshman catcher, led the team in hitting at .450.

She had 76 hits in 169 at bats, including 27 doubles, a triple, two home runs and 57 RBIs.

Her 27 doubles broke the San Jacinto College single-season record, and her .450 batting average is second-best in school history.

Bechtle led the team in home runs with 12 this season, which is also the second-best single season mark in school history.

The sophomore shortstop hit .378 behind 62 total hits. She posted 14 doubles, two triples and 49 RBIs on the season.

Noak and Bechtle have signed National Letters of Intent to continue their education and softball careers at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.

For a complete list of NFCA post-season honors for players from across the country, visit www.nfca.org.

Jr./Sr. Giants rule postseason action at SBHLL



The junior/senior division Giants of the Sagement-Beverly Hills Little League defeated two teams in the playoffs to claim the league's postseason championship. The Giants shut out the Astros 5-0, then took down the top-seeded Dodgers 19-2. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Juan Moreno, Robby Zavaleta, Jared Cinco, Jesus Tijerina, Nick Alvarez, (back row) coach Javier Paredes, Angel Garcia, Adan Gonzalez, Daniel Rincon, Jesse Paredes and coach Jesse Tijerina.

Authenreith, Dobie powerlifter, picks UH-Downtown



Dobie High School senior powerlifter Barry Authenreith (seated third from left) made the decision to continue his education and lifting career at the University of Houston-Downtown after signing a letter of intent. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Virginia Cortez (grandmother), Elizabeth Authenreith (mother), Gary Authenreith (father), (standing) Franklin Moses (Dobie principal), Jim Phillips (Dobie varsity football head coach), John Hudson (UHD powerlifting coach), Kenneth Foster (Dobie powerlifting coach), Brianna Smith (Dobie teammate), Seth La (Dobie teammate), Juan Santos (Dobie teammate) and Josh Basquez (Dobie teammate).

Dobie softball’s Medina to play at Alvin Community College



Dobie High School senior softball player Jenna Medina (seated center) will continue her education and playing career at Alvin Community College after signing a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Sandra Medina (mother), Nick Medina (father), (standing) Chris Swinnen (Dobie varsity softball assistant coach), Carlos Morgan (Lady 'Stros select coach),

Ceci Gonzalez (Dobie teammate), Eric Guzman (boyfriend), Megan Medina (sister), Rudy Perales (TCB select coach), Audrey Medina (sister), Carmela Swinnen (Dobie varsity softball assistant coach), Robin Rackley (Dobie varsity softball head coach) and Franklin Moses (Dobie principal).

Montes selects N. Oklahoma volleyball



Dobie High School class of 2012 senior Tracy Montes (seated center) will continue her education and volleyball career at Northern Oklahoma College in Enid, Okla., after signing a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Stephan Montes (father), Lynette Montes (mother), (standing) Franklin Moses (Dobie principal), Katherine Montes (sister), Gloria Zamora (grandmother), Madelyne Montes (sister) and Joe Sabatell (Dobie varsity volleyball head coach). Not pictured are Stephanie Montes (sister) and Crescenciano Montes (grandfather).

Area sports news, notes

Golf to benefit education

A golf tournament benefiting the Pasadena ISD and Deer Park ISD education foundations will be held Tuesday, June 19, at Timber Creek Golf Club in Friendswood. The Texas Invitational Classic is a four-person scramble with awards to be presented to the top three teams as well as the closest to the pin and longest drive winners. A hamburger lunch will immediately follow the tournament.

Registration for the event is 6:45 to 7:30 a.m. Instructions and a shotgun start are set for 8 a.m. Individual entry is \$100. Hole sponsorships are also \$100. Team entry cost is \$400, and cost for a package team entry is \$400. Package entries include maximum team mulligans and monster drive. Both education foundations have 501(c)(3) tax status. For additional information, call Jack Bailey at 713-906-2585, Bob Ellis at 832-367-4246 or Randy Perry at 832-221-4631.

Lajaunie Memorial tennis event

Family and friends of Dobie High School graduate Darren Lajaunie have planned the first Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament, set for June 23-24 at Bay Area Racquet Club in Clear Lake. An avid tennis player, Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma on May 3, 2011.

Now, his support group is aiming to carry on his legacy. Proceeds from the tournament will go toward funding college scholarships and summer camp costs for deserving BARC youth academy students. There are a variety of sponsorship levels available, including platinum (\$1,500) through bronze (\$250). For more information on the sponsorship levels or how to get involved with the event, call Lajaunie's wife, Camille, at 832-434-6933 or direct email to cjajaunie@comcast.net.

On June 23, officials from M.D. Anderson Cancer Center will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. detailing cancer awareness tips. The tennis action begins at 8 a.m. There will be a silent auction, a catered lunch available, as well as evening live entertainment and a comedy performance. Then, on the final day of the tournament, the action will end around 2 p.m., followed by divisional trophy winners.

San Jacinto men’s hoops tryouts

The San Jacinto College men's basketball tryouts for the 2012-13 team will be held Saturday, June 23, at 10 a.m. Tryouts will take place at Anders Gymnasium located on the San Jacinto College Central campus at 8060 Spencer Highway, in Pasadena. There is a \$20 processing fee for the tryouts, and participants should plan to arrive at 9 a.m. to register. Participants are required sign a waiver before competing, and should dress appropriately. Tryouts will be limited to 80 people. Questions about the open tryouts should be directed to the men's basketball office at 281-476-1849.

Dobie youth swimming camp

Dobie swimming coach Bradley Nguyen and members of the school program will host the Longhorns' youth swimming camp July 16-19, at the Beverly Hills Intermediate pool. Those age 5 through those entering the ninth grade as of the 2012-2013 school year are eligible to attend. Participants should come dressed in swimwear with goggles and a towel. Cost of the camp is \$30, which includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, call Nguyen at 281-773-1712. Sign-up deadline is July 2.

Brook youth volleyball camp

Clear Brook High School varsity volleyball head coach Meredith Thompson will host the Lady Wolverines' summer youth camp July 30 through Aug. 2 at the school. Girls entering the fourth through ninth grades as of the 2012-2013 school year are eligible to attend. Participants will receive training in all aspects of the game, including serving, hitting, passing, setting, digging and more. Entry forms are available at clearbrookvolleyball.org. For more information, send email to Thompson at mthomps1@ccisd.net.

JFD freshman volleyball camp

Dobie High School varsity volleyball head coach Joe Sabatell and his staff will host the Lady Longhorns' incoming freshman camp Aug. 1-3 at the school. Girls entering the ninth grade as of the 2012-2013 school year are eligible to attend. Participants will receive training in all aspects of the game, including serving, hitting, passing, setting, digging and more.

The camp will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. each day. The cost of the camp is \$55, cash only, and includes a camp T-shirt. Participants and their families may visit the school front office each Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to register. Front desk manager Helen Duclos has the entry forms and will collect the funds. For more information, call Sabatell at 281-468-1066.

Lady Longhorns’ Gonzalez set to attend Alvin C.C.



Dobie High School senior softball player Andrea “Ceci” Gonzalez will continue her education and playing career at Alvin Community College after signing a letter of intent. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Belinda Gonzalez (mother), Abiel Gonzalez (father), (standing) Chris Swinnen (Dobie varsity softball assistant coach), Jenna Medina (Dobie teammate), Rudy Perales

(TCB select coach), Carlos Morgan (Lady 'Stros select coach), Anysia Gonzalez (sister), Joseph Horton (Dobie Fellowship of Christian Athletes leader), Ruth Horton (Dobie Fellowship of Christian Athletes leader), Robin Rackley (Dobie varsity softball head coach), Franklin Moses (Dobie principal) and Carmela Swinnen (Dobie varsity softball assistant coach).

JFD football player Uzomah headed to Southwest Baptist U.



Dobie High School senior football player Chris Uzomah (seated third from left) has elected to continue his education and playing career at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo., after signing a letter of intent. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Tammy Bell (aunt) Chris Uzomah Sr.

(father), Dorothy Uzomah (mother), Michelle Uzomah (sister), (standing) Mike Van Essen (Dobie associate principal), Jim Phillips (Dobie varsity football head coach), Pete Simon (uncle) and Cary Sink (Dobie varsity football defensive coordinator).

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

AA Meeting – “Breakfast With Bill” each Tuesday through Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network – American Business Women's Association-South meets on the second Thursday of each month at MiMi's Cafe in the Pearland Town Center, 11200 Broadway Street, #1600. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes networking with professional business women, lunch and guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations are invited. Bring plenty of business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Contact Monica Perez at mlynnperez22002@yahoo.com for reservations, or visit the Web site at www.seen-abwa.org.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous – Sunday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway,

Pasadena, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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 15

AA Meeting – “Breakfast With Bill” each Tuesday through Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

Interfaith Care Partners – Interfaith Care Partners ministry has been established at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook Street in Houston, near Almeda Mall. The gathering is for persons with alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, strokes and similar disabilities and their caretakers is provided on the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The gathering consists of a continental-type breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a sing-a-long, devotional break, lunch, and ends with a bingo game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges are welcome to attend. For additional information, call the church office at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas, Interfaith Care Partners, at 713-682-5995; or visit the website at interfaithcarepartners.org.

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

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) – Provides

support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Sunday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Pasadena Little Theatre – Opening night for Pasadena Little Theatre's *Driving Miss Daisy*, by Alfred Uhry, at 8 p.m. at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Performances run through July 1. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. One special priced Thursday show at 8 p.m. on June 28. The director is Julie Owen. Make reservations online at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org or call 713-941-1758.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Alcoholics Anonymous – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Saturday at 9 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For persons whose lives are affected by someone who is addicted. Each Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Frontier Squares – Meets to square dance at the Westminster

Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.

Bay Area Bluegrass Association – Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month. May and December are exceptions. The stage show begins at 7 p.m., but pickers are welcome to bring their instruments and come earlier. Admission is free. The show is held at the Johnny Arollo Civic Center, 300 Walker in League City. For more information, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

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

Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program meets every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston at 9900 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for more information or to RSVP for child care.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – For persons who are trying to overcome drug addiction. Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous – Sunday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Fellowship Hall 4. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.



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Pasadena Little Theatre – Auditions for Gypsy, by Laurents, Styne and Sondheim, will be held at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Auditions start at 7 p.m. and will consist of one acappella musical theater song and readings from the script. Twenty actors (men, women and children ages 11 and up) are needed. Show dates are weekends Aug. 24 through Sept. 16, 2012. Contact the director, Grace Galloway, at grace@wired-diva.com for more information or check the website for information and character descriptions at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. 8 p.m.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 18 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. 10:30 a.m.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together – SALT holds monthly meetings at 10:30 a.m. at Madison Jobe Senior Citizens Center, 1700 East Thomas St. in Pasadena, on the third Monday of each month except December. The meetings teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs are normally in attendance. There is no charge to attend, and refreshments are served. Meetings start on time and last one hour or less. For more information, call the center at 713-477-0175. 6 p.m.

Scrabble Club #511 – Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923. 6:30 p.m.

New Directions Singles Club – New Directions Singles support meetings for ages 55 and up are held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway in Webster. For further information, call Linda at 409-392-6886 or Carolyn at 281-340-2354.

Civil Air Patrol Meeting – Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information. 7 p.m.

Pasadena Little Theatre – Auditions for Gypsy, by Laurents, Styne and Sondheim, will be held at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Auditions start at 7 p.m. and will consist of one acappella musical theater song and readings from the script. Twenty actors (men, women and children ages 11 and up) are needed. Show dates are weekends Aug. 24 through Sept. 16, 2012. Contact the director, Grace Galloway, at grace@wired-diva.com for more information or check the website for information and character descriptions at www.pasadenalittletheatre.org.

Grief Support Group – "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033. 7:30 p.m.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society – Meets the third week of each month at the Clear Lake Park Building, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Guests are welcome. Presenters for the educational program explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting, and field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All persons with an interest in these topics are welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For more information, visit www.clgms.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19 7 a.m.

AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference Room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. 11 a.m.

The Bay Area Military Officers' Wives – hold monthly luncheon meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at Bay Oaks Country Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Active duty or retired officers' wives are eligible. For information, call Patt Simon at 832-221-2696 or Wendy Peters at 281-333-3115. 1 p.m.

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

Houston Area Parkinson Society – Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. 2 p.m.

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

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees – NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road, in Houston. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461. 6 p.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish speaking) – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 232. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 6:30 p.m.

Breast Cancer Support Group – Meets the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, in Webster. For more information call 281-526-6840.

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.

Pearland Area Republican Women's Club – meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For more information, call 281-485-4140 or 281-485-1431. 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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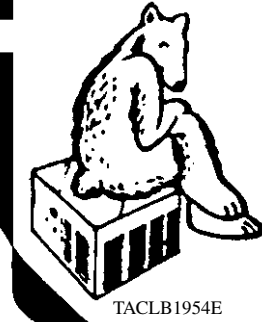
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Untouchables 6U all-stars win Deer Park tourney



The 6-under Untouchables all-star team won a second straight tournament championship, going undefeated at the Deer Park Havoc Summer Bash Tournament. With the championship on the line, the locals defeated Santa Fe 15-3. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Lili Martinez, Valerie Zuniga, Angelina Postel, Brianna Ramos, Ashlee Garcia, Anabel Zepeda, Valerie Cardoza, (middle row) Lauren Garza, Zoe Romero, Haley Calvo, Siarra Quintero, Bella Perez, Kylie Wilson, (back row) coaches Danny Garza, Mack Postel, Louis Romero, Jaime Ramos, Joey Romero, and Mike Martinez. Not pictured is Jasmin Garcia.

Softball players earn postseason honors

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A&M University and begin pursuing a business degree.

Bischof has spent the early portion of the summer staying in playing shape and so forth but TAMU officials have no current plans to host an open tryout. If that remains the case, so be it.

"Maybe at some point there will be an opportunity, but not right now," Bischof said. "I'll stay in shape and see if the time comes."

"Right now I am working and trying to earn some extra money for college."

Looking back on her career at Clear Brook, Bischof now realizes how far she came as a varsity player.

As a sophomore, she started at first base, while Molly Fichtner was behind the plate. During that first year, the then sophomore faced some challenges.

"Offensively, I definitely improved as a hitter over the course of my career," Bischof said. "For me, it was about understanding what pitch I want to hit and being patient as a hitter."

"Maybe a pitcher will make a mistake early in the count trying to get ahead or get behind in the count and make a mistake in that situation. When you know what you are looking for and you don't chase bad pitches, you can put together some hits."

And that's exactly what Bischof did as a senior, hitting .605 with 23 hits, including 12 for extra bases. The District 24-5A featured three of the region's top

programs, but Bischof still stood out.

"This year being in the middle of the lineup, I expected to be the one we could count on to get a big hit," Bischof said. "I wanted the coaches and the players to know they could count on me."

"At the same time, it was a great group effort. We always work a lot on our hitting in the offseason."

"To me, hitting is something you have to do every day or else you might lose your timing. I was able to keep in a good rhythm for most of the season."

Looking ahead, Bischof says her dream job would be to work in public relations for the New York Yankees. If not, a job anywhere in professional baseball will suffice.

"I'll get my degree and move on in my life," Bischof said. "If this is it for me as far as softball, I had a great senior season to be proud of."

O'Connor makes her mark
Coming off a stellar season in 2011 that included an appearance in the Region III championship series, O'Connor bounced back in as a senior and solidified her status as one of the area's best pitchers.

Already the team's workhorse pitcher during her sophomore and junior seasons, O'Connor was again asked to pitch nearly all of the Lady Longhorns' games. She did, and along the way achieved some things that

hadn't been done lately.

With nine straight victories in 22-5A play, O'Connor led a team with just two other seniors to the school's first district title in nine seasons.

Along the way, O'Connor picked up the Most Valuable Player award in 22-5A, a first for her. The All-Greater Houston selection was her second straight.

"I think I achieved some things for some of the future young players to strive for," said O'Connor, who will play at Blinn College in Brenham this fall.

"I knew I was going to be counted on to do most of the pitching, but I like that. I like to be involved, to play a big role in the outcome of games. That's my job."

In the circle, O'Connor is as focused as any of her teammates or opponents. But as soon as an inning is over, O'Connor becomes the leader of the cheering squad in the dugout. She simply likes to have fun.

"Being a pitcher is a big responsibility," she said. "If you are on your game, then the rest of the team responds with the same kind of effort. When you aren't, things can go the other way."

"I just think you have to have fun out there. The game is supposed to be fun. I'm as competitive as anyone, but if it's not fun, why play?"

O'Connor plans to employ the same style of play at Blinn, where national tournament berths are com-

mon. "They expect to win big at Blinn," O'Connor said. "I liked the campus and everything, but I want to win." Obviously so, because O'Connor won quite often at Dobie.

San Jacinto's Banda named All-American

San Jacinto College pitcher Anthony Banda has been named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-America third team, the organization announced following the season.

The left-handed freshman from Sinton went 7-1 in the regular season with a 2.01 earned run average, including 73 strikeouts.

Banda was also named to the Region XIV All-Conference team, and was selected by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 10th round of the 2012 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

During the 2012 season, Banda helped guide San Jacinto College to the national runner-up spot at the JUCO World Series earlier this

month, the second runner-up finish for the locals in the last three seasons.

San Jacinto College finished the 2012 season with an overall record of 41-25.

In its 22nd appearance at the JUCO World Series, San Jacinto College advanced to the championship game for the 12th time in school history.

For a complete list of NJCAA All-Americans, visit www.njcaa.org. For more information about San Jac baseball, visit www.sanjacsports.com.

At right, San Jacinto College freshman left-hander Anthony Banda was named an NJCAA third-team All-American after going 7-1.

Softball clinics at SJC

The San Jacinto College softball coaching staff will host two summer clinics in July.

The first clinic, for high school students, will be held July 9-10, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The deadline to apply is July 5.

The second, for ages 6 to 12, will take place July 11-12, from 9 a.m. to noon. The deadline to apply is July 6.

The clinic will cover both offense and defense, with exciting new drills.

The final day of the clinic will feature a scrimmage.

Clinic fees are \$70 per participant. Athletes should wear workout clothes and cleats, and bring a helmet, bat and glove. They should also bring water, sunscreen and a hat.

Questions regarding the clinic should be directed to San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz at 281-922-3413 or kelly.saenz@sjcd.edu. See www.sanjacsports.com for an entry form and information.



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